



Friends of Felixstowe Library (FFL)

Audio Visual corner project report for Felixstowe Town Council March 2024

A generous contribution from Felixstowe Town Council has been provided towards a funding package to pay for the refurbishment of an area in Felixstowe Library to provide facilities for people with visual impairment. It will also provide new workstations for use by all library users. FFL are most grateful for this funding from FTC.

Project description

The work will include the following:

1. New wall shelving for the collection of audiobook CDs. These are still well used despite the availability of online services. Many borrowers have a visual impairment and request help from library staff to choose and locate audio CDs. New mobile shelving will also be provided to allow the library collection of large print books (which allow people with a visual impairment to continue to read books) to be relocated to this area of the building. The space nearby will be an area with comfortable chairs which can be used flexibly, e.g. for reading, chatting, events or meetings.
2. New workstations and digital access desking along wall areas. There is increasing demand for workstations in the library for home workers, students and others. This project will provide 5 new work stations (three along a wall with a new strip of desking and one in a window recess), each with sockets for charging laptops etc.
3. New flooring and new furniture for the area (including armchairs and desk chairs)

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A lot of time has been given to carefully designing and agreeing the proposed layout of the refurbished area, with input from FGL Libraries (a specialist company who previously designed the new children's library area in 2021), library users and library staff. The order for the bespoke fixtures and fittings has been placed and the installation is scheduled to take place in late April 2024.

It is anticipated that there will be an informal opening ceremony at the library in the late summer. We will be inviting representatives of our generous supporters who have contributed to the funding package, including the Mayor of Felixstowe.

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