

RETURN TO:

**Park Community Action
Park Centre
Samson Street
SHEFFIELD
S2 5QT**

**We need your
support...
and a bit of time!**

Might you be able to help keep your local library open by volunteering an hour or two of your time in a good cause?

The library is well-used, especially its computer suite, and its schools programme is particularly important. The loss of the library would be a severe blow to our local community, and we are prepared to take on this extra responsibility therefore, provided there are volunteers in the community to help us. We are quite optimistic that enough public spirited people can be found here to help us do this.

Might you be one of them?

**Could you give a few hours a week in a good
cause?**

**If so, please contact the following
by phone or email or tear off the attached form
and post it back to us**

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**PARK
LIBRARY
NEEDS YOU!**

An appeal for volunteers to keep Park Library open – our local library on Duke Street!
Can you help?

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What We Do

Park Community Action (PCA) is a Community Forum based in the Park Centre and Library on Duke Street. We are a charity and also hold a licence from Sheffield City Council to run Park Community Centre on the City's behalf. Without us, the centre would have closed several years ago.

We have raised funds to staff the centre part-time, to help run an independent and highly successful Youth Club and to let our facilities, especially Horton Hall (created when we covered the old swimming pool with a hardwood floor) to all manner of local groups. It is a well-used local amenity.

In August this year we achieved a long-term ambition: to make the community centre and library accessible to one another inside the building. Although they have shared the building from 1902, there has never been this internal communication before. Our aim was an inclusive community facility of which the library is a part, and we celebrated our achievement when Paul Blomfield MP performed an opening ceremony for us on 19 September this year

The Future of the Library

However, on that same evening as the opening ceremony we learned of the City's plans for its libraries, which included the closure of 16 local libraries, including ours.

So, joy and gloom together!

We had not bargained for the City asking us to run the Library as well as the Community Centre. But there is a glimmer of light. Because of Park Library's success, especially with respect to its schools programme (and also perhaps partly to PCA's existence), the City may make a small grant for two years, if it is satisfied that PCA can successfully run the Library with volunteers.

Only 5 libraries in the city will qualify for this special support.

This is where you come in!

WE need your support and YOUR TIME TO KEEP OUR LIBRARY OPEN .. IT CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP US SAVE OUR LIBRARY and you would like to get involved there are many tasks to undertake. For example:

Learning about how the library works including the organisation of the books, the computer system, keeping the books in good condition, counter service, book repairs and cleaning, book shelving and rotation and general care of the library.

**WE WELCOME VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES
THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR YOU
YOUR TIME AND SKILLS WILL BE VALUED**

To sign up please register your interest either by filling in your details on this leaflet and posting the application or phoning/e-mailing your details to the contact overleaf.

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

E-mail:

The City Council are still in the process of making the final decisions about future of libraries. So we are unable to give definite dates, but we will use your details to keep you updated and let you know about developments, training and informal introductory meetings



Children reading is at the heart of learning!

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