

Bringing a love of reading to Peterborough

Peterborough Celebrates Reading and Wild in Art are bringing the iconic BookBench trail to the city next summer – and we would like schools across the city to get involved by designing a BookBench of their own.

Whether based on a nursery rhyme or a classic novel, the BookBench provides a blank canvas for creativity, and the potential to interpret literary works in a range of different ways. Decorating BookBenches with their favourite scenes and characters from stories is a great way to inspire a love of reading in children and encourage them to read more for enjoyment.



“Young people who enjoy reading are nearly five times as likely to read at the expected level for their age, compared with young people who do not enjoy reading at all.”

National Literacy Trust, 2018

Once the BookBenches have been decorated, they will be showcased in a summer trail of cultural and leisure venues across the city. Families will be encouraged to complete the trail and rediscover the stories that have inspired the benches.



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Cost and size

Schools will need to purchase a BookBench to take part in the project. They come in two different sizes and can be bought in two different packages.

Large

BookBench:
£1,495 + VAT

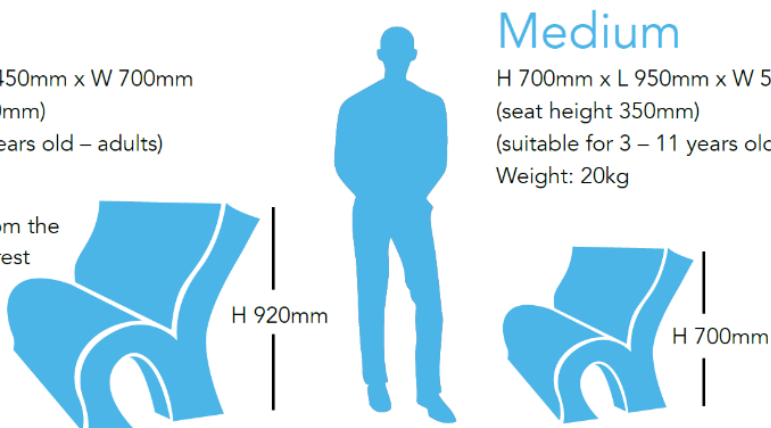
Large

H 920mm x L 1450mm x W 700mm
(seat height 460mm)
(suitable for 3 years old – adults)
Weight: 36kg

Medium

BookBench:
£995 + VAT

A plumb line from the top of the backrest to the base, including the fixing tab at the front, is 880mm



Sketch shows adult of height 175cm (5'9")

Package one

Package one includes the bench of your choice, an accompanying creative education resource pack and **Reading for Pleasure CPD** training from the National Literacy Trust.

The training explores a range of strategies to create a culture of reading in the school, and develop a community of enthusiastic readers. The training is collaborative and includes a year's National Literacy Trust membership, giving you access to a range of resources to support this training and beyond.

Total cost: the bench of your choice plus £250 per member of staff attending training.

Package two

Package two includes the bench of your choice and a creative education resource pack.

Total cost: the bench of your choice.

Key dates

June 2019

Expression of interest open for schools

October half term 2019

Deadline for orders

January 2020

Schools receive their BookBenches and resource pack

February 2020

NLT training delivered

June 2020

Decoration of all BookBenches complete

July 2020

BookBench trail launches and runs until September

Late September 2020

BookBenches returned to schools and community groups

To register an expression of interest please visit: <https://forms.gle/a5C8vAYRtrTLT6Qg9>.