

Libraries Connected Awards Nomination Form 2025

We are looking for individuals or teams working in public libraries in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, and The Crown Dependencies who have had a positive impact on the library service, library users or the local community. This could be by introducing an innovative new idea or by going the extra mile to provide an outstanding service.

When judging these awards, we will be assessing whether the nominees have:

1. Gone beyond what is expected
2. Demonstrated innovation
3. Widened the reach of the library
4. Had a clear impact

Remember: Libraries Connected Awards are given to individuals or teams, not projects. It's all about the contribution that library workers make, whether that's spearheading a high-profile national initiative or making small changes that improve the everyday experience of library users

The awards will be presented at our Libraries Connected Annual Seminar and the winner will receive a free place to attend the event (including accommodation and travel). If a team wins, they will need to choose one person to represent them at the seminar.

Applications are welcomed from individuals, on their own behalf or on behalf of others, and from partner organisations. Shortlisting will be carried out on a rolling basis and the deadline for nominations is 6 January 2025. Read more about the awards on our website - <http://www.librariesconnected.org.uk/page/libraries-connected-awards>.

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Your details

1. Name *

Helen Drakard

2. Contact email *

3. Organisation *

Libraries Connected

4. Role *

Membership Engagement Manager

5. Are you happy for us to let the person you're nominating to know it was you that put them forward for an award? *

Yes

No

6. Are you happy for us to share your details with our award sponsors? *

Yes

No

Nominee details

7. Name and role of nominee[s] *

Minnie Day, Library Assistant

8. Library Service *

9. Contact email[s] (please provide an email each of the nominees) *

m.day@example.org.uk

10. Please indicate the award category below (you can only choose one) *

- Children & Young People
- Culture and Creativity
- Health & Wellbeing
- Information & Digital
- Reading
- Vision & Print Impaired People

Nomination Statements

Use the boxes below to tell us why you have nominated this person/people.

Remember we are interested in what the **individual's contribution** has been and how nominees have:

1. Gone beyond what is expected by:

- Developing new services
- Improving existing services
- Responding to a particular local need

2. Demonstrated innovation through:

- Services delivered
- Methods of delivery
- Approaches to funding
- Working in partnership

3. Widened the reach of the library by:

- Improving access for people with impairments, disabilities, or health conditions.
- Diversifying the library offer, making it more inclusive and welcoming to all sections of the community

4. Had a clear impact on:

- Improving their library service
- Increasing engagement with library users
- Understanding and meeting the needs of their local community

We do not expect nominations to meet all of these criteria, however, we would expect successful nominations to meet at least one of the criteria in each category.

You can read some example nomination's here -

11. In one sentence summarise what your nominee[s] has done to be deserving of an award. *

She has developed an amazing programme of activities for children and young people helping their development and widening the reach of Example Library.

12. Please tell about the nominee (s) (max 150 words) *

Minnie is an outstanding Library Assistant who has worked for Example Library Service for over 20 years. I am nominating her for a Libraries Connected Award because I believe she deserves recognition for all the amazing work she has done to support the children and young people that use Example Library.

The homework help club is just one example of the amazing work Minnie does every day to help people and provide the highest possible standard of library services to her community.

13. Please tell us how they have gone beyond what is expected (max 150 words) *

Minnie regularly goes above and beyond what is expected and is always looking for ways to help people using the library in particular children and young people. An example of this has been the homework club which she set up in 2018 to help the children find the information they needed to do their homework, while teaching them the crucial information literacy skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

14. Please tell us how they have demonstrated innovation? (max 150 words) *

Minnie demonstrated innovation by developing an online hub, which children can access from home and in the library, with online activities to introduce the children to the library's online resources and develop their information literacy skills, all of which helps them with the schoolwork. The club also provided the children with a way to connect to one another.

15. Please tell us how they have widened the reach of the library? (max 150 words) *

Minnie has widened the reach of the library by developing partnerships with the local schools to ensure those that need help know where to come. Through her hard work and perseverance, the club has grown from a couple of children attending each week when it first launched to an average attendance of around 30 children

16. Please tell us how they have had an impact? (max 150 words) *

Minnie has had an impact on the library by working with local teachers and our Librarian to develop homework help collections in the library and online. Teachers and parents of children who regularly attend the homework club have reported an improvement in the standard of the children's work and their attitude towards doing their homework.



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