

## **West Sussex Libraries – how we can help refugees.**

West Sussex has 36 public libraries which are open to all and free to use and join. We are inclusive and offer a trusted, welcoming space in the community. We offer services and resources both from our library buildings and online. Our library service can be of great assistance and support to refugees, offering resources, information, outreach services and remote support.

### **Books and other resources**

Libraries hold a huge range of books, for adults and children, including fiction in other languages, how to learn English and dual-language picture books for children. These are in a range of formats, including large print, audiobooks, picture books and story books for children and eBooks, eAudiobooks, eNewspapers, eComics and eMagazines. We also have toys in some libraries which can be borrowed for a one-off fee of £2.00

For some of our library resources you need to join the library and obtain a membership card. You can join in your local library or online for **free**.

Your library card and PIN can be used to request any items from across West Sussex Libraries via our online catalogue, and we'll contact you to let you know when they are ready to collect from your chosen branch.

Or complete our Staff Select form and we'll chose for you! This service is for adults and children and if you can provide some information such as your child's age, interests, and type of books they enjoy, this will help us to choose something we know they'll love.

Libraries also have e-books, newspapers and magazines for children, teenagers and adults, which can be downloaded free of charge and we're adding more titles to these every day. Our newspapers are from over 100 countries and in 60 languages. Articles can also be translated into 18 languages and you can listen to the news by using the audio narration function.

We have put together some booklists recommending titles for specific interests or to support children with difficult decisions or new experiences. Topics include