

# LIBRARY @THELIGHTBOX BARNESLEY

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Following an intense tender process, Thedesignconcept produced the successful bid to provide shelving and furniture at the Library@TheLightbox, Barnsley. Working closely with Henry Boot Construction and Barnsley Council, we developed designs for the space and introduced a bright, colourful and interactive Children's space.

Officially opening to the public on 13th July 2019, the library welcomed over 6000 visitors. The feedback from the public has been fantastic: "I'm not exaggerating when I say my three-year-old daughter, Tilly, and I literally could have spent a full day in the children's section. It is brilliant!

Whoever came up with the design is a genius! Its an incredibly well thought out, light, airy and colourful space that entices you in and makes it so easy to spend hours just reading and reading.

There's lots of fun kiddy friendly spots to go and snuggle up with your favourite book, including amazing cosy hideaways, individual animal themed table and chair combos and some great seats where you can snuggle up together."

An incredible review from Michelle who writes 'Where can I take the kids today' Blog and who was one of the first visitors to the space.

## Library @TheLightbox, Barnsley

The Library is an ultra-modern facility which now offers more services than conventional libraries. A lab on the ground floor will be used to promote interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and be the venue for coding classes.

There is a sanctuary room for children and adults with autism who may need a quite place to visit.

The Children's Library can be found as part of the reading lounge on the first floor. The space is filled with fun furniture, bright colors, TV screens, Ipads for gameplay and, of course, hundreds of books.

A study space can be found on the second floor with plenty of desk space and PC access for the entire community, with free wifi also available.

An IT Suite has 20 computers and a 65inch interactive screen which can be used to teach groups and running training sessions. This suite is also used for jpb clubs, children's coding classes and other digital activities.

In a time where library investment is low and risk of closure high, the library@TheLightbox is a welcome piece of good news and has created a cornerstone for the city of Barnsley.



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