

Paignton

LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTRE



Update 3

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Countdown!

Paignton's new library and information resource, including Adult & Community Learning, Community Police and Torbay Council Connections team, is due to open its doors to the public on Monday 13 September. It will officially be named **Paignton Library & Information Centre**, following consultation that decisively favoured this of the 3 short-listed options.

The new Centre will not only be a fabulous modern library, community resource and cafe, it will also be a cultural feast. Contemporary artists will be involved in bringing some very special features to the building, which we focus on in this and further editions of the Update.

An official public launch day will be held some little time after September 13th – date to be announced.

Special guests – & a special cake!

The new Library & Information Centre will have 2 special guests arriving on its first day of operation. In one of the highlights of this year's Agatha Christie Festival, Mathew Prichard - grandson of Agatha Christie - and John Curran, author of *Agatha Christie's Secret Notebooks*, will offer insights into the life and works of the Queen of Crime.

The talk will be followed by questions, with tea and a special birthday cake to mark the 120th Anniversary of Agatha Christie's birth.

Tickets for the event cost £4.00 and are available from the current Paignton Library, Torquay Library and the Tourist Information Office on 01803 408358.

The Reading Garden

The Friends of Paignton Library and BAM are working together to create the Reading Garden in the library's internal courtyard. With planters for flowers and greenery, and benching created and designed by an artist, the garden will provide a green space in which to relax and share books. Ali Marshall, the head gardener of Torre Abbey, will kindly be sharing her expertise on the planting scheme, to create an evocative woodland setting.



ART FOCUS 1: Georgia Scott

Georgia Scott is creating feature lighting for the new Library & Information Centre. She is the sole designer of her studio established in 1998 at Cockpit Arts Workshops, London. Since its inception, Georgia has acquired a reputation for innovative bespoke sculptural light design.

Combining handcraft and industrial techniques, to create organically inspired forms, Georgia's use of intriguing materials such as woven metal meshes, parchment, low energy fibre optics and LEDs combine to produce an atmospheric blend of light, ethereal silhouettes and subtle shapes.



Examples of Georgia's previous work, *Fall* (top) and *Nova*



Adult & Community Learning

South Devon College is pleased to be able to offer an extension of our adult learning provision at the new Paignton Library & Information Centre and we have been in discussion with learners and library staff about what might be well supported in the classrooms available. Our initial findings from early discussions are that:

- General interest classes based on local history, architecture & geology and linking in with library exhibitions and resources would be of particular interest to learners.
- Supporting adults to improve their literacy & numeracy skills. 'Return to learn' adults would find the ACL rooms there an excellent introduction to adult study.
- Students embarking on learning a modern foreign language would enjoy the library facilities – we have offered French, German, Spanish, Italian & even Polish as ACL courses in previous years.
- Family Learning courses would be ideally situated in the library where the range of resources are invaluable for both adults and their children and with two adjacent classrooms, the parents will even have the opportunity to study separately to their children!

Whatever classes we run, it will be an exciting opportunity for adults to brush up on their skills or learn something completely new – and we have excellent progression routes for many of our courses available at our main college campus at Vantage Point.

Course details will be available sometime in the new academic year – we'll make sure the new library has a complete up to date list of all courses available and details of how to enrol. We hope to see you there!