Proposed Location

The Abbey Centre
St John’s Square
Daventry
Daventry District Council and NCC’s Northamptonshire Libraries are working together to relocate Daventry Library to modern new premises by April 2019.

Daventry District Council is progressing plans to build a new cinema and restaurants at the current library location in North Street, which provides a timely opportunity to relocate the library to proposed new facilities on the ground floor of the nearby Abbey Community Resource Centre.

The current Daventry library is old and no longer fit for purpose - it is a large, underused space that can be costly to run. The current layout of the library building is no longer practical for customers and there have been issues with anti-social behaviour.
Proposed layout for a library at The Abbey Centre
The Abbey Centre

- The library’s proposed future home is the ground floor of The Abbey Centre, which is already an established hub for community services in the town, including Citizen’s Advice Bureau, Time2Talk, DACT (Daventry Area Community Transport) and Olympus Care Services.

- Daventry Registrations office, currently based at the library, would also be relocated into a purpose-built new office as part of the move.

- Small local businesses will continue to operate from offices on the other floors.
The new location

• Although the floor space at The Abbey will be slightly smaller than the current premises, there is still ample room to deliver all of the existing library services.

• The layout of the building is more flexible, so that over time it can change with the evolving needs of customers and the LibraryPlus services.

• There will be a new, secure outside play area for young library visitors and families and library parking will also be improved as part of the move.
1. Registrations office
2. Seating area
3. Library staff desk/pay point
4. Main library area
5. Study area
6. Children’s area
7. Computer suite/Learning centre
8. Public toilets and baby changing facilities
Indicative design for the library entrance

Come into the Library
Indicative design for the staff desk and main library area
Indicative design for the children’s area
Indicative design for the outside space
Your new LibraryPlus

• As at the current location, your new LibraryPlus will house our local collection, parent’s collection, ‘Change Zone’ including Reading Well on Prescription and fiction/non-fiction stock, as well as audio books, DVDs and periodicals.

• There will be a separate computer suite and learning centre, a study space with access to further public PCs, a larger children’s area and a safe outdoor space for young people and families.
LibraryPlus will continue to provide a wide range of activities for customers of all ages, including Rhymetimes and other events for early year’s development, activities for older children and engagement with young adults.

We will continue to have a variety of groups meeting in the library, and offer a wide range of events, including craft activities, suitable for the whole family.
• Local people can find out more about the proposal for the new library during an open day on Saturday 20\textsuperscript{th} October and various public displays throughout the autumn where they will be able to view the layout plans and give their feedback.

• In addition to this, other stakeholders, including local organisations and businesses, will be invited to attend information sessions to find out more.

• Work is expected to start on converting the ground floor of The Abbey Centre in December this year and is expected to be completed in March 2019, with the new library due to open in April 2019.
There is a public engagement questionnaire that will be available online from 1\textsuperscript{st} October until 11\textsuperscript{th} November that can be accessed at the following web address;

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DaventryLibraryRelocation2018

If you would like to complete the questionnaire, but do not have access online, paper copies are available from the Library – just ask a member of staff.

We would be really interested to hear how you use the current library and your views on the proposed move to The Abbey Centre.
What happens to the current book stock?

Our stock is constantly changing and our replacement process will not differ during the move – much of our stock, including our local collection and specialist titles will move with us, whilst older and ‘well used’ books will be made available for sale.

Any unwanted or surplus stock, will get a new life through one of the book sellers that the library works closely with - Rest assured that nothing that is re-useable will be thrown away.
Will there be parking at the new library?

There will be parking, including disabled spaces, at the front of the building, with further parking adjacent to The Abbey Centre.

Additional public parking is available in Daventry town centre and further information is available from Daventry District Council.
How can I support the library with the move?

There are a number of ways you can support the library move through our Get Involved volunteering initiative.

Whether it is helping us to relocate stock in the new building, or ‘Meeting and Greeting’ customers at The Abbey Centre, your support will be invaluable during the transition period and beyond.

For further details about ‘Getting Involved’ please speak to a member of the Library team.