

Project Overview

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2026–2029



Libraries for Primaries

The Story So Far...

1,845

School supported to develop
their libraries, reading
spaces and wider reading for
pleasure culture

A total of

820,700

Books delivered

594,436

More children have access to
high-quality, inclusive books in
their schools.

Be part of something special...

“The quality of the books is amazing, and the children are so excited to start reading them!”

“...all phenomenal choices! Some super classics and a whole lot of books I'd been dying to look at. Thank you so much.”

“I cannot tell you how excited I am to receive our books today. I was really busy today but managed to show them to our Yr 6 class. Honestly, you should have heard their squeals of delight! It was so lovely!”

“Often in our work, we are dealing with difficult issues our children are unfortunately experiencing. Having a focus on giving them the pleasure and joy of reading quality books and hopefully changing their lives is such a reward. It's fab to be part of such a positive project.”

“Our books have arrived and we couldn't be happier! I currently have Year 6 children stamping them and they are in awe.... They want to "nick" some!!! Thank you”

“...we have been totally inspired and motivated to redo our school library as part of our endeavours to nurture the love of reading in school.”

Teacher Feedback 2024/25 Academic year

Over **99%**

Feel confident to put what they
have learnt into practice.

100%

Felt more inspired to implement
change in their school library!

98%

Agree, the training improved their
understanding of how to create a
reading for pleasure culture within
their school community.

Over **99%**

Felt the ideas and resources
provided in the training were
useful.

**Are you
interested in
playing a key role
in our 2026–2029
delivery?**

Support the Libraries for Primaries Campaign

After a hugely successful 2024–2026 delivery cycle, we are looking to secure a contract with dedicated and passionate partner/s to oversee the fulfilment of contracts for the manufacture of furniture, provision of audiobooks and book fulfilment across the 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 academic years.

Year One	2026–2027	525
Year Two	2027–2028	575
Year Three	2028–2029	575
		1675

Together we will reach over

469,000

Children across the UK who will benefit from new reading spaces and access to diverse and exciting books and audiobooks at school.

Libraries for Primaries in action

Each participating primary school will receive:

- A curated book collection of 500 titles from a range of publishers
- High quality teacher training from National Literacy Trust
- A pack of shelves and soft furnishings to create libraries and reading spaces
- Resources and information about children's books, publishers and other national initiatives and literacy charities
- Opportunities to meet and host publishers, authors and illustrators
- Access to events to build ongoing relationships with each school's local library, local bookseller and schools library service
- Membership of the Libraries for Primaries Network and ongoing support from National Literacy Trust around encouraging reading for pleasure both within, and beyond, the school gates.

To date we have supported

1,845

Schools with books resources and training from our evaluated and evidence-based Libraries for Primaries Programme

Key Dates

- Call for tender made 1st **May 2026**
- Quotation deadline **12th June 2026**
- Confirmation of contract award selection – **By 3rd July 2026**

Lot 1. Book Fulfilment Year 1:

- Delivery of books from publishers to fulfilment facilities **Spring 2026** with window agreed in consultation with fulfilment partner for packing and onward delivery **Jan – April 2026**
- Delivery to schools between **January and April 2026** (detail to be agreed with successful applicant).

Lot 2. Furniture Year 1:

- Delivery to schools between **January and April 2026** (detail to be agreed with successful applicant).

Lot 3. Audiobooks Year 1:

- Deliver/provide access to schools annually in Spring, in line with book deliveries (to be agreed with successful applicant)

This tender will cover three academic years, **2026 – 2029**.

Timeframes for subsequent year deliveries are expected to be along similar lines to those outlined for **2026-2027**.

The details for the following year, including and timings will be confirmed in consultation with the successful applicant in an end of year review **Summer 2027**.

LIBRARIES for PRIMARIES

Supporting our national and highly visible campaign, in which the contribution of the publishing sector is fully valued, will help you to:

- Meet your strategic, commercial, EDI and ESG aims
- Tell the story of your social responsibility impact to your key stakeholders, including authors and illustrators
- Support new and established authors and illustrators
- Grow the readers and writers of the future
- Contribute to growing the market for children's books
- Influence policy and Government education initiatives



Lot.1 Book Fulfilment

Organisations interested in submitting a tender for the opportunity to provide the fulfilment aspects of this project should provide costings for the following on the accompanying online form.

- Co-ordination and receipt of deliveries from over 30 suppliers and providing storage and insurance for damage and loss for all books
- Management of stock shortages, damages and picking errors including communication with publishers and NLT around replacements
- Picking sets of 500 individual titles and packing collection into branded boxes along with supporting resources/materials incl. provision of packing boxes and other required packaging
- Oversight of delivery of book collections to UK school addresses, inside the building (No curb side only deliveries) with adherence to agreed schedule. Deliveries are carried out in a wave annually Jan-April.
- Provision of proof of delivery and management of solution to delivery issues and damages in a prompt manner within 28 days.

	Academic Year	School Number	Book Number
Year One	2026-2027	525	262,500
Year Two	2027-2028	575	287,500
Year Three	2028-2029	575	287,500

In addition to the quotation, please provide further supporting information on:

- Storage capacity for books and location of storage facility
- Insurance of materials for damage and loss whilst on site and in transit from storage to schools.
- Length of time materials can be stored (please give indication of window when deliveries can be made from and to during the timeline outlined in slide 10)
- Length of time required to pick, pack and deliver the collection to 525-575 schools
- Indication of level of project support we'll receive and outline of previous examples of working on large scale projects of this nature, and evidence of experience working at a similar scale
- Statement of environmental impact

Please note: We are looking for pricing commitments to cover deliveries for 3 years, with 3% yoy increase allowed for inflation.

Lot 2. Furniture

Organisations interested in submitting a tender for the opportunity to provide the furniture aspects of this project should provide costings for the following on the accompanying form.

- Manufacture of 1675 furniture packs across 3 years, with a value of (£950 incl. VAT per pack), to include multiple shelves and an element of soft seating. (525 packs in Y1, 575 each in Y2 and Y3)
- Packing and safe delivery (inside building – no curb side deliveries can be accepted) of furniture packs to 525 locations across England in Year one, and 575 per year in years 2 and 3. Deliveries to be carried out in adherence to agreed schedule, and are carried out in a wave annually Jan-April.
- Provision of proof of delivery
- Follow up support/problem solving required to ensure deliveries meet all intended locations, with prompt resolution of issues within 28 days.
- Direct contacts with schools in cases of damages, provision of warranties etc

In addition to the quotation, please provide further supporting information on:

- Insurance of materials for damage and loss whilst on site and in transit from storage to schools.
- Details of any manufacturer guarantee/quality mark for furniture packages
- Details of contents of furniture pack (please provide up to 4 examples)
- Length of time required to manufacture, pack and deliver to number of schools outlined
- Indication of level of project support we'll receive and outline of previous examples of working on large scale projects of this nature
- Statement of environmental impact

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Lot 3. Audiobooks

Organisations interested in submitting a tender for the opportunity to provide the audio aspects of this project should provide costings for the following on the accompanying form.:

- Provide audiobook provision of adequate scale to 1675 settings across 3 years, with a value of (£150 incl. VAT per set), including playing devices as required for physical media.
- Physical Media: Packing and safe delivery (inside building – no curb side deliveries can be accepted) to 1675 England locations. Deliveries are carried out in a wave annually Jan-April.
- Digital Solutions: Provide and maintain ongoing access from Spring in each annual wave.
- Provision of proof of delivery as required.
- Follow up support/problem solving required to ensure deliveries meet all intended locations, with prompt issue resolution within maximum of 28 days.
- Direct contacts with schools in cases of damages, provision of warranties or difficulties accessing or using the provision.

In addition to the quotation, please provide further supporting information on:

- Insurance of materials whilst on site and in transit as necessary
- Details of contents of range of books accessible and for digital content, details of any access restrictions over time.
- Length of time required to co-ordinate and provide access (either through delivery of physical items or digital provision)
- Indication of level of project support we'll receive and outline of previous examples of working on large scale projects of this nature
- Statement of environmental impact

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How to submit

Please submit your quotations by 12th June 2026 using this form:

<https://literacytrust.tfaforms.net/5157435>

If you have any questions, Please email primarylibrarytraining@literacytrust.org.uk.

