

Schools Library Service

Key Information

Stock

Resources are available for early years, key stage 1 and key stage 2 readers. These include:

- Non-fiction topic books on a range of subjects all relating to the National Curriculum
- Fiction books, banded by reading age
- Group reader sets: recommended texts by National Curriculum, each set containing approximately 7 copies of the same book
- 76 Artefact boxes (full list available on request)
- 450 heavy duty, branded boxes to hold loans

There are approximately 105,000 books in stock. These are managed via an externally provided system called 'Eclipse: Reading Cloud' at an annual cost of £1,270. This is now due for renewal.

All items are delivered to schools by van which is hired for four days per week, 39 weeks per year at a cost of £3,744 (estimated annual fuel costs are around £1,800).

Premises

All stock is currently housed at Space Station, Battlefield Road, Shrewsbury. Staff also have an office space. Footprint and annual costs are as follows:

UNIT	COST PER ANNUM	VAT	TOTAL COST
150 sqft	£980.53	£196.11	£1,176.64
225 sqft (GF)	£3,419.06	£683.81	£4,102.87
150 of 300 sqft* (GF)	£2,226.42	£445.28	£2,671.70
Office space 325 sqft	£5,759.90	£1,151.98	£6,911.88
	£12,385.91		£14,863.09

*Please note this space is currently shared with another traded service. The traded service would be happy to take on the entire unit.

Units indicated as (GF) are ground floor units which are specifically required due to the weight of items and the need for shelving. Both of these units contain shelves which have been fitted by the service. Shelving can be removed as necessary.

All the above units are hired until 31/10/2026.

Staff Data

Start Date	Job Title	Weekly hours	Grade	Current Point	Annual Salary £	Current working year
09/09/2019	Senior Librarian Schools	37	NJC10	28	39,152	52.14
05/07/2021	Senior Library Assistant	37	NJC6	11	28,142	52.14
26/02/2001	Senior Library Assistant/Driver	29	NJC6	11	22,057	52.14
01/02/2018	SLS Library Support Assistant	16	NJC1	2	10,556	52.14

Shropshire Council is seeking a third-party organisation to take over the Schools Library Service with a view to continuing to offer the entire service to children and young people across the county. It is expected that all the above elements should be considered in doing so and therefore, TUPE would apply.

In the event that the entire service cannot be moved to an alternative provider, it was agreed that stock would be distributed free to children and young people across the county for their benefit and to facilitate the establishment of on-site school libraries.

Please reply to Gill Gale gill.gale@shropshire.gov.uk by 12 noon Friday 30th January 2026 to confirm if you are still interested in pursuing your interest. If we do not hear back from you by this time and date, we will take it that you are no longer interested.