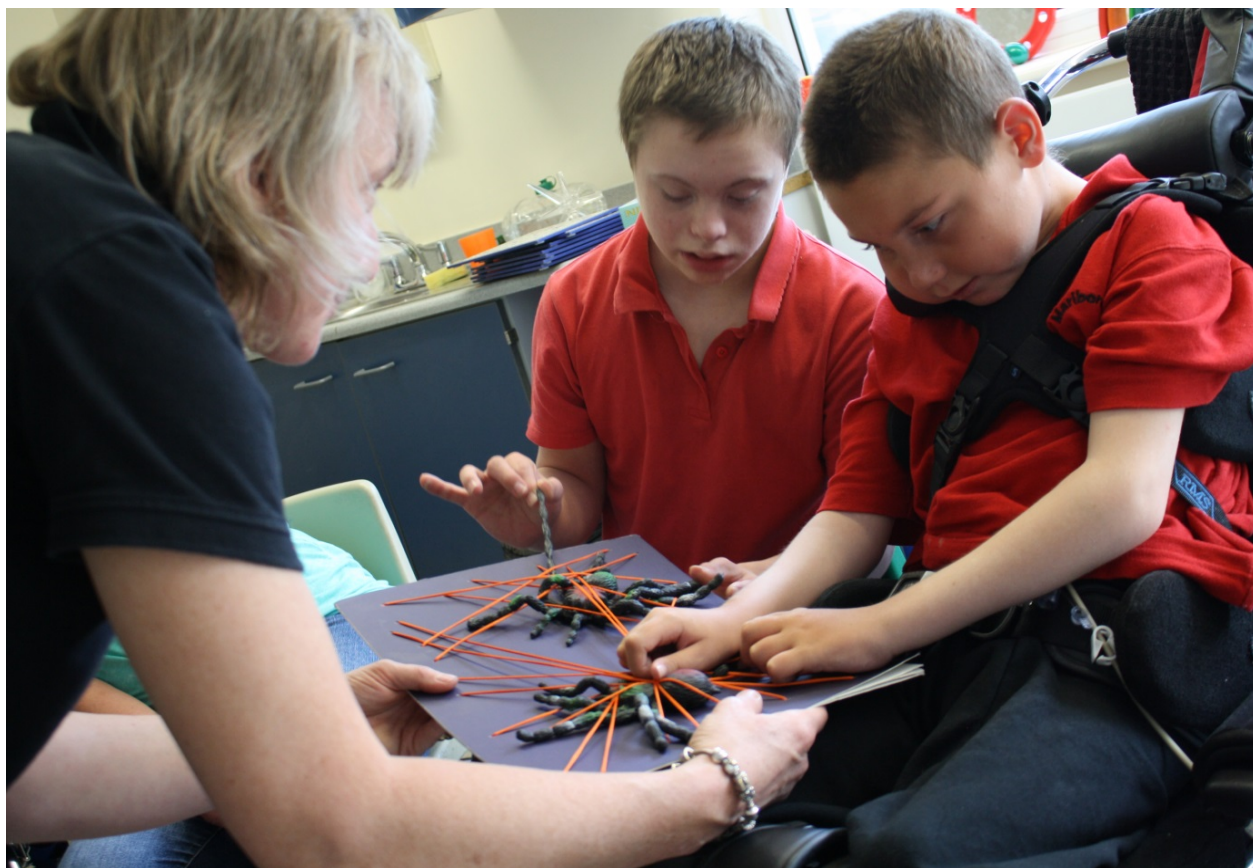


# Bexley Library Service

## Guide to Enjoying Bag Books



# BAG BOOKS



## **What are Bag Books?**

For those of you that are not familiar with them, Bag Books are A3-sized multi-sensory stories that come in a box with a handle. Each story is made up of separate page cards, each of which has an object for the children to hear, smell or feel.

These are designed for children with profound and multiple learning difficulties, people with severe learning disabilities and young people on the autistic spectrum. They are also hugely beneficial to those with visual and hearing impairments.

These books are intended to capture the listener's interest and can be used for both leisure and learning.

A great deal of fun can be had by both the listener and the teller and they can be shared with siblings and friends very easily.

## **How to borrow Bag Books**

Small selections of Bag Books are stocked in each of the following Bexley libraries: Central Bexleyheath, Crayford, Erith, Sidcup, Thamesmead and Welling. Due to their size and format they are stored away from public view. Just ask staff if you would like to see or borrow one.

To borrow a Bag Book you will need a current Bexley library card for yourself or your child. If you don't have a Bexley library card you can join for free - either online or by coming into one of our branches and showing proof of identity which includes your address.

Bag Books are loaned for 3 weeks. You can return them earlier or renew them for longer. You can renew them via your online library account, by telephoning 020 8303 7777 and selecting option 4 or by visiting any of the libraries listed above.

Bag Books can be returned to any of the libraries listed above.

## **Damaged Bag Books**

Please don't worry if any of the parts of a box or its contents become lost or damaged. It is the nature of Bag Books to be handled and used and we understand that, over time, this will involve wear and tear. It would help us greatly if you could point out any lost or damaged parts on return.

## **Titles available for loan include the following:**

### **Desmond**

Desmond remains in bed oblivious to the alarm and mum's increasing annoyance. However, a small accident involving dad's cold tea has the desired effect!

### **The Haircut**

Chris goes to his regular hairdresser but a new trainee cuts his hair. When he looks in the mirror the result is not quite what he was expecting!

### **The Uninvited Guests**

Mum leaves the house, giving strict instructions not to make a mess but friends call in and things go from bad to worse.

### **The Match**

Trevor is invited by his friend to attend the Big Match but he cannot find his football scarf. During the search several other items are uncovered until finally the scarf is discovered and they reach the pitch just in time for the first goal.

### **Gran's Visit**

A typical scene in any family home, Gran sends a letter to tell of her impending visit and the story depicts the speedy clean-up of the house and the anxiety that it will not be ready in time!

### **Charmaine's Bonfire Adventure**

Charmaine and Winston arrive at the community bonfire and start to help by putting foil on the potatoes and guarding the sausages. However, a passing dog has his own idea about the sausages.

### **The Party**

Gita arrives home from school both excited and impatient about the party that evening and proceeds to irritate the whole family until the dancing begins!

### **C J the Library Cat**

As the local toy shop closes down CJ is given a new home in the local library.

### **The Easter Surprise**

Georgia and Ben stay at their cousin's house for the Easter Holidays but a mystery occurs during the Easter egg hunt.

## **The School Trip**

The school mini bus drops the class to the country station for a train trip into London

## **Snapped**

A bear and moose are frightened by a man in a tent. Is he a hunter?

## **Yolande's swim**

Out fishing with her Dad before school Yolande goes for a swim but has a shock when a dark shadow swims over her. What could the dark shadow be?

## **The Big Story**

As a tornado hits, the whereabouts of a family cat causes concern. Luckily she is found safe with new kittens and reporters head to the scene ready for the story to make headline news.

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## **Bexley Library Service Branches**

### **Central Library**

Townley Road, Bexleyheath, DA6 7HJ

### **Crayford Library**

176 Town Hall Square, Crayford, DA1 4FN

### **Erith Library**

100 High Street, Erith, DA8 1SL

### **Sidcup Library**

Hadlow Road, Sidcup, DA14 4AQ

### **Thamesmead Library**

Binsey Walk, Thamesmead, SE2 9TR

### **Welling Library**

Bellegrave Road, Welling, DA16 3PA

Telephone: 020 8303 7777

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