

# A GUIDE TO HOW THE LIBRARY CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR FERE DAY INVESTIGATION



## Library Opening

### Open

8.35am - 4.00pm Mon, Wed, Thurs

8.35am - 4.45pm Tues,

8.35am - 3.00pm Fri

### Closed

Morning interval

1:15 - 1:45 pm Mon - Thurs

## Why use the School Library?

The library is a good place to start any research project. For the purposes of doing your Fereday project the small collection of Orkney Books and other resources may be useful in a number of ways:

- to help with your topic choice
- to provide you with all your resource requirements
- to help you get started on your research before heading to the Orkney Library or speaking to people

## What can the library offer me in the way of resources?

- Books
- Local newspapers
- Local magazines
- Stromness Academy school magazines
- Copies of Fereday Projects
- Local tourist information
- Internet access
- A qualified Librarian who can help you with your research - just ask!

## When can I use the library?

Any time the library is open:

- Before registration
- Lunchtime
- Class time
- After school (with permission)

## Can I book computers to use for my project?

Yes you can. It is advisable you book computer time in advance, especially if you want to use them during your free time.

If you are coming with your class, the teacher will have pre-booked the computers.



## Where in the library can I find resources about Orkney?

The 'local studies' collection, known as *Orkney Books* is shelved in the Reference Section of the library.

## Can I borrow resources from the Orkney Books Collection?

Yes you can borrow the books, but they can normally only be borrowed on a short loan for three days.

However, speak to the Librarian if you think you will need the book(s) for longer and it may be possible to extend the loan. Other resources can only be used in the library.

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE

### Books

There is a small collection of Orkney Books available for short loan. These books have yellow spine labels so you can identify them easily.

Some of these books are extremely old. Please look after them carefully.



### Newspapers

The library stocks the local newspaper *The Orcadian* as well as back copies of *The Orkney Today* which ceased publication in 2010.



### Magazines



There are copies of two local magazines. *The Orkney View* ran from 1985 to 2002. It has an excellent mix of articles that may be useful for your project. To help you find information in it, the Librarian has produced a keyword index. You might also like to look at volumes 71 - 74 in which an ex-pupil's winning project on 'The Orkney Egg Industry' was published.

*Living Orkney* started publication in 2005 and some early copies are available. You will need to go to the public library if you want to view more recent ones.

### School Magazines



*The Stromnessian* was first published in 1947 and was published on and off until 2007. The library has a nearly full collection of these magazines. This magazine has won several prizes over the years.

Copies of other school produced magazines and 'newspapers' are also available and include *True Stories* and *The Academy Press*.





## Fereday Projects

Prize winning 'Fereday Projects' from 1997 onwards are available. Use them for research or to give you an idea of topics to choose and how to present your investigation.

## The Internet

You can use the internet, but you will have to plan your searches carefully as the local nature of this project may mean it is harder to find relevant information.



### *Some useful sites to get you started:*

Orkney Library & Archive: <http://www.orkneylibrary.org.uk/>

Orkneyjar: The Heritage of the Orkney Islands: <http://www.orkneyjar.com/>

### Where else can you get information?

- Orkney Library & Archive
- Museums
- Tourist sites
- Interview people
- Family records
- Business or club archives
- Write letters to people and businesses