

VENUE GUIDE



COMMUNITY
READING ROOM



OUR SPACES

Capacity

Whole venue, across 3 rooms:
50 (Seated) / 85 (Mixture of
seated and standing)

Facilities

- Accessible bathroom
- Tea station with hot water urn and a small fridge
- Tables and chairs in a variety of sizes and styles
- Technology for hybrid events



The Reading Room

A large open plan space with a variety of areas and seating options, including spaces suitable for either solo or group work or study.

There are two large pillars in the middle of the space.

Our library contains over 400 books, with an emphasis on social justice themes and speculative fiction.

Engineering

Engineering is our classroom space and tabletop roleplaying game library.

It is separated from the main Reading Room by a 850mm sliding door. There are two large windows onto the street outside.

Some sound carries between this space and the Reading Room next door.



The half-hexagon tables are adjustable in height from 60-90cm and can be configured in a variety of layouts suitable for group sizes up to 18.



The Holodeck

The Holodeck is a private 3m x 3m room. The entryway is 800mm wide.

The space is treated with acoustic foam and we have equipment for professional quality audiovisual recording or streaming.

ACCESSIBILITY

Bathroom

Our bathroom is wheelchair accessible and fitted with a Doc-M pack including grab rails.

The entryway is 870mm wide at its narrowest point.

The turning circle is 136mm and transfer space is to the left of the toilet (from the perspective of sitting on it) and the basin is within close reach to the right-hand side.



Mobility

All furniture in the space can be reconfigured and there is ample space for both navigating the space with or temporarily parking mobility devices such as wheelchairs, scooters, and rollators.

The front door into the space is 920mm wide but heavy, and is unfortunately not automated. There will always be someone in the space who can open the door for anyone if needed.



COVID-SAFETY

We have COVID safety measures in place to help create an environment that is safe and accessible for those who are vulnerable to respiratory infection. We have a HEPA certified air purifier designed for large spaces running at all times, as well as active ventilation from extractor fans to keep the air in the venue regularly renewed and refreshed.

On Wednesdays from 1pm - 9pm, Fridays from 1pm - 6pm, and during some Saturday events we have masking time. During this time masks are mandatory unless exempt.

Wearing FFP2/FFP3 certified masks is the best way to prevent the transmission of airborne viruses. Cloth masks or blue surgical masks are not tested for or as effective for this purpose. We have supplies of suitable masks in a variety of fits and can help you to find a style that feels most comfortable.

For larger events, we have lateral flow tests available for people to take and wait for a negative result from before entering. People will also be able to pick up test from us in advance to take in their own home on the morning of an event if they prefer.

We ask anyone with viral symptoms, such as a cough, runny nose, or fever, not to come into the Reading Room unless you are sure that they're from something that cannot harm others such as hayfever.

For COVID-safer events and bookings, capacity is capped at 30 people maximum across the whole venue to allow for ample space for social distancing.