



Explore the new location and space design of Ware Library as it aims to better serve the community's needs

WF Education is thrilled to have contributed to the successful relocation of Ware Library, which reopened recently. The new site (previously located opposite St Mary's Church) now offers an inviting space with various dedicated zones, including non-fiction, fiction, audiobooks, local history, and a specially designed children's area, where regular storytime sessions are held.

During our visit, we spoke with a student who shared their thoughts on the new facility. They expressed plans to use the library frequently, stating it would be invaluable "for both research purposes and my love of literature." They further explained their intentions to utilise the library extensively for their A-Level coursework in English Literature and History, as well as for their Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

The new library boasts a spacious and quiet environment, filled with an extensive collection of books across all genres. It also features comfortable seating in quieter, secluded areas, providing an ideal spot for reading and study. Additionally, the library includes several computers towards the back of the building for public use.

We complemented the existing shelving with elements of our Everna™ range including shelving, dens, browsers and study desks.



Compared to the previous library, the new site feels more open, which helps to create a calm and peaceful environment.

*"I appreciated the seated spaces that they have on offer, which are surrounded by bookshelves and therefore offer some privacy for those who may want to do some work or have a read."*



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The scheme features our Cantilibra™ shelving system, and our Everna™ library furniture system tailored for young adults, a bespoke help desk, and a unique children's area.

The children's feature draws inspiration from the historic Riverside Gazebos, originally constructed along the River Lea in Ware in the late 18th century. At their peak in the 1830s, there were 25 gazebos; today, only 10 remain. Drawing on old photographs for inspiration, WF created a reading den designed to be both practical and visually engaging, encouraging younger visitors to explore the space. The design is complemented by a striking riverside graphic running the length of the wall, enhancing the overall aesthetic.

For the Young Adults area, we collaborated with a local illustrator to design a bespoke dragon graphic, specifically aimed at appealing to this age group.