



Annual Library Profile 2024-25

Thurso Library



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Introduction

Library Profiles are prepared annually for each library within the Highland Libraries network as part of our commitment to service improvement, and to engage with our communities. They serve three main purposes:

- To assist local staff to evaluate the performance of their library in relation to their local community.
- To assist managers to monitor performance and plan service improvements across the wider network.
- To provide a concise document that can be offered to any person or organisation seeking information about a library.

Each library reflects its specific local community, making it unique. Any comparison of statistics such as issue figures must be made cautiously.

Performance and community information is based on library statistics, ward statistics or where available data relating to specific Integrated Learning Communities (Secondary school catchment areas) *. Ward or census information can be found at: http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/695/council_information_performance_and_statistics/575/highland_facts_and_figures

Summary of Library and Services Available

Branch: Thurso Library

Address: Davidson's Lane,
Davidson's Ln,
Thurso
KW14 7AF

Telephone No: 01847 893237

Email address: thurso.library@highlifehighland.com

Web Address: <https://www.highlifehighland.com/libraries/thurso-library/>

Associated School Group: Thurso High School

Ward: 2 Thurso and Northwest Caithness

Accommodation

Thurso Library has returned to its refurbished permanent site in Davidson's Lane. This building was built in 1862 as the Miller Institute and was later turned into the Thurso Library and Swanson Gallery and stands at the end of Sinclair land in Davidson's Street. With its clock tower and pillared facade, it makes for an imposing but welcoming building in Thurso.

Opening Hours

Mon - 10:00 - 18:00

Tue - 10:00 - 20:00

Wed - 10:00 - 18:00

Thur - 10:00 - 13:00

Fri - 10:00 - 20:00

Sat - 10:00 - 13:00

Sun - Closed

Accessibility

Car Parking:

Thurso Library has 1 allocated disabled parking bay, but there is public parking available all along Sinclair Street.

Public Transport:

Local bus and train routes are nearby, within a 5-minute walk of the library.

Additional information

Disabled access available.

Activities

Regular Children's Activities

Lego Club

Fridays, 18:00-19:00. 4-week block bookings. Term time only. Please contact library for more details.

Regular Adult Events:

Chess Club

Learn to knit

Drop-in knitting group. Please contact Thurso Library for the next date.

Thurso Art Gallery

The Art gallery also have regular exhibitions as well as a craft clubs. Please see contact Thurso Gallery for more information on 01847 896 357.

Collect and Return Service

For customers who do not wish to browse our shelves in the library, we provide a Collect and Return service. By phoning or emailing your local library, a member of staff will select books for your chosen genre and arrange a convenient time for you to collect them.

How are we performing?

Thurso Library

	2023-24
Visits	33924
Event Attendance	13577
Issues	31447
Events	1182
Computer Sessions	1775

Reference and Local History Collections

(Please tick)	Basic collection	Collection of Area significance	Collection of Highland Significance	Collection of National Significance
Reference Collection		✓	✓	✓
Local History		✓	✓	✓

Please visit our website for more information: www.highlifehighland.com

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