



Libraries are still available for use during the lockdown and one of the easiest ways to find your nearest facility is to use this website: www.gov.uk/local-library-services.

Just enter your postcode and it will show you where to locate your local library and everything it currently has to offer. Libraries have embraced the digitalization of their services and now provide many different avenues to access them remotely and online.

If you are local to the school the Central Library in Bromley and the Orpington Library are worth a virtual visit:

- <http://www.better.org.uk/library/london/bromley/bromley-central-library>.
- <https://www.better.org.uk/library/london/bromley/orpington-library>.

There is a link to join the library via their website and gain access to the huge range of online services by clicking '**Browse our Catalogue**' then '**Online Resources**'. Below are some examples of what is on offer:

- eBooks/eAudiobooks
- eNewspapers/eMagazines
- eMusic
- 24hr Library
- Facebook Programme



One of the tools I recommend is <http://www.whonextguide.com>

When children ask: "Who can I read next?" / "Who writes like my favourite author?" the answers are here in **Who Next...?** Writers of children's fiction are listed with suggestions of other authors who write in a similar way, together with key book and series titles.



In the news last week there was a report on the virtual library created by **Oak National Academy**. Here is the article if you have not seen it : <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-55692137>

Oak National Academy and the **National Literacy Trust** have come together to launch the Virtual School Library to keep children reading during lockdown. Whilst this is mostly aimed at primary school children, every week a popular author will become 'Author of the Week' in order to provide free access to a singular book or audiobook.



"I think it's vitally important that every child should have an opportunity to access books. As most schools - and their libraries - are closed at the moment the free online library is needed more than ever."

Jacqueline Wilson

Visit library.thenational.academy to find out more

#VirtualSchoolLibrary