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Doorstep Library announces the launch of our brand new website

Doorstep Library is delighted to announce the launch of our brand new website. The new website is clear and easy to navigate, with a greater focus on why we are needed and what we do. All of our latest news can be found on the Home Page under 'What's New'. Operating in four London boroughs now, Hammersmith and Fulham, Lambeth, Westminster and Camden, there is an interactive map which shows where we currently have projects on-the-ground.

As well as offering information for potential reading volunteers and funders we have now launched a new area for families called '[Family Reading Resources](#)'. Here parents and carers will be able to find useful information on reading with their child. This area will be developed in the coming months to include a wealth of information, tips, videos and other resources aimed at encouraging children to read, which parents will find useful.

There is also a new '[Book a Visit](#)' feature where families, teachers and other professionals can check to see if we operate home visits in their area. If we currently run a project there, they can fill in a form to 'Book a Visit'. For those families who are part of our community we also offer a new password protected '[Children's Corner](#)'. Here parents will be able to access and view our online storytime recordings which are categorised to help choose appropriate stories for children.

Katie Bareham, Director of Doorstep Library said: "We are delighted to have a new website which highlights the value and uniqueness of our home-reading service. The new website is aimed at our primary audiences - volunteers and funders - with a focus on both the need for and the impact of our work. Most importantly though, it features a whole new area specifically for parents and carers, offering additional support for any family who needs it.

As we develop the content in the new 'Family Reading Resources' area we hope that this will be a place where parents and carers can come for that extra support and advice on sharing reading with your child. Whilst some of the content is password protected, much of it will be free for everyone. In this way we know we are reaching even more children and families as we grow."

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Notes to Editors.

About:

Doorstep Library is a not-for-profit community led organisation dedicated to bringing the gift of books and the joy of reading directly into the homes of children across London who need our support. With one in four 11 year olds leaving primary school unable to read or write properly, we recruit and train home and online-reading volunteers to go into some of the most disadvantaged areas in London to help introduce young children (aged 0-11 years) to the pleasure of reading.

We use books to fuel children's natural love of stories, fire their imaginations, and encourage their appreciation of reading. Our ultimate goal is to help them develop the self-confidence and essential skills they need to access all the opportunities that will come their way in life. Our projects not only improve literacy and confidence in children, but also increase family wellbeing and bonding through the joy of sharing stories. This kind of tailored support enables us to help prepare children for school and broaden their opportunities in life.

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