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The role of library services in Lewisham

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a campaign from

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Deadline looms for Lewisham library closures

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Lewisham library campaigners have been left stranded as the 28th May closure date for New Cross library approached without word from the Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) to residents or the council.

Save Lewisham's Libraries!

CARNIVAL MARCH & PROCESSION

FROM CROFTON PARK LIBRARY TO LEWISHAM TOWN HALL
SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER

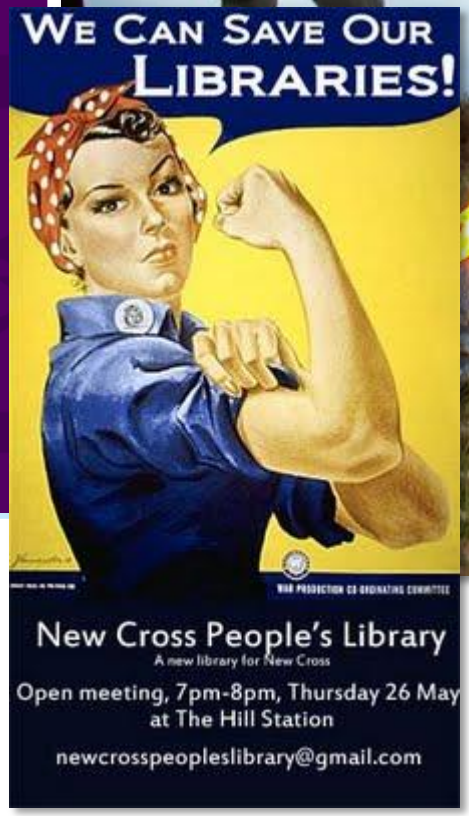
- Assemble 12.15pm at crofton park library se4
- Set off at 12.30pm
- Arrive at lewisham town hall at 1.30 for rally and speeches

This is intended to be a **cheerful event** with everyone encouraged to **wear brightly coloured clothes** and **bring whistles and anything that makes a noise**. If any adults or or children are brave enough to **dress up as a book character**, then so much the better!

Crofton Park Library is at the junction of Brockley Road and Darfield Road SE4, right next door to Crofton Park train station. Honor Oak Park and Brockley stations are also within easy walking distance. It is also served by bus routes 122, 171, 172 and P4 all of which stop close by.

If you can't make the march but want to register your protest, **please write to the Mayor, Sir Steve Bullock**, at Lewisham Town Hall, Catford, SE46 4RU or by email steve.bullock@lewisham.gov.uk or telephone the Mayor's Office on 020 8314 6000.

Lewisham library campaign on BBC R4



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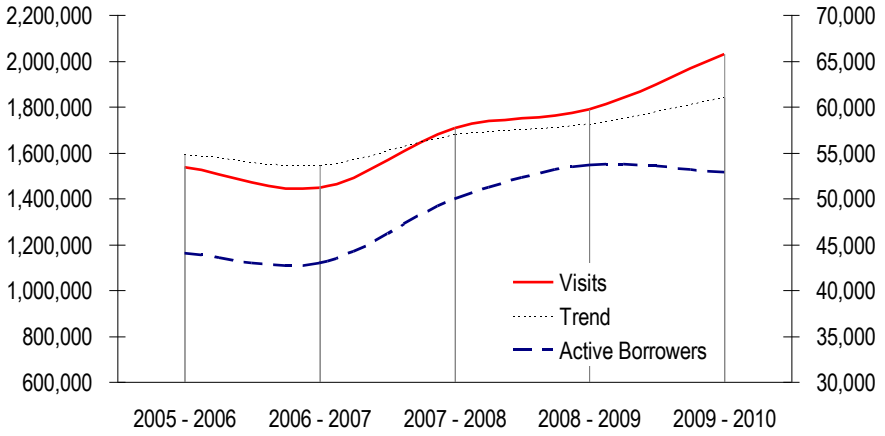
- population 261,600
- 12 libraries
- over 2 million visit
- 1.15 million issues
- 53,000 residents (20.4%) borrowed a book
- books gifted to 100% of under 5s
- satisfaction level growth is 5%
- lowest Net Expenditure in inner London boroughs and lowest in SE London (£16.10/head)



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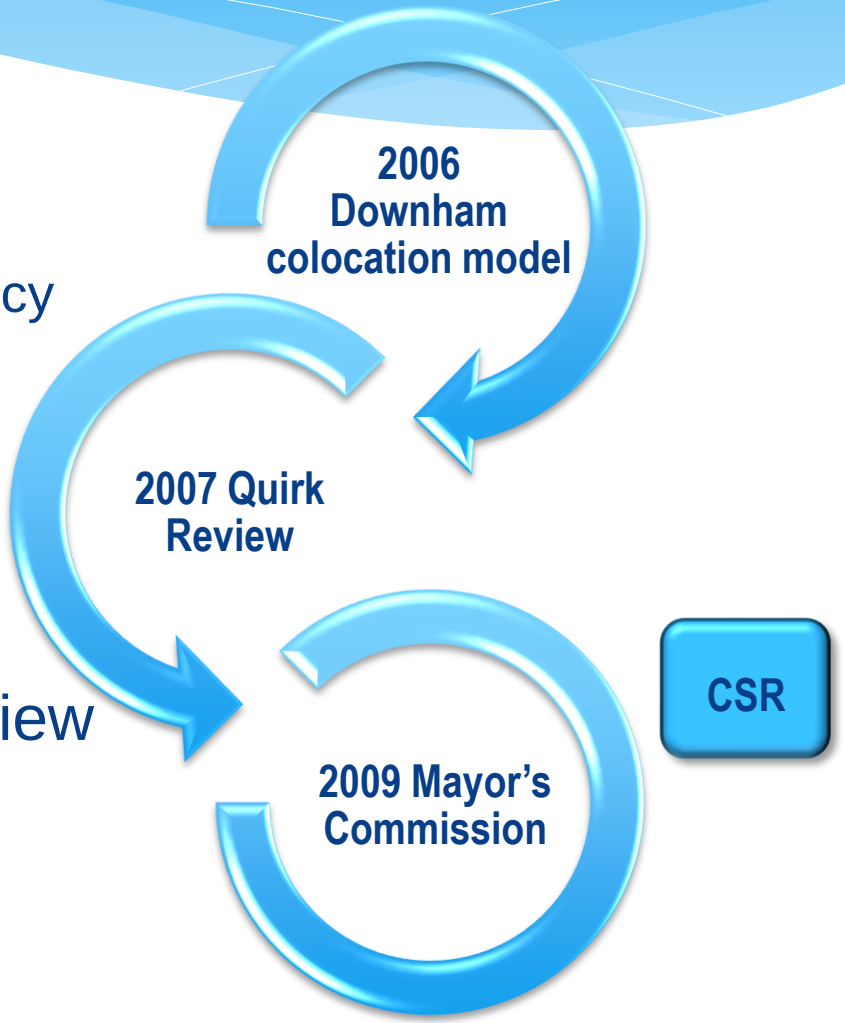
Path to change

- Downham Model
  - Colocation, self-service, efficiency
- Quirk Review
  - Asset transfer protocol
- Mayor's Commission
  - Political and corporate vision
- Comprehensive Spending Review
  - Catalyst / accelerator



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Components

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Lewisham in 2011

- 7 Hub libraries
- 8 Community libraries (+3)
- From 564 to 697 h/w (+23.4%)
  - Reorganisation
  - Future Libraries Programme
  - 3rd sector/community engagement
  - Investment £500k
- Council savings £60M
- Library & Information Service Budget
  - 2010–2011 £4.5M
  - 2012–2013 £3.7M
- The library solution (service £800k + buildings £200k) contributes £1M
- Net Exp £14.14/head

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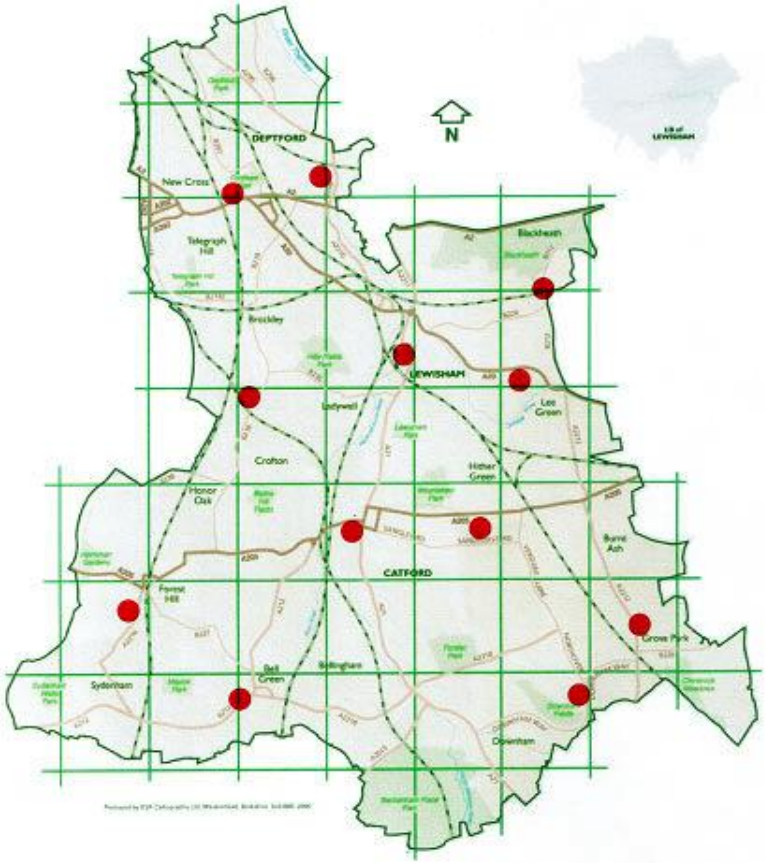
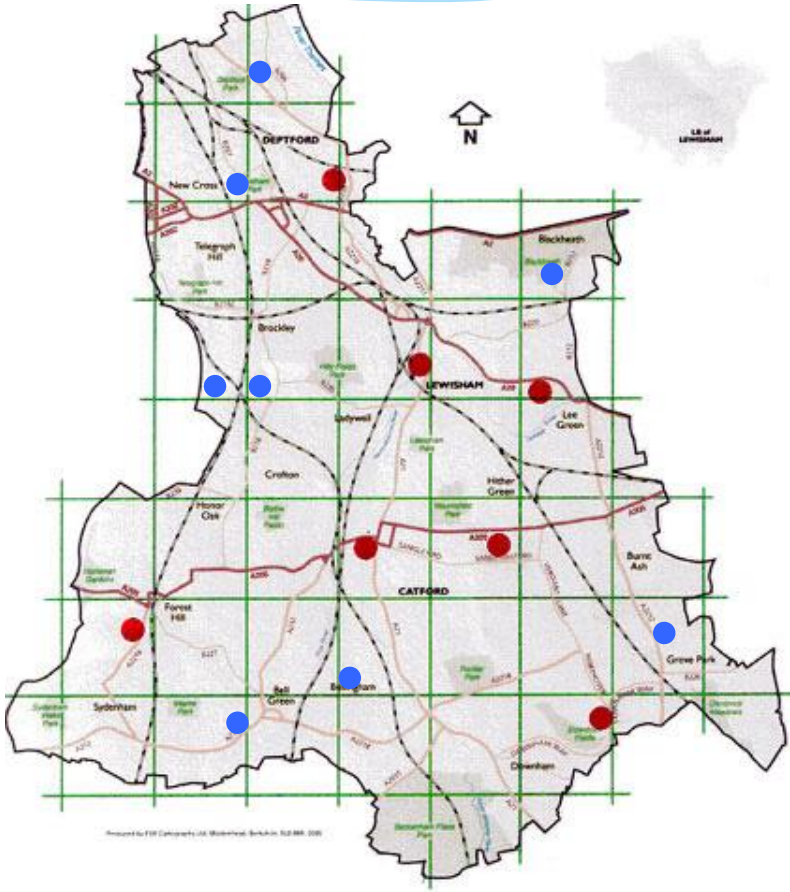
The libraries' network





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Roles

- Role of the Library Service
  - Statutory duty
  - Professional input
  - Monitoring and evaluation
- Role of the Anchor/Host organisation
  - Access to services
  - Promote the love of books
  - Responsibility for building

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Benefits and risks

- Library Service
- Partner organisation
- Audiences

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We may be deconstructing libraries to grow library services with the community

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