

USING THE TINY TABLET IN A LIBRARY SETTING



NORTH BRIDLINGTON LIBRARY

East Ridings Council created a pilot test of one Tiny Tablet in a library setting, with the view of improving the digital inclusion within the local areas, as well as keeping libraries relevant with the new digital age.

The pilot was so successful, East Ridings managed a roll out of 13 further Tiny Tablets across their libraries, with the assistance and support from Inspired Inspirations.

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We are continually finding new ways to include the Tiny Tablet in our activities at North Bridlington library. Its popularity in events, as a talking point for customers, and as a marketing tool show how useful this product is in helping us to deliver the multi-faceted offer that libraries provide to the public. Examples of how we use the Tiny Tablet include:-

Education

- Chatterbooks – we have used the tablet to connect to author websites as well as to access educational games.
- Code Club – we have explored apps and how they are designed and used. For example, our children used a music app to create and record their own compositions on digital instruments, adding their own voices and special effects to the recordings.
- RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch - For the Big Garden Birdwatch, we played a livestream of some bird feeders, which was used initially as a learning tool, with some children learning to identify the birds which appeared on the feeders by comparing them to a 'spotter's sheet'. This also helped to engage older library customers with conversations about what birds visit their garden and introduced them to the fact that such live streamed nature cams are available for them to watch online.

Children's events

- Storytimes – we can use the Tiny Tablet as a massive storyboard, making it easier for children to follow the story we are reading.
- Harry Potter - for the Harry Potter event, we set up an 'ambience room' on the Tiny Tablet which involved magical music and depictions of the Hogwarts common room. This got customers talking and helped to set the scene as they were waiting for the main event.



Health

- **Memory Lane**

For reminiscence sessions, we have found appropriate songs and videos to share with the group, such as Christmas songs and old TV advertisements and played these via the tablet. It is both big enough and loud enough for older customers to be able to watch in comfort, and it is great that we can move it around easily to get it closer to individuals if necessary.

Marketing

- We have downloaded a pdf reader and the Gmail app to the tablet. This allows us to send posters about our events to the device and display them – in effect using the tablet as a giant billboard.

Daily usage

- The Tiny Tablet is always on display at the front of the library, near the Host desk so it's visible to customers. We use a variety of apps to engage different demographics. For example, if it's a time when there are lots of children around, we will have a colouring app or a sensory screen for them to interact with. There are a number of children who ask to go on the Tiny Tablet every time they come to the library, so it has obviously made an impression. It has been lovely to see children working together on children's word searches and colouring pages. Similarly, if it's a time where there are lots of adults in the library, we often use an adult crossword app and adults enjoy working together to complete the puzzles.

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