

Reading Libraries : Full list of savings proposals 2018/19

	Proposal	Summary description of change	Total saving p.a	Consultations	
				Public	Staff
A*	Reduce opening hours at Caversham from 35 to 27 per week	Would introduce a further closed day to the week - hours were reduced from 50.5 in 2017	9,000	✓	✓
B	Colocation of external agencies at Tilehurst, library becomes single staffed	External organisations moving in and sharing the space would allow single staffing of sites.	20,000		✓
C	Colocation of external agencies at Battle, library becomes single staffed	External organisations moving in and sharing the space would allow single staffing of sites.	12,000		✓
D*	Reduce opening hours at Central library from 46 to 36 per week	Likely to introduce a closed day in the week, hours were reduced from 52 in 2017)	45,000	✓	✓
E*	Reduce opening hours at Palmer Park library from 21 to 15 per week, with year round opening.	Library currently runs in partnership with Reading College for 15 of 21 hours a week, and 36 weeks per year. Outside these times it is currently double staffed by RBC. Close site for evenings, Saturday mornings but retain opening through the holidays. Hours were reduced from 41.5 in 2017.	9,000	✓	✓
F*	Reduce opening hours at Tilehurst from 27 to 22 per week	Would introduce a further closed day to the week - hours were reduced from 42.5 in 2017 (depends on B above)	3,500	✓	✓
G*	Reduce opening hours at Battle from 27 to 22 per week	Would introduce a further closed day to the week - hours were reduced from 39.5 in 2017(depends on C above)	3,500	✓	✓
H*	Reduce opening hours at Whitley from 21 to 18 per week	Would introduce a further closed day to the week - hours were reduced from 34.5 in 2017	2,000	✓	✓
I	Remove 0.5 FTE admin hours	Resource was put into this in the restructure in 2017	12,000		✓
J	Remove 1.0 FTE Digital and Volunteer Lead	The service has 3 Development posts, totalling 2.5 FTE that were created at restructure in 2017.	35,000		✓
K	Reducing library stock fund	Usage has reduced at all sites since opening hours reduced.	31,000 15,000 46,000		
L	Internal changes	Full implementation of the model agreed (including hubs) delivers	30,000		

		additional savings; contract renegotiation & reduced consumables.			
	Income pressure		-10,000		
		Net saving	£217,000		