



Autism Inclusivity Within Bristol Public Libraries

Dissertation Survey: Autism Inclusivity Within Bristol Public Libraries

Please Note: This form is not to be completed individually by persons who are classed as vulnerable, and all survey participants should be capable of giving informed consent.

By contributing towards this study, you will be helping a Master's Degree student at The University Of The West Of England complete research on the subject of autism inclusivity within Bristol public libraries. As this dissertation study will benefit from including first-hand accounts, we would be interested in hearing from individuals with autism spectrum disorder, as well as parents and representatives of individuals on the spectrum, regardless of age or interest in attending a local library.

This survey is designed to be answered by (or on behalf of) individuals with autism spectrum disorder who live within the Greater Bristol area, or would class a public library within the Greater Bristol Area as their local library. This survey can be completed individually, or on behalf of a child or other relevant individual who meets the respondent criteria.

Respondent identities will remain anonymous and the questionnaire form will take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. Generally the questions will focus on how suitable the public library environment is for those on the autistic spectrum.

Ultimately the objective for this study will be to gauge the overall inclusivity of libraries in the city of Bristol for autistic users, establishing any barriers which may be affecting the library experience for these groups. As a result of the questionnaire and study outcomes, recommendations will be passed on to encourage positive changes within the library environment.

If you wish to retract your survey response at a later date, please contact **Joe2.moon@live.uwe.ac.uk**

Further information relating to the study can be found below within the clickable **Participant Information Sheet**.

Details on the privacy of your data can be found within the clickable **Research Privacy Notice**.

[Participant Information Sheet](#) (Clickable Link)

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Please Note: Once the survey has been completed, the respondent will be prompted to complete and return the [Participant Consent Form](#) (Clickable Link). If this form is not returned to the relevant email address (mentioned on the form), we will be unable to process your response.

Question 1a: Who are you answering this questionnaire on behalf of?

Myself

Someone I care for

Question 1b: What is the name of the individual taking part in this survey? (This will not be made public in any way, and will simply be used by the researcher to match the respondent to their corresponding [Participant Consent Form](#))

Question 2a: Does your autism mean that you require additional support in any way?

Yes

No

Not Sure

Question 2b: If you answered 'Yes' to 2a, please provide more detail on the additional support you receive.

Question 3: Which of the following options best describes how frequently you visit your local library?

More than once a week

Once a week

Once a month

Every few months

Once a year

Less than once a year

Never

If you answered "Never" to Question 3, Please skip to Question 10.

Question 4: To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Not Sure	Agree	Strongly Agree
I feel like a valued member of the library community when I attend my local library.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My local library are doing everything they can to accommodate my individual needs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would be happy to introduce a friend with autism spectrum disorder to my local library.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Not Sure	Agree	Strongly Agree
The library would be a better place if there was more collaboration with charities and autistic stakeholders.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am always treated with respect by members of library staff.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am always treated with respect by members of the public when attending my local library.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Question 5: In general, what do you like about your local library?

Question 6: In general, what do you dislike about your local library?

Question 7a: In your opinion, are library events promoted enough?

Yes

No

Not Sure

Question 7b: If you answered 'No' to 7a, please provide more detail on how library events could be promoted better.

Question 8: How do you perceive the attitudes of library staff towards your autism disorder?

Question 9a: Have you ever experienced discrimination of any kind within a Bristol public library?

Yes

No

Not Sure

Question 9b: If you answered 'Yes' to 9a, please provide more detail on the discrimination you have experienced.

Question 10: Are you aware of any current initiatives within Bristol libraries to support autistic individuals?

Yes

No

Not Sure

Question 11a: Would it be a challenging experience to visit your local library?

Yes

No

Not Sure

Question 11b: If you answered 'Yes' to 11a, what challenges do you associate with your local library?

Question 12a: Are there any existing barriers which limit your interest or access to your local library?

Yes

No

Not Sure

Question 12b: If you answered 'Yes' to 12a, what barriers limit your interest or access to your local library?

Question 13a: Are there any services or events which could be introduced to your local library which would increase your likelihood of attending (Late visiting hours, autism-friendly film screenings etc)?

Yes

No

Not Sure

Question 13b: If you answered 'Yes' to 13a, what would increase your likelihood of attending?

Question 14a: Are there any changes to the building layout which could be introduced to your local library which would increase your likelihood of attending (More private reading rooms, less large bright spaces etc)?

Yes

No

Not Sure

Question 14b: If you answered 'Yes' to 14a, what would increase your likelihood of attending?

Question 15: The following are a list of autism-friendly initiatives which have been successfully introduced at libraries across England, how likely would you be to show an interest in them?

	Not at all interested	Not interested, but I could see it benefitting others	Not sure	Interested	Extremely interested
Designated autism-only activities (Story-time, coffee mornings etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Educational events (collections of books and DVDs to support individuals on the spectrum, their families, carers, and friends as well as members of the general public who are keen to learn more about the disorder)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	Not at all interested	Not interested, but I could see it benefitting others	Not sure	Interested	Extremely interested
Designated 'sensory' rooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Designated 'chill-out' rooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved staff training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assistive technology (Boardmaker software)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mobile library (A service delivering books to local readers)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Question 16: Overall, are Bristol public libraries inclusive for autistic visitors in your opinion?

Yes

No

Not Sure

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