Case Study

Client: Aylesbury Library, Buckinghamshire
Project Date: January 2019
Project Value: £160k

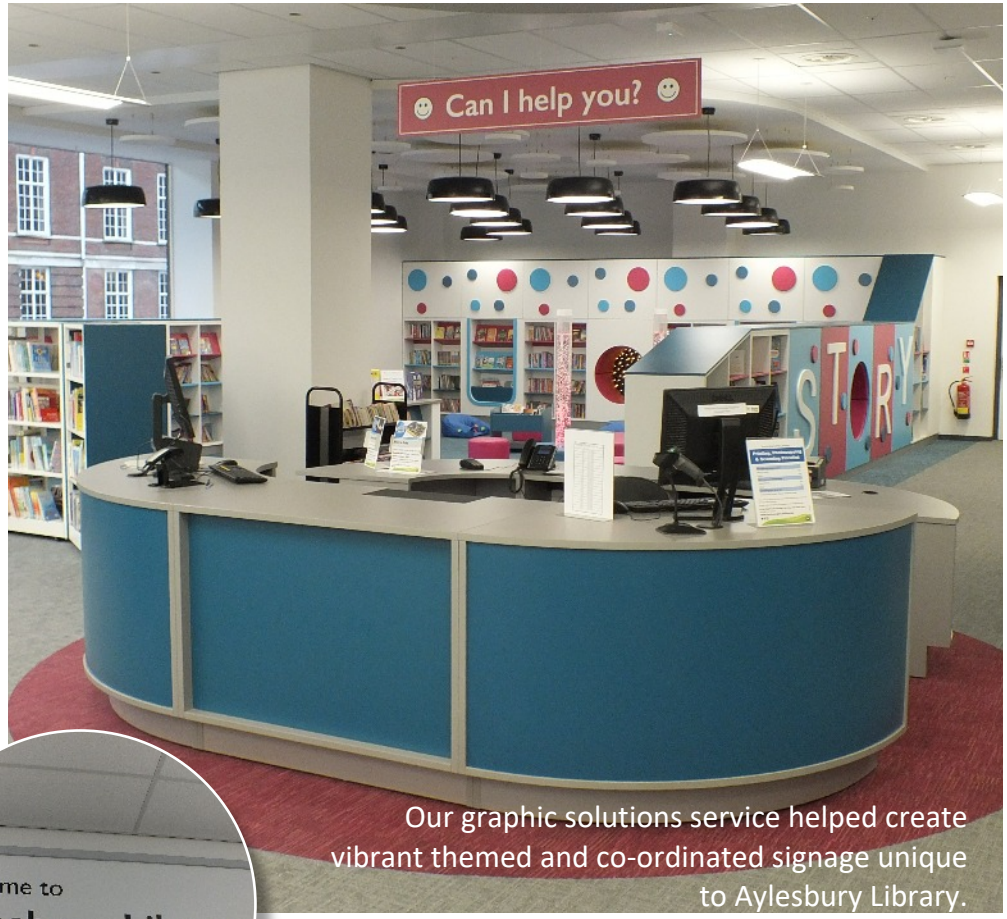
Working in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council we provided a fresh new modern library refurbishment at Aylesbury Library.

The Brief
The brief for this project was to create a practical and inviting refresh to the existing library that would appeal to the younger and older community, with particular focus to making the library dementia-friendly.

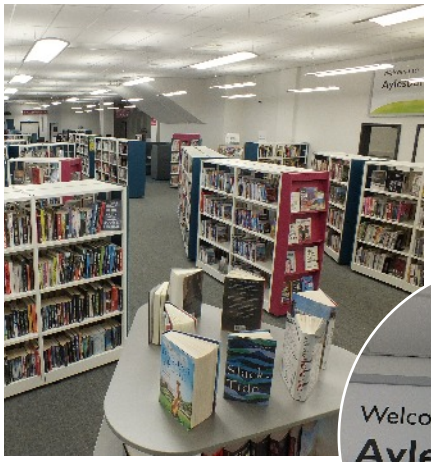
The Solution
Working together with the client and our partner manufacturers, we developed concept ideas and designed a complete remodel of the library interior with an emphasis on providing a safe and engaging space. We focussed on various zones including child-friendly sensory areas, a bespoke story wall, purpose built IT space and traditional book promotion.

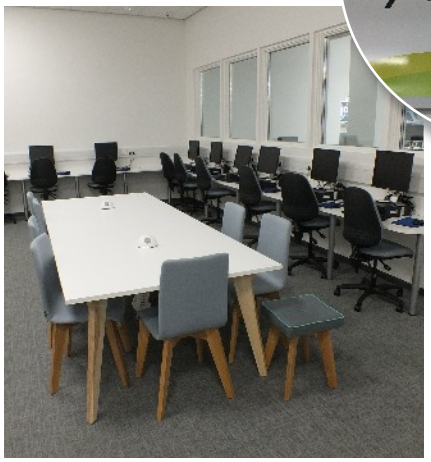
A combination of wooden and metal book shelving and display units added to the modern look of the Library, whilst bright and distinctive colours and clever graphics including signage created vibrant and themed zones.

As a hub for the local community, key services were accommodated including study areas, computer suites, and self-service facilities.



Our graphic solutions service helped create vibrant themed and co-ordinated signage unique to Aylesbury Library.





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THE STORY

- Creative transformation of Aylesbury Library

Below: The start of the 4-month building refurbishment programme in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council and the appointed building contractors.

Space Design

The COI team visited the existing library site and discussed exactly how the space needed to function. We then produced a concept design and mood board illustrating furniture placement, style and finish colours.

Delivery & Installation

The COI team completed the library refurbishment over a period of 10 days following a full delivery and installation project plan.

The new Aylesbury Library is home to the longest Story Wall in the UK to date.

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A full project management service was provided to the library including:

- Workspace consultation & site surveys
- Space planning & design
- Personal tours arranged to view previously refurbished libraries
- Risk & method statements
- Signage & graphics solutions
- Delivery & installation
- Aftercare service

We helped create a vibrant and engaging Library environment with effective book shelving, vibrant displays and furniture solutions to various zones within the library including:

- Children's area including a bespoke Story Wall
- A welcome area including counter
- Service points
- Study & IT suite
- Book shelving
- Meeting hubs

Sensory lighting and bubble tubes have been used throughout the children's reading area.

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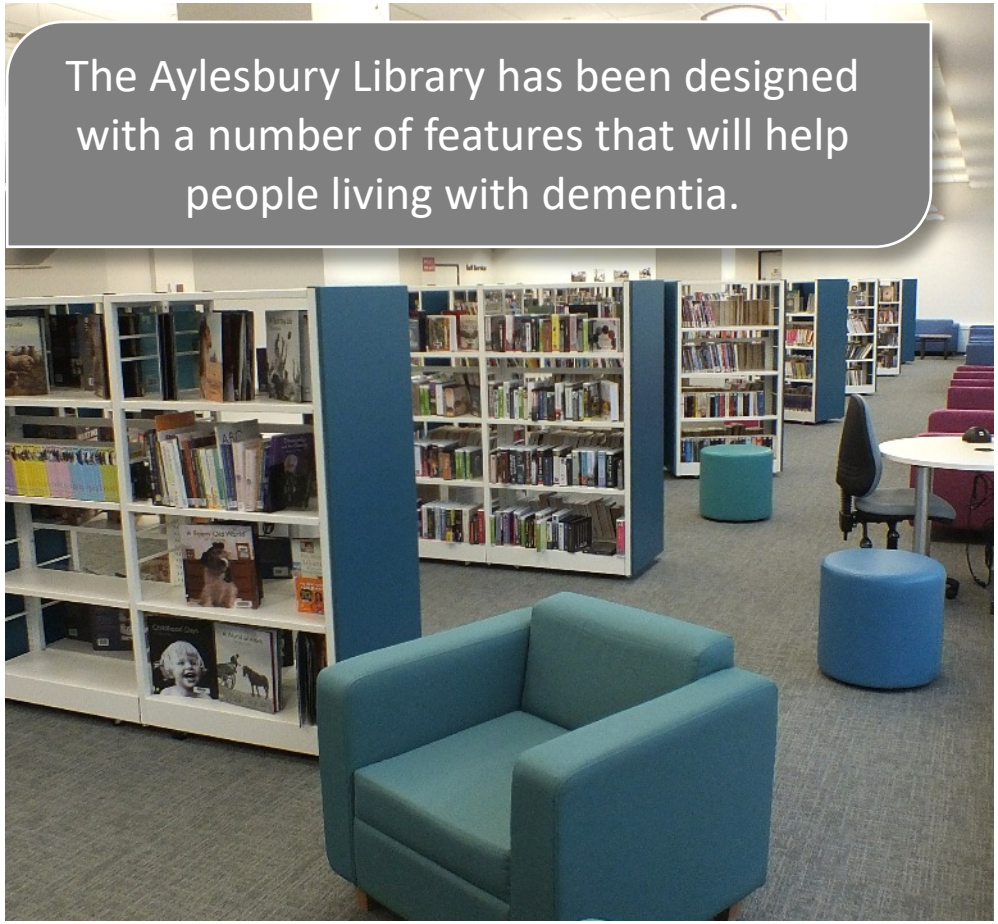
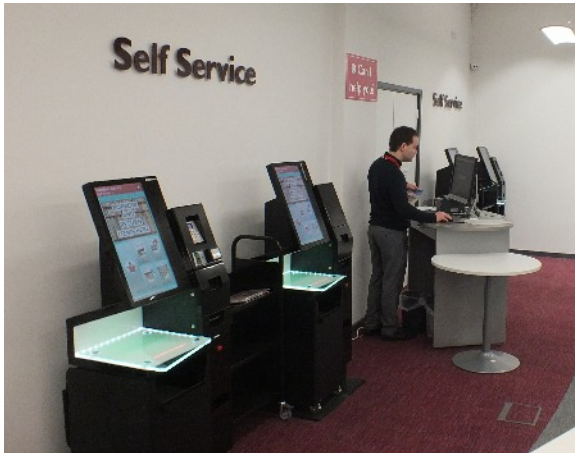
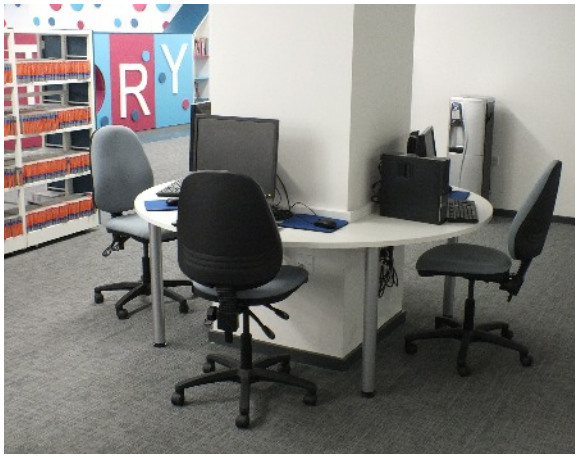
The Aylesbury Library has been designed with a number of features that will help people living with dementia.







Testimonial

"I've been delighted with how the refurbished Aylesbury Library looks – the design and furniture works really well on a practical level and is also colourful and inviting, and helps create a really welcoming space which is what we wanted.

Most importantly, we've had really positive feedback from our customers who especially love the new children's section. "Lovely, light and bright" and "best place in Aylesbury" are amongst the many great comments we've been very happy to receive".

David Jones, Head of Libraries and Culture, Buckinghamshire County Council.

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