

Joining the library online

Joining the library online is very simple. First log on to the Libraries West website www.librarieswest.org.uk

From here you will be brought to the main home page (see below). Now simply click or tap on the first icon saying **Join our Library online** (in the top left).

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Welcome to LibrariesWest

All library buildings are closed until further notice due to the Covid-19 epidemic.
See the [changes we have made](#) to help you out during this challenging time.

Why not check out our childrens and adults online activities sections for things to do during lockdown.

We are working remotely and available to help, so if you have any questions for us or encounter problems using any of our online services please do email us - librarieswest@somerset.gov.uk - and we will do our best to help.



Once you have done this you will be brought to a screen like the one below.

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LibrariesWest > Join the library



Join our library online

If you live, work or study in Bath & North East Somerset, BCP (Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole)*, Bristol, Dorset, North Somerset, Somerset or South Gloucestershire you can join the library service online.

Once you have completed the simple online form we will provide you with a temporary online membership number and PIN (any 4 digit number of your choice) which you can use to access our full range of online resources including e books, e audio, e magazines and e comics. Temporary online membership remains active for 4 months.

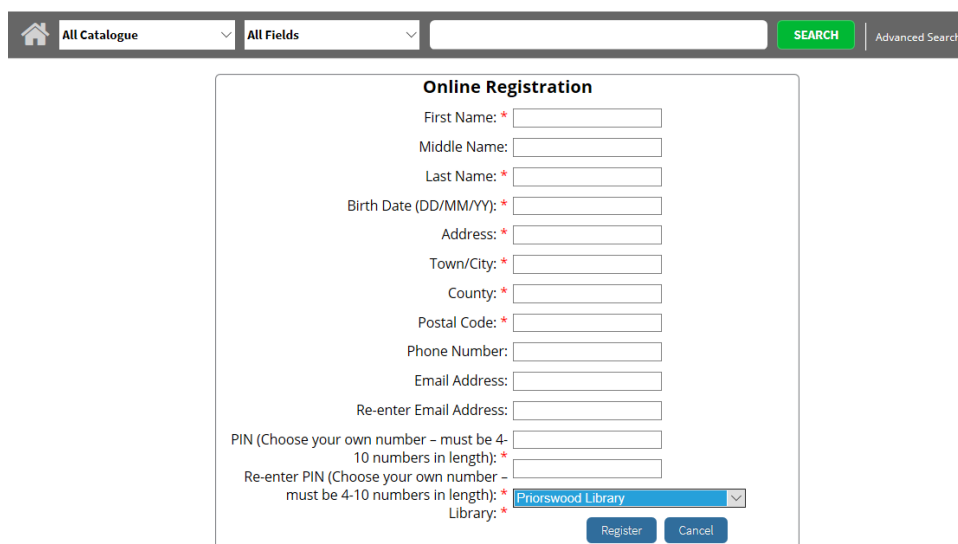
[Click Here to join our library online](#)



Click on the page where it says [Click Here to join our library online](#).

You will now be brought to a page asking you to fill out some personal details.

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The screenshot shows the LibrariesWest website header with a home icon, 'All Catalogue' dropdown, 'All Fields' dropdown, a search bar, a green 'SEARCH' button, and a link to 'Advanced Search'. Below the header is the 'Online Registration' form. The form contains the following fields: First Name (required), Middle Name, Last Name (required), Birth Date (DD/MM/YY) (required), Address (required), Town/City (required), County (required), Postal Code (required), Phone Number, Email Address, Re-enter Email Address, PIN (Choose your own number – must be 4-10 numbers in length) (required), Re-enter PIN (Choose your own number – must be 4-10 numbers in length) (required), and a Library dropdown menu currently showing 'Priorswood Library'. At the bottom of the form are 'Register' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Once you have filled this form in you will be given a **temporary library card number**. You are now a temporary member of the library service. Make a note of the **library card number** and your **PIN** as you will need to remember them.

Your next step is to find when your nearest library is open. When you get the chance, pop in to the library with your temporary card number and a piece of identification with your address on it, e.g. a driving licence or a bank statement. You will then be able to obtain a library card and gain a full membership. The only real difference between the full and temporary membership is you are limited to 2 book loans with the temporary, whereas a full membership allows you to have 20 books at any one time.

What you have access to with your library card

- 20 loans
- DVDs (charges apply)
- Audiobooks (charges may apply)
- Free basic online computer courses
- Free Access to computers and wifi within the library

- Access to libraries across, Somerset, North Somerset, Dorset, Bristol and South Gloucester
- Loan requests from other libraries (charges apply)
- Free Ebooks, free eAudiobooks, free eMagazines and free eComics

You can manage your account (reviewing and renewing your current loans, requesting books, searching the library catalogue and paying any charges you may have incurred) by opening the libraries west website

www.librarieswest.org.uk and clicking or tapping on **Log In** at the very top right of the screen.