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## Empathy Lab

Empathy is the ability to feel and understand other people's perspectives.

Eccleston Library is working on a special project with 4 other library authorities nationally, to investigate the concept of empathy, and how reading and libraries can build empathy to help make a better world. Empathy is a core life skill. It is the ability to connect to other people's feelings and perspectives in a meaningful way. It's "putting yourself in someone else's shoes" or "not judging people by their appearance".

As part of this unique project, the library staff would like to engage with everyone in the local community to ask "What are the issues in our community, where more empathy would help?"

These may be issues around isolation, poverty, anti-social behaviour, the homeless, travellers, refugees, loneliness, or other issues that you are aware of.

Please let us know what you think by the end of December.

Call in to Eccleston Library to chat to the staff about the project, or just fill in one of our suggestion slips.

Alternatively you can post your comments on  
Twitter: @STHLibraries or Facebook: STHLibraries

Library staff will then work with families and an author in the New Year – with activities that can be shared with the wider community – and hopefully open up conversations about the predominant issue in the Eccleston community.



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