**Minutes of the Cheshire and Merseyside Librarians Group**

**Held on 11th April at 10am**

**MS Teams**

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| **PRESENT** | Amanda Balaam – Mersey Care  Adam Ballinger (AB) – Countess of Chester  Fariba Bannerman (FB) – Edge Hill  Mary Barden – Stockport & Tameside  Graham Breckon (GB) – Countess of Chester  Victoria Ferri (VF) – Liverpool University Hospitals  Natalie Hall (NH) – Alderhey  Emily Hill (EH) – Mid Cheshire  Caitlynne Lancaster (CL) – Wirral University Teaching Hospital  Tracy Owen (TO) – Mersey Care  Susan Smith (SS) – Mid Cheshire  Yvonne Stubbington – Mid Mersey  Gemma Wright (GW) – Liverpool John Moore’s  Gil Young – NHS England |
| **APOLOGIES** | Carolyn Benny – Liverpool John Moores; Suzanne Ford – St Helens & Knowsley; Maureen Horrigan – Liverpool Heart and Chest; Naomi Majek – Stockport NHS Foundation Trust; Margaret O’Mahony – Mersey & West Lancs; Razia Nazir – Bridgewater Community; Debbie Spencer (DS) – University of Chester; Alison Thornley – East Cheshire NHS Trust; Anne Williams – University of Chester. |

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| **NO** | **MINUTES** | **ACTION** |
| 1 | **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  Need to review and update notes on website. | SS/TO |
| 2 | **MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION LOG**  N/B |  |
| 3 | **Creativity in Libraries**  GW – World book day involving Library Engagement Team and Creative Writing dept. doing a book swap, world poetry day, book clubs monthly in both libraries, film nights with feedback forms. LGBTQ+ History Month brought newcomers to the LGBTQ+ collection, as well as archived collection. The library space is also used by the student advice wellbeing team for arts and crafts.  FB – Learning at work week with art and crafts, jewellery design, making art with generative AI and how to use Instagram reels. National LAWW - [About LAW Week (learningatworkweek.com)](https://www.learningatworkweek.com/LAWW/LAWW/Start-Here/About-LAW-Week.aspx?hkey=85e15104-acd9-447e-9785-75173eda280e). Drop-in sessions with support for library system and other queries.  EH – The Nutcracker ballet was shown to different wards with the use of library equipment. Vialma has free activity packs with videos to watch, which are provided to care homes and hospitals. They focus on the impact that the creative arts have on health.  [healthcareandmusicdemohome (vialma.com)](https://healthandmusicdemo.vialma.com/en/home) |  |

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|  | SS – Worked with a charity to fund art resources for use in wards.  Colleagues participated in a project to present research in creative ways:  [PPN - Academy of Creative Minds Programme](https://ppn.nhs.uk/north-west/resources/news/item/academy-of-creative-minds-programme)  Exhibition on eczema with patient-written poetry about what it’s like living with the condition, promoted to the doctors.  A staff photography group was also set up, where a professional photographer taught them to take pictures on their phones. These pictures are displayed around the hospital.  [Arts Programme - Mid Cheshire Hospitals Charity (mchcharity.org)](https://mchcharity.org/arts-programme/)  Origami and mindful colouring resources are around the library for students to use freely.  YS – Stress Awareness Month “Craft-ernoon” session with the Health Work and Wellbeing Team. This included painting pebbles, mindful drawing, and crocheting. This was a chance to promote the stress-relieving books in the library. |  |
|  | **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  LIHNN new starters event on 23rd April.  Academic Library North afternoon teach-meet on 24th April. |  |
|  | **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**  9th May 10am Library Induction [Join meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MTgzZGY1ZGUtZDQ2ZC00MjE1LWJjZTUtNzBhMzdjYTFmMDBi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22ed272d03-fe74-4d07-952a-f3a15ed3aa40%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ae42261f-ac6b-456d-b109-1ecf9604596b%22%7d) |  |