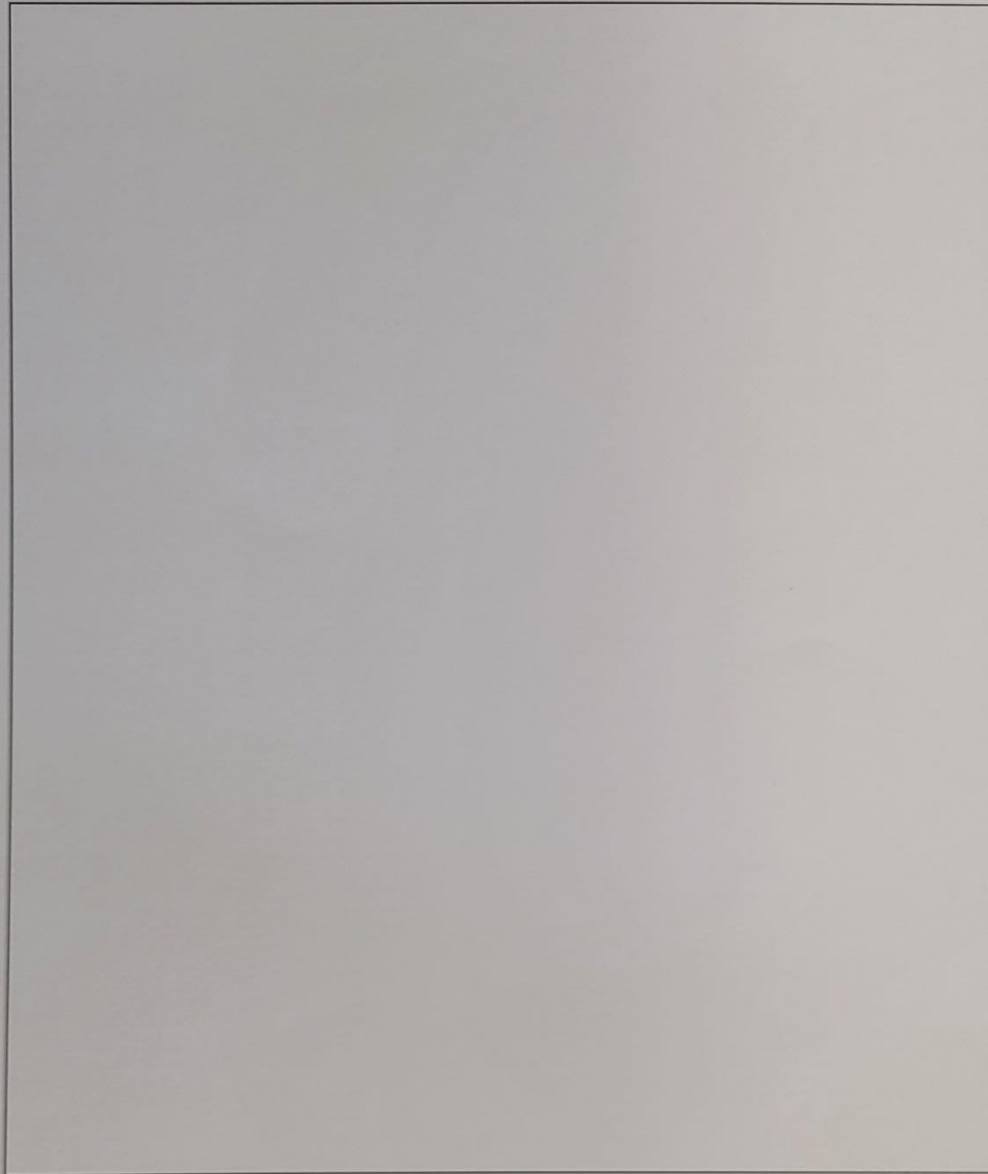


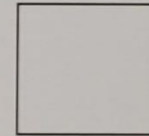
The Town that Saved its Library Entry form



Illustrations must fit inside the box to the left.

Please colour your illustrations in with coloured pencil crayons.

Which section of the text have you chosen to illustrate? (please put section number in the box)



Name:

School:

As parent/ guardian I consent for my child (named above) be entered into this competition by ticking the box below. For copyright and terms and conditions - please apply to: The town that saved its library competition, 37 Waterloo Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5HH



37 Waterloo Road,
Shepton Mallet,
Somerset,
BA4 5HH

Dear Children of *St. Aldhelm's Primary School*

My name is Helen Heaton and I live in Shepton Mallet. Me and my husband, Rob, have written a book about Shepton Mallet library and how it was saved from being closed forever as we feel this is an important story for our town to tell.

However, we need your help. At the moment, our book has no pictures (except a front cover). We thought we could ask the wonderful children who live in the area to illustrate our book with us.

Your teachers have been sent the words that will be in the final book and we want you to make those words come to life with some bright, colourful and amazing pictures. Do you think you could help us?

All the pictures will then be gathered together from all the primary schools in Shepton and we will select the ones we think would look great in our book.

The pages will then be sent off to an editor in Bath and they will print and the book and then, as if by magic, the book will be finished. The book will then be available to buy from bookshops!

We will need your pictures to be finished by the **8th April** so that we can have a look at them all and choose the ones most suitable for the book.

We will let you know as soon as we have chosen the pictures and those that participate will receive a lovely certificate.

Many thanks in advance to you all – we can't wait to see what you have come with!

Yours faithfully,



Helen Heaton



You must complete your drawing on one of the special forms, which you can collect from your class teacher.

You can choose any line below to create a picture of.

Words for the book

1. There is a friendly little place in Somerset – a town called Shepton Mallet
2. Shepton had once been famous for wool but nowadays it sits in the Mendip Hills keeping itself to itself while its residents get on with their lives.
3. Then, one day the County Council said that they needed to save some cash and would have to think about closing the library or moving it somewhere else!
4. The people of Shepton Mallet were shocked and dismayed. Their local library was the beating heart of the town nesting by the famous town Market Cross.
5. The library helped the newcomers to the quaint little town find a welcoming community. It was a friendly place to meet. It was a place of lots of learning (for all ages)
6. So some Friends got together to decide what could be done – how could they save their library?
7. The Friends had many meetings and kept the town informed – and the town in return created many postcards with warm words about the place they loved. The Town Council offered money and so did the Glastonbury Festival.
8. After working long into the night so many times making an uncounted number of schemes and ideas, it seemed that their fight was falling on deaf ears.
9. Not disheartened, the Friends and town rallied for battle – their library would be saved!
10. They made their voices noticed. They made their voices loud. They made sure that everyone knew who they were and what would happen if they lost the town's beloved library.
11. When the final meeting was called you could hear the battle cry. The meeting room was packed to the seams – full to bursting!
12. The Friends needed to wait out the decision – what would the council decide? Would all their hard work pay off or be for nothing?
13. When the day of reckoning dawned the friends were worried – had they done enough?
14. YES! THE LIBRARY WAS SAVED!
15. There was much rejoicing all over the town. Everyone wore a smile on their face.
16. But then it got better - the library got a facelift – beautiful and bright. The locals of Shepton Mallet knew that the right decision had been made.
17. Now the library is a bustling place – as it always used to be, safe for the next generation to cherish and enjoy!