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Went to the opening aged 8. Few from each class at school chosen to attend. Saw queen, listened to speeches. Very impressed by the size of the library - the spaciousness. Always a big reader. Very strict librarians - "shhh". Went alone or with brother and mother. Holidays - themed book events, spelling competitions. Would borrow 20 books at a time

Used the ref library and for revision. Always lived in the area and still uses it. Part of childhood, familiarity and comfort. Did classes on computing, attended talks, has seen many of the same people for years. Still uses it now to borrow ref books on cooking, crafts etc.

Changes: Computers, more open.