

LIBRARIES SEMINAR WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2017

PROGRAMME

- 9.30 a.m. Registration and refreshments
- 9.45 a.m. Introduction and welcome
- Nicky Ramanandi, Regional Convenor
- 10.00 a.m. Session 1: Understanding the current National picture on Libraries
- Sarah Pearce, UNISON National Officer
- Session 2: The importance of Libraries from an Author's prospective
- Ann Cleeves, Author
- Session 3: Austerity and the impact on Libraries - How are Local Authorities responding?
- Discussion session
- 12.30 p.m. Buffet Lunch
- 1.30 p.m. Session 4: Gateshead Save our Libraries Campaign
- Deb Bell, UNISON Gateshead Branch
- 2.00 p.m. UNISON Branches responding to the challenges and developing a strategy
- Nicky Ramanandi, Regional Convenor
- 2.15 p.m. Workshop sessions to explore how UNISON Branches can respond to the challenges including:
- Current issues
 - Alternatives
 - Political support
 - Community asset
 - Where can you access further help
- 3.30 p.m. Final questions
- 4.00 p.m. Close