



In **September** the U3a Book Group 2 discussed Ali Smith's book "Public Libraries and Other Stories". There was unanimous agreement that the book provided an excellent argument for the retention of libraries and dismay at the current tranche of closures across the country.

The contributions to the book from various people and authors took us all down memory lane and our early experiences of the library.

Pam (who works as a volunteer at Par library) also entertained us with a story of a 5 year old girl who was able to take out 6 books recently and was delighted! That's good news isn't it?

Although some of us struggled with some of the stories, there was universal admiration and approval for the mastery of language that Ali Smith displayed. Particular mention was made of "The Definite Article" and "Elsewhere" stories. It was good to read something out of the ordinary.