



Furniture for secondary schools and libraries



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Go all in with reading in 2026

As we embark on a National Year of Reading, creating an inspiring school library that will capture students' attention and keep them reading as they get older is more important than ever. Only 1 in 3 young people now say they enjoy reading in their spare time, with many other competing forms of entertainment available at their fingertips – so schools have a vital role to play in bringing reading to the forefront for students.

Our interior design team are passionate about creating multi-functional, flexible spaces for secondary schools that are engaging and exciting for students. **Need advice on preparing for the National Year of Reading? Get in touch – we'd love to help.**

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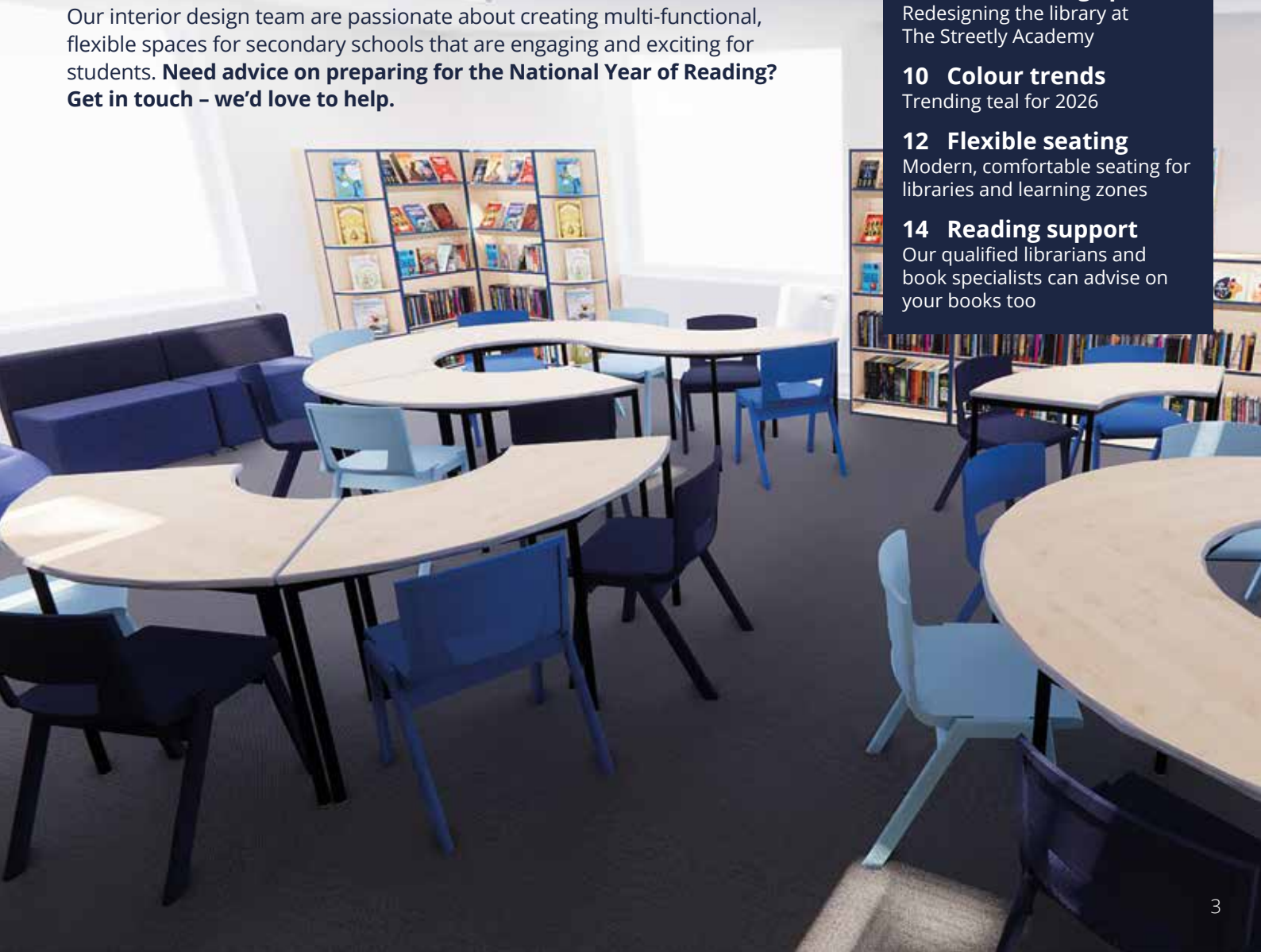
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Our qualified librarians and book specialists can advise on your books too



Design service

Whether you're creating a new library or learning zone from scratch, or revamping an existing space in your school, our qualified interior designers can help make your vision a reality.

From multi-functional learning zones to classrooms and smaller study spaces, our team will work closely with you to bring your ideas to life.

1. Contact us to request your free library design visit and consultation.
2. One of our interior designers will come out to visit you in school and discuss your plans for the space – or we can work from dimensions and photographs if you prefer.
3. We'll then put together a free 3D CAD design and itemised quotation.
4. We'll handle everything, from the design to the installation – we can even supply the books too.



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"Peters helped with a practical yet creative design that could repurpose some of the existing furniture too. Installation was excellent. The library is always busy, but it is now calmer and more purposeful."

Margaret Formby

Library Resources Assistant,
Stratford Girls' Grammar School



Request your free design visit

To arrange a free design visit with our team,
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us at designservices@peters.co.uk

Shelving and storage

When it comes to creating a space where reading for pleasure is celebrated, bookshelves are key. Our modern shelving ranges allow you to create eye-catching book displays, highlight new titles and give focus to particular themes or genres.

Using a combination of units at different heights – and a mix of spine-facing and forward-facing display – creates visual appeal and helps engage students.



Maximising your book display

Popular with secondary schools, our functional and stylish book display range allows you to show off new titles, create themed book displays or showcase a selection of magazines to entice your students.



High base paperback spinner

This five-tier high base paperback spinner holds around 120 books, and its height makes it ideal for secondary schools.



Magazine ladder

Ideal for magazines or your top picks for an attention-grabbing display. Choose from a range of colours to suit your library, reading space or even reception area.



Apto bookshelf – 150cm

The Apto bookshelves create dynamic and enticing book displays, with a mix of regular and front-facing adjustable shelves.

Also available: 84cm, 120cm, 180cm

Focus unit

Use the focus unit to highlight the latest new books, or titles on a specific theme. Holding around 80 books, it's great as a standalone item or at the end of a row of shelving.



View our book display range online

Browse more book display options at peters.co.uk/furniture/book-display

Transforming spaces

Case study: The Streetly Academy

The Streetly Academy were looking to create a brand-new library from scratch – an engaging, inviting space that would provide a focal point in their campaign to develop a love of reading amongst their students. Our interior design team were only too happy to help.

Before: 3D CAD design



After: Post-installation photo



Peters' Interior Design Team were inspired by the school's brand colours, navy and gold, muting them to create a modern colour scheme to suit all students from ages 11-18. They designed a space with a very different feel to the classrooms throughout the school, and with a range of seating options – benches, sofas, pods and beanbags – to entice students and allow them to choose the area that appeals most to them.

Flexibility was also key: the Octo and Quarto seating can be reconfigured to change the layout of the space, and the tables can also be moved if desired – meaning the library can be refreshed over time. The team also used shelving units of a range of heights to create a more dynamic, interesting space, incorporating our Apto range for front-facing book display.

The team explain: "Wall-to-wall shelving in a library won't engage students, as there is too much to look at, which makes it more difficult for them to choose their own books. Incorporating front-facing displays as well as spine-facing makes it more likely a book will catch their eye."

"The library that Peters designed for us is perfect for our school. The students have been very excited by our new space, and often comment on how calm it feels. I love that I can rearrange the chairs to create a different look/feel depending on the activity, and find it so useful to be able to change the shelving around for new book displays. There is definitely a real buzz around our library now which wasn't there before."

Danielle Rose
Librarian



See more library transformations

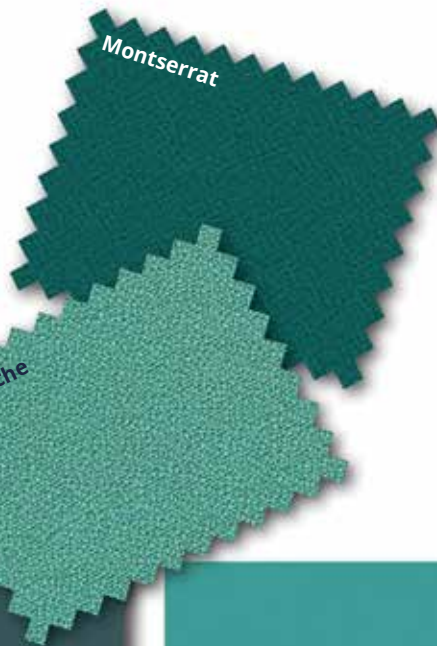
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Colour trends for 2026: transformative teal

Teal is a medium to dark blue-green colour that combines the calming properties of blue with the rejuvenating qualities of green. It is named after the common teal bird, which has a similar stripe of colour on its head, and can transform a school library into a tranquil, nature-inspired retreat.

When used on accent walls or behind bookshelves, teal evokes the calm of forest canopies and deep waters, creating a soothing backdrop for quiet study. Cosy reading nooks painted in teal feel like hidden woodland alcoves, especially when paired with natural wood shelving.

Soft seating and sofas in teal upholstery add depth and warmth, while touches of greenery – potted plants, hanging vines, or botanical artwork – enhance the organic vibe. Accessories like rugs and soft cushions in earthy neutrals bring balance and texture, making the library feel grounded and inviting.



Natural Oak



Petrol



Turquoise

How to use teal in your library

- Create an accent wall using teal artwork, wallpaper, vinyls, or paint
- Accessorise with sofas, cushions or beanbags in a mix of teal tones, whether fabric or vinyl
- Incorporate teal furniture, using a solid all over colour, or opt for teal shelves or edging





More on colour trends for your library

Find more tips from our team at peters.co.uk/colour-trends

Seating for schools



Create a comfortable, enticing reading space that's both functional and flexible with our range of modular and soft-seating for secondary school students.

Our Quarto and Octo benches can be arranged in a variety of configurations, ideal for refreshing your library's layout over time, while beanbags and beanpods provide a relaxed area for book clubs and talking about books with friends.

"In secondary schools, we design spaces that adapt to changing needs. Modular seating provides flexibility to keep your library fresh, while combining curves and straight lines in seating, shelving, and tables creates a sleek, modern look."

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Create flexible, functional library spaces

Our seating can be used across your school, from library spaces and reading zones to classrooms, office spaces or even your staffroom.



Quarto seat

A customisable seat that's popular with schools and libraries. Place two together to create a semi-circle, or four to make a circle.



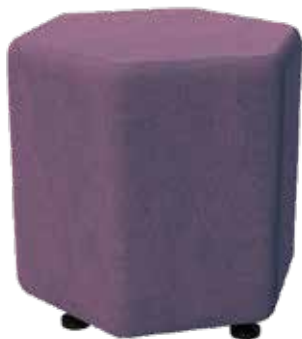
Student recliner beanbag

Designed to enhance the experience of reading, the student recliner beanbag allows students to relax and lose themselves in a good book.



Atom bench

The eye-catching shape and bright fabric make this bench a must-have for book groups or class discussion.



Hexagon pod

The hexagon pod can be moved around making it ideal for paired reading or book groups. You can also customise the colour to suit your library or classroom, and choose from a fabric or vinyl finish.



Student lounge beanbag and footstool

Ideal for solo study and laptop work, this set includes a large supportive beanbag and versatile footstool that doubles as an extra seat.



Octo seat

The Octo seat has a backrest to maximise student comfort.

View all seating

Browse our full range of seating for secondary schools at peters.co.uk/furniture/seating

Support for all your reading requirements

Not only do we design and install library furniture for schools – we can supply your books, too.

Our team of qualified librarians and book specialists read and review more than 10,000 newly published books every year, so you can be confident that we can recommend the right books for your students.

Along with competitive discounts and exciting new fiction, non-fiction, poetry and graphic novels, we can offer a wealth of support on the following:

- **Diverse and inclusive books**
- **Popular TikTok titles**
- **Accelerated Reader™ quizzed books**
- **Class sets for Tutor Time reads**
- **Book jacketing and labelling**
- **Free bibliographic data for your library management system**



"Peters were brilliant from start to finish – from the design process to the assembly of the furniture and then the choosing and supply of the books. They were extremely knowledgeable when it came to book choice... They also supplied the books with book jackets, bar codes and labelling on the spine which made the whole process much easier."

Jo Atherton

Assistant Headteacher,
Leasowes High School

NEW!
**Library audit
service**

Is your library an engaging and inviting space that encourages pupils to read for pleasure? Our expert team can work with you to enhance your book provision in school, weeding your old stock, supporting organisation and layout and ensuring your book collection is diverse and inclusive.

Find out more at peters.co.uk/library-audit-services, or email hello@peters.co.uk to request a library audit for your school.

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Support from our expert team

Find out how our team can support with your school's reading requirements by emailing hello@peters.co.uk



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