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Apto single sided bookshelf - 180cm
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Apto double sided bookshelf - 84cm
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Octo seat
Quarto bench

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The importance of libraries

Maintaining students' relationship with reading can be a challenge as they transition to secondary school, however more schools than ever are now aware of the importance of reading for pleasure into Key Stage 3 and beyond. The Department for Education's updated reading framework emphasises that providing easy access to a range of engaging, diverse books to capture students' imagination is vital to keeping them reading for pleasure as they get older.

Our interior design team are passionate about creating multi-functional, flexible spaces for secondary schools that not only facilitate learning, but are also engaging and inviting for students. **Need advice on creating a library space that promotes reading for pleasure? Get in touch - we'd love to help.**

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Apto double sided bookshelf - 180cm
Apto double sided bookshelf - 120cm
Apto double sided end display - 120cm
Postura+ chair - 43cm
Circle table

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.



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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



Senior Interior Designer Helena Thornton-Hall was 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. She 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. Helena 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.

Helena explains: "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

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Colour psychology



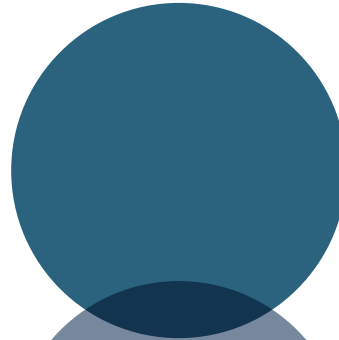
Our interior designers often draw on colour psychology to inform the work they do in schools, seeking to align emotions and behaviours with the purpose of the space.

Bright colours – such as red and orange – for example, are thought to encourage alertness for group activities and discussion, while softer tones like green and blue may be more suited to spaces dedicated to reading.

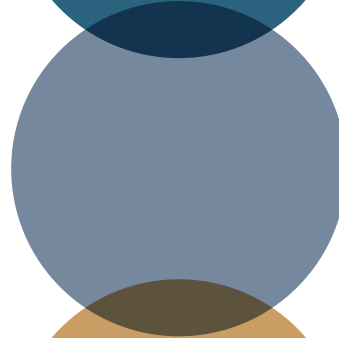
“Each colour can bring amazing benefits to your space, it’s just about knowing how and where to use them.”

Sophia Thomas
Interior Designer

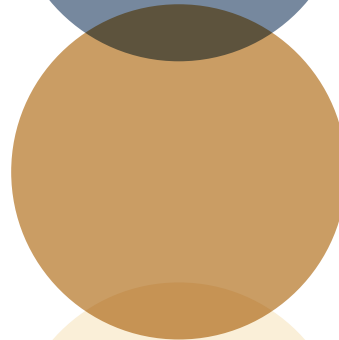
Our team’s recommended colour combinations



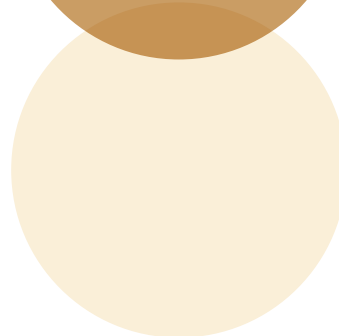
Ocean blue
Blue is considered to be the most desirable colour for learning, as it promotes memory and enhances creativity.



Dusky blue
Many schools design their environment to have the effects of calm and tranquillity.



Golden yellow
The colour yellow releases serotonin, which is a chemical in the brain that has the potential to reduce anxiety and depression.



Off white
A timeless shade that promotes a calm environment or provides a calming effect.



More about colour psychology

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

Flexible and functional



Octo seat
Quarto bench
Apto single sided bookshelf - 180cm
Apto single sided end display - 180cm
Apto double sided bookshelf - 84cm
High base paperback spinner
Single tier book stands

Create a modern library or reading space that's both functional and flexible, with our modular 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.

Our team are experienced in designing library spaces and study environments for young people aged 11 and up. Need support to maximise your library or reading spaces and ensure they're inviting for students? We can help.

"When designing a space we will always consider a school's long-term requirements, and modular seating allows endless opportunities to keep your library fresh and up-to-date. Combining seating with shelving and tables to create a mix of curves and right angles also gives a contemporary, stylish feel."

Jessica McCoy
Interior Design Manager

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Modular seating for schools

Our popular modular seating can be moved as desired to reconfigure your space, affording maximum flexibility for your library or learning zone.



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. Ideal for book clubs!



Deluxe giant pod

This giant circular pod is available in a range of deluxe fabrics, with four chrome finished legs for a modern look.



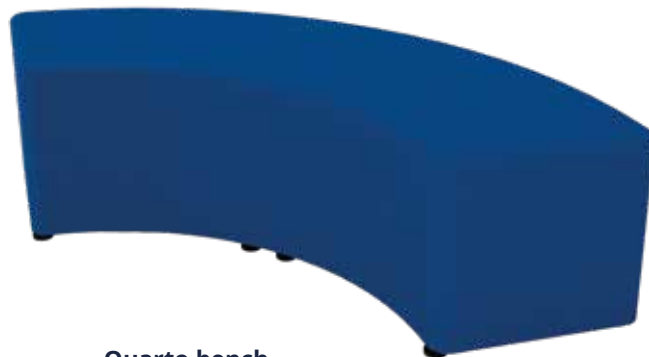
Atom bench

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



Hexagon pod

Flexible and fun, 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.



Quarto bench

Create a comfortable spot for students to sit and read with the Quarto bench – the ideal companion to the Quarto seat. Choose from a fabric or vinyl finish.

Octo seat

The Octo seat has a backrest to maximise student comfort.



See all modular seating

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

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

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us at designservices@peters.co.uk

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

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