

**JANUARY  
2019**

# BOOK BITES

Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service

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## LIBRARY CONSULTATION: FREE OF CHARGE!

During the spring term the Education Library Service is offering **five** half hour library consultation sessions free of charge. Sessions will be booked for the first five schools to get in touch requesting a visit.

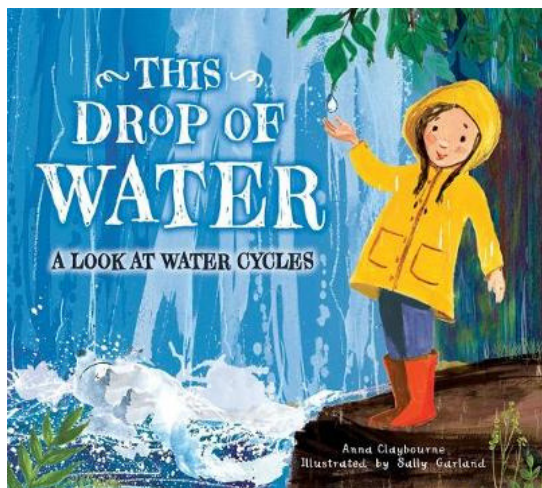
You can use these sessions to get advice on a planned library refurbishment, to get a quick overview of your current library provision or just to find out more about the services the ELS offers.

## PAPER TEXTS BEAT DIGITAL DEVICES FOR LEARNING AND COMPREHENSION – THAT'S OFFICIAL!

A meta-analysis (Educational Research Review vol. 25 November 2018 by Delgado, Vargas, Ackerman and Salmeron) on the effects of paper versus digital media on reading comprehension, has found that across all age groups the former gives much better results.

Drawing on more than 54 studies of 171,055 participants from age 10 to adult, the results were decisive, particularly with non-fiction, either informational or mixed informational and narrative. The title of their research says it all: 'Don't throw away your printed books'!

There are some fabulous non-fiction books being published, which we buy and will include in our project boxes for your schools. Every topic box is created bespoke for your school, so simply let us know what you need and for what ages, and you may use the resources for a term.



*A New Non-fiction title which recently arrived with us:*

**This Drop of Water by Anna Garland, illustrated by Sally Garland**

Beautiful bright illustrations – watercolours we hope! – accompany the lively text of this informative book for younger children. It packs plenty in, conveyed in an immediate and vivid way – well, this subject couldn't be dry, could it?!

(Watts, £13.99 hardback, ISBN 9781445163659)



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## ADVANCE WARNING: EARLY BIRD BUY-IN

As we enter 2019, the new financial year is on the horizon which means it will soon be contract renewal time for locally maintained schools. To ensure that you get even better value, we'll again be offering an 'Early Bird' token rate of £75 each, £10 cheaper than the standard price of £85. Think of your budget: to make sure you get the service you want at this price, ensure your contract is agreed on SLA Online by 31st May 2019. You can find details of all the services we offer in our newly updated brochure- get in touch if you would like to be sent a copy for your school.

The 'Early Bird' period for local authority schools runs from 1st April to 31st May and for academies, from 1st September to 31st October.

## ...BUT DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR TOKENS!

Local Authority schools should be considering how to make the best use of any remaining tokens they might have as these should be utilised before the end of the spring term; those schools with tokens remaining were recently e-mailed a reminder.

Tokens can be used for or towards any ELS services; if you are unsure of the number you may have left to use, or would like to purchase additional services or tokens please contact the ELS office.

## NORFOLK LIBRARIES DIGIFEST: COMING SOON TO A LIBRARY NEAR YOU!



Codable caterpillars, robot unicorns, stop motion animation and digital music – just some of the exciting events coming to Norfolk Libraries in February 2019 as part of DigiFest: a celebration of digital making.

With events for children and young people aged 4-16, there is something to inspire every family.

Free workshops will be taking place in every Norfolk Library throughout February. Join us to get hands-on with new and exciting tech, whether that's simple coding for the under 5s or building your own Scribblebot.

Want to take the fun home? Norfolk libraries lend out Micro:bits – tiny computers just right for creating your own projects. We'll be running a competition for the best Micro:bit creation, with prizes for the winners.

Find events near you and join the competition at: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/digifest](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/digifest)

## SPRING TERM COURIER

If you have anything to return to us or would like project boxes or stationary orders to be sent to your school, please send your requests to us in good time. Academies, please contact us directly to arrange a delivery or collection.

**25th/26th February**