#### HIGH LIGHTS Sept 2019 **Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service**

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# **Essential get-together for all who** work in our high school libraries!

#### Presentation and discussion led by Caroline Roche, MA, MCLIP, Chair of the School Libraries Group of CILIP

Caroline is librarian at Eltham College in London, and is coming to talk to Norfolk high school librarians about the national campaign to recognise the essential value of school libraries which was launched last year. The three year campaign has three specific objectives:

- Recognition of school libraries/librarians in Ofsted Inspection Framework
- Creation of a school library strategy for England
- Specific investment into school library development

It will be an informal discussion and she will answer your questions about professionalism and other aspects of working in our school libraries. We do urge that you try to attend as the topic is of extreme importance and relevance to us all.

Date: 1st November 2019 Time: 1.30pm – 4.00pm Venue: Vernon Castle Room, Millennium Library, Norwich <u>Cost:</u> £15

To book, please contact us by Friday 4th October 2019

# **UK CILIP Training Day: The Power of Us**

CILIP SLG are holding their annual general meeting and training day on Friday October 18th at the CILIP headquarters in London. The course will explore the many roles that school librarians have in their schools and provide opportunities for librarians to share their experiences and learn from their peers as well as hear from leading children's authors. Topics will include librarians and great school libraries, librarians as reading promoters and much, much more.

Costs: CILIP Members £50 + VAT, Non Members £65 + VAT

To book a place, please visit www.cilip.org.uk/events/register.aspx?id=1258474

#### And if you can't get there, DO come to our forum (only £15; see above) where you will hear more about how SLG can help you, and other issues of concern to all



### Kids' Lit Quiz 2019

The Norfolk Heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz 2019 is on the horizon and will be taking place at Dereham Neatherd High School, where it is overseen by the brilliant Lorraine Gill.

#### Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Venue: Dereham Neatherd High School, Norwich Road, Dereham. NR20 3AX

<u>Times:</u> **3-6 pm** (with a book stall/author signing from 2.30 pm for those schools that can arrive earlier than 3pm.)

The cost per team is £50 payable before 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

For further details and to register your school team, please contact Lorraine directly by email: <u>lorraine gill@neatherd.org</u>

### **BookTrust School Library Pack**

The School Library Pack (and the Special School Library Pack) is a reading for pleasure programme which gives <u>free</u> books to every year 7 secondary school intake in England. The packs will be delivered in January 2020 and are funded by Arts Council England and other BookTrust partners and donors

Each pack contains titles selected specifically for 11-14 year olds; they are a great opportunity to not only boost your existing stock, but to broaden the reading of students, encouraging them to pick up authors and genres they may not usually encounter. Supporting resources are provided to help facilitate and spark reading discussion with young readers

For more information about the programme or to register your school, visit the BookTrust website: <u>www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/school-library-pack</u>

# Digital Literacy is Us- and that's not fake!

*"Educating the public has always been the role of libraries in our society"*, says Rebecca Hill in an article from the Intellectual Freedom Blog from the Office for Intellectual Freedom, American Library Association.

So that role, part of which we call digital literacy, falls on librarians who should be dealing with this issue. And how much more vital is that message to get through to children and young people. We school librarians should be creating awareness and helping our young users understand that what they are seeing may not be accurate and that they shouldn't jump to any conclusions. We need to lead them to trustworthy sites and show them how to assess their accuracy by checking sources and authorial credibility.

On the whole we buy books from established, specialist publishers and known good authors, so that while checking printed texts are still up-to-date and relevant we do trust the information contained, and it is important for our children and young people to feel reassured that they can rely on what they are reading and learning.

How confident are you in your own digital literacy, and how you assist your school community? Maybe one for discussion at our Forum (see previous page)!