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# BOOK BITES

Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service

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## Buy-in time for local authority schools! All prices frozen at 2019-2020 rates!

Here's a friendly reminder that buy-in time for local authority schools is now upon us again! Remember that we are flexible with the services we offer and if, when you receive your brochure, you are interested in a service that doesn't quite match your requirements or budget please do get in touch to see if we can offer something that suits you better. There is nothing to lose in asking!

## ...And don't forget to use your remaining to-

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 contacted to remind them to use their remaining balance.

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.

## Becoming a Reading School: Library Volunteer



We have now been offering this brilliant service for well over a year and schools that have opted into the service have seen an amazing improvement in the running of their libraries and consequently, a greater buzz about reading in school!

Follow [this link](#) to see a recent video of the volunteers at Lyng Primary School talking about their first-hand experience of their volunteer training and follow up forum meetings.

If you are interested in having trained library volunteers to maintain your library and support your pupils in its use, please get in touch via email: [education.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:education.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk) or by giving us a call— **01603 222265**



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# World Book Day 2020: Share a Million Stories



Share a Million Stories is a new initiative from the team at World Book Day, designed to encourage everyone to spread a love of books and reading for pleasure at home and at school, with a view to making story-sharing the habit of a lifetime.

Anyone can get involved, but it's especially aimed at children and young people of school age, as well as their families. All reading counts toward a story share and you can choose any book you like, so long as it's for a minimum of 10 minutes per day. If you read a story to your class of 30, this would qualify as 30 story shares! Research shows that reading at any time can have an impact on every child's future, and it's fun!

To get involved, register at [www.worldbookday.com/share-a-million-stories](http://www.worldbookday.com/share-a-million-stories) to set your school's reading target and chart your progress between 27th February and 29th March. There are also lots of resources on the WBD website, including posters, bookmarks and ideas to inspire your pupils reading journey.

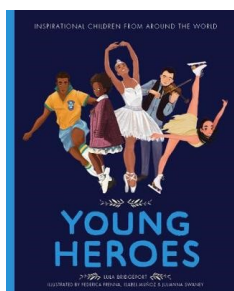
## UKLA Our Class Loves This Book

This prestigious UKLA Award celebrates a class's response (led by their teacher) to one of the books shortlisted for the UKLA book awards ([see them here](#)). Staff are encouraged to explore a book in detail, encouraging their class to creatively feed back their thoughts in any way whether it's drama, writing, music, art– or a combination!

There are lots of brilliant prizes available for the winning entrant including an author visit but act fast: the deadline for taking part is **30th March 2020**. It's free to participate so to find out more, visit: [ukla.org/awards/our-class-loves-this-book-the-just-imagine-award](http://ukla.org/awards/our-class-loves-this-book-the-just-imagine-award)

## Pass on the Word: Stories to Inspire

The production of fabulous non-fiction continues unabated, with more and more great illustrators and writers being encouraged to dip into all sorts of subjects, and publishers ensuring the resulting books look and feel great. Here are a couple we have bought recently and dipped into before sending out to schools.



### **Young Heroes by Lula Bridgeport**

You would not believe how many famous and inspiring young people there were around the world! This handsome hardback gives brief biographies of more than 100, both living and dead, who have achieved fame in many different ways. Norfolk's young artist Kieron Williamson is featured, as well as children who have achieved great things in arenas like sport, maths and music. Heroism in the face of adversity is also celebrated, with names like Anne Frank and Malala Yousafzai.

You may not have heard of many of these young people, but their stories are all fascinating, young readers being encouraged to aim higher themselves, with interesting websites and other sources of information listed.



### **Epic Tales of Triumph and Adventure by Simon Cheshire, illustrated by Fatti Burke**

Another chunky hardback, this time with brief biographies of brave people from the past with a global perspective. Most of the 66 chosen subjects will probably be unknown not only to a young audience but adult readers too. Attractive production and illustrations make this a fun and interesting read.

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