

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

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A newsletter bringing you a coffee break's worth (if you are lucky enough to have one!) of news and treats from your friendly team of School Library Service staff

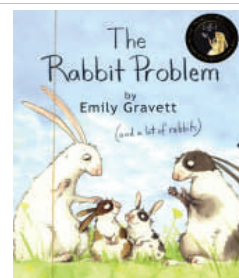
Norfolk Libraries Children's Book Award 2011 Winners



Younger award winner: Jackie Morris – Tell Me a Dragon

Older award winner: Emily Gravett – The Rabbit Problem

Thanks! Over 6000 children in libraries and schools across Norfolk voted and we are looking forward to the celebrations soon.



Competitions!

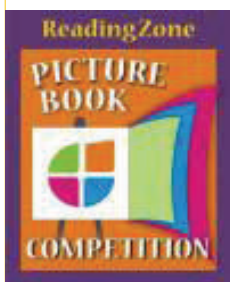
ReadingZone Picture Book Competition 2011

http://www.readingzone.com/index.php?zone=sz&page=full_picture_book&id=1030

Have a look at this link for a fab competition for your creative little darlings!

And while you're there it's a useful site with lots of great book ideas.

The 2011 picture book competition, inviting children and young people aged four to 18 years to make their own picture books, is now open. Children's Laureate Anthony Browne will choose the winning picture books. The four winning schools will receive a free author / illustrator visit and sets of picture books.



The competition will close on 16th May and the winners will be announced on ReadingZone.com on 24th June.

Short story competition from Chris Evans and Radio 2

Hello! Are you 13 years old or under? Then enter our 500 Word competition today!

As part of the BBC Year of Books, the Chris Evans Breakfast Show wants to get the children of the UK firing up their imaginations and putting pen to paper, chisel to stone, quill to parchment, or just finger to keyboard. If you are aged 13 or under, you are invited to write a short story of 500 words about any made-up subject you like and send it to the BBC via the link <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio2/shows/chris-evans/500-words/>

Jeremy Strong Resources

Jeremy Strong is one of those authors who just keep on getting it right. He seems to be as popular now as 20 years ago. We are thinking a lot about 'books for boys who hate reading' at the moment as we prepare our inset and thought you might find this Resource pack useful.

<http://www.jeremystrong.co.uk/pages/downloadable-resources-for-teachers>

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Services to Schools Contract

The Services to School Contracts are currently arriving in school inboxes. Please have a look at the School Library Service pages. You will find that we are able to offer great value for money. We can supply you with a changing stock of

books to meet your specific needs, a mobile library visit to give your children a different 'library experience' and experienced staff to help you with the practical skills of running your library or working with children to enthuse them about books and reading.

More SLS News

Olympics 2012 Reading Relay

Thanks to all those who have already signed up for the Reading Relay- Norfolk is way ahead of the other authorities! More news will be coming out soon, we are really looking forward to the fun!

Praise from some of our customers

"The new system of importing (mobile) books to Junior Librarian & Excel spreadsheet is excellent – fast & effective!"

"I love bookbites- it's my little oasis that links me with the School Library Service"

Courier delivery and collections

The courier will be collecting Spring term projects from you on 28th /29th March

The first summer term delivery will be on 26th/27th April, so please order your projects by 15th April to guarantee delivery on that day.

Missed the courier? Did you know that when you have a mobile library visit they can also collect or deliver projects, just let us know in advance. You can also collect in person from County Hall, we are open Monday to Friday, 8am to 4.30pm.

Thinking about your Mobile Library visit... Don't forget that if you have a visit coming up and you want to borrow specific authors, titles or genres do let us know in advance of the visit. The vans are refilled each day with you in mind!

"The primary and secondary schools visited emphasised the school library contributed markedly to improving literacy skills..."
Source: Removing barriers to literacy, Ofsted Jan 2011

Forthcoming INSET

Coming up this term...

March 9th—Books for Boys (and Girls) who hate reading. Full day course.

March 30th—Making the Most of Junior Librarian. Half day course. Repeated in the Summer term.

For more information on either of these courses or to book please give us a call on 01603 222265.

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