

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

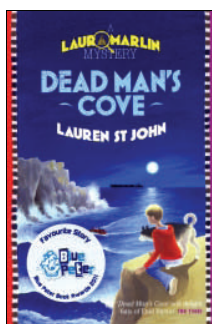
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A newsletter bringing you a coffee break's worth (if you are lucky enough to have one!) of news and treats from your friendly team of School Library Service staff

We'll start this issue with some brilliant books!

Blue Peter Book Award 2011 Winner: Dead

Man's Cove – Lauren St John
A mystery set in Cornwall is the overall winner of the Blue Peter Book Awards 2011. Dead Man's Cove follows the adventures of Laura Marlin, an 11-year-old amateur sleuth, as she departs her children's home and embarks on a new life with her mysterious uncle.



Packed with all the ingredients of a classic British adventure novel, mixed in with modern-day themes, the book triumphed in the Favourite Story category before securing the ultimate accolade of Blue Peter Book of the Year 2011.

CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal Shortlist for 2011

With their contrasting styles, these 8 shortlisted titles encourage younger children to explore a variety of new ideas. **'Cloud Tea Monkeys'** and **'Big Bear, Little Bear'** offer new lands and the animals that inhabit them; **'FarTHER'** and **'The Heart and the Bottle'** explore the emotions of loss and bereavement and the importance of keeping dreams alive. **'Ernest'** gets to grips with size and scale and in **'Jim'** we consider the importance of freedom and behaviour. In **'April Underhill, Tooth Fairy'** we find out where tooth fairies live and we look at the Goldilocks story in a completely new way in **'Me and You'**. The prize is awarded annually for outstanding illustration in a children's book.

For a full list of nominations see:

www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk Winners will be announced on 23rd June.

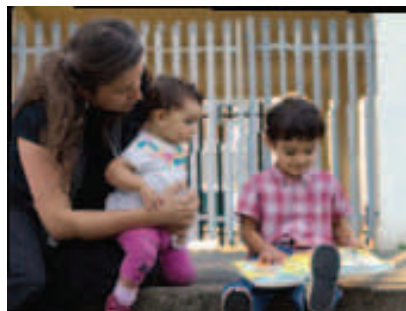
HELP!! Lost Books!! What to do if you find you have lots of missing SLS books

We may well have some ideas to help you keep track of your stock. We sometimes go into schools to do a 'search and rescue' mission to help you find our books.

Books at home. You may decide to restrict which books go home, but don't forget to involve parents in using lovely books with their children. We could come into school to support a session for parents during the school day.

Cliff Park Infants School recently ran a 'Consultation Morning' before buying new books for their library. Parents and their pre-schoolers were invited for a 1 hour session with refreshments. Mandy Steel, from SLS, chatted about the value and fun of sharing books at home, and older children joined their parents from class. Mandy supplied lots of lovely SLS books and

families wrote comments about the books on 'post-it' notes. These comments formed the basis for developing a book order for the school. Around 70 parents signed up for the 3 sessions and the school received some great feedback.



KS2 Fiction Discussion group meets at Fakenham Library on Wed 6th July. Ring for details

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Inset courses for 2011-12

Advance notice of our 2011-12 inset dates. For more details please give us a call, or look out for fliers in school. We can also offer INSET in your school or cluster; please let us know if you are interested.

Summer 2011

Making the Most of Junior Librarian: 15th June

Autumn 2011

Traditional Tales (KS2): 28th September

Library Express: 18th October

Library Express in West Norfolk: 20th October
Making the Most of Junior Librarian: 2nd November
Exploring the Picture (KS1): 30th November

Spring 2012

Motivating Boys: 18th January

Not Just a Pretty Picture(KS2): 1st February

Traditional Tales (KS1): 29th February

Search Strategies/ICT/Junior Librarian: 7th March

Making the Most of Junior Librarian: 21st March

Online Resource. Sorry, this one isn't free, but www.jsconlineresources.org have a massive collection of quality online educational resources including eChalk, an innovative collection of over 850 curriculum-mapped ideas, hands-on activities etc., with a focus on learning. Let us know if you think your school is interested in this resource.

Start a Cluster Reading Group!

Children from 7 primary schools in the Methwold cluster came together at the end of last term to enjoy fun activity mornings based on set books. Gail Arnold, from SLS, chose books for 'Gifted and Talented' and 'Intermediate' groups which were then read at school during term. The activity mornings consisted of a quiz, dance, drama and a chance for children from different schools

to work together on posters (see picture). If your cluster of schools would like to do something similar, do get in touch with us.



More news...

Farewell to Robin Gregory!

We are very sad that Robin, our longest serving staff member, has taken a well earned retirement! He helped to set the SLS up in the early '90's and has delighted of children (and teachers!) in schools throughout Norfolk with his storytelling skills for over 20 years. In addition he has a huge database of information about children's books and reading in his head which we will miss a great deal. As a dual qualified teacher librarian he has taught information literacy skills at all levels. So we must say "Goodbye Robin, we'll miss you, and thanks for the ride!"

Odd Jobs! In these days, when staff time is increasingly restricted, we can come into your school and do some of the jobs you no longer have time for! Cataloguing, removing books from the system, labelling books, reorganizing space, or packing and unpacking when a move is planned. Ask for Caroline.

Projects, projects, projects...

Please be aware of the **courier dates** when ordering your projects. Delivery/collection dates for the Summer term are:

23rd/24th May (order by **18th May** for this delivery)

27th/28th June (order by **22nd June** for this delivery)

18th/19th July—this will be the collection date for Summer term projects.

If there is enough demand we may add an extra delivery before May 23rd!

Thanks to all those schools who have bought packages from us for 2011-12. If you haven't bought a package from us, you can still buy a service from us, including staff time or individual projects when you need them. Please contact us or check our website www.norfolk.gov.uk/sls for prices.

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