

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

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New School Contracts

By now you will have had chance to look at the new [Services to Schools Contracts, 2012-13](#). Our new system of 'tokens' is much more customer friendly, you can structure the service you have from us in the best way for your individual school, rather than the old 'package'. Have a look at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/sls or ring us to discuss your service.

Spaces on SLS INSET courses

We have some spaces on our forthcoming INSET courses. These include:

Love Sport: Love Reading presented by popular children's sports author Tom Palmer. This will be held in Bury St Edmunds on April 20th.

Going Global: Diversity in an Olympic Year on March 14th, 4pm at County Hall.

Making the Most of Junior Librarian on 21st March at County Hall.

For information, pricing or booking please call us.

Junior Librarian A cautionary note for those of you contemplating an upgrade of your Junior.3 systems to the online .net version. Some schools have experienced a slow response from their new online versions and having spoken to ICT shared services it appears that this is possibly because the site is very bandwidth intensive. Work is taking place to improve school broadband speeds in general, but at present if you are tempted by the new version please speak to your ICT technician before committing yourselves. If you need any training please contact us.

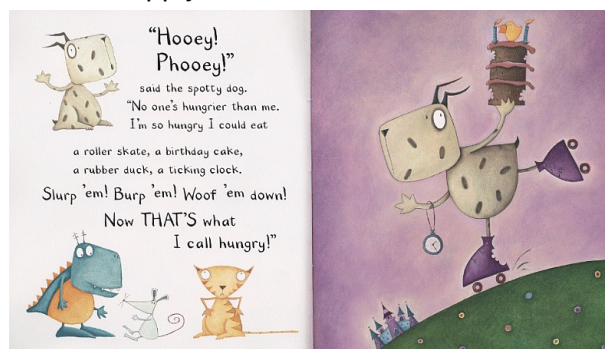
Making Phonics Fun – or Should That be Phun?

Helping Y1 teachers develop their Literacy aims, with books that encourage the four independent strands of language: speaking, listening, reading and writing

SLS is offering collections of 24 books based around learning to read. They comprise a mix of short read chapter books and picture books, and are not from reading schemes. However, they have all been chosen because they offer something extra special in their use of language, their joy in the sound of words and their strong story lines. The synergy of picture to text is also crucial, and the very best of new artist/authors have been chosen. Examples include: Mo Willems, Nick Sharratt, and Emily Gravett, and Julia

Donaldson. The intention is to enthuse children and give them an appreciation of why Literacy is not only such an essential skill, but why it is such a life enhancing asset which will help their imaginations fly.

Ask for a Making Phonics Fun Project Loan, the usual procedures apply.



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School visits to public libraries

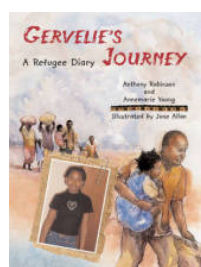
We have had really great feedback when schools have made visits to their local public library. These visits, supported by staff from the public library, can be very significant in encouraging a lifelong reading and library habit.

Many families do not realise that library membership is free, or the huge range of stock and online resources which are available once you have your own library ticket. Please contact your local library (0344 800 8020) to discuss your requirements.

Books and resources

Refugee Diaries: Gervelie's Journey, Hamzat's Journey, Mohammed's Journey, Melmet's Journey.

These books provide an insight into what life is really like for children fleeing violence in various countries. Gervelie has now settled in Norwich and is at a High School. One of the authors,



Annemarie Young, is happy to run workshops (y4-8) in schools which confront children in this country with the issue of child refugees, using role play from Amnesty International.

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Money, money, money...

This month we have 4 suggestions of grants you can apply for to **boost your funding** for the library or literacy in your school.

You may already have seen our SLS Better Libraries offer: We will support 4 schools (two primary phase schools, one special school and one secondary phase school) to develop their school library as the learning heart of the school, with reading for pleasure and learning as the centre we will provide **£3000** to buy books, furnishings, display equipment and / or library management software and give a minimum of 3 days expertise from the SLS team.

Application deadline 29.2.12, and there will be another round to look out for next academic year!

Norfolk County Council are also offering 'Living Well in the Community' Grants.

These are for activities which develop and provide Prevention activities for the benefit of Norfolk residents. In this context, prevention means action to prevent or delay loss of independence, to improve quality of life and to promote social inclusion. You might consider an application to support a cross generational activity around the Olympics or the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, or a Reading Group for a vulnerable group in school supported by older members of your local

community. [http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Adult social care/Benefits and Grants/NCC099623](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Adult%20social%20care/Benefits%20and%20Grants/NCC099623)

The Royal Society Partnership Grants help schools to run exciting and innovative projects in partnership with a professional scientist or engineer.

Do you have a great idea for bringing science to life in schools? The Partnership Grants scheme provides grants of up to £3,000 for science projects run at a primary or secondary school or college in partnership with a professional scientist or engineer.

<http://royalsociety.org/education/partnership/>

The Clore Poetry and Literature Awards fund. Poetry and literature initiatives for children and young people, under the age of 19, across the UK.



They aim to provide children and young people with opportunities to experience poetry and literature in exciting and compelling ways, in and out of school. It is open to Primary, Middle, Secondary, Special Schools, sixth form colleges, academies and further education colleges, professional literature, poetry and creative writing organisations, and libraries

http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/page_sub.php?id=331&parent=35

So don't be dismayed, disheartened, disappointed... There is money out there, and some of it might be for your school!

Please get in touch so we can add you to our mailing list to receive SLS news or information by email

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