

# Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

April 2012

## Better Libraries 2012

Congratulations to the 4 schools who were successful in applying for our Better Libraries grants. We are looking forward to working with **Old Buckenham High School, Parkside Special School, Swanton Morley Primary School and St Peter and St Paul Primary School, Carbrooke.**

All of the 50 applications we received were of a very high standard and included fantastic ideas and also descriptions of excellent practice. We look forward to sharing the good practice across the county as we work in partnership with these schools to develop their library provision.

**The Big Jubilee Read** Go to [www.literacytrust.org.uk/competitions/big\\_jubilee\\_read](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/competitions/big_jubilee_read) for free downloadable resources to take your children on a reading 'journey' around the commonwealth countries. Children collect 'reading miles' by reading at home and at school and mark their journey on a fun poster. All children who complete the journey will be entered into a competition to win great prizes. There is also the chance to write to children in another commonwealth country.



## SLS News

Due to popular demand we are running another **Motivating Boys INSET.**

**Date:** Thursday 3rd May

**Time:** 9.00 – 15.30

**Cost:** 2 tokens = £140

The course will include imaginative activities to engage boys and a chance to browse a specially selected range of books.

Please call 01603 222265 to book your place.

**"I found the movie-making part useful and will use this with my children!"**

Year 4 class teacher.

**"Excellent knowledge displayed"**

Key Stage 2 teaching assistant.

**Do alert your governors** to our special Inset on 14th June, 7 – 9pm, at County Hall, on:

**The Importance of the School Library.**

Details are on the governors' website and in the training brochure.

**Does your school use the .net version of Junior Librarian?**

Coming soon...Junior Librarian. net is an online, fully hosted version of the very familiar Junior Librarian. Some schools have been using it successfully for a while and as part of our developing Inset offer we are preparing to offer training to schools. We would love to see how .net is working in your school and offer you some hints and tips to get the best from your system. So we are offering **free training** to the first two schools to respond to this notice. To book your training session please contact Caroline Barker in the SLS office.

**Mobile Madness!** Our mobile library has been whizzing around the Norfolk roads this term and has visited 48 schools, helped 3554 children, seen 403 school staff and issued an amazing 15,773 books!

Make sure your school has bought tokens if you'd like a visit or it'll whizz straight past.

**"I love the mobile bus"**

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## Moving into the “Cloud”...FREE online resources for your children.

Your children can access the most up-to-date online encyclopaedia, specially tailored for children, at the click of a mouse! Using their own individual public library ticket anyone can access the **free resources on offer from Norfolk Library and Information Service, and many are available from ANY computer.**

**Britannica Junior** offers detailed articles (with the option for it to be read aloud), video clips, timelines, newsfeeds from CBBC, maps and atlases, country comparisons and weblinks.

Check it out from the [Norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://Norfolk.gov.uk/libraries) and click on What's in your Library- online information.

If you are researching your local area, try <http://historic-maps.norfolk.gov.uk/>, known as the **Norfolk E-map Explorer**. This fab website gives easy access to historic Ordnance Survey and Tithe maps of **your** part of Norfolk! Enthuse your children by showing them how their road or village has changed in the last 150 years!

**Library Shelving** As a result of a library refurb we have a large quantity of Demco shelving from their Cantilibra range for sale. It's white metal with beech end panels and about 10 years old, in good condition. If you want to know more please ring us!!

## The librarians' book awards: Kate Greenaway and Carnegie Medal

**Wolf won't bite** is one of the shortlisted picture books for the 2012 **Kate Greenaway medal**, an annual award recognising the best in picture books.

Judges said of **Wolf Won't Bite**: A book full of beautifully visualised comic touches. Every line works, and the more you read it, the more you see.



The **Carnegie Medal** is given annually to an outstanding work of fiction, and for many years has leaned heavily toward teen novels. However this year the shortlist includes **Lissa Evans' Small Change for Stuart**, which is a super story for juniors, original and intriguing. Others on the list are also indicated as suitable for KS2. See <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/> for details of all eight books shortlisted. The winner will be announced on this website on 14th June.



**Peter's Bookselling Services** are offering 25% discount if you book a visit to their lovely showroom in Birmingham between April 10th and 30th June (visit up to 31st July). If you are interested, ring 0121 666 6646 and quote SLSSUMMER2012.

## Children with Visual Impairments.

If you are supporting children with V.I. in your school we have some resources which may help. You can borrow a small selection of large print children's fiction, **free** while stocks last. The selection includes a wide range of books from Horrid Henry to Michael Morpurgo and Jacqueline Wilson. We also have some non-fiction, picture books and short reads with large print.

**Bag books** are tactile/ multi-sensory packs with simple storylines to be used with an adult, either

one to one or in small groups. You can borrow 2 for the price of a token.

Call us for more information.

In addition, **NBCS** (National Blind Children's Society) produces 'customised' large print fiction etc for home and school. [www.nbcs.org.uk](http://www.nbcs.org.uk)

The **RNIB** National Library Service lends giant print books free; these books are in 24 point bold text. Also see the very useful leaflet from the RNIB

[www.rnib.org.uk/waysofreading](http://www.rnib.org.uk/waysofreading)

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