

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

June 2012

New year—New library!

Are you thinking of doing some work on your library in the new academic year? We're here to help be it with weeding or auditing an established library, planning a new one, or offering advice on books to buy! Just get in touch.

Keeping the torch alight!

In the Summer term SLS have issued over 70 Olympics projects: the biggest take up we've ever had on a one-off topic! That's 1680 items. We hope you've enjoyed learning about the Olympics and related topics. In the autumn term we can help you keep up the good work with project loans on, for example, fitness and health, countries of the world or London. If you'd like us to display any of your children's Olympic work on our mobile library please get in touch.

Ordering your project loans for Autumn 2012

You may not want to think about the end of the summer holidays before they have even begun...but you can order your project loans for autumn 2012 now! We're here all summer, so give us a call. Any projects ordered by **September 4th** will be delivered on the courier on September 10th/11th.

If you would prefer, you're welcome to visit us over the summer, and spend some time with an SLS librarian to choose your own books, and take them away with you. Just give us a call to make an appointment if you'd like to come; we're here from 8am to 4pm every day.

For those customers who have only bought a full day mobile visit from us, remember you have a free token to use as well (if you haven't already!) —so why not order a project loan next term.

Story Lab – The Summer Reading Challenge 2012

It's not just our Olympic athletes **going for gold** this summer ...
A great reading for pleasure opportunity for your pupils begins on Friday 20th July. From this date children of all ages can sign up at their local library for the Summer Reading Challenge to read 6 books and collect bronze, silver and gold stickers – as well as their very own medal. The 2012 theme is Story Lab, a magical celebration of story and the imagination which is linked to the 2012 Olympics and the London 2012 Festival.

Children can choose any books they like: fact books, story books, joke books or picture books. Audio books and e-books count as well, so long as they borrow them from a library.
Look out for an email to your school with posters and a power point presentation to use in assembly.



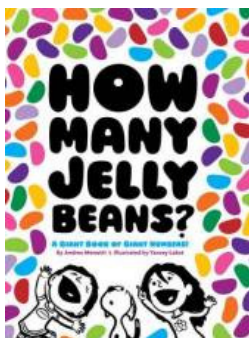
Encourage your children to keep reading over the summer—it will help their reading!

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Magic Maths and First Facts

We can help make numeracy more exciting with a maths topic box.

For example “**How Many Jelly Beans?**” by Andrea Menotti and Yancey Labat shows counting in 10s - right up to a MILLION!



It can be difficult to source **simple but attractive non-fiction** for your younger learners. Watts is publishing a new series to sit alongside their Leapfrog short reads, called Leapfrog Learners. We will be stocking them on the mobile and in project boxes as appropriate.



Helping you keep up!

We are piloting carrying a limited range of teachers' resources on the mobile library. You can borrow these for 6 weeks and return them to us with the labelled envelope provided via the courier service. If you borrowed these books in May they will be due back about now. These are proving very popular so we need to keep the circulation going!

Our INSET programme for 2012-13

Check your school inboxes for more details of our **INSET programme for 2012-13**. Highlights include: **30 Minute Library** – recipes for a good school library in frugal times; **Twilight**

INSET on Global dimensions and diversity; and our extremely popular **Motivating Boys** course. More information can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/sls and by clicking on the INSET link.

Useful links and websites

The Guardian is running a competition asking children to invent a new character to feature in a Horrid Henry story which will be published next year. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/childrens-books-site/2012/may/23/horrid-henry-competition>

This month is **Gypsy Roma and Traveller History Month**—have a look at <http://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/Pupil-needs/Traveller-Education-Service/index.htm> for some ideas. We also hold some good traveller publications at SLS.

Did you know SLS run 2 Key Stage 2 fiction discussion groups, in Fakenham and Diss? These are **FREE** to schools who are customers of the school library service. The groups meet once a term, and discuss 4-6 books. SLS even lend you the books for the term so you can try them out in your class! If you're interested in joining then please give us a call. If you'd like a group in your area or cluster let us know.

Pre-packed early years collections

Are you feeling overwhelmed by the number of books you have to select on your mobile visit? We can provide pre-packed Early Years collections as part of your mobile allowance. This is a selection of 25 delightful books specially selected to support the EYFS curriculum. Just ask the mobile librarian when he visits you.

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