

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

February 2013

Happy World Book Day!

Coming up on **Thursday March 7th**, lots of schools turn a day of celebrating books into a glorious week (at least!) There is a fantastic site full of silly games, free resources and serious advice from top authors like Liz Pichon and Charlie Higson on how to write stories.

Celebrate with the help of a resource pack:

http://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Primary_Pack_2013_web.pdf

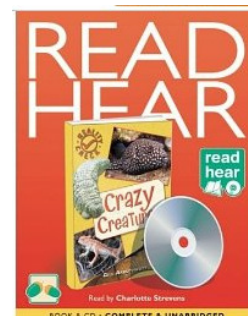
Why not use World Book Day to encourage any children who are not yet public library members to sign up - there's a form in the pack.

Borrow some brand new books!

Ever thought of borrowing our **Guided Reader** project loans?

We have bought lots of new titles, and have a broad selection of guided reader sets (6 copies per title), ranging from plays to picture books, novels to non-fiction. We send 5 different titles per project box. Our new subscription service for Guided Readers in 2013-14 offers even better value! For 2 tokens you can exchange collections as many times as you want to throughout the financial year.

ALSO we have been buying lots of **audio books**, some of them novels from specialist dyslexia publishers. Also included are picture books, myths and traditional tales. They are available on the mobile or you can order as a project loan.



How to get best value when buying books for school—22% discount at Peter's Booksellers

Just **ONE Token** makes your school a SLS customer which gives access to the dedicated PetraNet account for Norfolk schools. PetraNet is an established, librarian designed website that offers access to the full range of children's stock with extensive search facilities. Log on at www.petranet.co.uk using the username `nfschools` and your allocated password to benefit. Just get in touch with us so we can give you your password or to find out more about this fabulous offer.

Project boxes

So that we may compile the very best possible project loans for you, from the widest selection, please ensure you return your loans as promptly as possible at the end of term. This is **ABSOLUTELY VITAL** with artefact and story boxes, and we may need to charge for any loans that aren't returned. Thank you for your cooperation.

We can now take orders for the 2013-14 financial year, so let us know what you'd like. Please check before you order that the school is planning to or has purchased enough tokens for the project loans, as your school will be charged for anything ordered!



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INSET coming up this term

Motivating Readers: maintaining literacy around transition:

A course for year 6 staff and KS3 staff
22nd March, Norwich Diocesan House,
109 Dereham Rd, Easton NR9 5ES. Morning
session of whole day course will be of interest to
primary staff.

And do remind your governors about our **FREE twilight training** session on 19th March, at County Hall. Governors who have attended before have "been inspired" and found the course "fantastic!"
Governors can book via Governor Services.

Ebooks: Whee'E'ling and dealing with Peters!

We are often asked about the best way of using ebooks and ereaders in schools.

Amazon have now said that Kindle books are only for personal use and cannot be loaned out to students. Lending them will mean you have broken the terms of the licence. This means Kindles are not suitable for use in schools.

So where next?

Norfolk SLS are working with Peters Booksellers and Wheelers Books to bring a new 'ebook platform' to you.

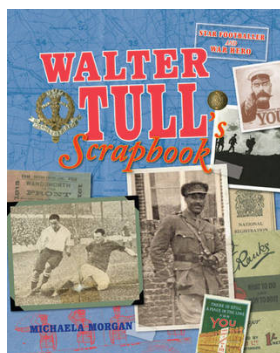
We will soon be ready to launch a pilot with a few schools to begin with. The platform will enable you to borrow ebooks at very reasonable cost through the School Library Service. In terms of devices now that Kindles are off the scene, we have been playing with Kobos and Sony ereaders, but you will be able to download these ebooks onto any computer or device. Let us know if you are interested in being involved in the pilot. You will need to have a group of students with their own devices or devices which can be loaned by the school.

New books we love at the moment!

Morgan, Michaela

Walter Tull's Scrapbook

Walter Tull's story inspired Michael Morpurgo's novel 'A Medal For Leroy'. His unusual and courageous life (first black professional footballer, first black officer in the British army, but killed in 1918) is attractively portrayed in this KS2 level biography.

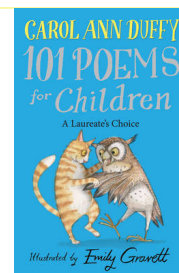


Duffy, Carol Ann (ed); illus Emily Gravett. 101 Poems for Children

An anthology of classic, women and modern poets all contribute to a collection of poems varying in mood from the lyrical to the nonsense.

Baffled and Bemused by **A Boy and a Bear in a Boat.**

Dave Shelton's move from comics with this Costa shortlisted title, a beautifully produced and illustrated novel has, frankly, got us nonplussed. Just what is it about? Does it matter? Try it for yourselves – and more importantly, with your pupils...



Websites

Load2Learn is a free service providing accessible textbooks and images to support dyslexic, partially sighted or blind learners who have difficulty reading standard print. www.load2learn.org.uk

Picture Norfolk now has a showcase of photos available on Flickr.
The main site of 18000 images is on www.picture.norfolk.gov.uk

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