

Book Bites

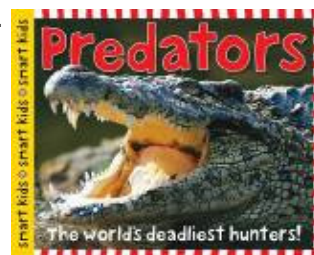
Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

October 2013

Author visits this term

By the time you read this our first batch of visits to schools by non-fiction Author Steve Parker will already have happened. We know how powerful meeting a 'real live author' can be for some children and Steve is still happy to book more visits in the New Year. He is best for your KS2 children. His subjects are science and nature based - his book "Science Crazy" recently won a School Library Association Information Book Award and he also talks about the nature of team working in publishing.

Contact us for more information or to book a session priced at 3 tokens for a half day and 5 tokens for a full day. If you are a small school, you may consider joining with a cluster school for this type of event.



...And hot off the press!

We are very close to announcing our new 'Author in residence' who will be available next term and in the Summer term for visits in KS1 and 2.

Improve your children's maths – get them reading!

A recent Institute of Education study found that children who read for pleasure made more progress in maths, vocabulary and spelling between the ages of 10 and 16 than those who rarely read.

Children who were read to regularly by their parents at age 5 performed better in all three tests at age 16 than those who were not helped in this way, although by the age of 10 children reading for pleasure was more vital to their progress than their parents' education levels.

Reading for pleasure had the strongest effect on children's vocabulary development, but the impact on spelling and maths was still significant

SO you can INSTANTLY encourage your pupils to read for pleasure by ordering one of our KS2 Reading for Pleasure Project Boxes! It will contain a mix of fantastic browse-y non-fiction, picture books, puzzle books, poetry etc. Only 1 token for a collection at a value of around £250

AND so that we grown ups don't miss out, we are holding a day's INSET in the Spring term on 'Developing a Rich Reading Culture', on March 21st 2014 at Long Stratton Library. Kevin Crossley-Holland, Brian Moses and other great speakers will be there. Not to be missed! Only 2 tokens per person...Contact SLS to book your place and add the date to your diary!

Courier dates for your diary

If you have project boxes to send back or would like to boxes to be sent out to your school, please be aware that the remaining courier dates for this autumn are **25/26th November** and **16/17th December**.

Professional development opportunities

We have plenty of great opportunities this term, for you to brush up your skills on running your library or promoting books and reading to your students. See below for a brief overview of each course and please get in touch if you have any questions or would like details of how to book a place.

Motivating Boys A full day course for Literacy Co-ordinators and Key Stage 2 teachers to develop strategies for engaging with reluctant readers. Dates: **Friday 29th November 2013 and Tuesday 4th March 2014**, 9.15am to 3.30pm SLS Training room, County Hall.
Cost: 2 SLS tokens.

The Thirty Minute Library: Recipes for Maintaining a Good School Library in Frugal Times. A half day course, suitable for staff responsible for the vision and budget of the school library, looking at strategies for running

and managing an essential school resource efficiently and effectively. **Date: Wednesday 13th November 2013**, 9.30am to 12.30pm, Greyfriars Primary School, London Road, Kings Lynn.
Cost: 1 SLS token

Is your **Junior Librarian** system proving a headache? Or do you want to find out how to get more from it? Our expert Caroline has another date on **Thursday 13th March 2014**. She will also come to your school and work 1-1 or with a small group to refresh your knowledge or train from scratch.
Cost: 1 SLS token

Booktime packs

We have just notified all Headteachers that the Booktime bookgifting packs will be sent to all schools with Reception age children in October or November.



Check out this link: <http://www.booktime.org.uk/schools/resources/> to find great free resources to support the pack which includes the lovely "But Excuse Me, That is My Book" by Lauren Child and "Tom's Mad Mop" by Celia Warren. We hope your smallest people will really enjoy their packs, and that they will grow into lifelong readers!

National 'Automatic' joining pilot

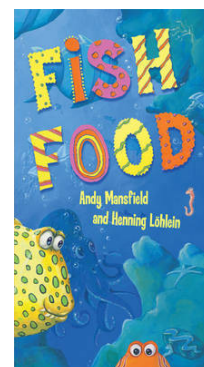
One of our colleagues has been working on a pilot to encourage every child to use their local library. Every family with a child starting school or making the transition to High school next year has had a letter. Contact your local library to find out more about promoting public library use to your school community!

Website, blogs, trolleys real and virtual...

For loads of resources, book reviews and ideas pop along to Reading Zone <http://readingzone.com/index.php?zone=sz&page=home>. With a dedicated section for schools, children, as well as families, you will find reviews of the latest books.

Safe internet searching is always a concern for teachers, so have a look at <http://www.philb.com/articles/childrengine.htm> for some reviews of good and bad search engines from a real expert.

And don't forget to have a look at our Blog <http://norfolksls.wordpress.com>; it's coming along very nicely! On the real life book trolley where all the yummiest new books go when they first arrive, there are a few treats such as 'Fish Food' by Andy Mansfield and Henning Löhlein - a charming pop-up for KS1 about food chains. Good use of colour and paper engineering combine with the simplest text to convey a basic truth: small animals get eaten by bigger ones!



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

Norfolk School Library Service: 01603 22265
school.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk www.norfolk.gov.uk/sls
[Twitter.com/Norfolksls](https://twitter.com/Norfolksls) www.norfolksls.wordpress.com
www.facebook.com/norfolkschoollibraryservice