

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

January 2014

Marvellous mobile library special!

The start of a new year gives us time to reflect on what we accomplished in 2013 and we thought we'd use this opportunity to showcase our wonderful mobile library van which will have visited many of you. What one school says about the mobile: *The visit is a bonus for our children, to go inside (the van) to a treasure trove, handling and looking at different formats of books. A real experience.*— Earlham Nursery.



Since January 2013, Tony and the mobile have:

- Visited 148 schools
- Seen 10,807 children
- Seen 1193 staff
- Returned 46,745 items
- Issued 55,796 items at a value of £334,521.67
- Travelled 12,321 kilometres

How does he do it?!

What our mobile van can offer your school

- Lots of leisure non-fiction
- The latest picture books for all ages
- A wide variety of short chapter books
- Loads of junior fiction, from easy to challenging, new to classic
- Lovely poetry and traditional tales
- A small range of curriculum titles

- Professional titles for the adults in school
- Hi-lo books for your reluctant readers
- Books written especially for pupils with dyslexia
- A range of dual language picture books
- A small selection of titles for special needs
- Books for Early Years

Ask us in advance!

How do we fit it all in you ask? Obviously space limitations mean we cannot include on the mobile everything we'd like (we'd need a double decker bus at the very least!) **so we do always suggest that you ring us before a visit if you have any special requests and we will try to oblige** if at all possible. We hate to disappoint the pupil who has a very special niche need or interest and by

letting us know before we visit, we can try to ensure we have the necessary stock available.

For standard curriculum needs in school, we suggest you order a project loan, as we can pack that with your specific requirements, stock selected for the right age and interest levels. We will also be able to add in other resources where available such as poster packs, DVDs, pop-ups and so on.

Project orders

Please order your projects for the spring term as soon as possible in order to ensure the best selection of titles that we will have available. If you are unsure how many tokens your school has left, give us a call! Remember: tokens cannot be carried over into the new financial year if you are a local authority school.



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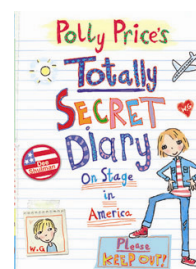
Send us content for our blog!

Are you all checking up on our lovely blog 'The Book Trolley' (<http://norfolksls.wordpress.com>) every week? We are having great fun with it but would be even happier if we could add in some contributions from schools: do you have a book club? Have you got a photo of a fab display to send us? Have you had an author visit? Has a pupil written a great poem or review? If the answer is a resounding YES then we would love to hear from you! Our blog is also featured on the terrific website www.readingzone.com a site we thoroughly recommend for competitions, book extracts and general reading for pleasure excitement.

Authors authors authors

We are extremely proud to announce we have an Author in Residence: Dee Shulman, author of the *Polly Price* series who has written and illustrated stories for both KS1 and KS2.

We are continuing to work with award winning non-fiction author Steve Parker and will also be brokering visits by local fiction author Sheridan Winn whose *Sprite Sisters* series is popular with both boys and girls. If you haven't seen our flyer offering visits from our fab trio, do get in touch with us as soon as possible to express your interest as their availability is limited!



INSET for the new term

We've lots of exciting opportunities this term and more in the pipeline...

Motivating Boys Our initial Spring date for this has been rescheduled to Tuesday 25th February, SLS training room at County Hall.

Junior Librarian: Thursday 13th March, SLS training room at County Hall.

Twilight session for Primary School Governors:
Monday 18th March, SLS training room at County Hall (*please apply via Governor Services*)

Twilight session on World War One for KS2:
Tuesday 25th March, SLS training room at County Hall, in collaboration with the Norfolk Record Office

Please contact us for further booking information.

Conference: Developing a Rich Reading and Writing Culture at KS2

We're excited to share with you details of our conference which is taking place on Friday 21st March at Long Stratton Library.

The **Developing a Rich Reading and Writing Culture at KS2** full-day conference is aimed at KS2 Teachers, Lit Co's, TA's and Librarians and will feature a variety of talks and workshops from experts including notable poet Brian Moses and popular authors Kevin Crossley-Holland and Dee Shulman. Local educational experts Jon Biddle and Sue Sweet and Peters Bookselling Service will also be presenting with a book shop provided by the latter.

The event is not to be missed and places are limited so book soon! Cost: 2 SLS tokens, with lunch and refreshments provided during the day.

Spring courier dates

The delivery dates for the spring term are below. If you have anything to return or would like project boxes or stationery orders to be sent to your school, please ensure you make your requests in good time.

27th/28th January

24th/25th February

24th/25th March

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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