

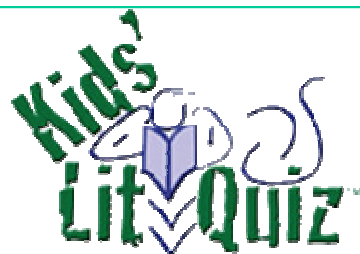
SLS High-Lights

May 2014

Kids Lit Quiz– register your interest now!

The Kids' Lit Quiz is an annual literature competition for children aged 10 to 13.

This year's Norfolk Heat will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 20th November 2014 at City Academy, Norwich. Thanks to City Academy, who also hosted last year.



Please register your interest by the end of the summer term by sending an email to school.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk. Schools will be registered on a 'first come first served' basis and can enter a maximum of 2 teams, each of 4 students. Students are normally in Y7 and Y8 and **must be under 14 years on 1 July 2015**. You won't need to send any money at this stage as we'll contact you at the beginning of the autumn term with the details and how to pay. The cost will be £45/team.

If you've never taken part before have a look at www.kidslitquiz.com where there are tips for entering a team and practice questions. We had 32 teams enter last year as well as a librarians/author team– we'd really love to have a whole team of librarians (and one of authors) this year so – librarians – let us know if you're up for that! From a student last year "*I didn't realise a book quiz could be so much fun!*"

Authors Authors Authors!

Our programme of Author visits is being well received by many schools in Norfolk and we are looking forward to a busy time in June with many bookings coming up! The authors seem to be enjoying themselves too! Here is one evaluation of a visit from Gordon:

"Improved writing skills, helping students gain knowledge and confidence, and to integrate those skills in the classroom, and beyond. We have found working with a role model and advocate for literacy and reading improves pupil interest and performance. The visit was a wonderful opportunity to meet an author with whom they were able interact on their level."

Carol Walker, Librarian, Aylsham High.

Dee Shulman still has one or two dates available and will be giving a Diary Writing Workshop at the FLY festival- look out for that in the programme.

All our authors are road tested, affordable and reliable...let your students give them a test drive!



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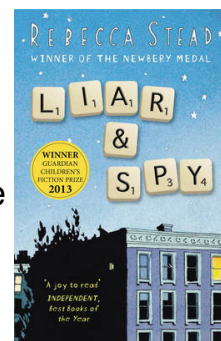
Carnegie and Greenaway shadowing event June 23rd 2014

Hopefully you are all enjoying reading the shortlisted Carnegie and Kate Greenaway titles, in readiness for the award ceremony and announcement on June 23rd. We are still waiting for a few of the titles, but have plenty of reading to do in the meantime.

We are very grateful to Cathy Berry at Litcham High School for offering to host this year's event on the morning of the national award ceremony. So far we have two other high schools attending, and we are all looking forward to it. In the past we have had a great time, with a quiz, lively debates about all the nominations and passionate advocates for and against, finishing with students' overall votes. Oh, and refreshments to keep us fortified of course!

Current favourites in the office are Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead, and All the Truth That's In Me by Julie Berry (I'm assuming not related to our host librarian?!).

As to Greenaway titles, they are a terrific mix and range from a title with adult appeal (the Morpurgo Where My Wellies Take Me illustrated by Olivia Gill) to The Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson illustrated by Rebecca Cobb. The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt illustrated by Oliver Jeffers won the Peters Picture Book Award, and was also the winner in our own Norfolk SLS mini-vote at our special party at Cliff Park Infant School. Do take a look at the Greenaway if you haven't already; they are great to share with younger children (transition activities, childcare programmes), or simply to have in stock for browsing among your own pupils. For more info, visit [the official page](#). Happy reading!



Imagination project

Young people aged 11-16 will be able to take part in a new project this summer entitled ImagiNation (supported financially by the National Lottery/Arts Council England). The aim is for students to read 4 books during the summer holidays. The ImagiNation organisers say: *'After reading a book, we want you to get creative! You'll get a log (book) when you join the project that you can use to record how a book made you feel. You don't have to write lots if you don't want to; instead, you could paint a picture, take a photo or write a poem.'*

Other ideas for responses could be: choreography for a dance, a comic strip, a textile design etc. Students can then upload their work onto a blog for others to enjoy. Schools will be sent posters publicising the project later in the term. In the meantime, if librarians would like more information please email elena.judd@norfolk.gov.uk



Public Library volunteering opportunities for students this summer

Public libraries across Norfolk are now recruiting student volunteers, aged 13-25, to help with this year's Summer Reading Challenge, entitled Mythical Maze. Volunteers will be trained to work with the children involved (aged 7-11) and the Reading Challenge takes place over the summer holidays. For more information about these opportunities, visit the [volunteer page](#) or contact your local Library.

Calling all budding poets!

Foyle Young Poets Award is open to all young people aged 11-17. Free to enter, students can submit poems on any subject and of any length. Grace Nichols, one of the judges, says, *"Here's your chance to take part in this exciting competition and arrest us with your poems. Keep it real. Keep it fresh. Write in your own voice. I'll be on the lookout for poems that surprise me with their images; In fact poems that engage the senses and imagination and catch us up in the world they create."*

Winners will be invited on a week-long writing residential course or receive one-to-one mentoring with a professional poet (age dependent), and have their poem printed in the [Foyle Winners anthology](#).

For further details, go to <http://www.poetrysociety.org.uk/content/competitions/fyp/>

Free creative writing resources for teachers

Locally developed and tested resources that have inspired many already are available free from Writers' Centre Norwich on the: [SPACE Project Page](#)

If you would like to have a different 'face' work with your students (and have a budget), contact the SLS team, who could deliver the session/s or suggest a local author to work with your school.

To find out more about the exciting work that Norfolk Library and Information Service and the School Library Service have done with Writers' Centre Norwich, see the Space Project [webpages](#) and this inspiring YouTube [film](#).

Resources for teaching about finances and budgeting

Resources are available to teach young people about finances and budgeting whilst also warning them of the dangers of loan sharks. They have been written by teachers, piloted with schools and awarded the pfeg (Personal Finance Education Group) Quality Mark, a scheme which endorses high quality, effective and up-to-date financial education resources.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team say that loan sharks are known to operate outside school gates targeting parents who may be struggling to borrow money from other sources of credit. Loan sharks charge extortionate interest rates and may use threats of violence to ensure payments are made by the borrower. They burden families with increasing debts causing stress and financial hardship in the home by pushing families further into the poverty trap. The team have evidence that using loan sharks is cyclical in families; if we can educate children about the dangers of loan sharks, and provide them with better money management skills, we can help stop the devastation they cause to families and communities.

For more information, visit <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/stoploansharks>

Website recommendations

With support from Arts Council England and the Unwin Charitable Trust, Outside In World will be running an innovative research and development project in 2014-15 bringing a range of exceptional international inclusive children's books to UK audiences. Read more and see titles [here](#).

INSET and book-buying opportunities

- High School INSET: Planning for Success, 3rd June, County Hall Annexe.

We are very pleased to be able to offer you an interesting and challenging INSET with Jerry Hurst. Jerry is a well known national trainer and consultant with a track record in motivating and enabling staff to plan for change in their libraries and schools. Cost: 2 SLS Tokens.

- Peters Book Buying Trip 2014, Wednesday 18th June.

Our book-buying trip to the showroom at Peters Bookselling Services in Birmingham is free to Norfolk School Library Service customers, who will be offered the opportunity to select books for a special visit-only **promotional rate of 25% discount**. The full-day trip will depart from Norwich, with travel and lunch included. Not an existing customer? Just buy one SLS token to join.

- Making Reading Attractive to Pupils with SEN at KS2/3, Thursday 12th June, County Hall Annexe.

Ann Harding returns for her popular and practical full-day course to explore ways to make reading accessible to pupils with learning and reading difficulties.

Cost: 2 SLS tokens.

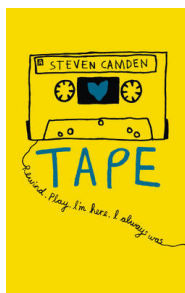
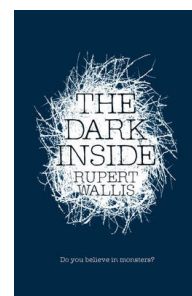
- Books Plus for Boys, twilight session, Tuesday 8th July, SLS training room.

A course for librarians and English teachers to develop strategies for engaging with less able reluctant readers in Years 7 and 8. Delegates will have the opportunity to select from our book stock 12 books to use for a term, included in the cost of the session. Cost: 1 SLS Token.

For more details see the INSET page of our [website](#) or contact our office.

Book reviews

The Dark Inside, by Rupert Wallis, receives a good review by Books for Keeps. They say it's a '*laudably ambitious debut novel*' with big themes such as '*the mysteries of good and evil, expiation and forgiveness.*' Peters rates the novel highly too, describing it as '*lyrical magical realism with a dark, menacing atmosphere & intriguing characters.*' Suitable for 12-14 yr olds (£10.99, 9781471118913)



Also receiving great press and recently enjoyed by one of our team was Tape, the debut novel by performance poet Steven Camden. The dual narrative tells the story of teenager Ryan - living in 1993 - and Ameliah, who is growing up in the present day. It's an interesting story with a distinctly British voice which makes it stand out from the usual American fare, and is sure to captivate those readers who may have enjoyed the books of John Green.

Suitable for 12+ (£9.99, 9780007511204)

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This is to let you know about a range of opportunities to work in partnership with Norfolk School Library Service to bring well known, published authors into your school. The benefits to students include inspiration and for some it can be a transformative experience.



We are delighted to announce our new Author in Residence: Dee Shulman.

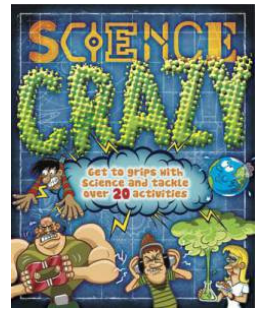
She will be with us for a number of days until July 2014.

Dee's popular '*Fever*' series is the basis for her presentations and workshops for young people in KS3 and 4.

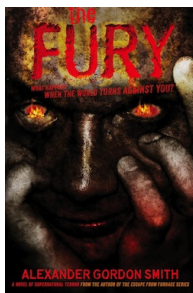
We are continuing our very successful partnership with Steve Parker, award winning author of over 250 non-fiction books.

"The children all enjoyed the experience of meeting a 'real life' author. Steve was very entertaining and during the class talks provided useful tips on how to start writing, which we will refer back to in Literacy lessons." Lingwood Primary, Nov 2013.

Steve has dates available in the summer term and can work with large and small groups. He will leave copies of some of his books in school at the end of the visit. **Steve's visits are best for KS2, 3 and 4, He can also do short KS1 sessions**



Also continuing are our visits with Alexander Gordon Smith, author of the 'Escape from Furnace' series and 'Fury', purveyor of Zombies and other such horrors! Alexander Gordon Smith says *"I often do events with a big talk to the whole school / year group, followed by some workshops for smaller groups. The talks and workshops are really aimed at the idea of raising aspirations, and letting the students know that they can do anything they want to if they put their mind to it."*



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You would need to:

- Timetable and publicise the visit in your school.
- Prepare students so that some have seen or read the visitor's books - many of you will have something by these authors in your libraries- borrow some from us if not!
- Consider if there will be the time and space for the school to run a 'bookshop' for the visitor to sign and sell some of their books. SLS can provide books to sell with enough notice.

Please contact us for more information or to book a visit