

The SENCO and Special Schools Newsletter from Norfolk School Library Service

SLS customer benefits

To become a customer you need buy only ONE token which costs £70 until the end of May 2014, and this entitles you to free collections of dual language resources as well as titles for children with visual impairments. All you need to authorise purchase of a token is send an email from the Head's email address to s4s@norfolk.gov.uk and copy in the School Library Service. Tokens can be used to pay for any SLS services.

Another benefit of becoming an SLS customer is an all year round discount of 22% with Peters online Booksellers. Just contact SLS for your password. We also have book-buying trips to the showroom at Peters Bookselling Services in Birmingham. Free to SLS customers, schools will be able to select books for a special visit-only **promotional rate of 25% discount**. Our next full-day trip takes place on **Wednesday 18th June** and will depart from Norwich, with travel and lunch included. Places are limited, so do get in touch with us to register interest.

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Summer term INSET

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

Anne 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.

For more details, please visit our [website](#) or contact our office to book a place.

Our Mobile – accessible for all!

Did you know – our Mobile library is fitted with a stair lift which our staff are fully trained to use. This means our van is fully accessible and ensures that the inspiring environment inside can be enjoyed by all! Along with our inclusive leisure/pleasure book collections, we also ensure that there are a number of books for staff relating to educational issues such as special needs. We also aim to honour any special requests you may have, so please let us know **in advance** what your students have a particular passion for – we like the challenge!



It's Spring, it's May – and it's National Share-a-Story Month!

This is an annual celebration of the power of storytelling and story sharing, providing a fantastic opportunity to fulfil the core aim of the Federation of Children's Book Groups, whose initiative this is, of bringing children and stories together. Each year has a theme, and this year's is Roald Dahl and in particular Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – plenty of scope for stories (and treats!) around Dahl's classic stories and rhymes.

For more info, see the FCBG website [here](#). If you would like a member of the SLS team to run a session in your school, please get in touch. A half-day session would be 3 SLS tokens.

Mythical Maze and ImagiNation Summer Reading Challenges at your local library

Presented by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, the annual reading challenge encourages all children to keep reading and enjoying books and stories over the summer. The fold out Mythical Maze poster is available in large print and the stickers to collect are super size too. A certificate for children with a visual impairment is over-brailled.



Children can choose any books they like: fact books, stories, joke books or picture books. Audio books and e-books count as well, so long as they borrow them from a library. Large print books and Read Along packs with an audio version of the large print book are available.

Look out for more details in the library, including special Mythical Maze themed events. For library opening times visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries and for more information about the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge, visit the official website at <http://www.mythical-maze.org.uk>

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.

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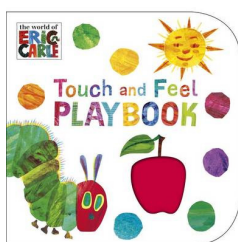
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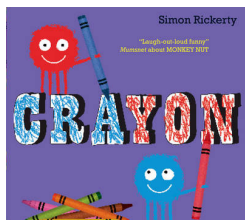
Book reviews and recommendations



World of Eric Carle: Touch and Feel Playbook

(Puffin Board, £8.99, 9780241959565)

The familiar characters from a variety of Eric Carle's much loved picture books are given tactile features, plus flaps, all on a white background, in this bright and simple board book.



Crayon by Simon Rickerty

(Simon & Schuster, £6.99, 9781471116797)

A very simple and funny picture book about colour – and by the by friendship and cooperation.



Angry Birds Star Wars: Darth Swindle's Secrets

(DK, £4.99, 9781409343981)

Angry Birds *and* Star Wars? Get your head around that one, but as they are both very popular 'brands' this series (which continues the low text level, friendly, cheap movie titles DK are good at) should be a winner.

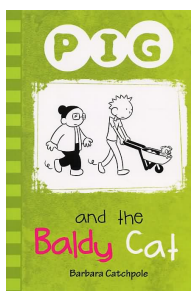


The Lego Movie: Awesome Adventures by Helen Murray

(DK, £4.99, 9781409341680)

This is another brand which is more popular than ever, and which is being turned into simple stories with photos of the Lego characters.

Check the [DK website](#) for titles available as e-books.



PIG and the Baldy Cat by Barbara Catchpole

(Ransom, £5.99, 9781781276129)

One of a series of short novels about the endearing Pig, printed on cream paper, with plenty of space between lines and lots of illustrations. The narrator is Pig a 12 year old boy small for his age, with sticky out ears and not a lot of confidence. The reading age is 8-9 years.

If you haven't yet encountered Ransom Publishing, [their website](#) is essential reading. They publish lots of good stuff for reluctant readers, often with boys particularly in mind.

We love the Giant Print and Braille editions of picture books produced by the community interest project Access2Books. These are large versions of well known picture books, with Braille and clear 75pt text on white backgrounds. We are currently adding to our stock of these. Take a look at the website for more information www.access2books.org

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