

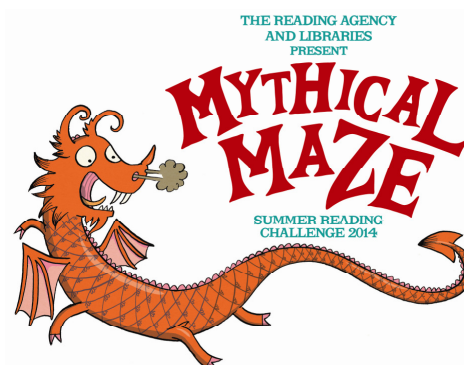
Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

June 2014

Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge at your local library

You'll be a-mazed at what's going down at your local library this summer. It's Mythical Maze, Summer Reading Challenge 2014! Get in touch with your local library to see how your school can promote it, as we know that reading for fun over the summer makes a difference to keeping reading levels up! Children are going to love finding their way round the Mythical Maze, and will meet some larger than life characters from myths and legends. They will be able to keep track on a fold-up poster and complete the maze with stickers from the library, and there will be Mungler Quest cards to collect and swap with family and friends.



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 are borrowed from a library.

For library contact details, opening times and mobile library routes visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries and for more information about the challenge: <http://www.mythical-maze.org.uk>

For young people, this year there is the ImagiNation reading promotion for 11-16 year olds, supported by the National Lottery/Arts Council England: <http://imaginationeast.org.uk/>

Delivering The New Curriculum: Languages

The new curriculum says that pupils should be taught to:

*'appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language' and
'broaden their vocabulary'*

Foreign languages are firmly in the new curriculum! Why not borrow a box of books from us to support your teaching? We have French, Spanish, German (and some Italian) dual language story books as well as non-fiction and CD's of fun songs. We also have great non-fiction books about these countries, to set the language in context. Don't forget you can order just half a box (12 books) if you'd like to use the other half for another curriculum subject.

....And New Curriculum, New Audit Booklets for your school library

With the new curriculum coming into force in September, we are currently updating our Audit booklets, which we use when invited to come in and give your school libraries a detailed analysis. These are extremely useful documents for you in considering your library planning, its place and role in school; how dynamic and up-to-date is it, how visually appealing and attractive, how diverse and inclusive are your resources, how much is it at the heart of school's reading and learning? If you would like an audit of your library, do get in touch. We have separate documents for Fiction and Non-Fiction, and depending on the size of your library we would usually expect to take a day on one audit.



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Last Courier Collection and Project Orders for Autumn

The last courier collections this term are on **14th and 15 July**. Please ensure that you return all outstanding summer project loans.

Don't forget, now is the time to get those project orders in for the Autumn term to ensure delivery at the beginning of the term (dates TBC).

World War One Twilight Session and INSET Update

We run occasional twilight inset sessions for schools, on a variety of – often topical – subjects. They are informal workshops, with plenty of refreshments, and included in the cost (one token) is half a project's worth of relevant resources which the delegate may choose and use for a term or so. We recently held one on local connections to the First World War, and we were delighted to collaborate with Elizabeth Budd from Norfolk Record Office, who gave an excellent presentation on how to find out about our ancestors who may have been involved in the war.

We are currently finalising our INSET programme for the Autumn term and have lots of exciting sessions planned. Look out for more information in future newsletters and emails, and keep an eye on our website's INSET page which we keep updated: http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/School_library_service/INSET_courses/index.htm

Recommended Resources: To End All Wars

To End All Wars is a local project led by Norwich Theatre Royal with support from Norfolk County Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund. Commemorating the centenary of the First World War, the website celebrates Norfolk residents who lived in the county or took part in the conflict. The online resources have been specially designed to support schools studies and are suitable for key stages 1 to 4. For more information, go to <http://www.toendallwars.co.uk/>.

To borrow resources to support your engagement with WWI, just get in touch with the SLS team.

Project Evaluation Draw Winner: Spring 2014

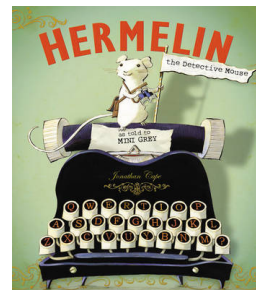
Congratulations to Miss Wharton of Lyng Primary who was the winner of our Spring evaluation draw; her school will shortly receive £50 worth of books as their prize! She was impressed by the '*great resources*' in her Film themed project box, adding that they were a '*help toward independent work*'. If you'd like to be in with a chance to win this term's draw, there is still time to complete and return your project evaluation forms included with all summer project loans.

Book Reviews and Wednesday Reads

Lots of lovely new books have made their way into our office lately, including Hermelin the Detective Mouse by the always brilliant Mini Grey. Wonderful illustrations and a captivating story, we loved joining Hermelin on his journey solving mysteries! (Cape, £11.99, 9780857550231).

Every fortnight, we post a special 'What we're reading Wednesday' entry on our blog to update you on which books our team have been enjoying. To see all entries, why not visit The Book Trolley?

<http://norfolksls.wordpress.com/tag/what-were-reading-wednesday/>



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