

# SLS High-Lights

January 2015

## Litcham School wins the Kids' Lit Quiz National final!

City Academy once again hosted an exciting Kids' Lit Quiz on Thursday 20th November 2014. Twenty nine teams from across Norfolk (and a couple from Suffolk and Lincolnshire) battled it out over 10 rounds of tough questions. It was great to have two authors with us; Alexander Gordon Smith was in the Librarian team (who technically won by half a point, but for part of the event had an extra member!) and Kevin Crossley-Holland who assisted with the scoring and presented the cup. Once again, we were overwhelmed by just how much the students competing knew about a wide range of literature. There was a great atmosphere and as always, it was such a pleasure to talk to so many young people who had a clear passion and enthusiasm for reading



The quiz came to an exciting conclusion with a third place-deciding sudden death question between two schools, Thorpe St Andrew's Team B and Old Buckenham High. In the end Old Buckenham High successfully took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, last year's winners Thetford Grammar were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and coming first were Litcham School, who then went on to **win the National Final** which took place in London on 4<sup>th</sup> December! Quizmaster Wayne Mills' account of the final can be read [here](#) on the official KLQ blog– sounds like a brilliant afternoon was had by all!



Litcham are now planning their trip to the World Final in USA in July, and are now fundraising for it. This is a fantastic result for Norfolk – well done to the students and Librarian Cathy Berry – and we wish them good luck for the summer! The school's success was covered in the EDP, the online version of which can be seen online [here](#).

Many thanks to City Academy for hosting for the last two years. Next year, the KLQ will be kindly hosted by Thetford Academy. When confirmed, the date in November will be posted on [www.kidslitquiz.com](http://www.kidslitquiz.com) and we'll email all Norfolk High Schools ask you to register your initial interest in entering teams in the summer term. Get your students excited about this fantastic opportunity by telling them about Litcham's success.

## Carnegie and Greenaway shadowing event

Have you read all 51 nominated titles for this year's Carnegie Award yet?? No, neither have we, though of the ones we have read there are a few we are very enthusiastic about - so it's a question of WATCH THIS SPACE; on March 17th we will know what has made the shortlist. The nominations lists can be found on the official Carnegie page at:

[http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/pressdesk/press.php?release=pres\\_2014\\_long\\_announce.html](http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/pressdesk/press.php?release=pres_2014_long_announce.html)

Janet Bell at Long Stratton High School is kindly offering to host our School Library Service Shadowing Morning, to be held on the day of the award, Monday June 22nd (tbc nationally). We greatly look forward to this fun event, to hear what all the shadowing groups are feeling passionately about, to have a quiz, refreshments and a final big vote for our very own choices. We take time to look at the Kate Greenaway nominations, too.

If you are interested in bringing your shadowing group along to Long Stratton to take part, let us know. The event is FREE to SLS customers– space is limited, so register your interest with us AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

## Training opportunity: Reading, Literacy and the Brain

Norfolk School Library Service in conjunction with Suffolk School Library Service would like to offer to schools an INSET course with award-winning trainer Nicola Morgan.

This course will talk about the differences between fiction/non-fiction, digital/print, and simple/complex texts, and digital overload. This is a passionate yet science-based perspective on Reading for Pleasure and reading as a way to reduce stress. The course will also reveal some interesting aspects of the teenage brain, teenage stress and reading needs.

The course is suitable for High school librarians, secondary school staff including literacy leads, TAs and English teachers.

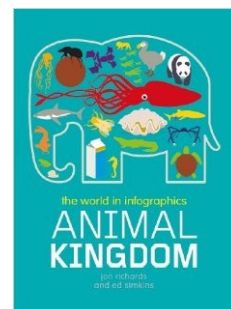
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Friday 27th February 2015</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	County Upper School, Beetons Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 6RF
<b>Time:</b>	9.30am– 3.30pm
<b>Cost:</b>	2 SLS tokens, including lunch

For more information or to book a place, please contact our office on 01603 222265 or email [school.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:school.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk)

## Educational writers award

Announced in December, the winner of the 2014 Educational Writers' Award is *The World in Infographics: Animal Kingdom* by Jon Richards and Ed Simkins. This is the UK's only award for educational writing and focuses on books for 12-18 year olds which are both creative and informative.

The Infographics series is proving popular at SLS and covers many areas of interest such as technology and environment. We have copies available to borrow as part of a project!



## Welcome to the team, Georgie and Zoe!

We've recently been lucky enough to recruit 2 new members to our team: come, Georgie and Zoe!

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*"Hello, my name is Georgie Brigden and I am your new SLS librarian. I have recently moved from a school in Suffolk where I was an English teacher and Key Stage 3 coordinator. I am very passionate about reading and hope that I will inspire young people throughout Norfolk to spend more time enjoying their school library. It won't surprise you to know that literature is a particular obsession of mine; however, I do take pleasure in a number of different genres and relish any opportunity to learn about different cultures and events in history."*



*"Hello my name is Zoë and I am the new Schools Library Service Library and Information Assistant. Previously I was a Primary School teacher and I have taught Reception through to Year 6 in Kent, East Sussex and Norfolk. I look forward to speaking with you when you ring up to place project box orders and make enquiries about our services. Reading is a huge passion of mine and I always have a book with me wherever I am. There are plenty of exciting books in our library that I can't wait to read when I have the time."*

## Norfolk's Great Big Read

Norfolk public libraries and mobile libraries are encouraging all the adults in Norfolk to pick up and enjoy a book with Norfolk's Great Big Read from March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Adults in care giving roles – particularly parents and carers but also school staff- are the most important role models for children in encouraging them to see that reading is enjoyable. Supporting children to read for pleasure, as a leisure activity, is one of the most important things we can do for children's literacy and life chances.

So during February and March, if you arrange a school visit to your local library the children will receive an invitation for them to give their parents and carers to encourage the grown ups to go to the library and pick up a book! **Your school will also be entered into a prize draw to win 2 SLS tokens!** Please just email the SLS team and let us know you have visited the library.

Libraries may have limited capacity for school visits so please book well in advance to avoid disappointment and allow time for library joining forms to be sent home so young people can make the most of their library visit.

Would you like to be a reading champion and get more involved in promoting reading to adults during Norfolk's Great Big Read? Find out more from February onwards on the library website - <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries> or at your local library!

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## Stretching Able Readers at KS3

An interactive full day course for high school librarians, KS3 literacy coordinators, gifted and talented coordinators, English teachers and other interested staff.

**Date:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Time:** 9.15 am to 3.30pm

**Venue:** Diocesan House  
109 Dereham Road  
**Easton**  
Norwich  
NR9 5ES

Just off A47 at Easton, west of Norwich. Directions will be sent with your joining instructions

**There is parking on site.**

**Cost:** 2 SLS tokens  
Lunch is provided

**Closing Date:** 23rd January 2015



We will explore the needs of able readers, identify methods to engage and challenge them, and examine appropriate resources and ways to utilise them effectively, focusing on key stage 3.

### Expected learning outcomes:

- greater understanding of the needs and potential of gifted and talented readers
- the context in terms of Ofsted, the new national curriculum, latest research and current educational thinking
- new ideas for nurturing able readers' talents, supporting their learning across the curriculum and increasing the breadth and depth of their reading
- increased knowledge of appropriate books and other reading resources
- strategies for using these resources to develop critical literacy, higher order thinking skills, creativity and reading enjoyment
- extra confidence when helping able readers

**Course leader: Anne Harding.** Anne is an independent trainer. She specialises in children's reading and children's and school libraries.

For more information please contact us.