



The SENCO and Special Schools Newsletter from Norfolk School Library Service

New books in stock at SLS

Some recent additions to our book stock that we consider particularly accessible. To borrow books from SLS, just get in touch.

Mr Tumble's Big Flap Book by Jane Riordan

In the BBC Something Special series of lovely resources featuring Mr Tumble, this is a large format board book with flaps, with Makaton signing.

(Egmont Books, £7.99 board books, ISBN 9781405275590)

Mix It Up by Herve Tullet

The brilliant Herve Tullet has produced a follow up to Press Here, a wonderfully simple but clever idea for the digital generation. This new title asks children to use their hands to 'mix' paint colours.

(Chronicle Books, £9.99 hardback, ISBN 9781452140575)

Toddle Waddle in Giant Print & Braille by Julia Donaldson and Nick Sharratt

Remember we have a small collection of very large format picture books, published by Access2Books, who have enlarged both pictures and print (to 48 point), and added Braille as well.

(Access2Books, £24.99 paperback, ISBN 9781909225206)

Good Luck, Baby Owls by Alexandra and Giles Milton

A simple story with gorgeous illustrations about the first flight of two baby owls, and their encouraging (male) parent.

(Boxer Books, £6.99 paperback, ISBN 9781907967849)

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Grant funding: Foyle Foundation Schools Library Programme (UK)

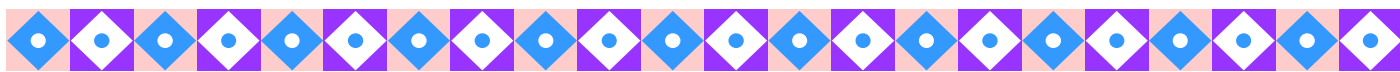
State funded schools that want to improve their libraries can apply for funding through the Foyle Foundation Schools Library Programme. This programme recognises that many school libraries are in a desperate situation through underfunding and underdevelopment, and are not equipped to encourage children to read widely and read more.

The average grant is between £3,000 and £10,000. Please note that there are questions about working with the local School Library Service, and details of any audits are required. The School Library Service has an excellent audit service, just get in touch with the team to find out more.

Recent projects supported by Norfolk SLS that have received Foyle Foundation funding include: All Saints Primary, Stibbard and St Martha's

Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information, visit the foundation's website:

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/state-schools.php>



Norfolk's Great Big Read – class visits to the public library

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 23rd – 25th April.

Adults in care-giving roles – particularly parents and carers but also school staff - are the most important role models for children and young people 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 to 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 to let us know your school has 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 children make the most of their library visit. Would you like to be a reading champion and get 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!

Woodfields School partnership with their local Library

Sixth form pupils at Woodfields School (a school for students aged 3 -19 with complex needs and disabilities) take part in the **TITAN** scheme run by Norfolk County Council. This programme has been devised to help students who have difficulty with their pedestrian skills, which also causes them problems using public transport. This training aims to improve their independence and interaction in their local communities.

As part of the programme they have been visiting the library. In addition, a group has been visiting while the Bounce and Rhyme sessions are on and getting to know some of the parents and carers of the children. This has been really successful.

(As well as being very complimentary about Kate at the library), feedback from the school has included comments:

"Being able to take part has enabled the students to meet many targets such as:-

- *Visiting a new place to use skills already learned*
- *Communicating with people they don't know in an appropriate manner*
- *Behaving in an appropriate way in a public place*
- *Organising themselves to arrive on time*
- *Working out their travel route*
- *Increased self confidence being able to join in.*

...it is nice to see our students accepted and welcomed by the local community. This has been a marvellous opportunity and we hope to continue our close links with the library in the future"

...and don't forget our SLS Mobile!

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. Just get in touch to find out more.

Booktrust book finder

Booktrust is a great resource for teachers; their website has a fab searchable "Bookfinder" tool. It is great for stories about special needs and disability. It is divided into useful age groups too. Give it a try! <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/bookmark/>

SLA Guidelines:

Access For Everyone; Supporting Special Needs Through the School Library

The School Library Association publishes succinct, practical guides on many topics relating to school libraries, and this is a new guide by Dr. Rona Tutt relevant to staff in mainstream and special schools. The bulk of the guide is generally useful; there is a case study from a special school and also a useful list of resources. To obtain this publication, visit the SLA website: <http://sla.org.uk/guidelines.php>

Resources for sex education suitable for special needs

Life support productions have produced a range of DVD resources addressing sex education, suitable for children and young people including those with learning disabilities. For more information, visit their website <http://www.lifesupportproductions.co.uk/index.php>

Celebration of the Bard and other resources

Look out for Shakespeare Week, running from 16th to 21st March. We can offer project loans (costing one token per box), and we have very simple versions of the plays, as well as resources about Shakespeare's world and the great man himself. All of our project loans are always bespoke, so let us know what your project curriculum is and we will find wonderful books and other resources to support you.

Magazine offer

If your pupils enjoy browsing glossy magazines you may have come across the following company, who offer discounted packages:

<http://www.dltmagazines.co.uk/shop/create-magazine-pack>

You can choose your own selection of magazines, ranging from Red through Top Gear to Scooby Doo, via National Geographic Kids.

Augmented reality



Augmented reality (AR) brings books to life. AR successfully combines visual and kinaesthetic learning, engaging even the most reluctant readers. You can view the 3D images by downloading an app to your tablet, phone or laptop.

Want to hear more? Contact SLS to arrange a demonstration.

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