SLS High-Lights

April 2015

Carnegie and Greenaway 2015

With <u>the shortlists now out</u>, your shadowing groups are probably busy reading – and enjoying, we hope – this year's selection. There is still space to join our Shadowing Morning event at Long Stratton High School on 22^{nd} June, so get in touch if you would like to bring your shadowing group along for an inter-school conversation and instant vote.

BUT I also have a BIG favour to ask. Youth Libraries Group Eastern Branch is hoping to hold a CKG day later in the summer discussing *next* year's possible nominations. If you read anything new this year which you think is utterly wonderful and marvellous and jolly well ought to win a prize, please do just pop an email to <u>harriet.cox@norfolk.gov.uk</u>.

Or, we do love contributions to our blog – so any book you love and want to tell the world about, we are happy to blog about it. Take a look, if you haven't lately, at <u>www.norfolksls.wordpress.com</u>

And an alternative shadowing opportunity...

Norwich Millennium Library is hosting a new Book Group for 11-16's to Shadow Read this year's UKLA (UK Literacy Association) Teen shortlist. For more information about the group and their monthly meetings, contact Sarah Salmon on <u>sarah.salmon@norfolk.gov.uk</u>

Please let young people know and keep an eye on their blog for details and their own shortlist <u>http://shadowreaders.edublogs.org/</u>.

Calling all Eclipse2 and Eclipse.net users

We are looking into the possibility of organising a training day on Eclipse.net, but before doing so we would like expressions of interest from your good selves to ensure that the cost is viable.

We have also spoken to MLS about holding an Eclipse2 / Eclipse.net user group meeting here at County Hall. The group would meet for a couple of hours during which time you could ask any questions that you have about the system and hear about any developments that MLS are working on or have the opportunity to put forward and development ideas that you have.

We plan to hold both sessions on the same day, so you could attend either or both sessions. The user group would be free to subscribers of the MLS helpdesk If you are interested in attending either session or would like more information, please e-mail Caroline directly at caroline.barker@norfolk.gov.uk



Tackling Plagiarism

Plagiarism is still a hot topic and now we are entering exam season, here is a reminder about how important it is to prepare your students right from Y7, so that they know what plagiarism is and how to avoid it. Without sound knowledge of plagiarism, young people will be at a serious disadvantage at university or in any job that requires them to produce information. Even with the removal of coursework, pupils still need to know how to write well researched pieces without simply copying and pasting.

The Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ), in it's Guidance Notes gives 11 reasons for the rise in Plagiarism which include

"a) the candidate's lack of awareness of the regulations;

e) the candidate's lack of skill in using source material and/or acknowledging the use of material;

f) the greater availability of information on the internet and ease with which this can be copied;

g) the encouragement to use the internet freely as a source of information,

together with the student's failure to keep accurate records of web pages accessed;

h) the growth of websites providing coursework, either by facilitating the swapping of students' work, or by providing, for a fee, finished pieces of coursework;

j) the candidates plagiarise the work of others because they think their

production of coursework during the course will not be monitored."

Extract from JCQ, Plagiarism in Examinations, Guidance for Teachers/Assessors Pdf accessed 31/3/15

We have a handy set of posters from Carel Press which would look great in your library or round the school, to remind students of the issues. If you would like to buy a set for £5, email <u>school.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk</u>

Combating extremism and radicalisation in schools

Local authorities and schools are instrumental in delivering the government's counter radicalisation and counter-extremism strategy to tackle the threat of extremism. The Academies Show is offering a chance to find out more at a free seminar hosted by Hanif Qadir, Founder of the Active Change Foundation on April 29th in London, details of which can be seen here: <u>http://www.academiesshow.london/</u>

Hanif Qadir is recognised as one of the UK's leading specialists in positively transforming violent extremists. He is actively involved in advising and assisting senior policy makers in reforming key aspects of the Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) agenda.

To find out more contact: <u>enquiries@academiesshow.co.uk</u>, or for information about projects and schools work from the Active Change Foundation, go online at <u>http://www.activechangefoundation.org/</u>

Another useful resource is The Prevent for Schools website, with plenty of high quality resources and lesson plans: <u>http://www.preventforschools.org/index.php?category_id=83</u>

There are local courses too! Email Dawn Jessett (jessettd@norfolk.pnn.police.uk) to find out more about workshops to raise the awareness of Prevent.

Summer term INSET

Peters Book Buying Trip Wednesday 17th June 2015 Peters Showroom, Birmingham (leaving Norwich early morning)	A <u>FREE</u> trip to Peters Children's Bookselling Services & Furniture Showroom (Kit Shop) in Birmingham where you will receive 22% discount on book purchases and 5% on furniture. Book early as spaces on the bus are limited. Cost: FREE to SLS Customers
Managing Behaviour: Creating an effective learning environment within secondary school libraries Thursday 25th June 2015 9.30am– 12pm Norwich City Football Club Study Centre Training Room, Carrow Road, Norwich	This half day course will enable you to create an environment that is conducive to learning, offer valuable strategies to manage your library, support SEN and G&T pupils, engage reluctant readers and understand how to support the new English curriculum for key stage 3&4. Cost: 1 SLS Token Please note: there will also be opportunity after the training for a lunchtime networking meeting. This is optional and will take place between 12:30-1:30pm (please bring your own lunch)
Chatterbooks Training Day Thursday 2nd July 2015 10.30am– 4pm Norwich City Football Club Study Centre Training Room, Carrow Road, Norwich	Chatterbooks is the UK's largest network of children's reading groups and is Children's University accredited. This day course for Teachers, TAs, Librarians and Volunteers will support schools and libraries to set up Chatterbooks Reading Groups, a flexible model that can be adapted for children from 4 up to 12 years. Cost: 2 SLS Tokens, lunch provided.

Norfolk Children's Book Festival 2015

Held annually at Norwich School in the grounds of Norwich **NORFOLK** Cathedral, the Norfolk Children's Book Festival will this year take place on Tuesday 30th June 2015. Now in its fourth year, the FREE event will be hosting some big names: Korky Paul, Annabel Pitcher, Paul Cookson, Steven Feasey and Nick Arnold will all be appearing during the day.

FESTIVAL While the speakers will appeal to readers of all ages, the programme has been put together with years 6-9 particularly

in mind. Places are limited and offered on a strictly first-come-first-served basis, so if you're interested in taking pupils along, we would suggest emailing bookfestival@norwich-school.org.uk as soon as possible to secure your seats!

Essential books for your library!

One of our Librarians, Mandy, has discovered some real book gems lately and she shares them below...

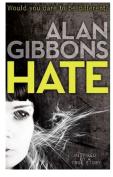
There seems to have been some great books published recently for KS3 & 4. Here is my pick of the best - and a new discovery of an old favourite I missed first time round!



First is my personal tribute to the great **Terry Pratchett**. Many years ago I read and loved the **Bromeliad Trilogy**: "Diggers", "Truckers" and "Wings", and "**Only You Can Save Mankind**". Only very recently have I discovered "**Nation**", published in 2008. It is a classic 'rites of passage' non-Discworld fantasy, set in a post Tsunami landscape at an indeterminate time... Mau thinks he is completely alone having been washed away in a storm, but the Ghost girl has also been shipwrecked and together they rebuild their nation, with plenty of weirdness and discoveries along the way. This also works as an extremely funny satire on society, and would make a great book group read.



A very different fantasy world pulls us in to the story of "**The Sleeper and SLEEPER** AND THE SPINDLE NET GAMAN A very different fantasy world pulls us in to the story of "**The Sleeper and** the Spindle" by Neil Gaiman with beautiful illustrations by Chris Riddell - what a pairing! This is a really beautiful illustrated story book, with Riddell's eerie gold and black pictures adding to the dark, creepy story. It is a clever retelling of Sleeping Beauty with a great twist to finish.



Alan Gibbons' latest offering, "**Hate**" couldn't be more different. Inspired by the tragic murder of Sophie Lancaster, it explores the effects of hate crime on the families and bystanders, another one to provoke plenty of thinking and discussion. Rosie dies after an unprovoked attack because of the way she dresses. Gibbon's writing is taut and never lets the tension drop. Violence and strong language means you should choose your readers for this one.



Finally, since we will be commemorating WW1 for 3 more years, there is plenty of room in your library for this great collection of short stories. **"The Great War"** comprises stories inspired by objects from the First World War, such as a recruitment poster, a Brodie helmet, the nosecone from a Zeppelin and so on. Each story is written by a different well known author, a stellar list including **David Almond, Adele Geras, A.L. Kennedy and Marcus Sedgwick**. It is well produced and illustrated by **Jim Kay** (of "A Monster Calls" fame). This would make a great starting point for some creative writing and artwork.

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