

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

Please pin this up in your staff room!

June 2015

Early bird price freeze – SLS contracts for academies

It will soon be contract renewal time again for academies! To make sure you get the service you want at our excellent value 'Early Bird' price of £70 a token, make sure your contract is agreed by 31.10.15. Just get in touch with us at the SLS base to find out more.

Details of services offered are also on the SLA Online website: s4s.norfolk.gov.uk/. This is how all services can be purchased from Norfolk County Council. For 2015-16 there is an extra 'Early Bird' offer - each school who purchases a mobile visit will receive one free SLS token.

Are you growing?



Rather like Alice, whose 150 years' anniversary we are celebrating this year, Norfolk schools are rapidly growing, with funding provided for various schemes. If your plans include a new or refreshed library - please do get in touch. We can advise on design, furniture and stock requirements and have contacts with specialist library supply companies to help make sure your library makes a difference, that it's appropriate, good value (and lovely!)



How beautiful is your class book corner?

Or how bedraggled? How do your classroom collections fit in to the whole school literacy policy? We have a NEW Classroom Collection Audit service. We look at each of your classroom book corners, and assess each one for relevance, attractiveness and appeal. We check with the teacher how their particular book corner is used, and judge whether the stock matches the aims. We know that teachers often add their own treasured possessions to the collection, and we would not dispose of any stock without permission. We leave you with an Audit document, which can then be a useful whole school tool when considering policy and development.

If this is something you'd like to organise for your school – get in touch!

Autumn term INSET

We have recently finalised our INSET programme for the Autumn term and will be sending to schools a flyer listing the courses we have on offer – please look out for this and display in your staff room!

We're pleased to be offering several new courses on topics including SMSC and eBooks.

Full course details will be available on our SLS website and you can also book a place on any session via SLA Online. To see more, visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/sls or s4s.norfolk.gov.uk/

Spring term evaluation winners

Congratulations to Bishop's CEVA Primary School, Thetford for winning this term's project draw prize. £50 worth of books will be coming your way soon. Of his Romans project box, Mr Taylor said "Excellent service...to help us achieve the needs of our topic."



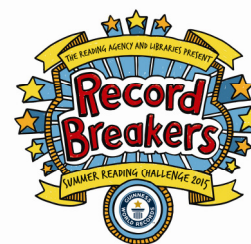
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Norfolk Libraries looking to break records this summer

In 2014 over 12,000 children and young people took part in the Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge and for 11 – 18 year olds - ImagiNation.

In 2015 Norfolk Libraries are aiming to break this record and encourage more children to have fun with books, keeping up their reading over the holidays with the **Record Breakers, Summer Reading Challenge 2015**.

Children can go for a personal best this summer at any Norfolk library and mobile library. They will discover AMAZING world records as they read their choice of library books, collecting stickers to complete the poster.



The whole family can get reading this summer by visiting any Norfolk Library or mobile library. New for 2015 - a Record Breakers challenge for pre school children, and for 11 – 18 year olds, **ImagiNation** has ideas for art, photography etc. inspired by books www.imaginationeast.org.uk

Special Record Breakers themed events including creating a Norfolk record for the largest number of people listening to the same story at the same time and there are events in many libraries, including the Norfolk Heritage Centre, 2nd Floor Millennium Library, Norwich. Tickets must be pre-booked through the Children's Library desk at the Millennium Library.

Tuesday 4th August 2pm - 3.15pm – Record Breakers!

The biggest book, the oldest book and much more behind the scenes at the library!

Tuesday 18th August 2pm - 3.15pm – Dragons!

Come and see the Dragons behind the scenes in the library and create your own dragon story!

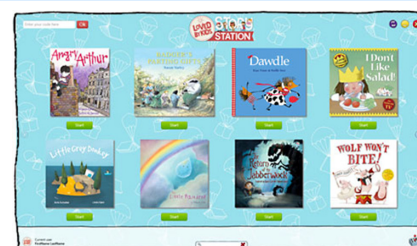
For library opening times and details about more events visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries

There is a link to a template text for school newsletters and a Record Breakers trailer on the Norfolk School Library Service webpage, www.norfolk.gov.uk/sls and resources for schools: <http://readingagency.org.uk/children/practitioners-guides/summer-reading-challenge-resources-for-teachers.html>

Find out more at the Summer Reading Challenge website: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Story Station – suitable for EYFS and KS1

Story Station is a reading platform that has been created for schools, with content from some of the world's leading children's publishers. Featuring lesson plans and activity sheets, animated stories, eBooks and educational games, Story Station will help support National Curriculum learning objectives, and motivate reluctant and less able readers.



Let Norfolk SLS know if you want an Annual Subscription to Story Station, so that you can benefit from the discount we have negotiated. Instead of £400 plus VAT, the annual license will cost £350 plus VAT (or 5 SLS tokens) for Norfolk schools signing up before July 2016.

Last Courier Collection and Project Orders for Autumn

The last courier collections this term are on **16th** and **17th July**. Please ensure that you return all outstanding spring and summer project loans. Don't forget, now is the time to get project orders in for the Autumn term to ensure delivery at the beginning of next term on **7th** and **8th September**.

Please get in touch so we can add you to our mailing list to receive SLS news or information by email directly.

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