

SLS High-Lights

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Norfolk SLS eBook lending platform is now live!

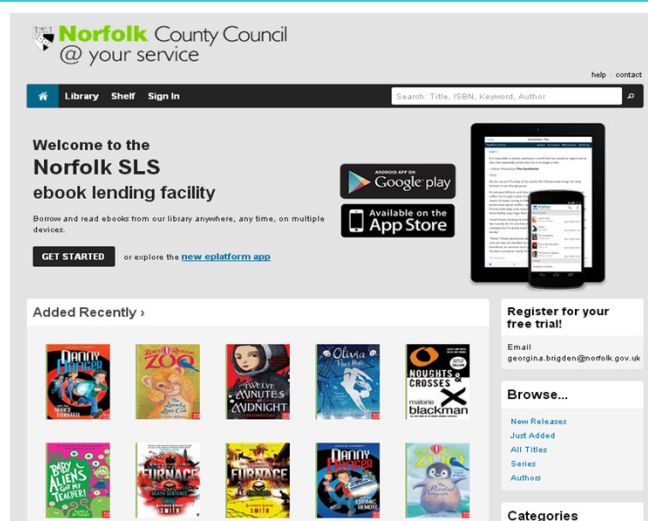
Using our lending platform means that students have access to hundreds of books that can be read on their PC, tablet or phone whether they are at school, on the bus or relaxing at home.

We have lots of exciting titles including Jacqueline Wilson, David Walliams and Neil Gaiman. SLS will manage the platform so you don't have to. You will have access to the shop so can always request popular books to be ordered.

To access for a whole term free of charge,
contact Georgie:

georgina.bridgen@norfolk.gov.uk

We are also running an INSET day on Thursday 19th November to show how you can use eBooks to promote reading for pleasure– see our attached course flyer for details.



Early bird price freeze– SLS contracts for academies

It will soon be contract renewal time again for academy schools! 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 the services offered are also on the SLA Online website: s4s.norfolk.gov.uk/
This is how all schools are purchasing services from Norfolk County Council. For more information or to discuss our services, contact our office.

Eclipse.net training

In our last issue, we asked for expressions of interest from schools who were interested in taking part in an Eclipse.net training day in the near future. Many thanks to all those who got in touch and we are pleased to let you know that we are currently in the process of confirming some dates with MLS which we will be advertising in due course. The session will take place at County Hall in Norwich, and will be for a full day.

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please e-mail Caroline directly at caroline.barker@norfolk.gov.uk as we still have places available.

Kids Lit Quiz 2015



Date: Thursday 12th November 2015, PM
Venue: Thetford Academy
Cost: £50 per team



We already have 22 teams entered for this year's Kids Lit Quiz but we still have room for more! Email or ring us to enter one or two teams. You'll be sent joining instructions and information on how to pay in September. We'd like a Librarian team again this year so volunteers please give us your names! For details about the quiz, visit the official website at www.kidslitquiz.com

Good luck to Litcham School- UK winners - as they travel to the USA for the World Final in July!

Drop everything and read!



60 years ago, Beverly Clearly wrote about a young girl called Ramona, who loved to drop everything and read! Now, schools across the county have been enjoying 15-30 minutes every day where everyone, including the teachers, drops everything and reads.

As librarians, we strongly believe that a well stocked library is the beating heart of any secondary school. Nevertheless, the classroom should not be forgotten. How many classrooms and form rooms provide a shelf of reading for pleasure material? Providing a borrowing shelf in your classroom could help even the most disengaged reader pick up a book during form time or at the beginning of a lesson. You can order a box of high-quality teen fiction hi-lo, picture books or leisure non-fiction from us to have in your classrooms for an **entire term** for just **1 token**. We can refresh your collection on a termly basis (1 token each term) to ensure your students can experience a wide range of texts to enjoy. If you'd like a box— let us know!

Blogging opportunity for schools

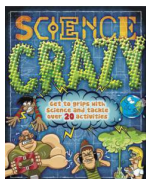
Do you have social media-savvy students with a passion for writing? '[Shelf Talk](#)' is a blog for young people recently set up by Norfolk Library and Information Service. As well as sharing news and information about what is on offer in libraries across in the county, there are also opportunities for young people to share their own writing— whether it be book, game or music reviews, or excerpts of creative writing.

We're looking for schools to host the site for a set period of time and are able to offer blog training to staff (and pupils!) who might be interested in seeing how the platform works.

To express your interest or for more information, please contact Apryl, the Senior Library and Information Assistant, who can tell you more: apryl.markham-uden@norfolk.gov.uk

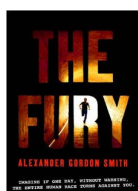
Author visits

We've recently been reviewing our author visit offer and are in process of discovering some new names to offer to secondary schools. We are still, however, continuing our successful partnerships with **Steve Parker** and **Alexander Gordon Smith**, both of whom are available to deliver sessions to KS3 and 4 pupils.



Steve has written over 300 non-fiction books and holds interactive sessions with large or small groups, emphases include research, imaginative information writing, and the role of teamwork.

A full day visit from Steve costs **5 tokens**, a half day is **3 tokens**.

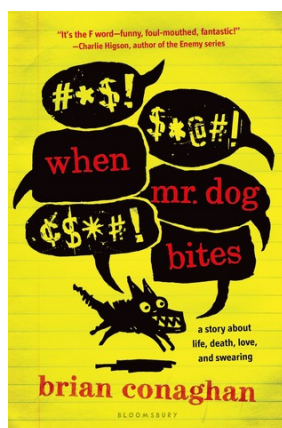


Author of the successful 'Fury' series for Teens, Gordon offers both large group author talks and small writing workshops.

A full day visit from Gordon is **6 tokens**, a half day is **4 tokens**

For more information or to book an author visit for your school, please contact our office.

Book reviews

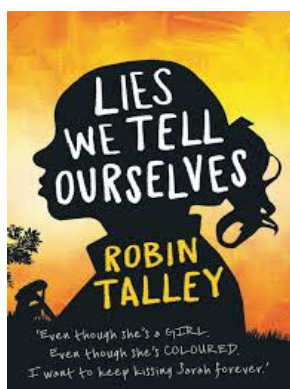


When Mr Dog Bites by Brian Conaghan

(£5.99, ISBN 9781408838365)

This is a powerful read, in turns poignant, sad and funny. Shocking too, as it is told through the voice of a Tourette's sufferer, a teenage boy who attends a special school, and we follow his trials of growing up in a world of secretive messed-up adults, and fellow teens who are also trying to make sense of who they are – some cruel, some suffering like our hero. By the end he is more confident and wise, but for me a flaw is that some of the other characters are less well drawn. The language of the book is of course sometimes very extreme, and this is not a book to give younger teens; but it can also

be very beautiful, and Dylan's obvious love of language is contrasted with the violent outbursts caused by his Tourette's in a startling and interesting way.



Lies We tell Ourselves by Robyn Talley

(£6.99, ISBN 978184845292)

This very impressive debut novel is set to shock almost as much as Malorie Blackman's Noughts and Crosses.

Set in 1959 America when 'white' schools are being forced to integrate black students, it vividly paints the struggle on both sides, faced by teachers, parents and not least students. Sarah and Linda hate each other – with good reason, but they find themselves drawn together in unexpected ways when they have to work on a school project. They both have to look deep into themselves and face up to the unthinkable about their sexuality and race. Racism and strong language is in context.

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Training courses from **Norfolk School Library Service**
Supporting literacy and learning for your school

Managing Behaviour: creating an effective learning environment within secondary school libraries

Half-day course for secondary school librarians and assistant librarians

The behaviour and safety of pupils has been highlighted by Ofsted as a key indicator of a school's overall effectiveness. This goes beyond the classroom and should be evident in any room an inspector chooses to visit.

Course Date: 25th June 2015
9:30-12:30pm

Venue: Norwich City Football Club Study Centre, Carrow Road, Norwich, NR1 1JE

Parking available on site:

Directions will be sent with your joining instructions



Cost: 1 SLS Token

Course leader: Georgie Brigden,
SLS Librarian

Course closing date: 12th June 2015

Course Objectives:

"Where librarians are fully integrated into the management structure of the school, they have an opportunity to influence debate and to enhance the library's contribution to pupils' progress." Ofsted, 2013

This 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
- Understand how to support the new English curriculum for key stage 3&4
- Q&A session offering practical advice on promoting books and the library through social networking

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)

To book a place on the course please complete a booking form and return to the School Library Service via email, fax, or post. You can also book via the Services to Schools SLA online website at www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk

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Training courses from **Norfolk School Library Service**

Supporting literacy and learning for your school

Using eBooks to promote Reading for Pleasure at Key Stage 3, 4 & 5

**A half day course for Literacy leaders and school Librarians
in secondary schools.**

Make sure your school library continues to support literacy and promote reading for pleasure, complementing and incorporating the use of eBooks in your school.

Includes free access to Norfolk SLS eBook platform for a whole term!

Course Date: Thursday 19th November, 2015. 12:45pm – 3:45pm

Venue: Norwich City Football Club Study Centre, Carrow Road, Norwich, NR1 1JE

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- Evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment (Clark 2011; Clark and Douglas 2011)
- PISA reports that young people who are extensively engaged in online reading activities are generally found to be more proficient readers (OECD, 2010).



Course closing date: 12th November

Course Objectives:

- You will be better informed on how to use electronic resources to enhance students' reading experiences
- A toolkit of digital resources & ideas will help to spark interest in even the most reluctant of readers
- Ideas for popular titles that you can add to your stock, with advice on incorporating them into your AR programme

Supporting the new National Curriculum:

Pupils should be taught to read fluently, understand extended prose (both fiction and non-fiction) and be encouraged to read for pleasure. Schools should do everything to promote wider reading. They should provide library facilities and set ambitious expectations for reading at home **NC, KS4**

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