

The SENCO and special schools newsletter from Norfolk School Library Service

Norfolk SLS eBook lending platform is now live!

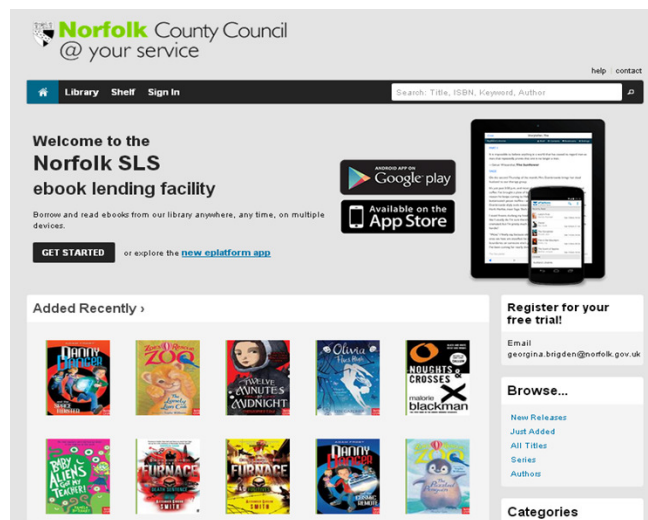
Using our lending platform means that students have access to hundreds of books that can be read on their PC, tablet or phone whether they are at school, on the bus or relaxing at home.

The background, font and text size of eBooks can even be changed to make them friendly for those with dyslexia or visual impairments.

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 one of our Librarians, Georgie: georgina.brigden@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 website](#), book via [SLA online](#), or contact the SLS team.

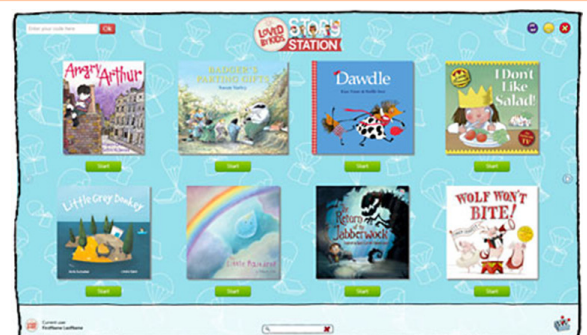


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Story Station

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, as well as those pupils with special educational needs.



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.

Living Paintings Trust

Have a look at this great website for your children with visual impairments:

<http://www.livingpaintings.org/>. Living Paintings produce lovely simple coloured plastic tactile versions of illustrations in picture books, along with an audio guide.

A Living Picture Book contains:

- 2-4 hand-painted tactile pictures of the characters and scenes in the story, created to match the illustrator's style.
- The text of the story in Braille, on clear plastic sheets which are interleaved through the book.
- A lively audio guide which describes the illustrations on each page and guides the fingers over the tactile pictures

Packs come in various levels, from pre-school to KS4, and from picture books to literary classics and non-fiction. Teachers resources are also available and there are resources for book clubs. Anyone in the UK who is blind or partially sighted can become a member and borrow items, including schools.

These books and packs really can bring images to life- genius!

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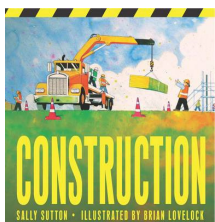
Many public library customers don't realise that their Norfolk library card entitles them to use various online subscription sites for FREE!

The majority of these online subscriptions can be accessed from home too, using your library card. To see the full list of sites visit the library information service webpage - www.norfolk.gov.uk/librariesinformation. In particular, Britannica Junior/Britannica Student (for children/young adults) includes learning games, articles, images and videos.

Also, anyone can contact the libraries' Information Team for help with homework queries or to find any sort of information, not just library related. Email askus@norfolk.gov.uk, ring 01603 774775 / 774785 or [use our 'Ask a librarian' online chat](#).

Book reviews

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



Construction by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Brian Lovelock

A simple rhyming picture book with plenty of noisy alliteration. Lots of busy building is going on - and eventually a public library emerges - Ready...STEADY...READ!

(Walker Books, £11.99 hardback, ISBN 9781922077301)



The Big Monster Snoreybook by Leigh Hodgkinson

A fun interactive picture book, which comes very much alive if you have a QR code reader on your smart phone and enjoy the free audio reading of the story.

(Nosy Crow, £6.99 paperback, ISBN 9780857633316)

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