

# SLS High-Lights

September 2015

## Kids' Lit Quiz 2015

**Date:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015, PM

**Venue:** Thetford Academy

**Cost:** £50 per team

Last year's national winners, Litcham School from Norfolk, had a fantastic trip to USA in July. Perhaps your school could be the next winner - just make sure you're signed up!



We've now got 27 teams entered but still have room for a few more. Email or ring us to enter one or two teams. You'll be sent joining instructions and information on how to pay during September.

We can confirm that authors Alexander Gordon Smith and Helen Moss will be attending. We'd like a Librarian team again this year so volunteers please give us your names! For info about the competition, visit the official site: [kidslitquiz.com](http://kidslitquiz.com)

## Reminder – academy early bird period ends soon!

Academies! To 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 SLA Online: [s4s.norfolk.gov.uk](http://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.

## Does your school have any keen bloggers?

Do you have social media-savvy students that you would like to encourage to have a passion for writing? '[Shelf Talk](http://ShelfTalk)' is a blog for young people 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. To take a look, visit [norfolkshelftalk.edublogs.org](http://norfolkshelftalk.edublogs.org)

The blog is currently being hosted by pupils at Old Buckenham High School, and we're inviting schools to take over the site for a term toward the end of the Autumn term/Spring term. We are able to offer blog training to staff (and pupils!) so that you full understand how the platform works, which means it will be easy for you to blog yourselves in the future, or attend the SLS blogging INSET (see flyer at the end of this newsletter).

To express your interest or for more information, please contact Apryl, Senior Library and Information Assistant, who can tell you more: [apryl.markham-uden@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:apryl.markham-uden@norfolk.gov.uk) If you haven't already, why not take a look at our SLS Book Trolley blog, updated regularly with news, reviews and other book-related chat? Visit [norfolksls.wordpress.com](http://norfolksls.wordpress.com)



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## Eclipse.net training – Monday 5th October 2015

Before the summer break, we asked for expressions of interest from schools who were interested in taking part in an Eclipse.net training day in the near future. We are pleased to let you know that we have confirmed a full-day training session to take place at the County Hall Annexe in Norwich on **Monday 5th October 2015**, at a cost of **2 SLS tokens** (lunch and refreshments included).

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please e-mail Caroline directly at [caroline.barker@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.barker@norfolk.gov.uk) as we still have places available. You can also book via SLA online: visit [s4s.norfolk.gov.uk](http://s4s.norfolk.gov.uk)

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Now stocking:



Dr Who graphic novels!

New and up-to-date with the most recent Doctor, these graphic novels will go down a treat with fans of the popular TV show!

If your students are planning to go and see Cara Delevingne star in 'Paper Towns' make sure they have read the book first...!



**Paper Towns by John Green, author of The Fault in our Stars**

Who is the real Margo? Quentin Jacobsen has spent a lifetime loving the magnificently adventurous Margo Roth Spiegelman from afar. So when she cracks open a window and climbs into his life - dressed like a ninja and summoning him for an ingenious campaign of revenge - he follows. After their all-nighter ends and a new day breaks, Q arrives at school to discover that Margo, always an enigma, has now become a mystery completely... She has disappeared.

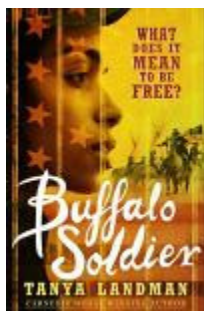
## Literacy for Life

The National Literacy Trust is delivering the Literacy for Life programme, designed to reduce the attainment gap between free school meals (FSM) students and non-FSM students by addressing key language and literacy deficits.

They are working with six schools including Ormiston Venture Academy, Norfolk and will be offering schools the opportunity to discuss implementing a tailored version of Literacy for Life from January 2016. To register your interest, email: [susan.aykin@literacytrust.org.uk](mailto:susan.aykin@literacytrust.org.uk) or call 020 7820 6272.

## SLS Conference: Language is Power – Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

This conference explores the importance of language across the curriculum including GCSE. During the day there will be talks that focus on reading, writing, poetry, storytelling AND Shakespeare. Come along and hear from this year's Carnegie award winner Tanya Landman, grammar-wiz Martin Illingworth, poet Paul Cookson and performer Dr Patrick Ryan. PLUS exciting educational exhibitions to explore.



**Venue:** The Space, Norwich. **Cost:** 2 SLS tokens (£140)- lunch and other refreshments included.

See the flyer on the final page; this will also have been emailed to your school. If you would like more information then please contact the office.

## CSI for secondary schools!

Are you looking for an 'outstanding' forensic science/CSI experience for your students? Norfolk SLS now working with Right Angle Education!

Their events in secondary schools introduce students to the fascinating world of forensic science/crime scene investigation. The content of the day includes a full fingerprint workshop, where they take and classify their own fingerprints, dust up a crime scene for unknown marks and formally identify a suspect, Grissom style! The scenario is generally murder derived and suspects



can even be selected from your own staff! Generally, secondary school days culminate in a blood spatter pattern analysis workshop or can, if you would prefer, finish with a mock trial experience. Other forensic workshops are available for secondary schools, including the development of DNA and hair and fibre analysis.

The events are overseen by Steve Gaskin, Former Scotland Yard Detective Chief Inspector.

More information can be found on their website:

<http://rightangleeducation.co.uk/education/secondary-schools> and you can contact [school.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:school.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk) to discover our special discounted price!

## Book review



### Now You See Me... By Emma Haughton

(Usborne Books, £6.99 paperback, ISBN 9781409563693)

This teen book is a real page-turning thriller. It has pace and suspense right to the last page. Hannah's best friend Danny disappears without a trace. As everyone hangs on to the hope he is still alive, miraculously he reappears three years later- but Hannah has to uncover the truth.

Find more reviews like this on our SLS Book Trolley Blog:

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## **Blogging in the Classroom**

**A half-day course for Literacy Co-ordinators and Key Stage 2/3/4 Teachers to create and maximise the use of a Reading Blog and utilise Social Media in the classroom**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

9am to 12noon (Arrival from 8.45am)

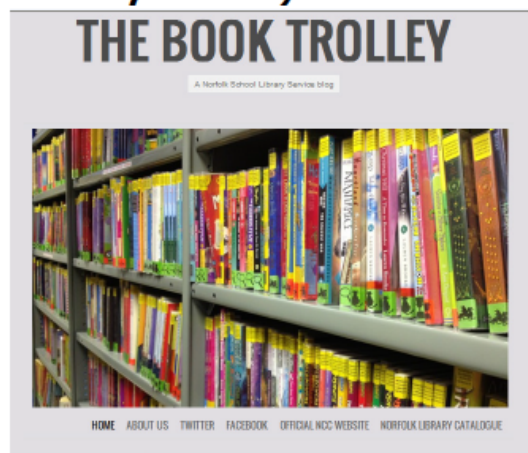
County Hall Annexe

**Cost: 1 SLS token**

**Please note: There is no on-site parking for this course. More details about travel and parking will be sent with your joining instructions**

**Course leaders:**

**Apryl Markham-Uden (SLS),  
Jon Biddle (Teacher, Moorlands Primary School)**



**Closing date: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**The course will include:**

- Advice on how to set up a Blog
- Practical suggestions on how to use a Blog to support a Reading Group
- Advice on how to utilise other social media such as Twitter

The course will support the requirements of the

**new National Curriculum:**

**English:** 'maintain positive attitudes to reading and understanding of what (children) read'

**Computing:** (Pupils should be) 'able to use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through, information and communication technology'

This course will be equally valuable for those who have a familiarity with Blogging and Social Media as for those who are new to the format.

**To book a place on the course please complete a booking form and return to the School Library Service via email, fax, or post.  
Or book through the SLA online website [s4s.norfolk.gov.uk](http://s4s.norfolk.gov.uk)**

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## **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 19<sup>th</sup> November,  
12:45 – 15:45

**Venue:** The Space, Roundtree Way, Norwich,  
NR7 8SQ

**Cost:** 1 SLS Token

**Course leader:** Georgie Brigden

- There is a growing body of evidence which illustrates the importance of reading for pleasure for both educational purposes as well as personal development (cited in Clark and Rumbold, 2006)
- 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:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

### **Course Objectives:**

- You will be better informed about how to use electronic resources to enhance students' reading experiences
- A toolkit of digital resources and 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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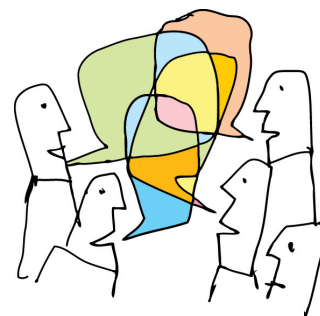


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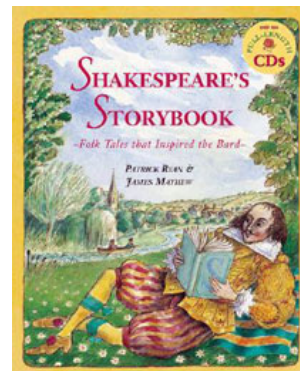
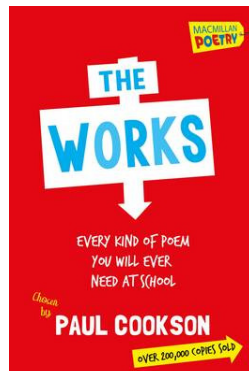
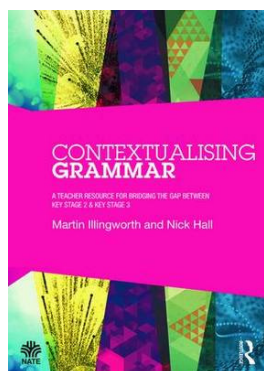
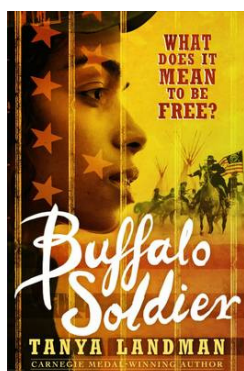
### Conference 2016



This conference explores the importance of language across the curriculum, as well as Reading for Pleasure. A must for KS2, 3 and 4 teachers, literacy coordinators, TAs, librarians, advisers and home educators.

#### Workshops and inspiring sessions delivered by:

- **Tanya Landman:** Key note speaker, winner of the 2015 Carnegie Medal for 'Buffalo Soldier' and author of junior fiction
- **Martin Illingworth:** Senior Lecturer in English Education at Sheffield Hallam University, UK and author of 'Creative Approaches to Teaching Grammar: Developing your students as writers and readers'
- **Paul Cookson:** poet and performer offering practical guidelines about writing, performing and understanding poetry
- **Dr Patrick Ryan:** Teacher and performer specialising in storytelling skills including how to effectively teach Shakespeare



Date: **Thursday 10th March 2016**

Venue: The Space, Roundtree Way, Norwich, NR7 8SQ

Time: 9.15am - 3.30pm

Cost: **2 SLS Tokens (£140)** including lunch and other refreshments

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