

## The SENCO and special schools newsletter from Norfolk School Library Service

### Children with mobility challenges? Bring them aboard our Mobile library!

Our lovely Mobile Library has just been refreshed and the new images from David Melling's book 'The Kiss that Missed' are really bright and shiny! Many books are new and all the books are freshly chosen and topped up daily. We are delighted that the van is fully accessible - it is fitted with a stair lift which our staff are fully trained to use. This ensures that the inspiring environment inside can be enjoyed by all! It is such a treat for children to come aboard the library van.

Along with our inclusive leisure/pleasure book collections for your students, there is a small collection of books for teachers on Educational topics including special needs. If you have any special requests for particular books or formats please let us know in advance – we like the challenge!



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### School Library Service Boxes of Delight!

**Our Storyboxes** are a simple and cost effective way to bring a themed range of resources into your classroom.



Each box is made up of up to 30 items such as various toys, puppets and finger puppets, throws and many other story telling props; activity cards, story cards, as well as hints and tips on storymaking using the box, all adding up to the value of around £300! All of these items allow for great hands-on storytelling.

The themes we have are **Magic and Mystery, Spooky Stories, Around the World, Sea and Shore, Story World and Animal Fun** (illustrated). They are brilliant resources for EYFS, KS1 or

Special Needs and count (amazingly!) as just one project box so cost just one SLS token. Availability is limited so get your requests in early to avoid disappointment!

In addition we can also supply [Storysacks](#) and [Bagbooks](#) designed for children with a range of impairments. One box of 4 Storysacks costs 1 SLS token, and a box of 2 Bagbooks is also 1 token. To place an order for your school, please contact our office.



## Don't forget about our eBook lending platform

Our eBook lending platform has a great range of non-fiction texts suitable for learners with special educational needs. Take a look at our Martin Luther-King picture biography: <https://norfolksls.wheelers.co/title/9781445115474/epub>

Most importantly, you can adjust the background colour, word spacing, font and size to suit each individual's reading requirements (see right). If you would like to talk to one of the team about the free trial then contact the SLS office to find out more!



## Braille and Large Print

We have recently added to our stock of wonderful Access2books publications, with a series of simple picture books about festivals in different faiths.

If you haven't come across them yet, these are blown up versions of well-known picture books, the font enlarged to 48point, and with the addition of Braille. They are also all given plain white covers and backgrounds to enhance the clarity of the illustrations.

If you're interested in borrowing some of these books, let us know! All large print and braille books are free for SLS customers to borrow.

### FESTIVAL TIME! Eight Candles to Light A Chanukah Story

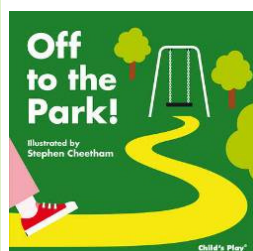


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**Giant Print & Braille**

## Book reviews

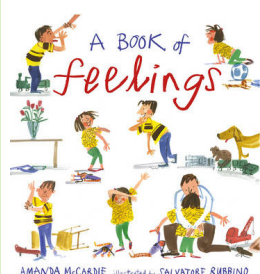
Below are some recent additions to our book stock that we consider particularly accessible. To borrow books from SLS, just get in touch. Depending on your requirements, there may be a charge



### **Off to the Park** by Stephen Cheetham

This tactile book is great for children with severe special needs, young Braille learners...and most other young children too! Plenty of tactile elements on every page, including Braille numbers, shoelaces and an ice cream help to support the child's experience of a trip to the park. The text is rhyming and rhythmic and works well.

(Child's play, £12.99 hardback, ISBN 9781846435027)



**A Book of Feelings** by Amanda McCardie, illustrated by Salvatore Rubbino. Illustrated with charming and lively sketches, this simple story portrays the range of emotions a brother and sister feel. The confusion that often surrounds our feelings is sensitively dealt with. Well worth having in school for your PSHE or SEAL curriculum.

(Walker Books, £11.99 hardback, ISBN 9781406355994)

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