

## Autumn Term INSET 2016

Below is our programme of primary INSET for the 2016 autumn term. All of our INSET is designed to support the requirements of the new National Curriculum and is flexible enough to suit any curriculum. Full INSET details can be found at: <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/sls>

<b>Fairy Tales Revisited</b>  Friday 23rd September 9.30am– 3.15pm  Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse, <b>NR20 4DR</b> Free parking on site	A collaboration between Norfolk School Library Service and Norfolk Museums. This full day course for Reception and Key Stage 1 teachers/TAs will be an active exploration of how to use drama, art, dance and outdoor learning approaches to look at traditional tales in new ways. <b>Course leaders:</b> Gail Arnold, SLS, with Jan Pitman and Rosie Walker, Museums Service <b>Cost: 2 SLS Tokens (lunch included)</b>
<b>Blogging in the Classroom</b>  Tuesday 4th October 9am-12pm  County Hall Annexe, <b>Norwich</b>	A half-day course for Literacy co-ordinators, and KS2 & 3 teachers and TAs to advise how to create and maximise the use of a school reading blog and other social media to engage children creatively with reading and writing. <b>Course leader:</b> Apryl Markham-Uden, Senior Library Assistant <b>Cost: 1 SLS Token</b>
<b>Making the Most of Junior Librarian</b>  Thursday 20th October 9am-12pm  SLS Training Room County Hall, <b>Norwich</b>	A half-day course to help your school to get maximum value from the full range of features of this library management software. This course is for users of the Junior3 version of the system. If you are using the .net version please call to discuss training. <b>Course leader:</b> Caroline Barker, Senior Library Assistant <b>Cost: 1 SLS Token</b>
<b>Libraries and their Impact on School Improvement</b>  Tuesday 15th November 4.45pm– 6.45pm  SLS Training Room County Hall, <b>Norwich</b>	A <b>FREE</b> twilight session for Governors, looking at good practice in schools in Norfolk, giving a range of ideas for governors when looking at making the most of their school library. Participants will get hands on experience of books and explore what makes a good school library in the stimulating environment of the School Library Service base. <b>Nb.</b> Places for this course must be booked via the Governors services site: <a href="http://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/School-management/Governors/">www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/School-management/Governors/</a>
<b>Using eBooks to promote Reading for Pleasure</b>  Wednesday 16th November 9am– 12pm,  <b>VENUE TBC</b>	A half day course for Literacy leaders and school librarians in primary and high 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. <b>Includes FREE access to the SLS eBook platform for one term.</b> <b>Course leader:</b> Apryl Markham-Uden, Senior Library Assistant <b>Cost: 1 SLS Token</b>
<b>Promoting SMSC Through Books</b>  Tuesday 22nd November 9am- 12pm  SLS Training Room, County Hall, <b>Norwich</b>	A half day course for Primary teachers/TAs exploring activities to promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural development based on a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books and developing valuable strategies to enhance global learning and diversity. <b>Course leader:</b> Gail Arnold, SLS Librarian <b>Cost: 1 SLS Token</b>

For additional information or to book a place on any of the INSET courses, please get in touch.  
 We will email you a booking form to complete and return to us via email, fax, or post.  
 You can also now book onto courses via SLA Online – visit [www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk) for details.

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# Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

Please pin this up in your staff room!

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## Our specialist children's Mobile library

***“If variety is the spice of reading, then the mobile library service is an absolute necessity for providing our children with access to a wonderfully broad range of up-to-the-moment books that they will be clamouring to read: guaranteed to bring a bus load of excitement about reading, to schools across Norfolk!”***

- Katie Leightell, Education Adviser (Specialising in English), Educator Solutions



Our mobile library is “fantastic” according to schools: **100%** of evaluation forms received in the Spring term rated the experience of the mobile visit as excellent or good, with many commenting on how invaluable the service is and how knowledgeable our staff are at recommending books to pupils of all ages and abilities.

In the period between April 2015 – March 2016 we visited 118 schools, where we saw nearly 9000 children, who borrowed just over 49,000 books, worth £314,323.69!

We are constantly buying a broad range of quality, newly published titles to stock our mobile and with every visit pupils gain the opportunity to select from these titles. For some children this may be their only chance to select for themselves. A mobile library visit is an invaluable tool to support reading for pleasure and we also award any mobile library purchase a **FREE** SLS token with a value of £70 to be used for or towards any of our services. If you're thinking of whether to have a visit for your school, consider the impact of a visit from the SLS mobile and a long-term loan of up to 850 books with a value of approximately £6700.

This summer our mobile will be supporting the Norfolk Library and Information Service in delivering the Roald Dahl-themed Big Friendly Read. For more information about the Summer Reading Challenge and how you can promote it to your school community, visit your local library or see <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/src-schools>

***“It allows us to renew our stock annually at a significantly lower cost than if we bought new books ourselves. It also introduces staff and children to new titles and authors they might otherwise miss.”***

- Gill Mitchell, Librarian, Attleborough Junior School



## Junior Librarian Training

Do you want to get the most you can out of the Junior Librarian System?

Recently taken over the responsibility for your library and trying to get to grips with the system?

Have you recently purchased the system and require training, or can't possibly see how you will be able to catalogue all of your stock?

### We can help!

We offer half day training sessions on both the Junior3 and Junior.net (online) versions at a competitive cost. Alternatively we regularly hold courses at our base in County Hall on the Junior3 version.

We offer a cataloguing service which will ensure that your books are catalogued correctly and efficiently by staff who understand how library catalogues should work; depending on any relabelling requirements we catalogue at least 300 non-fiction or 600 fiction books in a day.

Remember: a good catalogue entry will ensure that you and your pupils will always be able to find your books!

***"Provided volunteers and staff with the skills to use the library system to provide an effective service to pupils. The additional personal support and knowledge from our trainer really made a difference"***

- Rachel Scarff, Volunteer & Governor,  
St Faith's Primary

## Our Librarian team

We love visiting **your school library** and working to make it as appealing as possible for your school community. We can give advice on all aspects of the library and **class book corners**, and we especially enjoy delivering **Reading for Pleasure sessions** for your pupils: what could be better than sharing the best children's books which are on offer in this golden age of children's publishing? We will also be happy to deliver **information skills** sessions, as it is an *essential life skill* to be able to forge a way through the ever increasing mass of information and misinformation. If you're thinking of becoming a customer and would like some advice on your library or would like to find out more about what we offer, we can make a **FREE** short visit to your school.

***"The librarians renewed our enthusiasm for our school library - we are all looking forward to making better use of it!"***  
- S. Lake, Fairhaven Primary School

## eBook Platform

Studies show that young people who are extensively engaged in online reading activities are generally found to be more proficient readers. Using our specialist school eBook lending platform means students have access to hundreds of books that can be read on a PC, tablet or phone wherever they are.

We offer a **FREE** trial for one term and to set this up, please call our office.

## What can Norfolk School Library Service do for you? Everything!



### A glimpse of our SLS base at County Hall

## Added value for customers

**FREE** lovely things we offer customers include our two **Reading 4 Pleasure Groups** for school staff interested in keeping up their knowledge of (mostly) fiction for KS2 pupils. You will receive a set of 6 titles for a term to enjoy and share with your students and then we meet termly for a relaxed twilight session. Based in Norwich and Fakenham we have vacancies – so do get in touch, we would love to welcome you to our friendly discussions.

We also offer **FREE** resources for school customers needing extra support with **English as an Additional Language**, or **Large Print**.

We're always at the end of the phone to answer any queries or have a chat about ways we can help, as well as recommend Authors to inspire your students.

## Project Boxes

Every Project Box requested by you is bespoke, put together by our experienced team using the best resources available.

You can ask for one theme or any combination of topics, Artefacts, Story Sacks, Novelty books, or simply a varied collection of books your children will love to browse and enjoy.

***"The children LOVED the selection of books and have taken every opportunity to read them. Perfectly suited to Y1. There was something for everyone"***

- Sandra, Cringleford Primary

## Our Weed, Audit and book buying discount

We 'weed' the books in your library according to your needs, leaving you with the most relevant, appealing books and with an audit document showing you where the gaps are in your stock, so that you know which books to purchase. You can buy books yourself from Peters online using a 22% discount; just get in touch for your password.

## New products

Our whole aim is to help school improvement, and we are always looking for interesting but cost effective ways to do this. One of our exciting developments is a Chatterbooks subscription which gives you access to lots of lovely themed resources to create a great buzz around books at excellent value for money. Other subscriptions available include guided reader and early years collections.

## Visit our Office!

**We welcome all visitors from schools!** We've had whole classes of pupils in our department at County Hall, and are happy to devise a fun and active session in collaboration with your school. We work in partnership with the Norfolk Record Office who are on the same site, so if you wish we can create a day of linked activities. Or you can call in yourself any time in office hours (just give us a quick ring first), for a chat or a look round or to choose your own resources, along with a cup of tea of course!

***"I've had an amazing day. I loved that we got to choose a book to read as well"***  
- Pupil from Holt Primary