

SLS High-Lights

June 2016

Kids' Lit Quiz 2016

Date: Monday 14th November 2016

Time: 3.00pm-6.00pm, with a bookstall from 2.15pm

Venue: Thetford Academy

It's time to think about getting your teams together for KLQ 2016/17. For those who've not entered before this is an annual fun literary quiz run by enthusiastic lecturer Wayne Mills MBE, from New Zealand.



To enter you need to choose a team of four students from next year's Y7/8. Students must be under 14 years old on 1 July 2017. There can be no substitutions. Each student entering must sign to confirm that if their team should win the heat, they can take part in the National Final in London on 7 December 2016 and if they win they will travel with the team to Canada the following summer, to compete for the KLQ International Title. Schools are allowed to enter up to two teams. Entry is £50/team and there are prizes of book tokens, books and spot cash prizes.

Please get in touch with the SLS team to register your interest and let us know how many teams you plan to enter. Entry forms and further information will be sent out to you in early September, when you will also be given details of how to pay.

For tips, practice questions and other FAQs, visit the official website: www.kidslitquiz.com Kids' Lit Quiz is a not-for-profit charity, run by volunteers; Norfolk School Library Service organises the Norfolk heat without any remuneration.

Write on Norfolk and ImagiNation

Norfolk County Council has worked in partnership with EDP to establish a summer writing competition for children aged 5-13. Write on Norfolk is designed to run concurrently with the Summer Reading Challenge and ImagiNation arts activity for young people, bridging the summer holiday gap where educational attainment can often dip.

The theme is 'Norfolk' and entries can be in any form (story, letter, poem), so long as they are no more than 500 words. Submissions can be made via the NCC website [here](#). The EDP will have a weekly spread during the summer promoting reading and writing, as well as advertising activities and events taking place at libraries, including writing workshops across the county. For more information visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/writeon

ImagiNation is a reading and arts activity for young people aged 11 to 18 taking place over the Summer. It encourages reading for pleasure and provides an opportunity for young people to create their own original art based on their reactions to books. Young people have co-produced all aspects of the project from the start, choosing the name, recruiting artists, designing the logo and the activity, and setting up a blog www.imaginationeast.org.uk

The project is now in its third year; last year over 7000 young people around the region took part through their local libraries. Evidence suggests those who take part in ImagiNation will be more likely to engage in the arts at school: in our post-workshop survey last year, over 70% of respondents ticked the box 'do more creative things' when asked 'Now that you have taken part, what will you do next?'

For more info on how to get involved, visit the website or your local library for details.

Volunteers needed to help with the Big Friendly Read

Please promote the following to your students:

Are you aged between 13 – 25? Then Norfolk libraries need your help this summer.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Big Friendly Read summer reading challenge that will take place at libraries across Norfolk. Volunteering sessions take place between the end of June and beginning of September, during the school holidays.

We ask for a commitment of 2 hours per week although there can be scope to do more depending on the activities which are running at your library.

Young volunteers are vital to supporting the Summer Reading Challenge within libraries. In Norfolk libraries we work with young volunteers to ensure that children taking part are encouraged to keep their reading skills up during the holidays.

Challenge Champions volunteer alongside library staff to do the following:

- Register young readers for the challenge
- Talk to children about reading and what the challenge involves
- Help children to select books by sharing reading recommendations
- Work with staff to prepare activities
- Use creative skills to assist with craft activities and preparing displays

Reading Hack allows volunteers to use their strongest skills and vary the core Challenge Champion role. As a Reading Hack volunteer, young people can get involved with activities such as:

- Setting up a reading group for young people
- Producing content to share on social media such as book reviews, reading recommendations and reports on what is happening within their library
- Holding a regular storytelling session
- Helping with activities taking place within the library

For more information on reading hack visit:

www.readinghack.org.uk

If your students are interested in helping out this summer, speak to staff at the local library or e-mail volunteercontact@norfolk.gov.uk to request an application pack.



Foyle Young Poet Award 2016

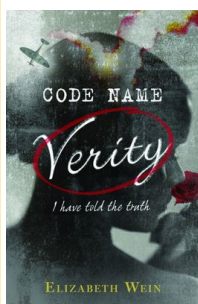
The Foyle Young Poet of the Year is currently taking submissions for poems written by young people aged 11-17. Overall winners will have their work published in the annual Foyle Anthology and they have the chance to attend a week-long intensive residential Arvon course where they can develop their creative writing skills alongside fellow poets. The deadline for entries is 31st July and winners will be announced on National Poetry Day in October. For more information or to enter, visit <http://foyleyoungpoets.org/>

Young Norfolk Arts Festival

Young Norfolk Arts Festival is an annual celebration, this year taking place throughout Norwich from 1st – 10th July. Now in its fourth year, the programme is curated by and for young people with support from a variety of partners.

The festival's brochure is now online and there's an amazing mix of events allowing young people to celebrate their creative and performance skills. The schedule can be [viewed here](#) and if you're interested in attending events, check whether you need tickets as they're sure to be very popular.

News on Author visits



We are delighted to be working with Scottish Book Trust and their sponsors, Scottish Friendly, to bring **Elizabeth Wein**, author of 'Code Name Verity' and 'Rose Under Fire' on tour to Norfolk and Cambridgeshire to visit 9 High Schools and also a session at the UEA FLY Festival. Congratulations to those schools which have been successful in their bid to host Elizabeth. We hope the preparation is going well and that your students will be inspired to read and write by this renowned author.

Coming soon...Julian Sedgwick

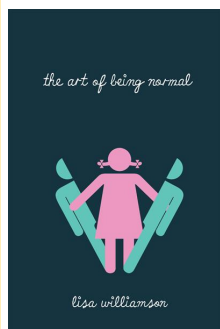
Look out for information next term about this exciting addition to our "stable" of high school authors. Julian is brother to Marcus and together they wrote the graphic novel 'Dark Satanic Mills'. Julian has published two series: 'Mysterium' and 'Ghosts of Shanghai' and is based in Cambridge.



Our Norfolk SLS eBook platform

We have our own specialist schools eBook platform and if you're interested in seeing how this could work for your setting, why not get in touch to arrange a **FREE** trial for one term?

New on the platform: new stock includes books shortlisted for this year's Carnegie award and some of those titles nominated for



[The Bookseller's YA Book Award](#),

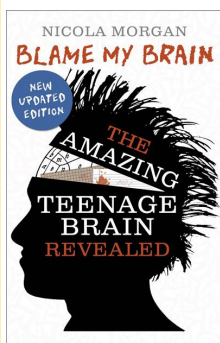
including 'The Art of Being Normal' by Lisa Williamson (soon to be appearing at UEA's FLY Festival). The book is a sensitive look at the difficulties of not just being a teenager, but one who is struggling to come to terms with their gender identity.

Find it here: <https://norfolksls.wheelers.co/title/9781910200407/epub>



We've also recently added to our eBook stock some of the Shelf Help – Reading Well for Young People titles, books which have been chosen by young people and health experts to help with difficult feelings and experiences that can affect wellbeing.

A range of fiction and non-fiction, they include 'Blame my Brain: the Amazing Teenage Brain Revealed' by Nicola Morgan, well known for her passionate factual work on adolescence. This book is an accessibly look at the way the teenage brain experiences its most radical changes since infancy, and has chapters on a variety of topics including the power of emotions, the importance of sleep, the differences between genders and how to prepare for adulthood.



Find it here: <https://norfolksls.wheelers.co/title/9781406351859/epub>

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Autumn INSET

Below is our programme of secondary INSET for the 2016 autumn term. All of our courses are designed to support the requirements of the new National Curriculum and are flexible enough to suit any curriculum. Full INSET details can be found at:

<http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/sls>

Blogging in the Classroom Tuesday 4th October 9am-12pm County Hall Annexe, Norwich	A half-day course for Literacy co-ordinators, and Key Stage 2 and 3 teachers, librarians and TA's to learn how to create and maximise the use of a school reading blog and other social media to engage children creatively with reading and writing. Course leader: Apryl Markham-Uden, Senior Library Assistant Cost: 1 SLS Token
Is Dewey dead? Monday 7th November 9.30am– 3.30pm Norwich School, 69-71a The Close, Norwich, NR1 4DD	A full-day course for school librarians and curriculum leads, run in partnership with Norwich School. A practical course on information skills for the digital generation, the session will address how to ensure your school library is research-friendly, and how to ensure all pupils are confident, independent researchers. Course leaders: Harriet Cox, SLS Librarian and the Librarian team from Norwich School Cost: 2 SLS Tokens (lunch included)
Using eBooks to promote Reading for Pleasure Wednesday 16th November 9am– 12pm VENUE TBC	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. Includes FREE access to the SLS eBook platform for one term. Course leader: Apryl Markham-Uden, Senior Library Assistant Cost: 1 SLS Token

And look out for...

We are currently finalising details of an exciting storytelling course run by [Seven Stories](#), the National Centre for Children's Books. Look out for more information in future newsletters and on our website!

For additional information or to book a place on a course, 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 book onto courses via SLA Online – visit www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk for details.

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