

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from your **Education Library Service**

Please pin this up in your staff room!

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“One child, one teacher, one pen, and one book can change the world. Education is the only solution. Education First.”

Malala Yousafzai, from 'Every Day is Malala Day' by Rosemary McCarney

We are now the Education Library Service!

The service is continually improving and over the Summer it was agreed that a new name for the School Library Service will better reflect the range of cost effective services offered to the education sector. The service is now the **Education Library Service**.

The change was a result of feedback from the range of educational settings and customers that the service supports: settings in other counties, Academies, Early Years settings, sixth form colleges, Universities, the Norfolk to Good and Great initiative and schools... in fact all education settings and providers!

In the last few years, as well as giving access to books, a mobile library, practical support, advice and training and helping inspire reluctant readers, new services have been introduced, most recently our fabulous specialist eBook platform for schools (with a free trial term). The Education Library Service has excellent feedback from customers, with 100% of customers saying that training, professional support, the mobile library visit and project loans are valuable or very valuable and have met or exceeded expectations. We are always interested in hearing ideas and suggestions about support and services that educators will find useful. We currently have a survey that can be emailed out. All who get in touch with ideas, respond to the survey or visit the ELS base (see below) by the end of half term will be entered in to a prize draw to win a free ELS token worth £70!

Our new name will be used for everything, including our social media platforms, so please see the end of this newsletter for changes.

Would you like to visit the ELS base? Please POP IN!

You might be new to Norfolk, a Newly Qualified Teacher, or have responsibilities for the school library...or you just haven't visited yet! You are invited to visit our base for a chat, tour and a cuppa. You will see some of our stock of nearly 150,000 items, including our Professional Development section and our *most special* items, and we can run through what support our service can offer you. All education staff are most welcome!

If you pop in between September and the end of half term your school or academy will be entered into a prize draw for a free ELS token worth £70!

Some staff like to **self-select projects** or **guided reader sets**, and we're very happy for *anyone* to call in, choose and take away their selection immediately as long as ELS tokens have been purchased. Give us a ring first so we can ensure we are here to help, and to notify County Hall reception and parking attendants.



New contracts – Early Bird period for Academies

“I would definitely recommend the SLS to any school who needs help with their library and will be using their services a lot more in the future.”

- Karen Pearce, All Saints CE VA Primary, Winfarthing

It's contract renewal time again for academies and we've frozen our excellent value 'Early Bird' token price of £70 for another year. Think of your budget - to make sure you get the service you want at this price, ensure your contract is agreed on the Educator Solutions website

s4s.norfolk.gov.uk by **31.10.16**. Outside of this period tokens will be full price, which is £80.

New subscription services available include our specialist eBook platform for schools and our Chatterbooks reading group boxes. We have our usual annual guided reading and catch-up collection subscriptions, and tokens can of course be used toward all of our services including project boxes, INSET places, and professional time.

Some of your pupils may have visited our mobile library van on its visits round the county for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. By arranging for your school to have one of our mobile visits, all of your pupils could have this wonderful experience and the chance to select books from our wide range of children's fiction and non-fiction. Our mobile library van is stocked with over 3000 items (fiction and non-fiction) all of which have been specially selected by our team of librarians to support reading for pleasure. Our van is brought to you by an experienced member of staff who is able to advise your pupils in their book selection and make recommendations to encourage them to widen their reading experience. If you're thinking of whether to have a visit for your school, consider the impact of a visit from the ELS mobile and a long-term loan of up to 850 books with a value of approximately £6700.

You can contact us directly for more information or alternatively, details of the services offered are also on the Educator Solutions website: s4s.norfolk.gov.uk

Let us connect your pupils to the World of Wonderful Books – 2 great offers

NEW: For **4 tokens** we will come into school for the day and deliver reading and writing sessions based around some of our most exciting books, leaving you with a **FREE** collection of these books to continue working with and using for the rest of term. These sessions can be for all pupils, or targeted at particular groups (funded from pupil premium or SEND funds), and may be linked to your school curriculum.

Or! On your mobile library visit an ELS librarian will come into your classes and promote the great books on the van, talk about the importance of reading, and share some stories to enthuse all your pupils, including reluctant readers, and to ensure your school gets the *very best* out of our lovely mobile and local public library service, for just **2 tokens**.

“We have been able to supplement our existing stock with newer, great quality titles at a very reasonable cost to the school.” - Laura Curtis, Reffley Community School

Ring us for more details and to discuss how we can tailor the support to suit your needs.

Ever smelt a real cocoa bean? Ever used an Aztec calendar? Or felt the weight of a Stone Age tool?

If not, you need to borrow one of our wonderful **artefact boxes**, which contain objects and books related to various new curriculum topics. We have a variety of topics available including pirates, Mayans, stone age to iron age, Caribbean, world music, chocolate and more.

Just give us a call to book a box that will be delivered by courier to your school – it's really that simple!



Thank you and goodbye to Mandy Steel – SLS Librarian

After nearly a decade working for the Education Library Service Mandy is retiring – we know that those of you who have worked with Mandy will wish her the very best as she embarks on her next chapter! She is a highly experienced, knowledgeable and supportive member of the ELS team, and the feedback we have from school customers means that we know what a difference she makes with children and in schools – Mandy has always been passionate about the importance of reading and the difference it can make when you give the right book to a child and she will be missed by all!

Thank you Mandy for all your hard work over the last ten years and for the contribution you have made to support a love of reading, literacy and learning in Norfolk. Farewell and enjoy a well-deserved rest!



“After a last, long summer it’s time for me to re-shelve all the lovely books I’ve been reading because I’m retiring after over 9 years with Norfolk ELS. What will I miss? Well obviously the amazing selection of fabby fab books we have here - all 146000+ of them - my brilliant colleagues, our lovely and talented author team and all of you out in schools as well as the children who make it all worthwhile. I’ve loved reading them stories and turning sad grubby libraries into impressive attractive ones. Thanks to you all, and GOODBYE!”

Chatterbooks Reading Groups

Have you heard what a positive difference a fun, themed reading group can make to motivating children to read?

The cost is 4 SLS tokens for 6 themed project boxes (one per half term) including 24 specially selected books, based on a Chatterbooks reading group activity pack, which is also provided (or the school’s own theme request). We can also supply a Chatterbooks school starter pack for one additional token, which includes: bags/wristbands/bookmarks/pen/diary - enough for 10 children and a handbook for teachers. Get in touch to order or find out more.



See our Chatterbooks blog for more info including a link to the 2016 evaluation report and ask us if you want us to add a page for your school! <http://norfolkslschatterbooksproject.edublogs.org>

Watch this space...more INSET and storytelling fun

In addition to the INSET we are holding in the autumn term (see overleaf), we are in the process of confirming a date in **October/November** for an exciting storytelling training session with Seven Stories, the National Centre for Children’s Books based in Newcastle. Date and venue for this special session in Norfolk are to be confirmed, but if you’re interested, please get in touch. For more information about who Seven Stories are and what they do, visit www.sevenstories.org.uk/

This opportunity is part of a storytelling festival in Norfolk that will involve lots of incredible events in Norfolk libraries.

Courier dates

The educational courier delivery and collection dates for the autumn term are below. If you have anything to return to us or would like project boxes or stationery orders to be sent to your school, please get your requests to us in good time.

18/19th October

17/18th November

15/16th December

Upcoming INSET this Autumn

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> and to book a place, get in touch.

Fairy Tales Revisited Friday 23rd September 9.30am– 3.15pm Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse, NR20 4DR Free parking on site	A collaboration between Norfolk Education 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. Course leaders: Gail Arnold, ELS Librarian, with Jan Pitman and Rosie Walker, Museums Service Cost: 2 ELS Tokens (lunch included)
Blogging in the Classroom Tuesday 4th October 9am-12pm County Hall Annexe, Norwich	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. Course leader: Apryl Markham-Uden, Senior Library Assistant Cost: 1 ELS Token
Making the Most of Junior Librarian Thursday 20th October 9am-12pm ELS Training Room County Hall, Norwich	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. Course leader: Caroline Barker, Senior Library Assistant Cost: 1 ELS Token
Libraries and their Impact on School Improvement Tuesday 15th November 4.45pm– 6.45pm ELS Training Room County Hall, Norwich	A FREE 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, a valuable school improvement resource. Participants will get hands on experience of books and explore what makes a good school library in the stimulating environment of the Education Library Service base. Nb. Places for this course can be booked by calling the ELS team.
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 ELS eBook platform for one term. Course leader: Apryl Markham-Uden, Senior Library Assistant Cost: 1 ELS Token
Promoting SMSC Through Books Tuesday 22nd November 9am- 12pm ELS Training Room, County Hall, Norwich	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. Course leader: Gail Arnold, ELS Librarian Cost: 1 ELS Token

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