

High-Lights

News from your Education Library Service

September 2016

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: Schools and Academies, Early Years settings, sixth form colleges, Universities, the Norfolk Better to Best initiative and settings in other counties... 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. You can now find us at the following locations so please update your bookmarks:

- Website: www.norfolk.gov.uk/els
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/norfolkels or [@norfolkels](https://twitter.com/norfolkels)
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/educationlibraryservice
- Wordpress blog: www.norfolkels.wordpress.com

Are you new to Norfolk? Or have a librarian or literacy lead role?

A BIG WELCOME! We are your support service, here to help with any queries and issues you may have, just at the end of the phone line.

We are based in County Hall on the outskirts of Norwich along with our stock of nearly 150,000 items and children's mobile library, which tours the county, and it would be lovely to meet you, discuss your needs and share what we have to offer.



We have great resources for KS3 students, including children with poor literacy, a bulk book loan option and we can provide transition support, information skills, digital fluency sessions and support for Extended Project Qualifications (EPQ). We are also happy to come and meet you in your school. You can take a look at our website and the ELS pages on www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk

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!"

Reminder: early bird period ends soon for academies!

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.

Kids' Lit Quiz 2016 for Year 7/8 pupils

Date: Monday 14th November 2016

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

Venue: Thetford Academy



We still have room for a few more teams of students to attend this year's Eastern Region heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz. For those who've not entered before, this is a high-energy, enormously fun, annual literary quiz run by enthusiastic lecturer Wayne Mills MBE, visiting from New Zealand.

For 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. In 2015, the Litcham High Team represented the UK and raised money to travel to the United States.

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.

If you'd like to bring a team from your school, please get in touch with the ELS team. We can confirm that authors Alexander Gordon Smith and Julian Sedgwick will be attending and we're also on the look-out for volunteers to join our usual Librarian team – if you think you'd like to join in, then let us know!

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 Education Library Service organises the Eastern Region heat without any remuneration.

Looking ahead - June Carnegie/Greenaway Awards – yes, already!

Do we ever stop reading? No, of course not, we can't imagine life without a book to hand, so, although it was only in June that the 2016 CKG Awards were announced, we are already thinking about next year, looking out for potential winners, and hoping that everyone knows about the great ideas and free resources online, including [the Great British Book Off!](#)

We at the ELS will again be holding a celebratory morning on Awards day next June, bringing several schools together for chat and (strong!) opinions, culminating with their shadowing groups' own votes. 2017's venue will shortly be confirmed and if you would like to be part of the buzz there, do get in touch so we can add you to our interested list.

If you've not attended before and are interested in seeing what happens, take a look at [our blog](#) for a write-up of this year's event, hosted by Wymondham High Academy.

If you can't get along to our shadowing morning but would like to link up with another school's shadowing group or link with your public library, you can get in touch with us and we will help find a partner for you.

Of course the official shadowing site is also a great way to find out what other schools are doing and what they are loving - and hating! www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/shadowing

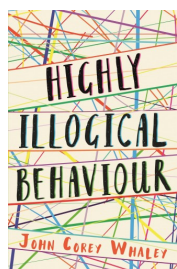
Our Norfolk schools and academies eBook platform

We have our own specialist schools eBook platform and if you're interested in seeing how this could work for your setting, just get in touch to arrange a **FREE** trial for one term?

Top reads!

Four of our most-read books by Norfolk school children on our eBook platform are all by the same author: **David Walliams!** *Demon Dentist*, *Grandpa's Great Escape*, *Awful Auntie* and *Boy in the Dress* are all proving popular with our young readers. However it isn't just fiction that has captured attention; the *Minecraft Master Builder* guides have been flying off the digital shelves along with *YouTube Famous*, proving that the vlogger craze is likely to continue.

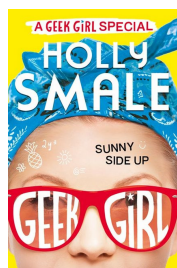
New on the platform:



Highly Illogical Behaviour by John Corey Whaley

YA fans of authors Jennifer Niven, David Levithan and Nicola Yoon will love this heart-warming story about Solomon, a 16 year old with agoraphobia and Lisa, the girl with a penchant for psychology who is determined to 'fix' him. As always, things aren't that easy and what follows is a coming-of-age tale about the ups, downs, and difficulties of teen friendships.

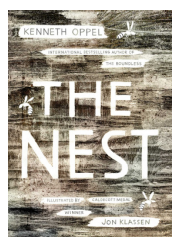
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Sunny Side Up: a Geek Girl special by Holly Smale

A summer accompaniment to the much-loved adventures of self-proclaimed geek and teen model, Harriet Manners, this story finds the protagonist in Paris reluctantly navigating her way through Fashion Week in the French Capital. Will she succeed or will the runway get the better of her?

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The Nest by Kenneth Oppel

With illustrations from the award-winning Jon Klassen, this is a haunting gothic tale about a boy called Steve who, in an attempt to heal his sick baby brother, makes a pact with a wasp queen who appears in his dreams and whose offer for help isn't all that it seems...

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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/els>

<p>Blogging in the Classroom</p> <p>Tuesday 4th October 9am-12pm</p> <p>County Hall Annexe, County Hall Norwich, NR1 2UA</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Course leader: Apryl Markham-Uden, Senior Library Assistant</p> <p>Cost: 1 ELS Token</p>
<p>Is Dewey dead?</p> <p>Monday 7th November 9.30am– 3.30pm</p> <p>Norwich School, 69-71a The Close, Norwich, NR1 4DD</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Course leaders: Harriet Cox, ELS Librarian and the Librarian team from Norwich School</p> <p>Cost: 2 ELS Tokens (lunch included)</p>
<p>Using eBooks to promote Reading for Pleasure</p> <p>Wednesday 16th November</p> <p>Time and venue to be confirmed</p> <p>Please get in touch if you are interested but are not available on this date.</p>	<p>A half-day course for teachers, 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 setting.</p> <p>Includes FREE access to the ELS eBook platform for one term.</p> <p>Course leader: Apryl Markham-Uden, Senior Library Assistant</p> <p>Cost: 1 ELS Token</p>

And look out for...

We are currently finalising details of an exciting storytelling course this Autumn 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 the Educator Solutions website – visit www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk for details.

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