

Book Bites

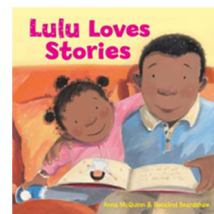
Tasty morsels from your **Education Library Service**

Please pin this up in your staff room!

October 2016

Lulu Loves Stories: so do Ofsted – and so do we!

With Ofsted encouraging schools to offer places to children from 2 years old, (HMI Annual Report 2014/15) we can help you with resources for young children. Ofsted note that **by age 5 there is already a 19-month gap in school readiness between the richest and poorest children** (Sutton Trust report). Sharing the right books can make a world of difference. We base our collections on the Early Years Foundation Stage framework, and fill them with lovely books; ranging from inclusive titles like the Lulu stories by Anna McQuinn, through fact books like DK's Noisy Fire Engines Peekaboo! to nursery rhymes like Nosy Crow's board version of Hey Diddle Diddle which includes a QR code so you can hear – and join in with the song. Every collection includes picture book classics, board books, stories with rhythm and rhyme as well as some non-fiction, and reflects our diverse world. If you would like to order an Early Years box for your setting, get in touch with our office. Just get in touch to arrange to pay us a visit and select the books yourself if you'd like to see what we have available! Also look at our sharing stories training offer.



Big Friendly Read, Summer Reading Challenge 2016

It has been a busy summer in Norfolk public libraries and mobile libraries with thousands of children and young people participating in the Big Friendly Read and ImagiNation; it's been so busy that we are still adding up the figures. Many libraries and schools have had events to celebrate the achievements of local children with a certificate and medal. Have you celebrated your pupils achievements yet? If not – it's not too late!

Here are some comments from parents / carers and children telling us what they liked about the challenge and the difference it has made to family reading :

- *'Her listening skills have developed over the summer'* - Parent / carer of 4 year old
- *'I liked it that I could read more than 6 books I read 20 !- 10 year old*
- *Visiting the library widens our choice of authors and definitely encourages reading'*
- Parent / carer of 7 year old
- *'Made reading and sharing books a central part of our summer, made boys more confident about using the library'* - Parent / carer of 6 and 8 year olds
- *'The challenge made my daughter want to read more and improved her reading skills'* - Parent/ carer of 7 year old

Make sure your whole school knows about it next summer!

Time to Read book gifting

Between now and December, every reception pupil in Norfolk will get a free book to enjoy and share through the BookTrust Time to Read (formerly Booktime) initiative. The book in the pack for 2016 is Kitchen Disco by Clare Foges and Al Murphy.

We are supporting the gifting programme with story sessions in schools. To find out what we can offer to complement the initiative, please get in touch. There is a charge for these sessions.

Visit www.booktrust.org.uk/programmes/primary/time-to-read/support-for-schools/ for info about Time to Read.

Book Trust's Children's Book Week 2016: 31st Oct to 6th Nov

Every year Book Trust help schools, libraries, children and their parents to celebrate books and reading for pleasure during their Children's Book Week. If you visit www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/childrens-book-week you'll see that the Great Book Guide for 2016 is coming soon. This will celebrate the very best children's books from the past year.

Why not order a project box of irresistible books from ELS to help celebrate this special week, or any theme your school is looking at throughout the year. All collections will be bespoke, meet your requirements and include books for reluctant readers, interactive reading, fiction, non-fiction, books to inspire and books to challenge more able readers too. Follow [@Booktrust](https://twitter.com/Booktrust) on Twitter and take a look at the #childrensbookweek hashtag for Children's Book Week news.

SLA Information Book Award: Children's Choice voting 2016

Voting for the 2016 SLA Information Book Award is now open and will remain open until noon on Friday 4th November 2016.

Librarians and group leaders can vote on behalf of their school, public library, Chatterbooks group or similar organisation now. There are 2 categories for primary schools: under 7, and 7-12, and the shortlisted books are a super range of very varied non-fiction. See our The Book Trolley blog at www.norfolkels.wordpress.com for a list of the shortlisted titles.



Calling all primary governors!

We hold a very enjoyable, relaxed course especially for governors, (completely free of charge) as a twilight session here in our base with around 146,500 lovely children's books (well, ok they're not all on the shelves at once!). It includes refreshments and a visit to our special children's mobile library. Governance is of concern to Ofsted, particularly in under-performing schools, as they highlight in their latest annual report. Entitled **Libraries and their Impact on School Improvement**, see below for our next date. Make sure your governors know!

Autumn INSET

You can find full details of the training courses we're offering on both the ELS website and via the Educator Solutions page. This term, we're holding the following sessions:

- **15th November:** Libraries and their Impact on School Improvement (free for Governors only)
- **16th November:** Using eBooks to Promote Reading for Pleasure
- **22nd November:** Promoting Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) Through Books
- **30th November:** Seven Stories Story Sharing twilight session

Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/els or www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk for more information, or get in touch with us directly to book a place on any of the courses. Look out for details of our Spring INSET soon.

Courier dates this term

This term's educational courier delivery and collection dates are listed below. If you have anything to return to us or would like project boxes or stationery orders to be sent to your school, please send your requests to us in good time. Academies, contact us directly to arrange a delivery or collection.

17/18th November 15/16th December

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