

High-Lights

News from your **Education Library Service**

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How can we help you help KS3 – and wow Ofsted?

'Key Stage 3: the Wasted Years?' is the title of a report by Ofsted * which is concerned about the lack of progress in many high schools at KS3 with a lack of challenge for the most able pupils.

Some teaching in MFL, history and geography was also singled out as not good enough, which resulted in some pupils not choosing these subjects as GCSE options, which will be damaging when the Ebacc measures come in in 2020 (current year 8s). All this can lead to a lack of momentum and interest at a vital time in a young person's development, which may not be recovered.

Librarians have an ideal opportunity to help the situation, by introducing new pupils to the high school library in Year 7 which can be a wonderful eye opening experience, after the often limited libraries pupils may have experienced in our many small rural primary schools. We can help with **transition** sessions designed to address duly identified needs.

Extra-curricular interest groups for pupils of both higher and lower ability are well placed in the library, particularly of course those related directly to books e.g. **CKG** shadowing, **Kids' Lit Quiz** and Manga and other graphic novel fan clubs. We can help resource some of these, with **Reading for Pleasure boxes** and **'hi-lo' resources** in particular. There are lots of ideas for running book group sessions online, including The Reading Agency's **Chatterbooks resources**.

We may also be able to help by adding to your curriculum resources with some extra titles in some subject areas, again particularly for more **reluctant readers**.

Watch this space for inset coming up on **Visual Literacy** for KS3 – details to be confirmed.

*'Key Stage 3: the wasted years?' Ofsted pub. Sep.2015 Ref. No. 150106, [find it here](#).

Carnegie Greenaway: an extra special year

2017 is an important anniversary year for all of us book lovers, as we will be celebrating 80 years of the Carnegie Medal, and 60 years of the Kate Greenaway Medal. As happened in a previous anniversary year, CILIP's Youth Libraries Group and the School Library Association will hold a joint conference, which should be full of juicy exciting stuff – we're already *drooling* with anticipation!

Meanwhile, back in Norfolk we have a definite venue for next summer's CKG Celebration Morning, on **June 19th**, which is the day the national medals and Amnesty Honour award are announced. Donna Ling at Northgate High School in Dereham is very kindly hosting, so do put the venue and date in your 2017 diaries now! If you are interested in bringing your shadowing group along or would like to discuss how a shadowing group at your school could work, please get in touch with us at ELS, but of course there is no rush as we only know [the nominations](#) at present.

The first REALLY important date is **16th February**, when the longlist will be announced. Keep on reading...!

Look out for our Kids' Lit Quiz coverage

On Monday 14th November, the Norfolk regional heat of the 2016 Kids' Lit Quiz will be taking place at Thetford Academy, and we'll be profiling it on our social platforms.

Attending teams and schools are encouraged to post their thoughts and reactions before the quiz, and accompanying adults are even invited to join the chatter!

Follow our usual Twitter handle [@NorfolkELS](https://twitter.com/NorfolkELS) and be sure to use the #NorfolkKLQ16 hashtag when posting any tweets from the event.



Finding out about other school librarians

The Reading Zone is a really useful and appealing place to find a wide range of totally great book-y stuff. For instance they have just begun a series on school librarians and their roles, starting with the new SLA School Librarian of the year. Take a look [here](#)?

Pupil library assistant of the year

The Schools Library Group of CILIP and the School Library Association share an annual award for best pupil library assistant. The first one was won by Abbie Craske from Aylsham High School in our very own neighbourhood! Nominations are now open for next year's award, so alert your pupil librarians – details can be found [here](#).

A film to look out for...

A Monster Calls will be out in the UK at the beginning of January – ready with the hankies? It will have a lot to live up to, both visually and verbally, but it is already garnering good reviews internationally. And the Gothic trilogy by Ransom Riggs is currently showing in cinemas as Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children.

INSET Courses

Below are our secondary INSET courses for the 2017 spring 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 details can be found at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/els

Working Smarter: Making your library effectively support your curriculum

Tuesday 21st March 2017
9.30am– 3.30pm

**Venue: Independence Matters,
Ipswich Road, Norwich, NR4 6QS**

Parking is available on site

A full day course for high school librarians, teaching staff, curriculum leads and managers.

Raise your library profile through the use of SMARTER targets (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, timely, evaluation and reflection) and understand how to plan library initiatives that are tailored to the needs of your school community and that allow for assessment and evaluation.

Course leader: Sarah Pavey, MSc FCLIP, Independent Consultant and Trainer

Cost: 2 ELS Tokens, with lunch provided

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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