

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from your **Education Library Service**

Please pin this up in your staff room!

January 2017

Farewell!

Sadly, as we move into the New Year, we are saying goodbye to not just *one* member of staff but *two*! Both Kirsten Francis, our manager, and Gail Arnold, Team Librarian, are moving on, Kirsten in the NHS with the Healthy Child Programme and Gail nearer home. We will really miss them and wish them both all the very best in their future roles. We will be a small team until new staff are appointed – watch this space!

Gail says: “*After seven years at ELS I’m moving on to pastures new. It’s been a very varied role and I’ve had the opportunity to read widely, learn, try out new ideas and travel all over Norfolk – going to work on the Reedham ferry one morning was a highlight! It has been lovely to meet many of you, to work with your children in schools and to help make your libraries enticing and well-used.*”

Kirsten says: “*I am moving on to improve health outcomes for children and young people and will be managing Health Visitors, School Nurses and Community Nursery Nurse teams. I will take with me a powerful message – that literacy makes the most difference to health outcomes and that reading more is the key to improving literacy. For the last five years I have worked for the best library service in the country. I will miss all of my colleagues in the ELS and public libraries and I know that they will carry on doing inspired and inspiring work to make a difference - improving literacy and encouraging a love of books and reading. Make sure you make the most of all of the services offered by your Education Library Service and please encourage children and young people to read more and use their local library!*”

Welcome!

You may be aware Norwich is welcoming Refugee families, and local schools can expect to receive pupils of various ages. It is an opportunity to show kindness, understanding and friendship to children and young people who may have suffered more trauma and heartbreak in their short lives than we ever will. For collections of books which may help them and their fellow pupils get to know each other, do get in touch; stories connect us all, and help develop empathy and compassion. We also have dual language materials which as small collections are free to our customers.

Spring INSET

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

- **8th February:** Libraries and their Impact on School Improvement (free for Governors only)
- **10th March:** An *Invitation* to primary NQTs; How the Education Library Service can enrich your teaching career
- **15th March:** Making the Most of Junior Librarian Library Management System
- **17th March:** Scrutinise the Stone Age (a collaboration with Norfolk Museums Service, taking place at Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse)

For more information, visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/els or www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk or get in touch with us directly to book a place on any of the courses: education.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk

Subscribe to our NEW Library Health Check

Do you despair at the state of your school library? Do you wish you had another pair of hands – or an extra 24 hours every day? Do you worry about losing books? We can help you; we have another *excellent value* **NEW** product, which will help you keep your libraries in good order.

For only 8 tokens instead of the normal 9, you can book one of our team to come into your library for a whole day once a term for a year, to do general 'housekeeping' – tidy, repair, classify new books, collect together ELS books before a mobile visit, etc. We can also do half-day visits for 5 tokens instead of 6 – get in touch if you are interested.

Remember to use up your tokens

Local Authority schools should be considering how to make the best use of any remaining tokens they might have; those schools with tokens remaining were recently e-mailed a reminder. These tokens should be utilised before the end of the spring term and can be used for or towards any ELS services.

If you are unsure of the number of tokens you have to use, or would like to purchase services or tokens please contact the ELS office.

Look out for us at...

If you've attended any conferences in Norfolk recently, then you may have seen some of our team; we've had stands at the Norfolk Children's Book Centre Conference, Book Trust Time to Read events, plus the recent Maths Conference held by Educator Solutions.

Looking toward the New Year, you'll find us at the John Innes Centre for the Early Years Conference on 3rd and 4th March, plus we'll be supporting the launch of a new dolls' house exhibition at Norwich Castle. It's a great opportunity to meet some of the ELS team, learn about our services and how we can support you and your school.

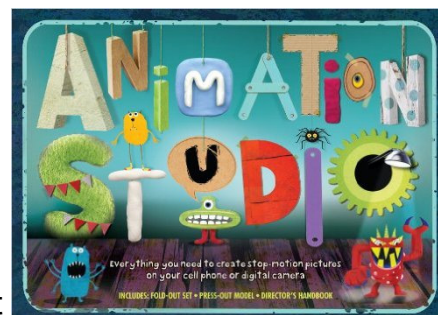
Get animated!

Animation Studio by Helen Piercy

(Walker Books, £12.99, ISBN 9781406350975)

A handbook comes in this magic box of tricks to help children – and adults! – create their own animations. It is not new, but I have only just taken a really good peep inside, and realised its potential for creative writing, craft, drawing and drama.

Produced by a whole team at Walker Books, it includes miniature scenery, props, advice and DIY tips. We could include a copy in a general novelty book box, or as part of a creative writing project box – or whatever you request!



Courier dates for the Spring 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.

20/21st February 27/28th March

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