

# Book Bites

Tasty morsels from your **Education Library Service**

Please pin this up in your staff room!

February 2017

## New contracts – Early Bird period for maintained schools

***“It is not just the books but the staff and their knowledge and enthusiasm. Many of our children do not have books at home and this service is invaluable to our school.”***

- Hannah Kingsley, Lionwood Infant School

It's contract renewal time for maintained schools and for yet another year, we've frozen our excellent value 'Early Bird' token price of £70. Think of your budget - to make sure you get the service you want at this price, ensure your contract is agreed on SLA Online by 31.5.17. Outside of this period tokens will be full price, which is £80.

We have our usual guided reading and catch-up collection subscriptions, plus Chatterbooks, Early Years collections and our new Library housekeeping offer. Tokens can of course be used toward **all** of our services including project boxes, INSET places, professional time and author visits.

You can contact us directly for more information or alternatively, details of the services offered are also on the SLA Online website: [s4s.norfolk.gov.uk](http://s4s.norfolk.gov.uk)

Academies: tokens can be purchased at any point throughout the year but your early bird period begins in September, in line with your financial year.

## Our specialist children's mobile

***“The opportunity to offer the children a wider range of good quality and up-to-date books that the school could otherwise not afford. This encourages reading for pleasure and progress in reading. It's also a great opportunity for children to apply their library skills.”***

- Lou Kent, Saxlingham Nethergate Primary

In 2016, our mobile visited 94 schools across the county; nearly 7150 children borrowed from us over 41,000 books worth £267,417!



Feedback we receive shows schools think our mobile library service is as great as we do; 100% of those who completed evaluation forms last term rated their experience of their mobile visit as excellent or good. 100% also rated value for money as excellent and good, with many commenting on how their visit enables them to provide their children with up-to-date books they would otherwise be unable to replace annually.

If you're planning for the year ahead and considering your contract for the new financial year, consider the impact a visit from the ELS mobile and a long-term loan of up to 850 books could have - especially the potential to borrow stock with a value of approximately **£6800!**

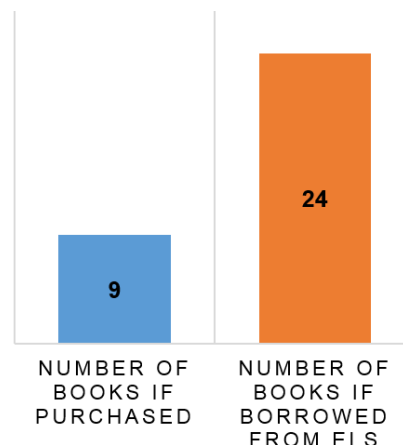
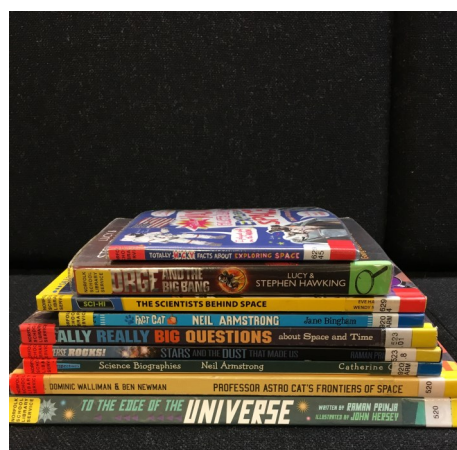
We're also continuing our offer of giving a **FREE** token with any mobile library visit purchased. This can be used against any of the services we offer – just get in touch and we can advise you further.

## Value for money – books, training and more!

***“It allows us to renew our stock annually at a significantly lower cost than if we bought new books ourselves. It also introduces staff and children to new titles and authors they might otherwise miss.”*** - Gill Mitchell, Librarian, Attleborough Junior School

At the Education Library Service, we understand the limitations of school budgets and we pride ourselves on offering schools and educational settings excellent value for money across all of our services. We have a commitment to helping schools raise attainment in literacy and learning and we offer flexible solutions and can tailor our services to suit individual requirements, including work with Multi Academy Trusts federated schools and cluster groups.

We are constantly buying a broad range of newly published quality titles to stock our shelves and send out to schools in project boxes or on the mobile. For example, our **project boxes** are a great way to support your class learning and are bespoke collections selected to fit any theme – we like a challenge! A box of 24 books is priced at 1 token (£70 if purchased during our early bird period) and is loaned for a term; by borrowing from us, you'll get an amazing range of titles with an average total cost of **£192** - a contrast to the 9 books you'd get in shops for £70!



***9 books vs 24 books - the difference stacks up!***

We can assist in library set-up from planning to launch by helping you to navigate a refurbishment from start to finish, and can provide other practical support including CPD and tailored training. By being one of our customers, you're also entitled to a 20% discount on books ordered from our book supplier, Peters, plus FREE access to dual language stock, large print and other SEN materials, as well as advice and support 52 weeks of the year.

The most important thing you can do is to get in touch; we're always interested in hearing ideas and suggestions about support and services that educators would find useful. Either give our office a call or schedule a time to come and see us - we welcome visitors and will always provide tea, coffee and a smile!

## 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

## INSET - spring and summer term

We currently have on offer 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.

Visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/els](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/els) or [www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:education.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk)

<p><b>An Invitation to primary NQTs; How the Education Library Service can enrich your teaching career</b></p> <p>Friday 10th March 9am - 12pm</p> <p>ELS Training Room County Hall, <b>Norwich</b></p>	<p>A half day course for Primary School NQTs to find out how the Education Library Service can help teaching staff to improve standards, supporting literacy and learning in libraries and classrooms, and to take an inside look at some of our wonderful stock. Delegates will also be able to select and borrow up to 12 items to help in your teaching for the summer term.</p> <p><b>Course leader:</b> Harriet Cox, ELS Team Librarian <b>Cost: 1 ELS Token</b></p>
<p><b>Making the Most of Junior Librarian</b></p> <p>Wednesday 15th March 9am - 12pm</p> <p>ELS Training Room County Hall, <b>Norwich</b></p>	<p>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 suitable for <u>users of the Junior3 version</u> of the system.</p> <p><b>Course leader:</b> Caroline Barker, Senior Library Assistant <b>Cost: 1 ELS Token</b></p>
<p><b>Scrutinise the Stone Age</b></p> <p>Friday 17th March 9.30am - 3.15pm</p> <p>Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse, <b>NR20 4DR</b> <u>Free parking on site</u></p>	<p>Another collaboration between Norfolk Education Library Service and Norfolk Museums, this is a full day active training session for KS2 Teachers and TAs offering ideas to support the KS2 Stone Age History unit, English, and cross-curricular work.</p> <p><b>Course leaders:</b> Jan Pitman and Rebecca Hale, Norfolk Museums Service, with Harriet Cox, ELS Team Librarian. <b>Cost: 2 ELS Tokens, with lunch provided</b></p>
<p><b>Libraries and their Impact on School Improvement</b></p> <p>Wednesday 17th May 4.45pm - 6.45pm</p> <p>ELS Training Room County Hall, <b>Norwich</b></p>	<p>A <b>FREE</b> 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. 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.</p> <p><b>Course leader:</b> Harriet Cox, ELS Team Librarian</p>
<p><b>An Introduction to Junior Librarian.net</b></p> <p>Wednesday 24th May 9am - 12pm</p> <p>County Hall Annexe, <b>Norwich</b></p>	<p>A half-day INSET course to help your school to get maximum value from the full range of features of this library management software (Suitable for those new to the system and those who have recently upgraded from Junior 3)</p> <p><b>Course leader:</b> Caroline Barker, Senior Library Assistant <b>Cost: 1 ELS Token</b></p>
<p><b>Blogging in the Classroom</b></p> <p>Tuesday 13th June 9am-12pm</p> <p>County Hall Annexe, <b>Norwich</b></p>	<p>A half-day course for Literacy co-ordinators, and KS 2 &amp; 3 teachers and TA's 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.</p> <p><b>Course leader:</b> Apryl Markham-Uden, Senior Library Assistant <b>Cost: 1 ELS Token</b></p>



## A new library management system – stay tuned

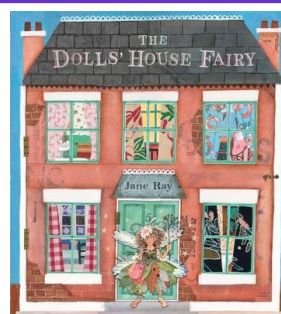
A new no-frills library management system is being trialled in the next few months in schools around the country, and will hopefully be ready for rolling out in September. If you feel your school needs a computer system which will keep simple records of issues, produce useful reports, have facilities for keyword searches – but not much more, then this may well be for you. Created by primary school librarians who understand your needs, the system will be very reasonably priced. We will update you as soon as we have firm product details.

## Our excellent value training

If you are new to the Junior Librarian system, have recently upgraded from Junior3 to the .net version or simply require a refresher of how to use your school's library management system, don't forget that we offer great value one-to-one training for 2 tokens. The half-day session can be tailored to fit your specific needs and is a brilliant opportunity to have our knowledgeable staff talk you through the system at your own pace. Get in touch to find out more!

## Small Stories: at Home in a Dolls' House

ELS is delighted to be supporting Norwich Castle Museum's next exhibition, on dolls' houses. Who doesn't love miniature worlds, whether child or grown-up, and the very idea of tiny worlds opens up the imagination in a myriad of ways. The theme could be expanded in so many directions, and we would be delighted to send you project loans based around the theme to use with your very own Small People. We have lent the Museum a collection of our books, and are looking forward to bringing a display to the Teachers' Private View on 8<sup>th</sup> March. See you there!



## ELS on social media; follow, read, like!

We're very active on social media and know schools are too; some of you may already know where to find us but if not, do remember to look for us online - we're always sharing extra news, book reviews and useful links which don't always make it into our newsletters.



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**The Book Trolley blog:** <https://norfolkels.wordpress.com>



**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/educationlibraryservice](https://www.facebook.com/educationlibraryservice)

## Courier dates

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.

**27/28th March    18th/19th April    18th/19th May    15/16th June    18th/19th July**

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