

High-Lights

News from your Education Library Service

March 2017

The early bird catches the worm!

It's contract renewal time for locally maintained schools and if you're thinking about planning ahead, remember that if you purchase our excellent value tokens in the Early Bird period (from March to the end of May), you'll get them for £70 - a full £10 cheaper than normal.

Academies, your financial year does not begin until September and the same Early Bird offer will be available to you then - bare this in mind if you're already beginning to think about your budgets!

Tokens can be used against any of our services including INSET, stocktakes, audits, cataloguing and book buying amongst others. Don't forget that ELS customers have a 20% discount from Peters Booksellers - get in touch with us to discuss this and anything else we can do for you.

We are now offering an introductory consultancy visit to advise on how to get best value in raising literacy and attainment. The small fee of £40 for this service will be deducted from the subsequent purchase of any element of our services.

Our NEW library Health Check - subscribe now

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 etc. We can also do half-day visits for 5 tokens instead of 6 – get in touch if you are interested.

Mental Health and Wellbeing in Children and Young People: a Youth Libraries Group (Eastern) training day

Venue: Saffron Walden High School

Date: Friday 31st March 2017, 9.30am - 4.00pm

Speakers: Miranda McKearney from Empathy Lab; Matt Whyman author and 'Agony Uncle'; Norfolk Libraries award-winning 'Public Health' project; Joanne Limburg author of 'Autistic Alice'; plus a Mindfulness session from a school counsellor, bookshop & YLG Eastern AGM.

YLG Eastern are hosting a full-day event with speakers from a range of professions aimed at giving an overall perspective on the concerns with children's and young people's mental health and in particular, how we can support them. Youth librarians in all sectors are welcome to attend, plus anyone who supports children's mental health including teachers, teaching assistants, school nurses and inclusion workers.

If you or a colleague are interested in attending or would like any more information, please get in touch with Julia Lester at Stalham High School, or Harriet Cox at ELS. Alternatively, you can book a place via Event Brite [here](#).

Kids' Lit Quiz - an update

Due to recent staff changes within our team, the Education Library Service will no longer be coordinating the Norfolk regional heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz. We've really enjoyed being an active part of the competition, but for 2017, we're passing the torch to Lorraine Gill, Librarian at Dereham Neatherd High. She's really looking forward to being involved and we're sure the Norfolk heat is in safe hands.

If you're interested in attending this year's competition, please let Lorraine know by emailing her directly: lorraine_gill@neatherd.org Any enquiries about the competition will now be sent on to her, so please let any colleagues who've been involved in coming along to KLQ in the past know of this change.

Book Awards

Several awards are being announced around now, with some excellent interesting titles for young people, so it's good to keep alert for announcements.

The Waterstone's Children's Book Prize: the shortlist of books for Older Readers is below

- Hour of the Bees by Lindsay Eagar
- Anna and the Swallow Man by Gavriel Savit
- The Wildings by Nilanjana Roy
- Orangeboy by Patrice Lawrence
- Paper Butterflies by Lisa Heathfield
- The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon

Blue Peter Non-Fiction winner:

Survivors: Extraordinary Tales From the Wild and Beyond by David Long, illus by Kerry Hyndman
Brief retellings of dramatic escapes and gruelling exploits with vivid coloured illustrations make this a great leisure read for KS3.

The longlist has also been released for the **CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards**. The final short list will be out on 16th March, so not long to wait, and your Shadowing Groups can really get going! Don't forget to get in touch if you would like to join our Celebration Morning on 19th June, at Northgate High School, Dereham. To see the CKG longlists in full, visit their website [here](#).

And of course, do take a look at our [blog](#) as we do read and review good books suitable for KS3 and upper KS2. We'd also love some reviews from you, so if you or your pupils have read anything good (or bad!) lately, why not send them to our usual email address and we'll post them on the blog.

Looking ahead to festival fun...

Encourage your students to attend something at the [Norfolk and Norwich Festival](#) in May; many events are free, different and exciting, offering food for thought – great for creativity!

Lots happens in North Norfolk, and it has its own website <http://northnorfolkfestivals.org/>, plus the Young Norfolk Arts Festival will return again this summer; keep an eye on [their website](#) and their [twitter account](#) for details about their upcoming programme. In partnership with Writers' Centre Norwich, YNAF are holding a writing competition for those aged 11-18 (details [here](#)).

And of course, there is UEA's Festival of Literature for Young People (FLY); taking place on the UEA campus between 10th – 14th of July, Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Jo Cotterill and Andy Briggs will be in attendance along with several other authors and poets. The full programme - including details of over 35 workshops taking place - will be released after Easter, at which point you will also be able to book places for your pupils to attend. To register your interest, email fly@uea.ac.uk, or keep an eye on their website: www.uea.ac.uk/fly