

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from your **Education Library Service**

Please pin this up in your staff room!

September 2017

Hello to Autumn term!

Welcome to a new term, new year! Whether you are an NQT, seasoned regular, new in post or with a different role, a new academic year is always exciting and full of fresh possibilities. We in ELS have been very busy over the summer holidays getting ready to help enrich your teaching year in lots of ways.

For instance, as well as **Write on Norfolk**, children are being invited to **Count on Norfolk**, with the intention of improving numeracy in families. We have a great selection of lovely picture books relating to maths, taking any fear or doubt out of becoming numerate, available to borrow as project loans.



Brilliant NEW book buying offer

Peters Books are now offering an unbeatable **26% discount** to all Norfolk ELS customers, which betters all of their competitors specialising in children's books in our region.

Peters Books are the UK's largest specialist supplier of children's books, holding a stock of *40,000 individual titles* in their base in Birmingham. They have a fabulous showroom which is well worth a visit! If that is a bit far to go we can select for you, which after our time is charged for will still give you a good discount of 10% in line with local offers.

Of course you may purchase books yourself using their excellent online catalogue. All books are fully reviewed by a team of experienced librarians with suggestions of reading and interest ages, and information on book bands and Accelerated Reader levels. We are happy to give guidance on how to get the most out of it.

National celebrations

Coming up on Thursday 28th September is National Poetry Day. This year's theme is FREEDOM. There are toolkits and free resources for schools; take a look at www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk

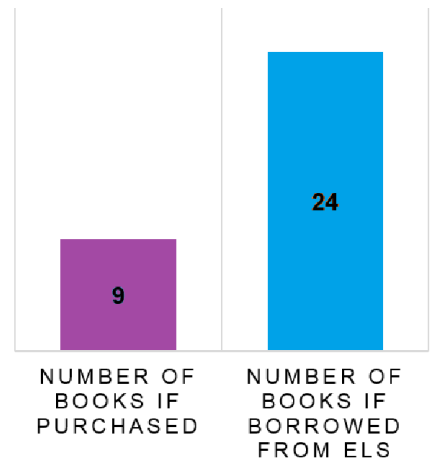
National Libraries Week runs from 9 – 14 October, and Norfolk's theme is Discover. How about taking your class to Discover the delights of your nearest public library, or borrowing a special project box from us on that theme?

National Children's Book Week runs from 31st October, which promotes books and reading for pleasure; BookTrust have some resources available on their website for schools and teachers: www.booktrust.org.uk/supporting-you/practitioners/childrens-book-week/

Is your school full to bursting?

With the rapid expansion of our towns and villages requiring schools to take in more pupils, are your libraries fit for purpose? Do you have the up-to-date resources and reading for pleasure materials sufficient to raise overall attainment? Call on us to help, with our stock of nearly 150,000 items. It can be better value to borrow than buy, both for curriculum and leisure stock. Books go out of print extremely rapidly, sometimes within months of publication, but we have breadth and depth to suit every need.

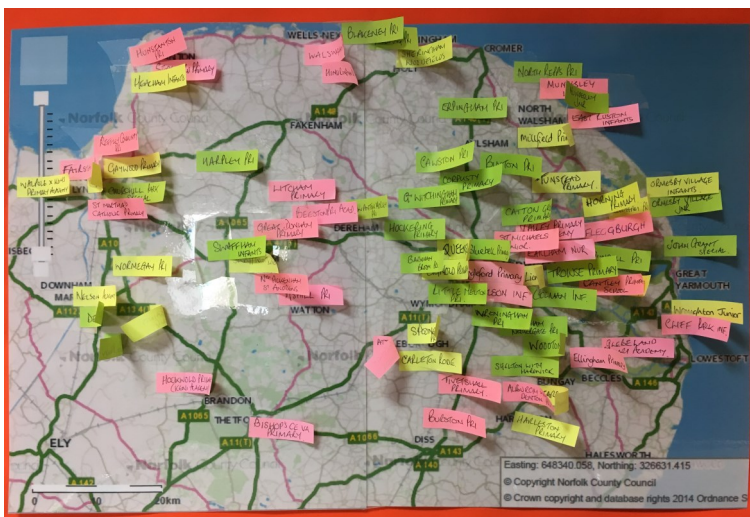
We constantly buy a broad range of newly published quality titles to stock our shelves and send out to schools in project boxes or on the mobile. Our **project boxes** really are a great way to support your class learning and we are able to put together bespoke collections to fit any theme – we like 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 wide range of titles with an average total cost of **£192** - a significant contrast to the 9 books you'd get in shops for £70!



9 books vs 24 books - the difference quite literally stacks up!

Children's Library goes walkabout!

This term, our specialist children's mobile library will be out and about on visits, on longer or shorter journeys to our primary schools – and JOURNEYS is the theme of our library display: whether real or imagined. In the 2016/2017 academic year, we visited 91 schools across the county and below is last year's map; will your school find itself added this year?



Children reading...

Those animal agents have been busy over the holidays in the public libraries Summer Reading Challenge. Keep up the momentum by enthusing and praising pupils who have gone the course and been rewarded with medals in public library ceremonies, or even those who have read just a few books over the holidays.

...Teachers reading!

And we have a couple of **Vacancies** in our Norwich based KS2 Reading for Pleasure Group for staff of ELS customer schools. It is free to join and is a great way to keep up with junior leisure resources. We lend you about 6 titles to read and share with your class for a term, then we get together for a chat over tea and *nice* biscuits about all things booky. Places are limited so get in touch quickly!

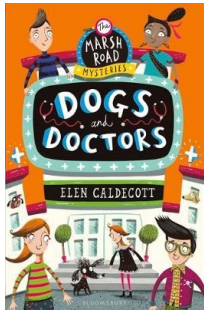
Autumn term INSET

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 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

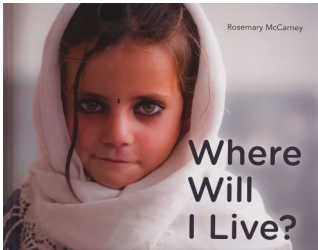
Blogging in the Classroom Friday 6th October 9am-12pm Nelson Training Room, County Hall, Norwich	A half-day course for Literacy co-ordinators, and KS 2 & 3 teachers and TA's to advise how to create and maximise the use of a school reading blog and other social media to engage children creatively with reading and writing. Course leader: Apryl Markham-Uden, Senior Library Assistant Cost: 1 ELS Token
Managing your Library Wednesday 11th October 9am– 12pm ELS Training Room, County Hall, Norwich	A half-day course for primary school staff responsible for the vision and budget of the school library, considering in depth how the library should support the curriculum and reading for fun, Course leader: Harriet Cox, ELS Team Librarian Cost: 1 ELS Token
An Introduction to Junior Librarian.net Wednesday 1st November 9am - 12pm Kett Training Room, County Hall, Norwich	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) Course leader: Caroline Barker, Senior Library Assistant Cost: 1 ELS Token
Libraries and their Impact on School Improvement Wednesday 8th November 4.45pm - 6.45pm ELS Training Room County Hall, Norwich	A FREE 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. Course leader: Harriet Cox, ELS Team Librarian

Book reviews



Marsh Road Mysteries: Dogs and Doctors by Elen Caldecott

Zoe has read the whole series, and is sad that it has come to an end. Each book has featured a different character; in this story it is Sylvie who suffers from type 1 diabetes. While in hospital, a therapy dog disappears from the next bed; Sylvie and gang have a new case to solve! Along the way the reader learns a little about dealing with a condition like diabetes on a day to day basis, and the difficulties and discipline required. (Bloomsbury, £5.99 paperback, ISBN 9781408876060)



Where Will I Live? By Rosemary McCarney

This is a heartrending book of very simple text and stunning photographs, showing refugee children from all over the world, on journeys seeking safety and a welcome. The photos are from the UN High Commission for Refugees, and profits go to refugee children's projects. A book to share and discuss with your class.

(New Internationalist, £9.99 hardback, ISBN 9781780264042)

To discover lots more great books for your pupils to enjoy, take a look at our blog which has new reviews every Friday! www.norfolkels.wordpress.com

And a free book!

Arriving via the educational courier, all schools will be receiving a **FREE** copy of a Polish fairy tale, retold by Elisabeth Kozmian. For further information about the book and art workshops Elisabeth offers, please contact her directly via email: farmbarnproject@fsmail.net.

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.

 **Twitter:** [@NorfolkELS](https://twitter.com/norfolkels) / www.twitter.com/norfolkels

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

 **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/educationlibraryservice

Autumn term 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.

18th/19th October

16th/17th November

15th/18th December

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