

# High-Lights

News from your **Education Library Service**

**October 2017**

## Hello, Autumn term!

**Welcome** to a new term, new year – and possibly, a NEW job? If you are new in post, then please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you; a Hello would be lovely whether or not you need our help immediately. And of course we love to hear from all high school librarians; good luck for the new school year, and we hope to meet you at some point.

Are you members of the **School Library Association**? It is a great way to keep up-to-date with trends, and they publish lots of practical guides on all aspects of librarianship: [www.sla.org.uk/](http://www.sla.org.uk/)

And of course there's **CILIP** ([www.cilip.org.uk](http://www.cilip.org.uk)), the professional librarians' body. Within that the Youth Libraries Group and School Libraries Group are for specialist members, and they too are really useful and helpful allies. It's that time of year when members of the former, YLG, get to nominate their favourite fiction and picture books from the previous 12 months for the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway awards respectively. The closing date is October 6th.

CILIP also runs a competition called **TeenTech** for 11 to 16 year olds. It encourages creative use of research and information literacy, and is supported by industry and some well-known celebrities, such as Brian Cox and Maggie Philbin. The initiative was inspired by the recognition that information literacy underpins the acquisition of digital skills, and the award has truly demonstrated how high school students can produce impressively original and innovative projects. Register now for the 2018 awards at [www.teentech.com/](http://www.teentech.com/)

## Pupil librarians raring to go?

CILIP and SLA (see above) offer a joint award for pupil librarians, and you are invited to nominate an outstanding pupil for the 2018 award between now and November 13<sup>th</sup>. Take a look at the dedicated website [www.libpupilaward.co.uk](http://www.libpupilaward.co.uk) We are proud that the very first winner of the award was a pupil from Aylsham High School (read the CILIP article [here](#))

## Pressed for time? Need another pair of hands or some library advice?

We are very happy to come out to your school library and assist with weeding, auditing, policy and development planning, on a one-to-one basis. Just contact the office to arrange a time and discuss your particular needs: 01603 222265 or [education.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:education.library.service@norfolk.gov.uk)

## Our July Unconference for high school librarians: an Unwrite-up

We spent a busy information-filled afternoon here at ELS HQ, sharing news and advice on the topics librarians had let us know they wanted airing. Serious matters were interspersed with tea and cake, plus a supermarket-style trolley dash (ok, actually hessian bags - it was amazing just how many books librarians were able to squeeze into them!) to select a range of freebie fiction. It was lovely to see our librarian colleagues, and we hope to repeat the event and meet even more of you.

## Brilliant book discount

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. Contact us for your school's log-in details.

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.

## How much do *you* believe? Librarians are perfectly placed in schools to lead the fight against false news and deliberate misinformation

"The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Literacy has launched a [Commission on Fake News and the Teaching of Critical Literacy Skills in Schools](#), following the publication of a new report by the Literacy Trust which stresses that children and young people in England do not have the critical literacy skills they need to identify fake news.

The report, [Fake news and critical literacy: an evidence review](#), shows that fake news is a serious problem for children and young people, threatening democracy, confidence in governance and trust in journalism.

The report highlights that the rise of digital and social media has enabled fake news to spread at an unprecedented rate as people access and share it easily. With more young people than ever using digital media as their main source of news, and with 1 child in 5 believing everything they read online is true, it has never been more important to ensure that today's children have the skills they need to survive and thrive in the digital age." - **Literacy Trust, September 2017**

We also recommend looking at the SLA publications on information literacy, and there's a useful publication by Helen Blanchett 'A Guide to Teaching Information Literacy' (Facet Publishing, ISBN 9781856046596)

## The Tricky Period

Tackling **#PeriodPoverty**



From Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, libraries in Norwich will be offering free sanitary products to anyone who is struggling to buy them. There is no age bracket, need for a referral or test of eligibility; those in need of these items can fill in an order form which will be available on the staff desks in Norwich libraries (the joining desk on the ground floor of The Millennium Library).

The city libraries involved in the initiative are; the Millennium Library, Tuckswold, Earlham, West Earlham, Plumstead Road, Mile Cross and St William's Way.

Order forms can be printed and made available in schools for students to complete and bring to a Norwich library, and there are also posters and flyers available for display. To request these or for more information about The Tricky Period, you can contact Caroline Varney-Bowers (Community Librarian) via [caroline.varney.bowers@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.varney.bowers@norfolk.gov.uk) or by calling 01603 774781.

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