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BOOK BITES

Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service



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NO LAST CHAPTER FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES SAY LOCAL PARENTS AND TEACHERS!

It was fantastic to see front page coverage and a paragraph in the 'Opinion' column in the Eastern Daily Press on December 1st 2017, about the state of Norfolk and Waveney's school libraries.

Schools were asked to comment on the challenges of maintaining a good school library in the current climate, and there was unanimous acknowledgment of their impact and importance. There was recognition too, we were delighted to see, of our service which is here to help schools raise attainment in literacy and learning, through your library and classroom collections.

Look out for pictures in the new year of our lovely mobile library being thoroughly explored by eager pupils at a Norwich school, to be featured in the EDP!

NEW LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

A few months ago we mentioned that a new library management system was in the process of being developed. The good news is that the PergamonMU system (we know, what a snappy name!) is now ready to be unveiled. It is already in use across the country and is receiving positive reviews.

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 is very reasonably priced.

We are holding a short twilight session on **Tuesday 16th January** to give a brief overview to any schools interested in seeing the system. Get in touch to book a place.

NEW! LIBRARY VOLUNTEER TRAINING PACKAGE

Panicking about your library, with nobody in school with enough time to make it work properly? But perhaps there are people in your wider school community with time to spare who would love to help.

We will be offering a new service from the summer term helping you establish an official role for library volunteers, ensuring they get proper training and support, and helping to realise the library's potential, so that both schools and volunteers benefit. For full details, see our 2018/19 service brochure or contact us directly.

TRAINING IN YOUR SCHOOL



Don't forget: we offer one-to-one training on the Junior Librarian library management systems (both the Junior3 and .net versions). A half-day of training costs 2 ELS tokens and for added value, we can often train multiple members of staff at the same time.

If you're interested in learning how to blog and use social media in your school, we also offer one-to-one training on this too. This can be great for those who are unfamiliar with the technology and want a session tailored to their abilities. This is also priced at 2 ELS tokens for a half-day. To book training, please get in touch.

SPRING TERM INSET

We will be holding the following INSET this term. You can find full details on both the ELS website and via the Educator Solutions website:

- **Friday 16th March 2018:** EmpathyLab: Building Empathy Through Books
- **Tuesday 20th March 2018:** FREE twilight session on Libraries and their Impact on School Improvement (for School Governors ONLY)

EVENTS COMING UP

As well as the annual World Book Day on 1st March, the BBC has announced a Great Civilisations Week starting the very next day – could the dressing up theme be connected this year perhaps? There will also be Shakespeare Week starting on March 12th, with lots of exciting challenges for schools; see www.shakespeareweek.org.uk

SPRING 2018 COURIER DATES

If you have anything to return to us or would like project boxes or stationary orders to be sent to your school, please send your requests to us in good time. Academies, please contact us directly to arrange a delivery or collection.

19/20th February

27/28th March

18/19th April