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# HIGH LIGHTS

Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service

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## ME AND MY SHADOW...! CKG 2019

The longlists for this year's Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards are due to come out on 19th February. Do you have a shadowing group? They are good fun and the shadowing website, [www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/shadowing](http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/shadowing) gives you lots of useful ideas for your book group.

What great novels will the Carnegie longlist put forward this year? How controversial, how varied in theme and style? We can't wait to get reading!

We would recommend you look seriously at the Kate Greenaway picture book nominations, as each year seems to reveal more sophisticated and profound titles, and may even include some non-fiction. Remember Pam Smy's *Thornhill* from last year, a wordless graphic novel about loneliness, neglect and suicide, or Levi Pinfold's haunting illustrations in A.F. Harrold's *A Song from Somewhere Else*?

Schools can buy books on the longlist, and the shortlist (to be announced on 19th March), at good discount from award sponsors Peters Booksellers. The shadowing process will get going from 19th March, with national award announcements on 18th June.

We will be holding our own celebration for our customer schools on the morning of the award ceremony as usual. Lorraine Gill at Neatherd High School will be our host, so get in touch if your shadowing group would like to take part.

## YOUNG NORFOLK WRITING COMPETITION 2019

Know any 11-18 year olds who write poems or lyrics, short stories, essays or graphic stories? The National Centre for Writing are looking for the freshest, boldest words in Norfolk as the Young Norfolk Writing Competition returns for a fourth year.

Those who submit their very best writing (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, lyrics, scripts or graphic novels) could win professional mentoring, publication on the National Centre for Writing website and bookish goodies! The closing date for entries is **Monday 3rd June; there's even** an educators **prompt sheet available** for use in class, to encourage your pupils to get creative.

For more info on how to enter, visit [www.nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk/young-norfolk-writing-competition/](http://www.nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk/young-norfolk-writing-competition/)



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# DIGIFEST AT NORFOLK LIBRARIES: VLOGGING AND DIGITAL MUSIC WORKSHOPS



Codable caterpillars, robot unicorns, stop motion animation and digital music – just some of the exciting FREE events coming to Norfolk Libraries throughout February 2019 as part of DigiFest: a celebration of digital making.

With events for children and young people aged 4-16 there is something to inspire every family. Join us to get hands-on with new and exciting tech, whether that's simple coding for the under fives or building your own Scribblebot. For those young people keen to get involved, there are two workshops taking place which will harness their creativity:

## **Vlogging Workshops:**

Love YouTube? Want to be the next big vlogger? Get expert training from Nat Hawley, an experienced YouTuber and freelancer for Google, BBC, Channel 4, The Olympics and more!

Vlogging empowers you with the skills you need to create video content and get your voice heard. Learn how to engage and communicate with a larger audience. You will learn how to structure a story and present with confidence on camera. For young people aged 13 to 16.

These sessions are taking place at:

Gaywood Library: Saturday 23rd February, 10am-12.30pm

Thetford Library: Saturday 23rd February, 2.30-5pm

## **Digital Music Workshop:**

An introduction to Soundtrap - a new, online music-making platform offering an intuitive gateway to producing, songwriting and recording. Great workshop for beginners, and experienced music-makers who are interested in trying out a new digital audio workstation. For young people aged 14 to 16.

This session is taking place at:

North Walsham Library: Tuesday 26th February, 4-5.30pm

If any of your young people would like to book a place to attend any of the events, visit your local library or email: [libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk)

For more information on Digifest and full event listings, visit the website: [norfolk.gov.uk/digifest](http://norfolk.gov.uk/digifest)

# NATIONAL LITERACY TRUST

## RESEARCH ON SCHOOL LIBRARY USE

### The Research

The National Literacy Trust regularly undertakes large surveys, which help us gauge library and book use by our children and young people nationally. The latest one reveals that nearly 2 in 3 pupils use their school library, which at 63% is down a little on last time (67%). Check the report for full details: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/research-services/research-reports/school-libraries-why-children-and-young-people-use-them-or-not-their-literacy-engagement-and-mental-wellbeing>

An interesting new area of enquiry they are analysing is how library use affects pupils' mental well-being. We have held an inset course on this very contemporary and growing concern, and if there is sufficient interest may repeat the course.

### What do our teachers think about us?

If not on school librarian Elizabeth Hutchinson's blog, get on it now! She blogs regularly, and comments on various issues of interest. For instance take a look at a fascinating survey she has done recently on responsibilities and perceptions of high school librarians by the teaching staff: <https://www.elizabethahutchinson.com/blog/breaking-news-look-what-happens-when-teachers-work-with-the-school-librarian>

## PEACE, ACTIVISM AND RECONCILIATION!



We're not talking about Brexit here, but the theme for this year's LGBT History month, February. Though of course it includes Brexit as well as many many other issues, with resources for both educators, parents and students.

See [www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/](http://www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/) for more info on how to get involved.

## EXCELSIOR AWARD

The new shortlists for the Excelsior Award are now available to view on their website: [www.excelsioraward.co.uk/shortlists2019.html](http://www.excelsioraward.co.uk/shortlists2019.html).

With four new age-specific shortlists covering ages from 9 to 18 I'm sure there'll be something there for everybody (including adults!). If you have any feedback or queries please direct them to [paulregister@blokeofsteel.co.uk](mailto:paulregister@blokeofsteel.co.uk) - Registration is still open!

# AN INSPIRATIONAL CONFERENCE COMING UP...

Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd June 2019, Aston University, Birmingham  
Building Readers, building identity: Well-being and the Library

The joint 2019 SLA/YLG weekend course will be one of the highlights of the educational year, focusing on the themes of building identity and mental well-being in children and young adults. Seminars and workshops will deal with practical topics on these themes; including, bibliotherapy, character building and self-identification. The programme will also feature award-winning illustrators and authors ranging from Chris Riddell, Lauren Child and Ross Collins to Meg Rosoff, Savita Kalhan and Joseph Coelho. Join us for three days packed with CPD and reader development opportunities and a fabulous publishers' exhibition. Booking opens soon!

## ...And the Klaus Flugge Bursary to help get you there!

Thanks to honorary member and champion of the Youth Libraries Group, Klaus Flugge from Andersen Press, a bursary is being offered to attend the Youth Libraries Group and School Library Association Weekend Course.

To apply for this bursary, please e-mail [chair.ylg@cilip.org.uk](mailto:chair.ylg@cilip.org.uk) providing your name, profession and also outlining a short statement not exceeding 300 words of how you would benefit from attending conference and the ways you intend to use and share the learning. Applicants should be a member of the Youth Libraries Group.

## AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT SHELF HELP

Reading Well for young people recommends expert endorsed books about mental health, providing 13 to 18 year olds with advice and information about issues like anxiety, stress and OCD, and difficult experiences like bullying and exams.

The books have all been recommended by young people and health professionals, and are available to borrow for free from public libraries- including those in Norfolk. Full book lists can be found online [www.reading-well.org.uk/books/books-on-prescription/young-people-mental-health](http://www.reading-well.org.uk/books/books-on-prescription/young-people-mental-health) or pop to your local branch to find out more.

