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BOOK BITES

Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service

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Buy-in time for local authority schools!

Here's a friendly reminder that buy-in time for local authority schools is now upon us again. Remember that we are flexible with the services we offer and if, when you receive your brochure, you are interested in a service that doesn't quite match your requirements or budget please do get in touch to see if we can offer something that suits you better. There is nothing to lose in asking!

...And don't forget to use your remaining tokens

Local Authority schools should also consider how to make the best use of any remaining tokens they might have as these should be utilised before the end of the spring term; those schools with tokens remaining were recently contacted to remind them to use their remaining balance.

Tokens can be used for or towards any ELS services; if you are unsure of the number you may have left to use, or would like to purchase additional services or tokens please contact the ELS office.

New: Reading for Pleasure collections

These collections of reading for pleasure books will be collated by the ELS staff and delivered to your school. Collections will contain a wide selection of both fiction and non-fiction books at all levels to support reading for pleasure and will include poetry, graphic novels and Early Years Collections (at your request).

Each collection will contain **200 books**, at a cost of **£250** and will remain in school for a calendar year.

You may purchase multiple collections to ensure that you have sufficient books for your school (as a guide mobile library collections contain two books per NOR plus an additional 200 books). When purchasing multiple collections they will be collated as one to ensure a good mix and to avoid any duplication.

Once you receive the books you can either keep them in your library or you can give your pupils and staff the opportunity to make a selection for their individual classrooms.

This service really does offer you the chance to be flexible, enabling you to stock your library and classrooms with a brilliant collection of books in numbers to suit your budget.



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Norfolk Libraries eMedia Lite Membership

The Norfolk Library Service want to support children's access to libraries, to encourage children to thrive, learn and love reading for pleasure. In an effort to remove barriers and support access for all they are offering a new and easy way to access e-books, by joining children up to their new e-media lite membership. Children can then borrow 6 eBooks and 6 eAudio titles onto devices or tablets, and even read and listen on a desktop computer: <https://norfolk.overdrive.com/>. If you're interested in taking part in the pilot project, please email kaleigh.garrod@norfolk.gov.uk

In addition, if you should wish to support and encourage pupils to take out full membership, giving them access to books from their local library, children and young people aged 5-11 will no longer be charged late fees if they do not return their books by the due date.

Some branches across Norfolk have reopened on a phased basis, with very limited at the door services on offer. For information about which branches these are and for details of opening times, please visit the Coronavirus update page:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/coronavirus-update

Free eBooks from BookLife

Norfolk publisher BookLife are offering a selection of free eBooks for Norfolk Schools and those learning remotely at this current time.

The titles available are perfect school and home use and are aligned with letters and sounds, making them phonetically decodable. As well as exciting and vivid illustrations, the books also contain resources with links provided to extra support available online via the BookLife website.

The bookpacks (with an RRP of £584) can be found via the following link:

www.booklife.co.uk/products/booklife-readers-level-0-11-lilac-to-lime-e-books-120-books-1

The discount code is **BookLifeReaders120**

Summer Reading Challenge 2021: Wild World Heroes

The exciting new theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021 has just been announced: **Wild World Heroes** will be arriving online and in libraries this summer.

The Reading Agency have partnered with WWF for a very special nature-themed challenge that will inspire children to stand up for the planet. Wild World Heroes will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

Stay tuned for more information, which will be online and emailed directly to you soon!

Our Norfolk ELS Blog

Don't forget to visit our blog, **The Book Trolley**, where you'll find lots of helpful links, news and reviews of a wide range of range of reading material. Find it here: norfolkels.wordpress.com

Something we enjoyed recently:

Books Make Good Pets by John Agard, illustrated by Momoko Abe

A poem for young children in picture book format, celebrating stories.

A familiar theme but told in lovely language and with appealing illustrations.

We're sure Mr Shakespeare would approve!

(Orchard, £6.99 paperback, ISBN 9781408359884)

