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# HIGHLIGHTS

Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service

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## Empathy Day: 10th June

Arguably needed more than ever, with debate sometimes sinking to unhelpful extremes, lacking compassion and thoughtfulness. Empathy Lab looks at the science behind our thought processes and reactions, and uses wonderful fiction to take us all deeper into what it means to be an empathetic member of society. The 2021 teen collection is now available from Peters and features titles by Elizabeth Acevedo, Angie Thomas and Jason Reynolds amongst others.

Details here: [www.empathylab.uk/2021-read-for-empathy-collections](http://www.empathylab.uk/2021-read-for-empathy-collections)

## Schools of Sanctuary

If your school hasn't yet signed up to be a school of sanctuary, do consider it and take a look at the website: <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/>. This area has strong links and works hard to welcome refugees and asylum seekers. Librarians know there are plenty of fantastic resources to help promote understanding, and we at ELS have compiled booklists to assist.

## Foyles Poetry Competition

The Foyles Poetry Competition is open to 11 – 17 year olds until July 31<sup>st</sup>. Claiming to be the biggest of its kind, it is run by the Poetry Society. Poems can be on any theme and of any length: <https://poetrysociety.org.uk/competitions/foyle-young-poets-of-the-year-award/>

## CKG Award Shadowing 2021

We hardly need to remind you about the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards, but if you have yet to sign up to shadow them, you can still keep up with progress and discover more at: <https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/take-part/> The final awards will be announced and celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

## The National Teen Book Club

The National Teen Book Club is a UK-wide virtual book club for teenagers aged 11-19 which aims to inspire a new generation of creative writers by making reading more accessible and enjoyable for young people. A partnership between educational equality charity Speakers for Schools, HarperCollins and Book Clubs in Schools, the platform allows young people to come together online in a safe way to discuss books and reading. It is currently in a pilot phase and is due to launch fully in June. For info and to register your school, visit the official website:

[www.speakersforschools.org/national-teen-book-club/](http://www.speakersforschools.org/national-teen-book-club/)



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## Conferences

The SLA is holding a weekend online course from 11th June, which should be very interesting; it includes a session looking at the IFLA school libraries guidelines, which to quote from the introduction to this particular session: *“remind us that the school library exists to serve its educational purpose - improving teaching and learning for all - and its moral purpose - making a difference in the lives of young people. While equally important, our educational purpose forms the frontline of our struggle to secure a vital future for our libraries. In order to fulfil our educational purpose, we must *\*actually\** be essential to the educational process, as both the *\*Manifesto\** and *\*Guidelines\** proclaim.”*

The SLA also holds webinars on various topics of interest. For information: [www.sla.org.uk/events](http://www.sla.org.uk/events)

The YLG conference will- they hope- happen *for real* in Torquay from 17-19th September this year. **Representations of Place: New Lands and New Ways of Looking** will explore landscape, identity and own voices, developing the opportunities we can offer children and young people to interact with the ever-changing world around them through literature and reading. For details and to book a place, visit: [www.cilip.org.uk/events/](http://www.cilip.org.uk/events/)

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## Support EAL and MFL Students

National Centre for Writing have two opportunities for secondary schools in Norfolk to help support students in years 7-9 with English as an Additional Language as well as to promote the take up of Modern Foreign Language studies in GCSE and beyond.

Firstly, they have resources developed by the language students at UEA to enable a teacher to lead a creative translation workshop, with an optional virtual visit from the language students to hear the class translations after the session. Secondly, they have a 3 workshop series with a trained writer and translator, to be booked into the school Autumn term – virtual and in-person options are available. For more information, email [learning@nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk](mailto:learning@nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk)

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## Reading Champions Quiz

The National Literacy Trust recently launched the Reading Champions Quiz, a rebranded endeavour which replaces the annual Kids Lit Quiz UK many of you will have attended in the past. Along with its refresh, the regional heats will be happening remotely via a virtual platform, with score sheets submitted electronically after each round. Suitable for those in Year 7, 8 and 9, The Norfolk heat will this year take place on Tuesday 11th May, from 10am- 12.30pm.

Registration can be completed via the National Literacy website which also has more information about the quiz itself: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/events/national-reading-champions-quiz/>

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## Hay Festival's Free Programme for Schools

Hay Festival has revealed its free spring Programme for Schools which brings writers and young people together online between 24th and 28th May 2021 for a series of interactive activities and workshops. These sessions will take place ahead of the main programme which will run from the 26th May to 6th June.

Five sessions will be broadcast daily for pupils across key stages 1-4. Each event will be accompanied by free teaching materials and active learning activities which will be available to view live or on replay throughout. The Festival's full Programme for Schools archive will also be accessible, part-funded by Hay Festival Foundation.

Pupils across different key stages can expect to enjoy appearances from Joseph Coelho, Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Adam Kay, Konnie Huq, Patrick Ness, plus many more. Details of the secondary programme can be found here: [www.hayfestival.com/c-247-programme-for-schools](http://www.hayfestival.com/c-247-programme-for-schools)