

Newsletter

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Spring 2019

Join us at
**Reading Rocks
 Goes To Uni,
 Liverpool**

Saturday 30 March 2019



Last year's Reading Rocks event was so inspiring that we couldn't miss out on this year's event!

Hosted by Liverpool John Moores University, the event is aimed at both primary and secondary educators. Delegates will be looking at ways to share best practice including ideas around promoting reading for pleasure, nurturing competent readers and writers and using reading materials across the curriculum and the education phases.

It's set to be a great day packed full of all things about reading, including keynote speakers, workshops, exhibitors and a book shop. Author Cathy Cassidy, English teachers Matt Pinkett and Chris Curtis, Professor Kate Cain and educator Wayne Tennant are some of the featured guest speakers at this year's event.

So why not join us at #RRGoesToUni at I.M.Marsh campus. It would be great to see you there. Tickets are available from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rrgoestouni-2019-tickets-52317040677>

"Good range of workshops, meeting likeminded people, the learning environment (so much inspiration!), book store and the stalls! (EVERYTHING!)"

Attendee at last year's Reading Rocks event

Get excited about
Graphic Novels

From Japanese manga to American superheroes, graphic novels have been loved by teenagers and adults the world over for many years. This literary format has millions of fans and its appeal only continues to grow.

We are now seeing a rise in popularity of graphic novels for younger readers, and deservedly so. With this in mind, we have developed a collection of some of the latest **graphic novels for children aged 8 to 12**. From comic strip interviews with long dead celebrities to action packed superhero adventures, there is something to appeal to most middle grade children. Titles include Dog Man, Evil Emperor Penguin, Corpse Talk, Hilda the Troll, Spiderman and Phoenix comics.

Why graphic novels?

- The combination of text and pictures can help reluctant readers to navigate stories by using the visual clues to decode the narrative.
- They use amazing imagery to support story development, making them appealing to children who love artwork and illustration.
- For avid readers, they have exciting plots, well developed characters and sequential storylines, as with more traditional texts.
- They require readers to use both sides of the brain to read and visualise the story simultaneously.

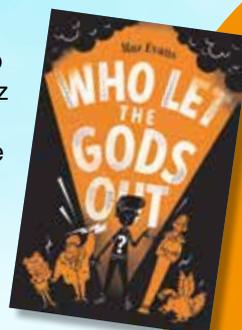
Graphic novels can be a great way to get children excited about reading. If you would like to order a collection for the summer term just fill in a project loan form or order via our website.



Calling all members of the GodsSquad!

We are SO excited to announce that we have a visit from bestselling author Maz Evans – author of the amazing 'Who Let the Gods Out' series - on **Wednesday 1 May 2019**. Maz will be available to come into your school for half a day to deliver a 45 minute assembly, a one hour Q & A (or creative writing workshop) plus a book signing. Maz's school visits are inspiring, entertaining, energetic and hilarious!

If your school would like to host a visit from Maz then please contact us at Pauline.threfall@knowsley.gov.uk for more details including costs.



"Maz's visit was absolutely amazing - from the moment she arrived, the whole school was buzzing with an excitement that continued throughout the day"

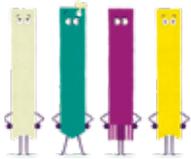
Horsenden Primary,
 October 2018



WORLD BOOK DAY

7 MARCH 2019

Celebrate stories



World Book Day is all about celebrating stories and sharing books. Stories can be shared anywhere; at school, at home, in the car or even on the bus. Just 10 minutes of reading each day can make a world of difference.

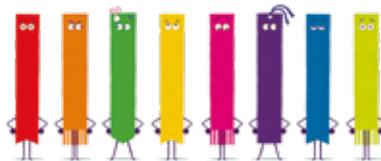
There are some great new £1 books available for World Book Day 2019. With exclusive stories from much-loved authors Malorie Blackman, Lauren Child and our own Frank Cottrell Boyce, there really is something for everyone from pre-schoolers to teens. Whether your pupils like adventures, mysteries, funny stories or superheroes, there's a £1 book to appeal to every child in your class. The £1 book tokens are

2019's £1 books



valid from 28 February until 31 March 2019 so there's plenty of time for children to exchange them for a book of their own.

You can find lots of great ideas and free resources on the World Book Day website at <https://www.worldbookday.com/> Plus, what better way to celebrate World Book Day than a visit to your local library. If you would like to arrange a class visit on or around WBD then please contact Gerry Williams on **0151 443 5001** or gerry.williams@knowsley.co.uk



Latest eBooks



Take a look at some of our latest e-books available to read on the SLS e-platform now!

<https://knowsleysls.wheelers.co/>

With over 1,300 eBooks, subscribing to our eBook service is a great way to get children, parents and staff reading at home and in school.

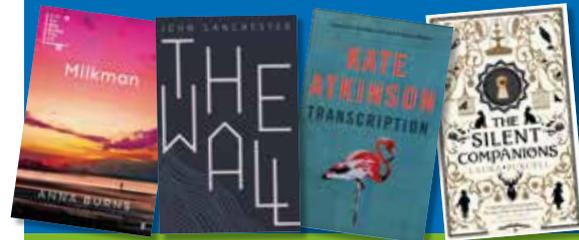
For children:



For Teens:



For Adults:



Love Literacy 2019 is set to be packed full of inspirational speakers and practical workshops. Organised by Peters Booksellers, the event is aimed at all those working to encourage reading for pleasure and to raise literacy standards across the key stages at KS1, KS2 and KS3.

Confirmed speakers include: **Lauren Child, Rachel Bright, Chris Riddell, Neil Griffiths and Jim Field**

For more information or to book a place visit <https://peters.co.uk/event/love-literacy-2019/> or contact Peters on **0121 666 6646**

Dates for your Reading Diary

- 14 February** International Book Giving Day (and Valentine's Day of course!)
- 26 February** Tell a Fairy Tale Day
- 7 March** World Book Day
- 16 March** Northern YA Literature Festival, UCLAN, Preston
- 18-24 March** Shakespeare Week
- 20 March** World Storytelling Day
- 21 March** World Poetry Day
- 2 April** International Children's Book Day
- 23 April** World Book Night

Wednesday 20 March
9am to 4.30pm
Birmingham Hippodrome

If you would like more information on any of the items in our newsletter please contact pauline.threlfall@knowsley.gov.uk or 0151 443 4285