

# Newsletter

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Summer 2018



## Make some mischief this summer!

Encourage your pupils to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

Libraries are great places for children to discover reading for pleasure and there is no better time to do this than during the summer holidays.

The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. Children are challenged to read six or more books of their choice over the summer. These can be any type of books, as long as they are borrowed from the library. There is also a mini-challenge for pre-school children so that the whole family can take part. It is completely free and last year over three quarters of a million children took part in libraries across the UK.

Every year the SRC has a new theme and this time it's **Mischief Makers**, inspired by the much loved children's comic Beano which celebrates its 80th anniversary this year.

There are lots of benefits of taking part in the SRC. It encourages pupils and their families to join the library; it can help to prevent the trend for children's reading to dip during the holidays; plus, it provides evidence to OFSTED of your school's involvement in community initiatives and social and cultural activities.

You can find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> where there are lots of free resources for schools, plus competitions and games for children to take part in.

Knowsley Libraries will be holding a number of events over the summer holidays including "Motley Zoo" comic workshops, crafts and magic shows. Full listings will be available on the Library Service website at [www.yourlibrary.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.yourlibrary.knowsley.gov.uk)



## LATEST e-books

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 1,400 e-books, subscribing to our e-book service is a great way to get children, parents and staff reading at home and in school.

### Children's titles:



### Teenage titles:



### Adult titles:



## new resources for schools

At Knowsley School Library Service we are always looking to develop new resources. This term we have put together some STEM resource boxes to tie in with the Year of Engineering 2018 and to encourage children to develop their subject knowledge. The boxes contain a selection of the latest science, technology, engineering, art and maths books for children. There's also Micro bits and accompanying information to encourage children to have fun developing their coding skills.

You can find out more about these and our other new resources on our website.



# The Liverpool & Knowsley Book Art Exhibition: Frankenstein 2018

Central Library, Liverpool  
14th May 2018 - 9th August 2018

Kirkby Gallery, Knowsley  
17th September 2018 -  
26th January 2019

**FREE**  
admission

Kirkby Gallery will be collaborating with the Liverpool Book Art Fair and Liverpool Central Library presenting an exhibition exploring the best book artists from across the UK. The theme of the exhibition marks 200 years since the first edition of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein; or, the Modern Prometheus, was published.

To tie in with the exhibition, we are offering schools a joint visit to Kirkby Gallery and Kirkby Library as part of our 'Monster Mondays' and 'Frightening Fridays' programme.

The library session will showcase the different kinds of books and activities the library has to offer children and families. With a focus on reading for pleasure, the visit will include stories and an opportunity to explore the library space. The children will then visit the gallery for the Book Art exhibition.

The gallery session will involve your class having a tour of the brilliant and stunning Book Art exhibition, followed by the chance to have a go at making their own creative book art construction using a range of fun activity sheets inspired by the artworks on display.

Kirkby Gallery will be holding a Teacher First event on Thursday 13th September from 3.45 - 4.30 pm allowing teaching staff a first preview of the exhibition and education resources. Contact [tina.ball@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:tina.ball@knowsley.gov.uk) if you would like to attend or if you would like to bring your class along to the exhibition.



## Look out for



This autumn, every Reception aged child will receive a copy of the wonderful Little Monkey by Marta Altos, as part of the Time to Read initiative from Booktrust. This funny and empowering tale of a little monkey on a big adventure is the perfect book for children to enjoy with their families. Look out for your packs at the beginning of next term.

## Author events



We were delighted to host some fabulous author events for children this spring, both in schools and in the public library.

In March we had a visit from the fabulous **Robin Stevens**, author of the Murder Most Unladylike series. Robin talked to 180 children at Malvern Primary school about A Spoonful of Murder, her highly anticipated sixth mystery in the series. Robin shared the inspiration behind her detective duo, Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong and explained why she is so fascinated by murder mysteries. The children also had the opportunity to buy some of Robin's books and have them signed on the day. The event was sponsored by Authors Aloud UK.

**"Robin was fun and friendly. She is the person who inspired me to become an author. I love Robin Stevens!"**

Pupil from Malvern Primary

In April, we hosted a visit from the amazing illustrator/author **Kate Pankhurst** at Huyton Library. Kate talked about what inspired her latest book Fantastically Great Women who made History and the children got the chance to dress up as some of the incredible women from her books, bringing to life the actions and achievements of these great women. They also had an opportunity to sketch their own suffragette along with Kate, with some fabulous results. Seventy two children from St. Anne's Catholic Primary, Mosscroft Primary and Malvern Primary attended the event which was part of the Read Regional campaign.

**"Thank you for a very enjoyable afternoon. My class loved every minute."**

Laura Hodgkiss, St. Anne's Primary

From time to time the Library Service is invited to bid for free author events for children. After the success of our recent author visits, we are keen to continue with a programme of events for Knowsley schools. If your school would be interested in hosting a future event, please let us know so we can add you to our mailing list [Gerry.williams@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:Gerry.williams@knowsley.gov.uk)



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