



Primary School to visit us this month

We look forward to welcoming the whole of the Primary school to the Library throughout February.

They are going to be looking at and choosing books and experiencing the joys of 'reading for pleasure'. Some of the older classes will also be learning how to use the Library to find out information for further academic work in preparation for moving to Secondary School.

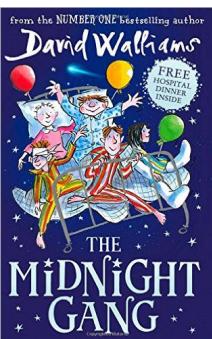
Some new books which should inspire our younger readers:

The Midnight Gang by David Walliams

tells the surprising, uplifting and, of course, hilarious story of five children on a hospital ward. At its heart it is a classic tale of children who form wonderful friendships and go in search of adventure.

When Tom gets hit by a cricket ball and wakes up on a ward in the huge ancient pile that is Lord Funt Hospital, it looks like he has entered a very scary place indeed.

The first person he meets when he opens his eyes is a terrifying-looking porter and soon after he meets the mean-spirited matron; Tom's prospects were not looking good. Until, that is, he meets - and better yet, joins - the coolest gang there is: The Midnight Gang.



"Making a killing! Thrillers for teens and adults"

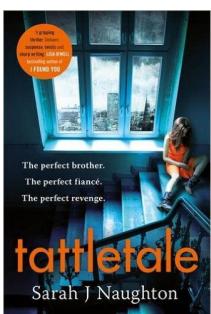
That is the title of our next author talk at The Hub on **Saturday 18th February at 10.00 am**. Our author can really claim to be a "local".

Sarah Naughton, daughter of one of our volunteer librarians, grew up in Henstridge and was schooled locally before going to Bruton School for girls. She went on to University College London, where she obtained a degree in English. She continued on to Watford College, where

she gained a diploma in copywriting and film direction. After starting a family, Sarah concentrated on her passion, writing, and produced her first novel "The Hanged Man Rises", a teen history horror story. She followed this with another teen story, "The Blood List" and she is currently

working on an adult psychological thriller "Tattletale" due out on 23rd March.

Tickets will be priced at £2.00 with free entry to Friends and Volunteers and to include light refreshments. Tickets will be available from the library from early February.



5,000 Awesome Facts (about Everything)

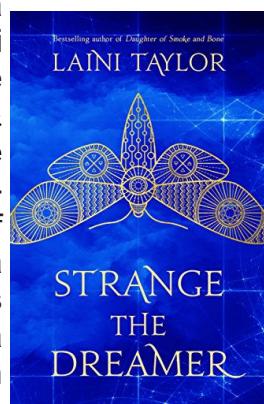
Filled with photographs, this beautifully designed book is organized into two-page spreads that each focus on a different topic, making it easy and fun to read. This book is literally busting its covers with fascinating, fantastic facts on super, sensational topics that kids love. Who knew that there were so many sweet things to learn about chocolate or that a dozen delicious details about peanut butter would show up on a page with a few splotches of jelly to whet our appetites?

Keep turning and a terrifyingly toothy shark tells you all about himself, while other spreads lay out tons of tips on toys and games, mysteries of history, robots and reptiles, sports and spies, wacky words, and so much more! A visual feast of colourful photographs surrounded by swirling, tipping, expanding, and climbing bits of information this book will satisfy both the casual browser and the truly fact obsessed.



Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor

The first book in a new series from Laini Taylor, author of the Daughter of Smoke & Bone trilogy—here are a few choice nuggets: it's the story of "the aftermath of a war between gods and men"; features "a mythic hero with blood on his hands, a young librarian with a singular dream, and a girl every bit as perilous as she is imperilled"; and we should expect "alchemy and blood candy, nightmares and godspawn, moths and monsters, friendship and treachery, love and carnage." Yes, please!

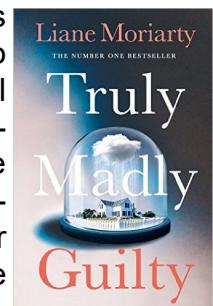


Have you thought of borrowing e-books & audio books through the library?

This can now be done quite simply through the Dorsetforyou website. Simply click in succession on "Leisure & Culture", "Libraries", "E-books and e-resources", "Books" and then "How to borrow e-books and audio books". You will then find some fairly straightforward instructions. There is also some advice on what kind of reader to buy to ensure it is compatible with the system. For instance Amazon's Kindle is not supported (sorry!!).

Goodreads Choice Awards

The Goodreads Choice Awards 2016 gives power to the people to decide what books were the best of the best. If you go to www.goodreads.com you can tell them what titles or genres you've enjoyed in the past, and they will give you surprisingly insightful recommendations. Their best fiction award for 2016 is Truly, Madly, Guilty by Liane Moriarty. There are 19 other categories for which they make annual awards. Their website is worth a look at. Let us know what you think.



Roadworks on 20th March

We have been told that the road outside the library leading to the Car Park is due for "carriageway maintenance" all day on 20th March. The County Council has suggested that we close the Library that day, but we will do nothing of the sort! Normal opening hours for a Monday will be maintained, and you will no doubt be able to admire the work being done as you walk along the pavement!

Library Opening Times

Monday 2.00—5.00

Tuesday 10.00—12.30, 2.00—5.00

Wednesday 12.00—2.30

Thursday 3.30—6.30

Friday 2.00—5.00

Saturday 9.30—12.30

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