

Stalbridge Community Library February/March 2016



For our younger readers

New Horizons Book Awards

We all know about the 'Oscars' and 'Brit Awards'...now you too can vote for your favourite author and illustrator. Vote online, by April, by going to www.dorsetforyou.com/bookaward.

You can also enter the Art and Creative Writing competitions as well.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on 3rd March this year. Visit the library and choose a book you could read to your class.

Look online worldbookday.com to find out which books your favourite authors enjoy; plus competitions and quizzes.

For teenagers look at www@WBDTEENFEST.COM

Don't forget to exchange your World Book Day book token by 27th March (these will be given to you at school).

Are you ready for the

Summer Reading Challenge ?

It may be cold or wet or sunny, and it is still winter, but summer will soon be here. With the summer holidays comes the next Reading Challenge and this year it is all about Roald Dahl. So search out your favourite stories or poems and keep a watch in the Library to see what is planned for the summer!!

A little bit of history

Rummaging through a box of old papers in the Library the other day. I came across the leaflet produced by Dorset County Council when they had just completed building the Library in 1984. The leaflet included this bit of history:

The library service in Stalbridge originated in a village centre comprising of a small collection of some 70 books located in the village school.

In 1963 the library was moved to the Methodist Church Schoolroom, where it has functioned for 21 years (with Mrs Cowley as Librarian). For the last decade the premises have been inadequate for the operation of a library service suitable for the requirements of a rapidly growing community and in 1975 the Amenities Committee purchased the former police house site with a view to building a library for Stalbridge at some future date. This later proved unacceptable from the planning point of view and the site was exchanged for the one in Station Road.

The building in the picture above had a total floor area of 78 square metres and had sufficient shelving for 5,500 books (it still has!) The main contractors were Williams Brothers, Shaftesbury, and the contract value was £49,940!

New Books for Young adults:

Urban Legends by Helen Grant

A group of story-tellers are disappearing one by one. A young woman is haunted by her past. A serial killer has one target he is desperate to hunt down.

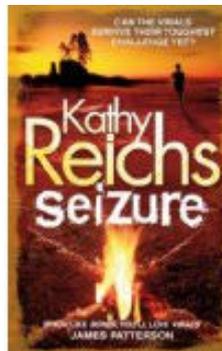
Veerle is trying to lie low, to live as 'normal' a life as she possibly can. But when you've thwarted a serial killer, it's hard to do this. Especially when he wants revenge...



Seizure by Kathy Reichs (2nd in the Virals series)

Ever since Tory Brennan and her friends rescued Cooper, a kidnapped wolf pup with a rare strain of canine parvovirus, they've turned from regular kids into a crime-solving pack. But now the very place that brought them together - the Loggerhead Island Research Institute - is out of funding and will have to shut down. That is, unless the Virals can figure out a way to save it.

So when Tory learns of an old Charleston legend about a famous she-pirate, Anne Bonney, whose fortune was never found, she can't believe her luck - buried treasure is exactly what she needs to save the Institute on Loggerhead! Trouble is, she and her friends aren't the only ones looking for it. And this time, the Virals' special powers may not be enough to dig them out of trouble . . .



Are you learning to drive?

Did you know that you can access **Theory Test Pro** for free as a member of Dorset Libraries?

Theory Test Pro has the full official test question bank from the DSA, hazard perception clips and an online version of the Highway Code. All you need to sign up is your Dorset Library card number and an email address.

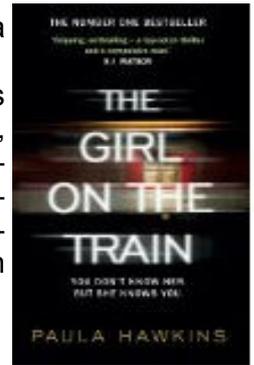
To get started, go to

www.dorsetforyou.com/theorytest

Top 3 Fiction

1. *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins

You don't know her, but she knows you! *Rear Window* meets *Gone Girl*, in this exceptional and startling psychological thriller. 'Gripping, enthralling - a top-notch thriller and a compulsive read' This was also No 1 in August, so it must be good!!



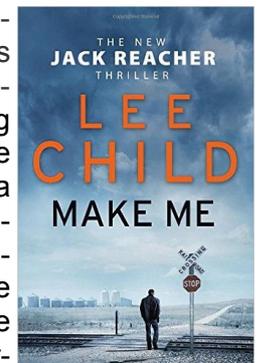
2. *Username: Evie* by Joe Sugg

When times are tough, all Evie wants is a chance to escape from reality and be herself. Evie's father comes close to creating such a virtual idyll. Passing away before it's finished, he leaves her the key in the form of an app, and Evie finds herself transported to a world where the population is influenced by her personality. Everyone shines in her presence, until her devious cousin, Mallory, discovers the app... and the power to cause trouble in paradise.



3. *Make Me* by Lee Child

Jack Reacher has no place to go, and all the time in the world to get there, so a remote railroad stop on the prairie with the curious name of Mother's Rest seems perfect for an aimless one-day stopover. There he finds a woman waiting for a missing colleague, a cryptic note about two hundred deaths, and a small town full of silent, watchful people. Reacher's one-day stopover becomes an open-ended quest...into the heart of darkness. Prepare to be nailed to your seat by another hair-raising, heart-pounding adventure from the master of the thriller genre!



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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