



Salford Schools' Library Service

SCHOOLS' BULLETIN

1st June 2020: Welcome to our latest bulletin. The Schools' Library Service is currently closed but our staff are working from home. We have been thinking about new ways to support schools during these unusual times. If you have any questions or need to find resources for schools, pupils, parents or home educators, we may be able to help! Contact us by e-mail: Schools.Library-Service@scll.co.uk or visit our website: www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/libraries/sls to see previous bulletins and other useful resources/booklists.

[Rob Biddulph Set to Beat World Record for the Largest Online Art Lesson](#)

Children's author/illustrator, Rob Biddulph, made an attempt on the record for the World's Largest Art Lesson on 21st March, following his successful [Draw with Rob](#) art lessons for children at home. The record for the largest art lesson previously stood at 10,000 students and over 45,000 people joined Rob's online art lesson. You can still watch [and draw the largest animal in the world](#) and see [all Rob's art lessons](#) on his YouTube channel. Rob is waiting to hear if his attempt on the world record will be officially verified but the online art lesson has raised over £40,000 for COVID -19 charities who are working to **Stop** (the spread of the virus), **Support** (people suffering because of the virus) and **Prevent** (future pandemics).

[Countdown to Empathy Day](#)



[Empathy Day](#) is on 9th June this year and the countdown has started with online activities for children of all ages. Families can join in daily activities in the run-up to Empathy Day by downloading the [Read for Empathy: Family Activities Pack](#) and there's an [exciting programme of online events on Tues 9th June](#). On the [Empathy Read Aloud](#) you can watch authors sharing books from [Empathy Lab's collections of books for primary/secondary schools](#). The [Empathy Shorts](#) collection of short stories by 8 well-known authors has an empathy-boosting story suitable for every child to read for themselves on Empathy Day. Popular children's artists will post new pictures every day on the [2020 #Read for Empathy Illustrators' Gallery](#) and keen readers can follow the [2020 #ReadforEmpathy Blog Tour](#) between 1st June and 9th June.

[NHS Coronavirus Support for Children and Young People](#)

The NHS have put together [a useful collection of resources for children and young people](#). Suitable for EY/KS1/KS2 pupils, children with health conditions, any students who need age-appropriate, reliable information about coronavirus and parents/carers.

[Libraries Connected Create a Useful Overview of Online Library Resources](#)

[Libraries Connected](#), whose mission is "maintaining and building on the power of [public] libraries" have collected [an overview of the online information services available through public library services](#). Some of these services will be useful to KS2/3/4/5 pupils working on home learning/research tasks. They have also collected a range of [resource lists \(pdf\) to support reading/learning/health/wellbeing/education at home](#).

Many of the resources highlighted by Libraries Connected are available through membership of Salford Community Libraries. Find [SCL online information resources](#) on the libraries website (you may need to log in with your library card number/PIN). If you do not have a library card, you can [join the library online](#) (children under 16 need permission from parents/carers and should provide a parent/carer e-mail address)



["Bookish Fun" for children and adults](#)

Guardian Books have created a guide to the best reading resources available to support children and adults during the lockdown: [From Harry Potter at Home to the National Shelf Service: bookish fun for the lockdown](#).

Authors and illustrators Online: Latest Updates

STOP PRESS: Juno Dawson has won the [YA Prize](#) for *Meat Market* [a dark, chilling journey through the fashion world for older teens in KS4/5]. Congratulations, Juno!

J. K. Rowling: has made an unpublished story, [The Ickabog](#), available online for children (7-9yrs) to read independently or parents/carers to read aloud. Chapters will be published, daily, on [The Ickabog](#) website until 10th July. Read more about the story on [J. K. Rowling's website](#) and in these news articles from [The Independent](#) and [the BBC](#).



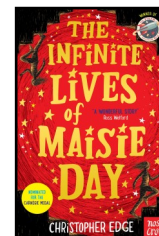
Tom Palmer/Carers Week (8th-14th June): The main character in [Roy of the Rovers](#) [football fiction/comic books] is a young carer named Roy. For [Literacy/PSHE activities to support Carers Week](#), download a presentation for KS2/KS3 and other resources on Tom's website. Information for adults about Carers Week is at [carersweek.org](#); [CarersUK](#) and [Carers Trust](#). Support for young carers is on the [YoungMinds](#) website.

Robert Starling: author of *Fergal is Fuming*, has made [A Message From Fergal and His Friends](#) and written a book, [Fergal and His Friends](#), to help EY/KS1 children who are missing their classmates.

Support for Learning from Publishers/Authors/Literacy Organisations

Summer Reading Challenge: Silly Squad The 2020 online challenge for children aged 4-11 yrs. will launch on [Fri 5th June](#) with a *Let's Get Silly* day of activities on Facebook. [Download your Schools Pack here](#). Encourage children to read books online for the challenge using [BorrowBox](#) from [Salford Community Libraries](#). Follow the challenge on social media to keep up-to-date: [@ReadingAgency](#) [#SummerReadingChallenge](#) [#SillySquad2020](#).

Nosy Crow Publishers: Book at Bedtime: A free audiobook, [The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day](#) by Christopher Edge, is available to listen to on [Nosy Crow: Book at Bedtime](#). Chapter 1 was released on Mon 25th May and a new chapter is released every day. Great for bedtime listening to help children aged 9-12 get to sleep! [The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day](#) was shortlisted for the [2020 Salford Children's Book Award](#).



Puffin Books: EY/KS1/KS2 book-related activities on [Puffin Books YouTube](#). Puffin celebrate the power of imagination and their 80th birthday with a [Festival of Big Dreams](#) (8th to 14th June). [Register \(with e-mail address\)](#) to [download a free pack for home-learning activities for KS1/KS2](#). More creative ideas on [Puffin Schools website](#).

Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE): is a "UK based literacy charity, working with primary schools ... to help schools teach literacy creatively and ... put quality children's books at the heart of learning". Some [CLPE teaching resources](#) are now available, free, to support teachers/schools during the COVID-19 crisis: Watch Louise Johns-Shepherd, CLPE's Chief Executive, sending a [message of thanks to all teachers/primary school staff](#).

British Library Online: Discovering Children's Books: explores the history and variety of children's literature from medieval fables to 21st century picture books. There is material for all Key Stages: [creative activities](#); [children's books from the British Library collections](#); [book-related videos](#); [themed book lists](#), [author interviews](#) and [articles about children's literature](#). Children can [make tiny books](#) like the [books made by famous authors](#).

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Anyone with a Salford library card can use our [BorrowBox app](#) to borrow e-books/e-audiobooks for free. You can browse, borrow and download books anywhere. There is a wide range of fiction and non-fiction for all ages. You will never run out of reading choices and there is something for everyone. Books simply expire from your device when they are due back so there are no overdue charges either. Cancel books whenever you like and download more. Click [here](#) for BorrowBox and sign in with your library card number and PIN. If you are not a library member, you can find more information on the [Salford Community Libraries website](#) and join instantly [here](#). If you require any help with these services please email info@scll.co.uk



Keep in Touch - we'd love to hear from you!

Contact the SLS by e-mail: Schools.Library-Service@scll.co.uk

Visit the SLS website: www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/libraries/sls for previous bulletins and useful booklists.

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Salford Community Libraries on Facebook and **@SalfordLibrary** on Twitter.