



SCHOOLS' BULLETIN

29th 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@sccl.co.uk or visit our website: www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/libraries/sls to see previous bulletins and other useful resources/booklists.



Did you know...?

Reading for pleasure can boost pupils' achievement, improve their wellbeing and strengthen their ability to make connections with other people. The [Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge 2020](#) is the perfect way for children to maintain their cognitive development through the summer break from school.

The challenge has started and runs till Sept 2020: Go to the [School Zone](#) for a guide to [encouraging reading for pleasure \(RfP\)/tips on getting pupils involved](#) and read [The Reading Agency's research on the challenge](#).

Children can have fun choosing books to read: with the Summer Reading Challenge [Book Sorter](#) which will help find a book to suit their reading tastes.

While public libraries are closed, children can read books online: There's a [guide on the Silly Squad website](#) or go to [Salford Community Libraries Digital Resources page](#) to read e-books, using the [BorrowBox](#) app. Not a member? You can [join online](#), right now!

You can find reading fun: at www.silysquad.org.uk with [author videos](#), "[bringing books to life](#)" videos (made by the BBC), [reading games](#) and [book activities](#).

Reading Agency support to schools: Follow the summer reading challenge and other literacy initiatives by [joining The Reading Agency mailing list](#).



News: Diverse Children's Books

"No reader is too young to start" Aimée Felone (co-founder [Knights Of](#) and [Round Table Books](#) on anti-racist books for children/YP [[Guardian 04/06/20](#)].

#Publishingpaidme Read how LL McKinney's hashtag [sparked a discussion between authors](#) about whether publishing values diverse voices. [[Guardian 08/06/20](#)].

"Publishers want more black authors. Why have they silenced us for so long?" by Candice Carty-Williams [[Guardian 11/06/20](#)].

"Black Writers' Guild tells UK publishing how to get its own house in order" The newly-established Black Writers' Guild have sent an open letter to UK publishers, stating it is "deeply concerned" publishers are "raising awareness of racial inequality without significantly addressing their own". Read the [Bookseller article 15/06/20](#) and [read the authors' letter, in full](#).

"I didn't see myself in children's books" an article about writing books for children by Olympian, Ibtihaj Muhammad [[BookTrust News 12/05/20](#)]

"Black Lives Matter in the book industry" by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé, debut author of *Ace of Spades* [YA novel publishing in Jan 2021 (Usborne)] [[Bookseller 3/6/20](#)]

The Library and Information Association: publish a journal: [Pen&inc](#). Read: [Autumn/Winter 2019 edn. free](#).

FAB Prize is the only prize awarded to new, BAME, children's writers/illustrators. It "[aims to discover and showcase new talent, closing the gap between what is currently published and the reality for many families](#)". [See previous winners of the FAB prize \(2017-2019\)](#).

Book Life Publishing: Free e-book: [Racism \(Topics Today\)](#) [suitable for KS2], updated to include recent events. Create a free account and [download the book](#).

Carnegie Greenaway Children's Book Awards: Winners Announced!



Winner of the Carnegie Medal is [Anthony McGowan's *Lark*](#), published by [Barrington Stoke](#). Winner of the Kate Greenaway Medal is [Shaun Tan's *Tales From the Inner City*](#), published by [Walker Books](#). Shaun Tan is the first author/illustrator of colour to win the Kate Greenaway Award. Anthony McGowan's award is the first time a book from Barrington Stoke has won a Carnegie/Greenaway Medal. Congratulations to [Shaun Tan](#), [Anthony McGowan](#), [Walker Books](#) and [Barrington Stoke](#)!

"If you can read, you can do anything. Reading is a resource for life."

Wendy Cooling MBE, creator of Bookstart leaves a lasting legacy.

[BookTrust](#) have announced the sad death of [Wendy Cooling MBE](#), after a short illness. Wendy was the pioneer of the [Bookstart](#) programme, 28 years ago. [Bookstart](#) gives free books to more than 2 million young children in the UK, every year. Wendy's initiative inspired similar programmes across the world, including book gifting schemes in Japan, Columbia, Thailand and Taiwan. Wendy had been awarded the Eleanor Farjeon Award (2006) and was made a MBE for Services to Children's Literature in 2009. She is remembered for the lasting legacy of her work and will be greatly missed by authors, illustrators, publishers, librarians, teachers and colleagues.

Authors/Illustrators Online: Latest News

Eoin McLaughlin and Polly Dunbar: have [created a sequel to *The Hug*](#) for EY/KS1 children in these unsettling times. The story about a hedgehog and a tortoise who are sad because other animals won't hug them has been extended in [While We Can't Hug](#). [Read more](#) and [watch the animated story](#) [BookTrust]. Tweet photos to [@BookTrust](#) and [@FaberChildrens](#) with a [#WhileWeCantHug](#) by **25th July** to [win 50 books for your school](#).

My Hero is You, How kids can fight COVID-19: story book by a collaboration of 50+ humanitarian organizations, including: WHO, UN Children's Fund, UN Commission for Refugees, International Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies and Save the Children. Suitable for KS2. [Translations in multiple languages](#) and a [video of Howard Donald reading the book](#) are available from the [WHO website](#).

Support from Library and Literacy Organisations

500 Words: Black Lives Matter Competition: From **Mon 29th June** to **Fri 3rd July** children are invited to write a 500 words story, responding to the issues from the Black Lives Matter movement. Enter via an online entry form at <https://500words.me> from **6:30am on Mon 29th June** to **11:59pm on Fri 3rd July**. [Rules/more info/ideas available now](#). **Librarians/Teachers:** Join the celebrity judges! [Register to be a "volunteer" story reader](#).

Webinars from Libraries Unlimited: School Librarians may be interested in a series of free (but ticketed) talks between leading library practitioners, [organised by Libraries Unlimited](#) on **Thursdays [15:00-16:00]**

- **Thu 2 Jul: Marie Østergård (Aarhus Public Libraries)** talks to Stuart Hamilton (LGMA, Ireland)
- **Thu 9 Jul: R. David Lankes (Univ South Carolina)** talks to Sue Williamson (Arts Council England)
- **Thu 16 Jul: Nina Simon (CEO of OF/BY/FOR ALL)**, nonprofit creating digital tools to help cultural organisations be more inclusive/relevant/sustainable) talks to Daniel Clark, Creative Director, Libraries Unlimited.

Webinar from the School Library Association: Re-opening your Library after COVID-19: This webinar is now freely available on the [School Library Association website](#) and the [School Library Association YouTube](#) channel, with supporting COVID-19 weblinks/resources for [primary schools](#) and [secondary schools](#).

InformAll Call for Information Literacy (IL) to be Part of the School Curriculum: Librarians can add their name to this call from InformAll (a CIC with expertise in information research/digital literacy). Read more [on the School Library Association website](#) or read more/consider signing the statement [on the InformAll website](#).

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