



Salford Schools' Library Service

SCHOOLS' BULLETIN

4th May 2020: Welcome to our latest bulletin. In line with government guidelines, the Schools' Library Service is currently closed but our staff are now 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!

You can contact us by e-mail: Schools.Library-Service@scll.co.uk

Visit our website: www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/libraries/sls to see previous bulletins and other useful resources/booklists.

Latest News

Authors and illustrators work together to inspire hope with words and pictures

Award winning children's author Katherine Rundell has edited a free e-book of "words and pictures to comfort, inspire and entertain children in lockdown". The poems, short stories and pictures are suitable for readers of all ages and there are contributions from 100+ children's illustrators and authors. Published by Bloomsbury, the book is dedicated to everyone working in hospitals and is available to read online on the Literacy Trust website.

Katherine Rundell suggests having "a story for breakfast and another at midday, with a poem, perhaps for dessert"! We think it's lovely! Perfect for parents/carers to share with children or for students in KS2/3/4 to read alone. There's something for everyone to read, sing, draw or listen along to!

You can see some of the contributions and read a review of the book in The Guardian.

Fancy Getting Creative?

Try some creative challenges with 64 million artists and "Create To Share"

64 million artists have extended their creative challenges from earlier in the year and have come up with more challenges suitable for all ages and all artistic abilities. Perfect for parents/carers and children to work on together and artists can share their work online too. Go to: 64 million artists to sign up and download a free activity pack.

When the "Create to Share" challenge in May is finished, there's plenty more creative inspiration to keep young minds busy at: DoThinkShare.



VE Day Resources from Tom Palmer

Award-winning author and writer-in-residence at the RAF Museum supports children's learning by sharing stories, literacy activities on his website

Tom Palmer has written a number of books set in wartime as well as exciting stories about the world of football. Several of his books are published in dyslexia-friendly format by Barrington Stoke. Booktrust describes Tom Palmer as "... a true reading hero responsible for motivating many thousands of young people to get into books".

His website is a treasure trove of resources for pupils and teachers. To mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day, Tom has created several resources for children, teachers and home educators based on his forthcoming book "After

the War" (to be published later this year). These VE Day resources include [VE Day blackout poetry, character paperchains and a reading comprehension activity](#) .

Tom is also "Writer in Residence" at the RAF Museum in Shropshire (find out more about what he has been doing as a "writer in residence" on [this page from Tom's website](#)). Between 29th April and 7th May, he is writing a time-travelling, short story, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. "[The Spitfire Fund](#)" story, featuring Yusra, Lily and Danny, is available on the [RAF Museum website](#). The story is suitable for young readers aged 7+ and each chapter is accompanied by reading comprehension and writing challenges.

More useful resources from Tom Palmer's website include:

- [lots of drawing/colouring activities suitable for upper KS1/KS2](#)
- read the first chapters of all Tom's books and complete stories that Tom has written for the National Literacy Trust and the RAF museum on his "[free reads](#)" page
- watch videos of Tom reading his books on his [YouTube channel](#)
- [literacy teaching resources](#) for KS2

Tom also runs live sessions talking about books/reading on his [Facebook page](#).

Read Tom Palmer books for free with Salford Community Libraries: You can borrow [Tom Palmer's football stories](#) by using the Salford Community Libraries E-book service [BorrowBox](#). It's free! If you are not already a member of the library, you can join [here](#).

Find more free E-book and E-Talking book recommendations on the [Salford Community Libraries Home Page](#).

During the week 4th May to 8th May you can find [e-book recommendations with a wartime theme for young readers aged 9/10 years, teen readers and adults](#).

Booktrust Pyjamarama Festival goes online

[BookTrust](#) moved their annual "[Pyjamarama](#)" festival celebrating stories and reading online this year. There were a whole range of online activities for children of all primary ages and their parents/carers/teachers too! If you missed it, don't worry! You can still watch all the activities: storytimes, drawing (with Rob Biddulph, Chris Riddell and Ed Vere), fun with Cressida Cowell, dancing with P. J. Masks and lots more exciting stuff on the [BookTrust "Pyjamarama" webpage!](#)

More resources for parents/carers home educating young children are on the [BookTrust HomeTime webpage](#)

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