



Salford Schools' Library Service

SCHOOLS' BULLETIN

22nd 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.



Have your pupils joined the Silly Squad?

Remember to encourage your pupils to join the *Silly Squad* and sign up for the [Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge 2020](#), a reading challenge to keep children aged 4-11 years reading all summer, brought to you by the [Reading Agency](#) and [Salford Community Libraries](#).

Teachers: Go to the [School Zone](#) for ideas on encouraging children to read at home, a "virtual" School Assembly presentation and research about how Reading for Pleasure (RfP) supports children's learning.

Parents/Carers: should go to the [Help](#) page to find out how to help their children sign up for the challenge on sillysquad.org.uk. Support for parents/carers on using the Summer Reading Challenge 2020 website safely is on the [Parents/Carers' Page](#).

Children: When children have created a *Silly Squad* account they can read books towards their personal reading target and keep a record of their reading on sillysquad.org.uk. As they read, children will unlock digital rewards, games and videos. When they have reached their reading target, children can download a *Silly Squad* Summer Reading Challenge 2020 certificate. Children can join in the challenge, even if they don't have internet access. They can keep a written record of their reading, draw pictures etc.

We have some [tips on how pupils can find free books to read at home when libraries are closed](#) on page 2 of this bulletin.

Latest Research: Diverse Children's Books

Centre for Literacy in Primary Education: [Reflecting Realities Research](#): to "quantify and evaluate the extent and quality of ethnic representation in children's publishing in the UK". Read [reports from 2018 & 2019](#).

BookTrust Represents: is a project to "promote and improve the representation of people of colour in children's books so that all children read a range of books that reflect them/their communities". BookTrust/University College London evaluated the representation of children's authors/illustrators of colour in books published between 2007-2017. [Representation of People of Colour Among Children's Book Authors and Illustrators](#) was published in 2019. The project also includes: [Support for Schools](#); [Breaking New Ground](#) and [Support for authors and illustrators of colour](#).

Diversity Review of the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards to promote opportunities for improvement in diversity and inclusion in children's books. [Read the final report](#).

Celebrate Pride 2020

Book Life Publishing are making a new e-book available to schools/families each week as part of their COVID-19 support for schools. To mark Pride Month, BookLife have made *Pride In... Change* available free, along with Pride bookmarks, posters and bunting. To access BookLife free e-books/home learning support:

- [Create a free account](#) with BookLife.
- Download [Pride In ... Change](#) [for KS2/Lower KS3]
- Download more [free e-books from BookLife](#)
- Browse other support for home learning: [free activity sheets](#) and [free posters/bookmarks](#) from BookLife.



How to find free books to read at home when libraries are closed



Borrow, download and enjoy here
Your library in one app.

Read free e-books and e-audiobooks from [Salford Community Libraries](#).

With help from parents/carers, children can use the [BorrowBox](#) app to find free e-books/e-audiobooks from [Salford Community Libraries](#). If they are not a library member, children can ask parents/carers to help them [join online](#).

NB: Children under 16 need parent/carer permission and a parent/carer e-mail address.

Other ways for children to join in with the Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge 2020

- Share books with friends (taking care to ask parents for help and keeping within social distancing guidelines!)
- Younger children (EY/FS/KS1) can watch authors/illustrators reading their picture books online: [BookTrust Hometime](#) and the [BookTrust Hometime Cupboard](#) are good places to find these videos.
- Listen to an audio book: While schools are closed, free e-audiobooks are available from [Audible](#). Another good place to start finding stories to listen to is [World Book Day World of Stories](#).
- Older children can read free books/poems online. Some ideas to get started are: [The Ickabog](#) by J. K. Rowling; [The Book of Hopes](#) new short stories/poems edited by Katherine Rundell; [Where Seagulls Dare](#) by Anthony Horowitz (new chapter released every Friday); [Poetry Roundabout](#) (Liz Brownlee) or [Poetry of Joseph Coelho](#)
- When you have a book, try these [Sharing the Love of Reading Challenges](#) from OU Research Rich Pedagogies.

Support from Authors/Publishers/Literacy Organisations

Empathy Lab say Thank You! Teachers, schools and families using [Empathy Day 2020](#) resources meant that Empathy Day 2020 trended on Twitter in the UK for 7 hours on 9th June. Empathy Lab would like everyone to aim to make every day an empathy day by continuing to use their activities and resources. You can: catch up with the Empathy Day activities on [EmpathyDayLIVE!](#), use the [Family Activities Pack](#); listen to authors on [Empathy Read Aloud](#); read exclusive short stories on [Empathy Shorts](#) or enjoy the [2020 Illustrators Gallery](#). There's something for everyone! Teachers who missed the EY/Schools Toolkits can still obtain these by sending an e-mail to primary@empathylab.uk or secondary@empathylab.uk [with 'Toolkit' in the subject] **before the end of June**.

Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE): have created a ["Back to School" resource for schools](#) to use in September 2020. The free, 2-week, whole-school unit of work for EY to Year 6 aims to encourage a sense of community and help schools *"look forward to the future in a positive way"*. The unit, based on [Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth](#) by Oliver Jeffers, works towards an activity in which pupils, staff and parents share their own "Notes for Living on Planet Earth" on social media, using the hashtag [#CLPEWordsForTheWorld](#). Follow this [link to read more](#) and [register interest in receiving the unit](#). Schools that register by 6th July, will be entered into a prize draw to win one of 10 free copies of the book.

BBC: Watch actors/presenters/popstars and royalty read the [winning stories](#) in the [BBC 500 Words](#) writing competition and see [illustrations of the stories](#) by well-known children's artists.

The Reading Agency: have reported the [results of a survey](#), commissioned to mark the launch of the Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge 2020. The [survey](#) reveals children's reading choices, finds out who influences children as they decide what to read and evaluates children's reading choices during lockdown.

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.

You can also find ideas and information on the Salford Community Libraries social media channels:

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