



Spring Newsletter 2024: Primary Schools

'Help! I'm Running a Library' Training course

This is a great opportunity to gain knowledge, skills and confidence in the day-to-day running of the library.

Date: Tuesday 23rd January 2024, 9.30am-1pm Venue: Warwickshire Schools Library Service

Price: WSLs Subscribers: £55/Non WSLs Subscribers: £85

Click here for more information or to sign-up.

Primary Network Meeting (virtual): Graphic Novels

Thursday 25th January: 3.30pm-4.30pm: All schools are very welcome to attend this FREE event. A great opportunity for any school staff with responsibility for reading/the library. We share lots of useful resources/information regarding reading for pleasure, author events and training. We will have a particular focus on graphic novels. Click here for more information.

Pupil Librarian Training

Pupil librarians are a great asset to a school library and the role can help your pupils develop important skills and improve their confidence. We can deliver a pupil librarian training course either in your school or at our premises in Warwick. Email: schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk for more information. Subscribing schools receive a discount on the price.

Coming soon from WSLs: Warwickshire Junior and Picture Book Awards

We will be inviting schools to sign up to our popular Junior book award towards the end of the Spring term. We will also be launching our new Picture Book Award aimed at your younger pupils. These will take place in the Summer term.

Do you need new books/resources or help with your school library? We can help...

We can provide a range of subscription options to meet your curriculum and reading for pleasure needs. Subscriptions can start at any point in the school year. We also offer library support and can complete a range of tasks at your school, such as, weeding, auditing, organising. Email: schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk

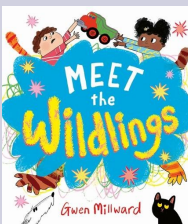
Useful links/resources

- Children's Mental Health Week: 5th-11th Feb 2024. Lots of resources for schools and family here. Also great book lists from the Reading Agency and EmpathyLab to explore, support and raise awareness of mental health with children.
Help building your school library: Stratford Literary Festival are looking to support 5 schools to help them build-up the books in their library to increase reading for pleasure. You must apply by 29th Jan 2024, more information here.
Online calendar of events: Created by The Literacy Hive is invaluable as details a huge range of events that can be celebrated with books. You can search by month, event type, key stage, region etc.
Holocaust Memorial Day: Free Tom Palmer online event on 26th Jan for upper KS2) and free books to 100 schools.
Free online author events: Have a look at these events on offer from ReadingZone to engage and inspire your readers.

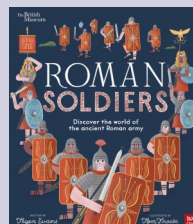
New books to look out for...(need more recommendations? Get in touch and we can help)

The Reader Teacher has created a video with the Children's books they are most excited about in 2024. Here are

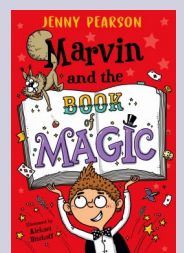
A hilariously relatable story about learning to share and tantrums with bright, bold and quirky illustrations. Perfect for early years/ KS1.



Discover the secrets of the Roman Army, filled with fascinating facts and grisly detail, you'll uncover what life was like in a camp, how soldiers planned a siege and even why they catapulted creepy-crawlies at the enemy!



Marvellous Marvin braves the stage to showcase the magic that can be found in true friendship in this hilarious and heartfelt tale. A dyslexia friendly title with a reading age of 8+, interest level 9+.



Perfect for ages 6+.

For more information, please email schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk