



Spring Newsletter 2024: Secondary 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.

Secondary Network Meeting (virtual): Mental Health and World Book Day

Tuesday 16th January: 3.30pm-4.30pm: All schools are very welcome to attend this FREE event. A great opportunity for school library staff or English leads. We share lots of useful resources/information regarding reading for pleasure, author events and training. We will have a particular focus on mental health and plans for World Book Day. Click [here](#) for more information.

Student Librarian Training

Student 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 student 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.

Secondary Book Award

Our popular [Secondary Book Award](#) has begun! Thank you to all the schools that have signed up and we look forward to seeing you at the final award ceremony in March with the shortlisted authors.

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

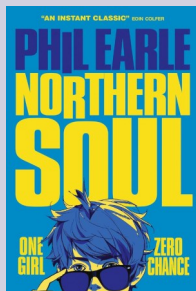
- **Children's Mental Health Week:** 5th-11th Feb 2024. Lots of resources for schools and family [here](#). Also great book lists from the [Reading Agency](#) and [EmpathyLab](#) to explore, support and raise awareness of mental health with children.
- **Online calendar of events:** Created by [The Literacy 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 KS3) 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.
- **Adrien Prize:** [Shortlist announced](#), award celebrates children's fiction exploring the disability experience.
- **Information Book Award 2023 winners:** Click [here](#) for judges and children's winners for 13-16 title.

New books to look out for...

New books from dyslexia friendly publishers, Barrington Stoke.

Northern Soul: A hilariously agonising account of one teenage boy's disastrous attempts to win the heart of the new girl at school. Reading age 8, interest age 11+.

A Sudden Storm: Inspired by a true story, a brilliant, hard-hitting book for young people about a young boy who suffers a racist attack while out with friends, targeted by racist jabs for being Sikh and wearing his turban. Reading age 7, interest age 13+.



Runner Hawk: Things are going wrong for Leo Roslin. His body keeps freezing, his mind swoops from reality to dream and he sees impossible things: a runner immobilised mid-stride, a hawk held in mid-air. Leo's time is running out. Does he have long enough left to fall in love, solve a murder and find resolution? This philosophical 14+ novel is a poignant blend of thriller, romance and science fiction.

