

Training and Network Meetings: Dates for your diaries!

- **Tues 24th Sept 2024: 9.30am-1pm: '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.

Price: WSLs Subscribers: £60 Non WSLs Subscribers: £90

Venue: WSLs Unit 4, WCC Hawkes Point, 1 Hawkes Drive, Heathcote Ind. Estate, CV34 6LX [Click here](#) for more information.

- **Weds 25th Sept 2024, 3.30pm-4.30pm: Primary Network Meeting (virtual)**

All schools are very welcome to attend this FREE event. A great opportunity for 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 guest speakers and a particular focus on planning for the year ahead. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign-up.

- **Tuesday 22nd October, 3.30pm-4.30pm: 'Teaching Inquiry Skills through the School Library'**

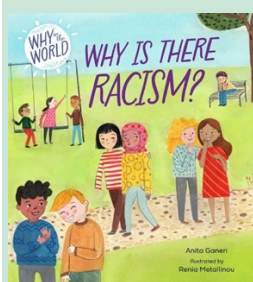
Join us and [Elizabeth Hutchinson](#), School Library Specialist, who has a wealth of experience in the school library and inquiry-based learning field. This session FREE and is tailored for school librarians/teachers seeking to enhance their instructional toolkit. Particularly focusing on how to effectively teach inquiry skills, equipping them with the knowledge and strategies to guide pupils through the research process. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign-up.

Useful Links and Resources

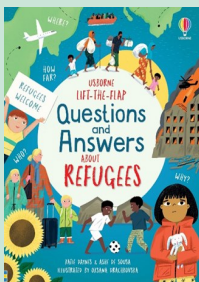
- **Have you got a literacy calendar for the year?** There are lots out there to help you— here are a few links; [Literacy Hive](#) [National Literacy Trust](#)
- **Black History Month (October):** Celebrate brilliant 'Black British History' with author Atinuke at a **free event** on October 14th. Aimed at 8+ years. More info [here](#).
- **National Poetry Day (October 3rd):** Lots of great poems, resources and a toolkit [here](#). Lots of **free online events** including the chance to be part of the **Guinness book of records**. Click [here](#).
- **Need help auditing your library?:** Bookspace have some [top tips](#) and a checklist that are free to access on their website. If you need further help, we can come out and work in your library for the day. Find out more [here](#).
- **Limited time to prepare resources?** Check out [R for P padlet from Jon Biddle](#), so many great ideas, including Diverse Picture Book Assemblies, staff meetings sections, free to download reading surveys, classroom reading ideas etc.
- **Censorship and school libraries:** A [recent survey](#) revealed that 53% of school librarians were asked to remove books from their libraries, more than half of these requests were from parents and many of the titles had LGBTQ+ characters or themes. We believe that library staff should be empowered to stock diverse and inclusive collections to enrich childrens' education. If you need support in this area, please get in touch.

Books to Support Discussions around Protests and Riots

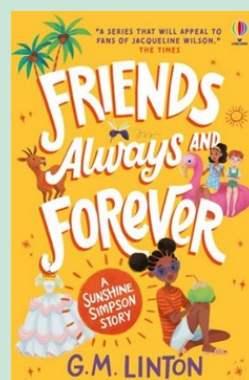
The [SLA](#) have compiled a book list to support schools to help their communities to try to understand the feelings running high during August 2024. Here are two from the list.



KS1: This book explains what racism is, from unkind words in the playground, to racist behaviour around the world. It looks at ways we can all support each other to ensure that everyone feels included.



KS2: With simple, direct questions, thoughtful, compassionate answers and illustrations by the Ukrainian artist Oksana Drachkovska, this book explores what it really means to be a refugee.



KS2: This is a lovely book that is full of hope, love and resilience. Sunshine Simpson's Auntie Sharon has won the lottery, and she's taking the whole family to Jamaica! Sunshine can't wait to have fun in the sun until things start to go wrong...

For more information or if we can help in any way with curriculum and reading for pleasure resources for your school, please email:

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