



Training, Network Meetings and Book Awards: Dates for your diaries!

- **Thurs 19th Sept 2024, 3.30pm-4.30pm: Secondary Network Meeting (online)**

All schools are very welcome to attend this FREE online event. A great opportunity to connect with other school library staff and share resources, links and hear the latest news from the library world. We will have guest speakers and a particular focus on planning for the year ahead. Email schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk for the meeting link.

- **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.**

- **Tuesday 22nd Oct, 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 online 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.**

- **Wednesday 13th Nov, 11am-12.30pm: Warwickshire Secondary Book Award Shortlisting**

Join us at WSLs online or in person to find out more about the latest books for Y7/8 and help us shortlist for the WSBA.

- **Wednesday 13th Nov, 1pm-2.30pm: Secondary Network Meeting**

Join us for our regular monthly meeting to network, gain advice and hear the latest news from the school library world.

- **Wednesday 11th Dec (final times TBC): Teen Book Award Virtual Ceremony**

There is still time to sign-up if you wish to take part but you need to be quick as Speed Shortlisting events take place the week beginning 23rd September. **More information [here](#).**

- **Weds 2nd April 2025 (10am-12.30pm): Warwickshire Secondary Book Award Final Ceremony**

Save the date: Wednesday 2nd April 2025, 10am-12.30pm

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):** Resources available from the National Literacy Trust for KS3 [here](#). A booklist of historical stories from Black History [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](#).
- **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.
- **New Developments in School Libraries webinar** free from the SLA: Wednesday 9th October. Sign-up [here](#). Check out their other events [here](#). They also have a [prize draw](#) for members in September.

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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