

Spring Newsletter 2025: Secondary Schools



Reading for Pleasure and Learning Resources for Schools

Do your reading for pleasure and learning resources need a refresh? Do get in touch with us as we have lots of options available for schools, which includes borrowing from our vast collection or getting our expert team to buy resources for you. **Email us at schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk**

SEND Resources Pilot Project

Would your school benefit from additional reading and learning resources to support your children with additional needs? This opportunity is available to all mainstream and specialist schools regardless of whether you have a subscription with Warwickshire SLS. If you would like to find out more, please email us: schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk



Training and Network Meetings

- Thurs 30th Jan 2025, 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. More info at: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/JFDedWJRPV</u>

- Thursday 16th January 2025, 3.30pm-4.30pm: Secondary 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.

Warwickshire Secondary Book Award 2025

We have 24 schools taking part in our WSBA this term. We can't wait to see you and the shortlisted authors at our award ceremony on Wednesday 2nd April 2025. For more info, email us at schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk



Dates for your diaries to celebrate with books!

- *Children's Mental Health Week* (3-9th Feb). The theme this year is 'My voice matters'. Resources for schools and families to participate in Children's Mental Health Week can be found on the <u>Place to Be</u> website.

World Book Day (6th March): What are your plans? Look here for ideas: World Book Day <u>National Literacy Trust</u> <u>Toppsta</u>
Poetry Slam: <u>Authors Abroad</u> have a few more spaces available for their Coventry and Warwickshire Poetry Slam that is open to Primary and Secondary Schools. There is a fee to take part, which includes a professional poet spending the day at your school and the opportunity to send a team to represent your school at a Poetry Slam competition in April.

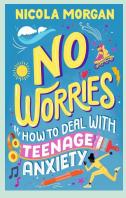
Books to Support Mental Health



A brilliant book for KS2/3 that sensitively explores child poverty. Will is bullied for having cheap shoes, misunderstood by his teachers, and struggling with the bleak and hungry life he leads. Life is hard, but Will learns that he is still powerful, and can make choices about his future and the path he wants to take.



Showcases 30 incredible people and the things they've achieved, created and inspired because they are different. From politicians, activists and journalists to YouTubers, DJs and poets, this book highlights a wide range of exciting career paths that these neurodivergent people have taken.



We love Nicola Morgan's books that combine science with practical strategies on how to deal with a range of mental health issues, such as anxiety. Nicola is also a great speaker if you are looking for someone to inform and inspire your staff, parents or young people.

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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