



LOCKDOWN NEWSLETTER 4

27th April, 2020

The latest news from our virtual library!

Dear volunteers and supporters.

We hope you are keeping well.

As you know, the Trustees have been working to provide a digital offer of activities and resources for library users while the library remains closed.

We've had a wonderful response from our volunteers and many of you have contacted us to ask to participate in various events. Here's an update on our first week of activities, and news of what's coming next.

UPDATE

The first "Singing With Gilbert" rhymetime session on Zoom was a great success. Many thanks to Wei Hei Kipling who hosted the session - with Gilbert the rabbit! It was lovely to see the babies and toddlers reacting to and joining in with the nursery rhymes. Sessions will take place every Tuesday and Thursday morning and details are below if you'd like to attend with your little ones.

Last Thursday was World Book Night, and we celebrated the initiative's Reading Hour with an online get together, where we shared the books we're currently reading. The conversation was fascinating and it was a great opportunity to make some new Northfields friends.

Thanks to another volunteer, Myranda Leleu, our Facebook page is becoming more active! We'll continue to post news and flag events and hope to generate more interest amongst our library users and our wider Northfields community. If you could like our Facebook page (and ask your friends to like us!) that would be great. @northfieldscommunitylibrary

Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AND RESOURCES

1. "SINGING WITH GILBERT" FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS 10:30am every Tuesday and Thursday morning during lockdown



"Singing with Gilbert" is a series of online nursery and action rhyme sessions aimed at pre-school age children (babies and toddlers) lasting for about 15 to 20mins.

As these sessions will be delivered on Zoom please email us so that the host can send you the link to join the sessions.

Email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and entitle your email "**Singing with Gilbert**". Please give us your first name and the number and age of the children who will be with you. If you'd be happy to give us your children's names they might be greeted personally during the session.

Finally, please let us know if you would like to join the Tuesday sessions, or the Thursday sessions, or both!

2. VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

We have a growing group of people who would like to join our virtual book club. In fact, we might have two clubs, as a volunteer has mentioned a specific interest in non-fiction books and offered to run a group for those who are interested.

We will arrange a meeting this week to discuss how to manage these virtual clubs and we'll be contacting those of you who have already asked to join. If anyone else is interested to join either the fiction or non-fiction group, please email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email "Book Club"

3. GUIDED MEDITATION SESSIONS

A volunteer is offering to run a series of short guided meditation sessions with some mindfulness practice. If you would be interested to join these please email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email "Guided Meditation"

4. PYJAMARAMA – FRIDAY 1ST MAY



Pyjamarama is a fun event for children organised by the Book Trust. It was originally planned to run in schools, nurseries and libraries, but now families are encouraged to take part at home. Pyjamarama is all about celebrating bedtime stories, sharing a love of reading and, most importantly, having fun in your pyjamas! The idea is to allow your children to stay in their pyjamas all day (possibly excepting outside daily exercise!) and the Book Trust have provided lots of activities for children to enjoy. Here are the details:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/pyjamarama/pyjamarama-activities/>

The Book Trust are asking for a donation of £1 per child (this is voluntary) in order to raise funds to buy books for children from deprived communities. Donation details are at the foot of the page in the link above.

If you don't fancy a family pyjama day, the Book Trust have provided plenty more activities on their Hometime page. Details here:

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/?_cldee=YWxpbXN0ZXdhcnRAYW9sLmNvbQ%3d%3d&recipientid=contact-c1f2a69ab25fea11a811000d3ab824df-7f408eea4b3747b8a297550df9fb0651&esid=0cfbeda5-8e80-ea11-a812-000d3ad87f60

5. STORYTIME SESSIONS COMING SOON!

Storytime sessions for younger children will be coming soon to the Northfields Community Library Facebook page. **Details to follow.**

RESOURCES FOR ADULTS

1. Over the coming weeks, Penguin will be publishing exclusive essays from some of their leading authors in response to Covid-19, exploring what the crisis means for our present and future. Follow this link to read essays by Malorie Blackman, Philip Pullman and others:

https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2020/april/malorie-blackman-coronavirus-essay-normal.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Penguin%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=Malorie%20Blackman%20and%20Philip%20Pullman%20and%20other%20authors%20on%20Covid-19

2. The Globe Theatre is streaming a number of its plays for free over the coming weeks. Release dates and other resources here:

<https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/watch/>

3. For any of you who were looking forward to visiting the Andy Warhol exhibition at the Tate Modern – you can visit the exhibition virtually, with full curators’ guide, right here!

<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/andy-warhol/exhibition-guide>

That’s all for now – we’re excited to hear from those who would like to join in with any of our virtual activities and we’ll have some more ideas for you soon!

Thank you so much for your continuing support, and take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

With best wishes,

Jenny, Paul, Alison P, Alison S, Monica, Louisa and Tanya
The Northfields Community Library Trustees.

For more information about library developments:

<https://northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk>

For offers of help, and any ideas for making our offer even stronger:

getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk