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LIBRARY UPDATE

Well, as soon as we opened the doors to our Community Library the latest lockdown closed them again! We managed to run successful shifts on three days in early December and Northfields residents were so happy to come into the library, meet the volunteers, browse the shelves and borrow books again. We now have four teams of volunteers who are trained to work in the library, and we hope it won't be long before we can get back to work there.

No-one knows how long the current lockdown will last, but libraries are permitted to offer a limited service, and we are planning for this. Currently the Click and Collect option is unavailable at Northfields Library due to connection problems with the central libraries system. However, the IT team are working to resolve this issue and then we will be inviting volunteers to test the system before offering the Click and Collect service to the wider community.

We hope you are all keeping safe and not finding these short, cold January days too challenging. If you have time to spare, or would like to try something new, you will find details on the following pages of classes and activities which you or your families might like to join.

For families with children, you'll also find a link to the Book Trust website, with recommendations for "books to help you get through lockdown" and news of a virtual library which offers children the chance to access books online for free during school closures.

The Trustees send you all best wishes for 2021 and look forward to working with you as we continue to nurture and develop our Community Library.

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SHARED READING GROUP

NEXT SESSION - 10:00AM WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2021

The national organisation The Reader has established shared reading groups across the country, providing a place for people to come together and talk, laugh and share through stories and poems. At these free weekly groups the group leader reads a text aloud, giving everyone the space to think about and discuss what it means to them. There's no pressure to take part actively - you can just come along and listen!

Our Shared Reading group meetings are held online every Wednesday from 10:00am-11:30am. No preparation required. If you would like to attend, email getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk with the heading Shared Reading Group.

SPANISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

We are now running two Spanish classes, led by tutor Jose Garrido. The beginners' class takes place on Mondays at 11:30am and we hold a more advanced class on Tuesdays at 11:30am.

If you're interested to join either of these groups in the future please email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk with the heading Spanish Classes

MINDFULNESS SESSIONS

MONDAYS AT MIDDAY

Andreea, one of our volunteers, holds weekly mindfulness and meditation classes on Zoom. The sessions last approximately 25 minutes and attendees find them a peaceful, relaxing and very valuable experience. Email us as above if you'd like to join.

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STORYTIME IS BACK!

MONDAYS FROM 11:00 TO MIDDAY

Brittany Burton is holding weekly online Storytime sessions again this year. Last year these sessions were incredibly popular, and Brittany not only shared some wonderful stories but also provided lots of follow up activities for families with young children. For the next few weeks the theme of the sessions is "adventure".

The sessions are free to join. Further information about the sessions and details of how to book a place can be found [here](#)

NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

NEXT MEETING: 20:00 TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 2021

Our Book Club meets monthly on Zoom, and we read a selection of fiction and non-fiction titles. Email getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk with the heading **Book Club** if you'd like to join us

BOOK TRUST READING RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

The Book Trust has provided a list of recommended books for children aged 0 to 11, entitled "Books to get you through lockdown"

You can find them all [here](#)

VIRTUAL LIBRARY GIVES CHILDREN IN ENGLAND FREE BOOK ACCESS

Here's an article from BBC News - The internet classroom Oak National Academy created a virtual library after schools moved to remote learning for the majority of pupils until February half-term.

Formed with The National Literacy Trust, the library will provide a book a week from its author of the week. You can find out more [here](#)

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW . . .

Thanks as always for your support, stay safe and have a good week.

With best wishes,

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