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## LIBRARY UPDATE

The next Trustee Meeting is on Tuesday 6th April, when there will be a discussion about re-opening the library later in the month if the current restrictions are relaxed. We will bring you news as soon as we have it!

## CURRENT LIBRARY SERVICES

### Click and Collect

Our Click and Collect service is available at Northfields Community Library. Order items online using the Ealing Library Service website at [www.ealing.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/libraries) You can request a hold on a book (check first that it's in stock in Northfields Library) and choose to pick it up at our library.

### Email Requests

If you know what items you would like to borrow but do not have a PIN number, then email a list of authors and titles to [nclbooks@outlook.com](mailto:nclbooks@outlook.com) Please include your library card number in your email.

### Lucky Dip

If you would like to borrow books and are happy for library volunteers to choose for you then email us at [nclbooks@outlook.com](mailto:nclbooks@outlook.com) telling us what type of books you would like to borrow and we will choose 3 books for you. Please include your library card number in your email.

If you would like to double check on progress of your order, email [nclbooks@outlook.com](mailto:nclbooks@outlook.com) with your library card number and the title/author of your chosen books.

# WE NEED TO HEAR FROM VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE FREE TO WORK IN THE LIBRARY!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY TEAM

Thank you for your ongoing support for Northfields Community Library. We are very proud to be the only library in Ealing offering a service during the current lockdown, thanks to the work of our first four volunteer teams.

As you know, we are hoping to open more fully to the public on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings in the near future. In addition, it is our ambition to extend our opening hours by the end of May.

## WE CAN NOW INVITE MORE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS TO TRAIN TO WORK IN THE LIBRARY

Volunteers will work in teams of 3 or 4, supported by a Team Leader and a trustee. Full training will be provided. Currently volunteers commit to one session per fortnight and this works well.

If you are able to help we would love to hear from you. Email [getintouchncl@outlook.com](mailto:getintouchncl@outlook.com) and let us know on which of the following days you could volunteer:

1. Friday p.m.
2. Saturday p.m.
3. Other a.m. /p.m. days (including Sat a.m. or Wed p.m.)

If you are no longer able to commit to regular volunteering in the library, please let us know and we will update our records.

Thank you in anticipation!



**For brothers and sisters  
of disabled children and adults**

## New West London Adult Support Group

Sibs is the only UK charity representing the needs of siblings of disabled people. There are over half a million young siblings and at least 1.7 million adults siblings in the UK, who have grown up with a disabled brother or sister.

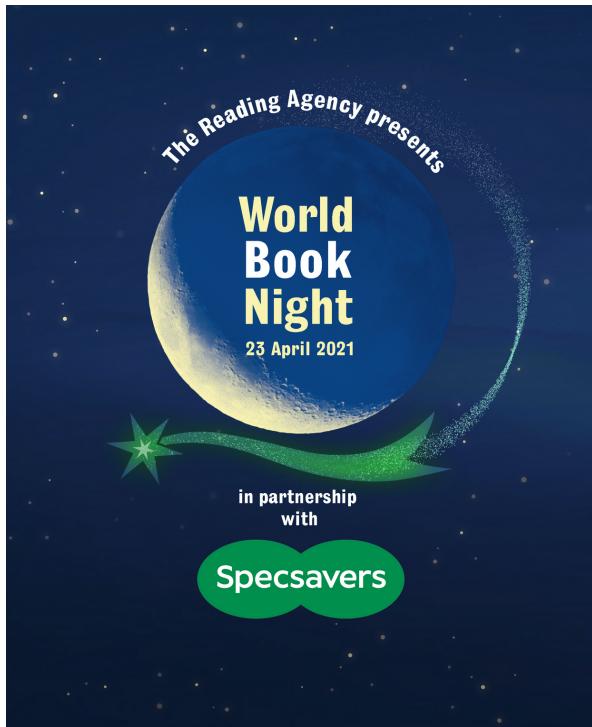
siblings have a lifelong need for information, they often experience social and emotional isolation, and have to cope with difficult situations. They also want to have positive relationships with their disabled brothers and sisters and to be able to choose the role they play in future care and support.

There is now a West London Adult Support Group, which welcomes new joiners. The next session will be mid-April. Meetings will be online at first and then either held in Ealing or Hounslow once restrictions have lifted.

The group is open to those who have grown up with a disabled brother or sister who has a lifelong disability. This group is only open to adults aged over 18, but Sibs also have separate support groups for young siblings.

The sign up page on the Sibs website is at the following link:  
<http://bit.ly/1oHzzA5>

Here is a link to a local news article about the group:  
<https://ealing.nub.news/n/west-london-adult-sibling-support-group-to-launch-virtually-next-month-supporting-those-who-have-siblings-with-disabilities>



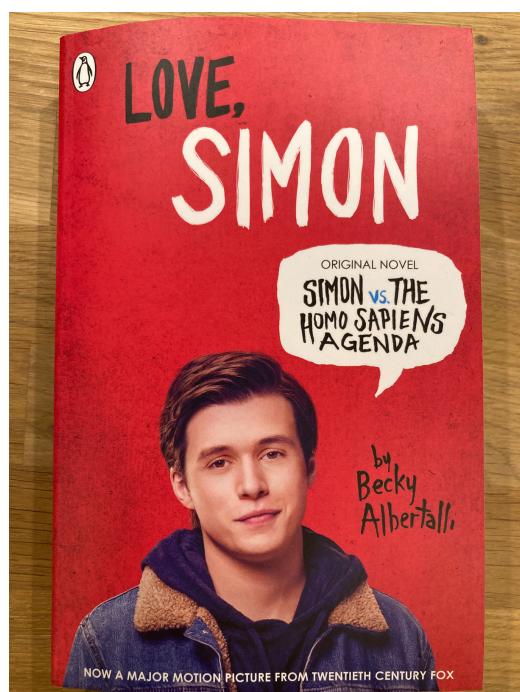
World Book Night is the annual celebration of books and reading on 23 April that brings people from all backgrounds together for one reason – to inspire others to read more. Presented by The Reading Agency, in 2021 World Book Night is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a special “Books to Make You Smile” theme.

## We have won 80 copies of a young adult fiction title to give away !

Libraries were invited to apply for a set of free books to help get people reading and we were successful in our application.

We have been given 80 copies of "Love, Simon" by Becky Abertalli. It's a funny coming of age and coming out story. If you know a young person who would like a book, email [getintouchnclbooks@outlook.com](mailto:getintouchnclbooks@outlook.com).

In return, we'll be asking readers to send us a very short review. Copies will also be available for collection at the library.



# LIBRARY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

## ITALIAN CLASSES

Our beginners' Italian classes began on Friday 26th February, and this class is now full. We've also had some interest in conversation classes for more advanced Italian speakers.

If you are interested to join this more advanced class, email [getintouchncl@outlook.com](mailto:getintouchncl@outlook.com) - headed Italian Classes

## NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

### NEXT MEETING: 20:00 FRIDAY 23RD APRIL, 2021

Our Book Club meets monthly on Zoom, and we read a selection of fiction and non-fiction titles. Our next meeting will be held on **World Book Night** - what better day to join us? Email [getintouchncl@outlook.com](mailto:getintouchncl@outlook.com) with the heading Book Club if you'd like to attend.

## MINDFULNESS SESSIONS

### MONDAYS AT MIDDAY - NB: NO SESSION ON MONDAY 5TH APRIL

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.

## STORYTIME SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### 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](#)

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**SINGING WITH GILBERT**

**ONLINE RHYME TIME SESSIONS FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS**

**TAKING A BREAK OVER THE SCHOOL EASTER HOLIDAY PERIOD**

Hopefully these sessions will return mid April - we will confirm dates later

**SHARED READING GROUP**

**NEXT SESSION - 10:00AM WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH 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 [getintouchncl@outlook.com](mailto:getintouchncl@outlook.com) with the heading Shared Reading Group.

## THAT'S ALL FOR NOW . . .

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

With best wishes,

Jenny, Tanya, Paul, Alison P, Alison S, Monica and Louisa  
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