



NEWSLETTER 4th May, 2020

The latest news from our virtual library!

Dear volunteers and supporters,

We hope you and your families are 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 some wonderful support from our volunteers over the past couple of weeks and many of you have contacted us to ask to participate in various events. Here's news of what's available this week . . .

1. STORYTIME SESSIONS STARTING THIS WEEK 10:30am Wednesday 6th May

This week sees the first Storytime session for pre-school children. Many thanks to Brittany, one of our volunteers, who will be our storyteller. These sessions will take place on Zoom, so if you would like to join with your child/children please email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email **Storytime**. You will then be sent a link for the session on Wednesday. We hope your little ones will enjoy the stories!

2. “SINGING WITH GILBERT” FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS 10:30am every Tuesday and Thursday morning during lockdown



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

As these sessions will be delivered on Zoom please email the host Wei Hei Kipling so she can send you the link to join the sessions. Email Wei Hei at gilbertr.stmarys@gmail.com and entitle your email “**Singing with Gilbert**”. Please add your first name and the number and age of the children who will be with you. If you’d be happy to mention your children’s names they might be greeted personally during the session.

3. NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The first virtual meeting of book club will take place on Tuesday 5th May. 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**”

4. 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**”

RESOURCES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

1. THE BIG BOOK WEEKEND, 8TH TO 10TH MAY

The Big Book Weekend is a 3-day virtual festival, taking place on [MyVLF.com](https://myvlf.com), that brings together the best of the British book festivals cancelled due to coronavirus, featuring some of the biggest names alongside unknown debut authors and rising talents.

To watch for free, you need to register at myvlf.com, where the festival will be broadcast 'as live' across 8-10th May. Once a day's programming has finished, that day's videos will then remain on MyVLF for people to catch up on.

You can find details and the full programme here :

<https://bigbookweekend.com>

It looks very exciting!

2. THE SKILLS TOOLKIT

The Department of Education has recently launched a [Skills Toolkit](#): a platform aimed at anyone who wants to take the opportunity to learn new skills during lockdown, with an initial focus on digital and numeracy skills. There are some very useful free courses on offer, which can be accessed from the link above.

3. VE DAY 75: 8TH MAY

Finally, although planned national events to commemorate VE Day 75 have been cancelled, you can still mark the occasion by making your own special Great British Bunting to hang in your windows! The link below gives all the instructions:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrqYDyf4PMdLypxzyTwGDg/gr-eat-british-bunting>

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:

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