



## LOCKDOWN NEWSLETTER 2

### 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

Dear volunteers and supporters.

We're into the third week of lockdown now, and we hope you're finding your way through these challenging times. This newsletter gives you an update on Northfields Library, information about current Ealing Library services and also offers links to activities and resources which will keep children and families entertained!

#### LIBRARY UPDATE

The Trustees met on Skype on 31<sup>st</sup> March to discuss progress on the Service Licence Agreement, which formalises our relationship with Ealing Council. We appreciate that the Council will have many pressing priorities at this time, but we are working to finalise the Agreement so we will be ready to open our library as soon as restrictions are lifted.

In our last newsletter we mentioned that the Trustees are also working on a digital offer of clubs and activities for library users to access over the coming weeks. We'd love to hear from any of you who would have time to help us organise these sessions, or have skills that could be shared as virtual sessions for adults or for children. We're particularly interested to hear from:

- 1. Volunteers who could help deliver online Storytime or Rhymetime sessions for babies and toddlers (resources are available!)**
- 2. Volunteers who would like to help run a virtual book club**

If you can help please email us at

[getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk](mailto:getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk)

## EALING LIBRARY SERVICES

You are still able to join Ealing Library while the buildings are closed. New members will be able to access the full range of online resources and eBooks with their 'unregistered' number without the need to physically attend a library for activation.

[https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201219/libraries/2393/join\\_a\\_library](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201219/libraries/2393/join_a_library)

The link below gives information about the free to download Libby app, which is the easiest way to source eBooks, audio books and magazines from the library.

[https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201219/libraries/2413/elibrary\\_service/1](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201219/libraries/2413/elibrary_service/1)

The council's home library service, which delivers books to your home every month if you are unable to visit your local library, will continue during library closure, but will start to operate on a no-contact model. Books will be left at your front door. The council will consider expanding this service if the national social distancing policy continues beyond current expectations. For home library service queries please call 020 8825 6550

## USEFUL RESOURCES

Here are some links to resources for children and families which may be of interest. Although it's officially school holiday time, there's always a need for ideas to keep children engaged and entertained!

The Book Trust website offers some great ideas and also gives a rundown of sessions and activities offered by authors and illustrators:

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

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/fun-at-home-with-authors-and-illustrators/>

This article from The Guardian lists the best learning apps for children:

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2020/mar/29/learning-apps-for-stir-crazy-kids-while-schools-are-closed>

Publishers of children's books are all offering lots of free resources and book recommendations – here are links to just a few:

<http://www.walker.co.uk>

<https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/books-for-children/indoor-activities-for-kids>

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2020/april/coronavirus-bedtime-story.html>

<https://www.harpercollinschildrensbooks.co.uk/free-teaching-resources-activities/>

The Ealing Speech and Language Therapy team, who provide support to children and young people (0-18) with communication difficulties, have announced the launch of their new Facebook page.

This can be found at: <http://www.facebook.com/SLTEaling>

The page has a range of content with themed weeks and days, including:

**Motivation Monday** - to get everyone motivated for the week

**Truth Tuesday** - learn facts about speech, language and communication

**What's on Wednesday** - find out about national campaigns that promote speech and language development

**Top Tip Thursday** - learn tips to support children's speech and language development

**Sign Sunday** - learn a new Makaton sign every week

In the next newsletter we'll offer some suggestions for adult reading, learning and wellbeing resources.

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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