



LOCKDOWN NEWSLETTER 3

11th April, 2020

Dear volunteers and supporters.

We wanted to get our latest newsletter out to you in time for the Easter holiday weekend, to keep you updated on library developments and to offer some links to reading, learning and cultural resources which may be of interest.

LIBRARY UPDATE

In our last newsletter (dated 7th April) we mentioned that the Trustees are working on a digital offer of clubs and activities for library users to access over the coming weeks.

We asked for volunteers to help us set up a virtual book club and also to manage Storytime or Rhymetime sessions for babies and toddlers, and we have already had a fantastic response from volunteers offering help. Thanks so much to those who have come forward, but there's room for more of you! Do get in touch if you'd be interested to help us with these activities, or maybe have suggestions for other activities which we can share digitally. For example:

- Could you offer an online art/craft activity?
- Could you lead a yoga, pilates or mindfulness session?
- Could you help to set up a virtual Northfields choir?
- Any other ideas?

Please email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk

USEFUL RESOURCES FOR ADULTS

In the last newsletter we included links to resources for children and their families. On the following pages we're suggesting reading, learning and cultural resources for adults and young people. You may well have found some of these already, but hopefully at least a few of them will be of interest!

READING RESOURCES

1. One of our volunteers has kindly supplied some resources and articles from the publisher Penguin Random House:

At Home with Penguin is a chance for you to connect with authors in their kitchens, studies and living rooms. In these isolated circumstances, authors will invite you into their homes to share how they're spending their time, talk about the books they are turning to, and take questions from readers. It's a great chance to connect with great writers and fellow readers. The next live stream is on Tuesday 14th.

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2020/mar/at-home-with-penguin/>

Articles:

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

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2020/mar/how-to-read-more-books-while-social-distancing/>

2. New releases, recommended everywhere!

Non fiction: "One Two Three Four: The Beatles In Time" by Craig Brown

Waterstones review: "Combining intimate details of the band's members and their dynamic with a sweeping, bold perspective on the changing face of Beatlemania in popular culture, this is one of the year's most eagerly anticipated reads."

Non fiction: "The Living Mountain" by Nan Shepherd

Waterstones review: "In this masterpiece of nature writing, Nan Shepherd describes her journeys into the Cairngorm mountains of Scotland."

Historical fiction: "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell

A moving historical portrait of Hamnet, William Shakespeare's son.

Fiction: "Redhead By The Side Of The Road" by Anne Tyler

Waterstones review: "Another acutely observed evocation of Middle America, Redhead by the Side of the Road is both a deliciously offbeat love story and a wry character study of a lovable eccentric, stuck in his ways."

Young Adult fiction: "Anna K" by Jenny Lee

i newspaper review "a take on Tolstoy for the Tik Tok generation, which transposes Anna Karenina from 1870's Imperial Moscow to current day Upper East Side New York

CULTURAL RESOURCES

From Thursday 9 April, **Jane Eyre**, the collaboration between Bristol Old Vic and the National Theatre, will be available to watch for one week as part of the [National Theatre At Home](#) programme. This production will be followed by Treasure Island by Bryony Lavery on Thursday 16 April and William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night on Thursday 23 April.

[The Royal Shakespeare Company](#) are streaming a number of productions such as Shakespeare's **King Lear** and Tim Crouch's **I, Cinna**. They also run interactive online backstage tours and provide a range of free resources for young people to enable them learn from home, including live lessons on Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet.

[Fleabag for Charity](#) - Phoebe Waller-Bridge's stage play **Fleabag** will be available to watch online on the Soho Theatre's website to raise money for charities helping stop the coronavirus pandemic.

Andrew Lloyd Webber has now made a selection of his musical theatre shows free to watch.

You can stream **Jesus Christ Superstar** from Friday 10th April at 7pm BST on **The Shows Must Go On** YouTube channel. It will be available for 48 hours, so you can tune in whenever you like over the weekend. Over the next 7 weeks you'll be able to watch more of the best loved Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals.

Andrea Bocelli, in a special Easter Sunday concert live from the empty Duomo in Milan. 6pm Sunday. [Youtube.com/andrebocelli](https://www.youtube.com/andrebocelli)

This link has details of many more cultural offerings which are available to watch on demand (and even join in with on occasions!)

https://www.whatsonstage.com/london-theatre/news/stage-shows-musicals-opera-free-stream-online_51198.html

Two more interesting links:

- [How to explore London's top museums at home](#)
- [How to explore London's top art galleries at home](#)

LEARNING RESOURCES

There are so many free online courses on offer. Here are just three links to investigate.

(Click on the bold text to open the links)

Future Learn - Free, online courses including languages, health, coding, wellbeing, creative arts, etc.

Open Learn - Free, online courses, Open university

BBC languages - Learn languages online free

That's all for now. We'll be in touch again soon with updates on activities and online events as our virtual library takes shape!

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

With best wishes,

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The Northfields Community Library Trustees.

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<https://northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk>

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

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