

LOCKDOWN NEWSLETTER 3

20th April, 2020

OUR VIRTUAL LIBRARY IS UNDER WAY!

Dear volunteers and supporters.

We hope you are keeping well and in good spirits.

In our last newsletter we mentioned that the Trustees have been working on a digital offer of activities for library users to access over the coming weeks.

Thanks to the assistance of some of our wonderful volunteers we can now announce the following events, with information on how you can participate. (As there are quite a few activities on offer, please title your responses as requested to help the admin team process them quickly!)

1. RHYMETIME FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

First session: Thursday 23RD April at 10:30am

Then at 10:30am every Tuesday and Thursday morning during lockdown

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

As these sessions will be delivered on Zoom you will need to email us by Wednesday 22nd April so that the host can send you the link to join the session.

Email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and please title your email "**Singing with Gilbert**". Please give us your first name and the

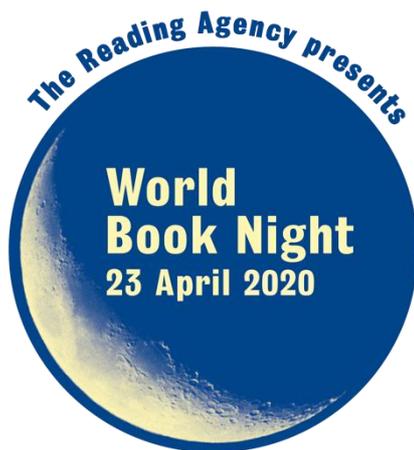
number and age of the children who will be with you. If you'd be happy to give us your children's names they might be greeted personally during the session!

Finally, please let us know if you would like to join the following Tuesday sessions, or the Thursday sessions, or both!

2. VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

Many of you already belong to a book club, but we always planned to set up a new club at the library as soon as it opened. In the meantime several volunteers have offered to help manage a virtual book club. If you are interested to join us, please email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email "**Book Club**"

3. WORLD BOOK NIGHT



World Book Night is a national celebration of reading and books that takes place on 23rd April every year.

It's run by The Reading Agency, a national charity that tackles life's challenges through the proven power of reading.

This year World Book Night is going digital. We're encouraged to join in the Reading Hour (7-8pm), taking time to share a book with family, friends or colleagues.

Would any of you like to join a Northfields Library World Book Night celebration at 7pm on 23rd April? We could all share one book we're reading or have read recently, whether fiction, non-fiction, prose, play or poetry, and raise a glass at the same time!

Email us if you're interested and title your email "**World Book Night**"

4. EXPLORING “ULYSSES” AND THE WORKS OF JAMES JOYCE

Here’s an email from one of our volunteers:

“I've just completed my MA in English Literature. My dissertation was on Joyce's 'Ulysses'. I could offer some on-line assistance to anyone who wanted to attempt reading any of Joyce's work. It is a bit of a minority sport but with the lockdown, you never know!”

If any of you would like to learn more, please email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email “Ulysses”

5. STORYTIME SESSIONS COMING SOON!

Storytime sessions for younger children will be coming soon to the Northfields Community Library Facebook page. **Details to follow.**

NORTHFIELDS LIBRARY SOCIAL MEDIA – LOOKING FOR HELP!

We have a Facebook page, but it’s not very active yet! And we have plans to use Instagram to reach a wider audience, but haven’t got a presence on that platform yet.

We do want to get these up and running, and could really do with some help from any of you who are regular Facebook/Instagram users. Do you post regularly? Do you know how best to attract others to read your posts and stories? Could you help us get our library news out to a wider audience? If you can help please email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and entitle your email “**Help with social media**”

Secondly, if as many of you as possible could like our Facebook page to generate more interest that would be great - **@northfieldscommunitylibrary**

Thank you!

USEFUL RESOURCES

The school Summer Term starts today, and for those of you who are home schooling your children, here are a few resources you might like to explore. . .

1. THE BOOK TRUST

The Book Trust website provides lots of resources to help get your children reading, with a special “Hometime” section full of fun activities:

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

And this week there’s a letter for all young readers from Book Trust President Sir Michael Morpurgo

[https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2020/march/a-letter-from-lockdown-by-michael-](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2020/march/a-letter-from-lockdown-by-michael-morpurgo/?_cldee=YWxpbXN0ZXdhcnRAYW9sLmNvbQ%3d%3d&recipient)

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2. EXPLORE LEARNING

Ealing Explore Learning is a tuition centre which offers classes in Maths and English. The company also provides free worksheets for anyone to access, with lots of engaging ideas which support the school curriculum:

<https://www.explorelearning.co.uk/the-club/>

3. TATE KIDS

And here are some arty ideas from Tate Kids!

https://link.i.tate.org.uk/u/gm.php?prm=C9mXnAoBwk_767090190_1849358_45681

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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