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NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY STAND BY FOR OPENING !

Although times are as uncertain as ever, we're nearly ready to open the library! Trustees have made the decision to open initially for two sessions per week: Wednesday pm and Saturday am, which is very exciting.



If you're passing the library do have a look inside - preparations are underway to open just for book drop offs at first, with all COVID safety measures accounted for. Signage will be evident, hand sanitiser stations will be in place and floor markings will denote social distancing.

If you have told us you are happy to be an early volunteer on either Wednesday afternoons or Saturday mornings, you will be contacted by one of the Trustees this week.

If you can't volunteer at these times don't worry - we'll also need help outside the opening hours to organise books and furniture. If you'd like to offer assistance, email us

at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk. Additionally we hope to extend the opening hours and the services we can offer later in the autumn and we will need more volunteers at that point.

Due to the continuing COVID situation we won't be able to invite groups into the library for some time. We will continue with our offer of virtual clubs and activities through the autumn - details of the first of these are overleaf, plus notice of more to follow in October. Through the lockdown period we have offered classes and events for children and adults and we are very grateful to those who have led sessions for us. It's been a great way for people to stay in touch and meet new friends and we look forward to the time when we will be able to meet face to face in our library.

In the meantime we're doing all we can to open our doors very soon!

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

RHYME TIME - SINGING WITH GILBERT

10:30 AM TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

After their summer break, host Wei Hei Kipling and Gilbert the rabbit are back to offer more rhyme time sessions for babies and toddlers (about 15 to 20mins in duration). The sessions take place at 10:30am on Tuesdays.

If you would like to join us, please email beforehand to gilbertr.stmarys@gmail.com with your first name and the number and age of your children and we will send you a link to the Zoom session. (If you'd like to give us your children's names we'll try and greet them personally during the session!)

NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

NEXT MEETING: 20:00 TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

The Book Club meets once a month on Tuesday evenings. The non-fiction title chosen for the next meeting is "The Joy of Movement" by Kelly McGonigal, and the fiction choice is "The Regeneration Trilogy" by Pat Barker.

New members welcome! If you would like to join us please email getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk with the heading **Book Club**.

GUIDED MEDITATION SESSIONS

RESTARTING MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER AT 11:00 AM

Andreea will again be offering her guided meditation sessions once a week on Zoom. Attendees at her earlier sessions enjoyed them as a very peaceful and relaxing experience. If you'd like to join please email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk with the heading **Guided Meditation** and we will send you a link to the sessions.

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

Below are details of three big national events in October with relevance to libraries and their users. We'd love to mark them in Northfields by holding digital events and promoting activities for residents. If you have a particular interest in any of these initiatives or have skills to offer, **we'd love your help.**

Some ideas below, but other suggestions are very welcome! Please contact us by emailing getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk

B:M2020

DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Would you be interested to help host an online session on a particular topic of black history?

Or help host an online session introducing attendees to fiction or non-fiction titles on the subject?



NATIONAL POETRY DAY IS 1st OCTOBER

Are there any poetry lovers among you who could host an online poetry reading evening on the evening of 1st?

LibrariesWeek

5-10 OCTOBER 2020

Libraries Week is an annual showcase and celebration of the best that libraries have to offer. Each year we explore the innovative and surprising things that libraries are doing to support their communities.

ARE YOU UP FOR HOSTING AN ONLINE BOOK QUIZ? OR MAYBE YOU COULD GET A GROUP TOGETHER TO DO THIS?

That's all for this week - please do get in touch if you would like to help us get the library ready for opening or to help with the events in October.

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

With best wishes,

Jenny, Tanya, Paul, Alison P, Alison S, Monica and Louisa
The Northfields Community Library Trustees.

