



NEWSLETTER 22nd June, 2020

Dear volunteers and supporters,

We hope you and your families are keeping well, and that the ease in lockdown has meant that some of you have been able to meet with loved ones after a long period of isolation.

Here's this week's newsletter, with a library update and information about the activities being offered online while our library is closed. We'd also love to hear from you with suggestions for new groups and activities (one idea below!)

NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY UPDATE.

Trustee meetings are taking place fortnightly in order to plan ahead for the opening of our library. We are following Council guidance in terms of revising Risk Assessments for all our operations at the point of opening, and this will be reflected in our volunteer training. You may have read this week that Ealing Council are taking a very cautious approach to reopening the council run libraries, which could be in early July with a very basic offer. None of the new Community Libraries in Ealing will open for a while after that, and the safety of our volunteers and library users will always be of paramount importance. We'll give you more details as we have them. If you have any questions do email them to the usual address: getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

ANY SPANISH SPEAKERS AMONG YOU?

One of our volunteers has always wanted to learn Spanish and she is suggesting we set up a Spanish conversation group. There is definitely interest for this, so if anyone speaks the language and would be prepared to offer sessions, that would be fantastic.

If you are interested either to run or to join this group, please email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk with the title **Spanish Conversation**

ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS?

We'd love to hear from you if you have ideas for other group activities we could run online while the library is closed. Just get in touch at the above email address!

NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The next online Book Club meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday 30th June. We will be discussing two books – “My Name Is Lucy Barton” by Elizabeth Strout is the fiction title and “How To Treat People: A Nurse At Work” by Molly Case is the non-fiction title.

If any of you would like to join us you're very welcome, even if you haven't read the books! Email getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email **Book Club**

THE CAMPFIRE STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

<https://www.campfire-storytelling.co.uk>

This is the last call for anyone interested in joining our Storytelling Workshop (date tbc in July)

The Campfire Storytelling Collective started in Ealing in 2018 with live storytelling nights held in Ealing and Hanwell. Here the team explains a little more about their initiative:

“The Campfire offers you the chance to tell your story to your community. It offers you the space to listen to the stories of those you live near to but maybe never speak to, It offers you a chance to connect, discover your similarities and explore your differences.”

The Campfire team leaders are offering a workshop for anyone interested in taking part in a virtual storytelling night. The aim of the workshop is to help participants to shape their stories and gain confidence in telling them. (The stories are built around a theme, they must be true, and be no longer than 5 minutes.)

If you're interested in taking part please email us and title your email **Campfire Storytelling Workshop**. getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk

READING SUGGESTIONS

BookTrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity. Each year they reach 3.9 million children with books, resources and support. Here's a link to Book Trust Hometime, with loads of resources and activity ideas for children and families.

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

The Guardian has published a list of 50 fiction and non-fiction books for readers of all ages “to take you away from lockdown”! There's also a look ahead to books being published later this summer.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/jun/20/the-great-escape-50-brilliant-books-to-transport-you-this-summer>

SESSIONS TO JOIN THIS WEEK

Here are the regular activities offered to library users and local residents.

1. GUIDED MEDITATION SESSION EVERY THURSDAY

Next session: Thursday 25th June at 11:00

Our volunteer Andreea is holding guided mediation sessions online every Thursday at 11:00am.

Attendees are finding these 20 minute sessions a peaceful and uplifting experience. Thoroughly recommended if you have time to take a break for a short while and join a session

If you'd like to join us, email getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email **Guided Meditation**. We'll then send you a link for the session, which will take place on Zoom.

2. STORYTIME SESSIONS EVERY WEDNESDAY

Next session: 10:30am Wednesday 24th June

Brittany, one of our volunteers, is continuing to provide fantastic Storytime sessions for younger children, ably assisted by her own family! The thirty minute sessions are packed with fun and educational stories and lots of ideas for things to make and do.

The sessions 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.

3. "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 lasting for about 20 minutes.

These sessions are delivered on Zoom, so please email the host Wei Hei Kipling and she will 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.

That's all for this week - 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.

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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