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LIBRARY UPDATE

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ONLINE TRAINING

Our second online training session took place on Wednesday 21st October. Volunteers were updated on our opening plans and our aims for the future of the library. The session also dealt with customer service, health and safety, Covid safety plans, child protection and safeguarding.

ON-SITE TRAINING

Our second on-site training session took place at the library on Saturday 24th October, with all Covid safety measures in place. It was attended by trustees and a group of volunteers who have offered to work on Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, our first two planned days of opening.

This session covered library operation systems, shelving practices, health and safety, fire procedures and security.

NEXT STEPS

23 volunteers have now completed the online training and 10 of these have attended the on-site session. We're delighted with the amount of interest and enthusiasm shown by all these volunteers and are very grateful for their support.

The priority now is to get all the Wednesday and Saturday team members fully trained and ready for their shifts in the library. After that we will decide on the next days/times of opening and will be calling on more volunteers to continue their training.

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NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

NEXT MEETING: 20:00 TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER

The Book Club meets once a month on Tuesday evenings. The non-fiction title chosen for the next meeting is "Mad Girl" by Bryony Gordon and the fiction choice is "The Thursday Murder Club: by Richard Osman.

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

GUIDED MEDITATION SESSIONS

EVERY MONDAY AT 11:00 AM

Andreea is offering weekly guided meditation sessions on Zoom. Attendees enjoy them as a very mindful and relaxing experience. If you'd like to join, email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk with the heading **Guided Meditation** and we will send you a link to the sessions.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH TALK: THE LIFE AND WORK OF MOLLIE HUNT

Last week we participated in Black History Month by holding a talk about Mollie Hunte, an educational psychologist who lived and worked in Ealing in the 1970's and 80's. Mollie spent her personal and professional life supporting the Caribbean community in terms of education, parenting skills and mental health issues.

The talk was given online by Rebecca Adams from the London Metropolitan Archives, whose current job it is to document Mollie Hunte's life and career.

We recorded the presentation and will be posting a link shortly for anyone who would like to learn more about this remarkable woman.

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SPANISH CONVERSATION CLASSES

After several volunteers expressed an interest in Spanish conversation classes we hope to be able to offer weekly classes in the near future.

Numbers will be limited. If you would be interested to join then email us at northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email **Spanish Conversation**. (Please note there will be a small charge for these classes.)

SINGING WITH GILBERT RETURNS! TUESDAYS AT 10:30 FROM 3RD NOVEMBER

Our popular Rhyme Time sessions return after half term, with nursery rhyme session for babies and toddlers.

These sessions are held on Zoom. To join please email gilbertr.stmarys@gmail.com with your name and the age and name of your child and you will be sent a link

READING RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

The Book Trust has published a round up of 100 great books from the last year and collected them in age categories.

You can read the Great Books Guide [here](#) for ideas to engage and inspire children of all ages.



HELP NEEDED WITH CLEANING !

If you don't have time to commit to working a full 3 hour shift in the library, but would still like to help . . . read on!

We'd love to hear from you if you could offer some help with cleaning the library when it is closed to the public after each shift finishes. The library will always be left tidy, but we need to ensure that surfaces are clean and wiped down after the public leave, including areas such as the bathrooms and kitchen.

The public toilet will be closed when the library first opens, and volunteers will keep surfaces clean during their sessions. This additional help is to ensure that the library will be ready to welcome users at the start of each new shift.

We'd be looking for volunteers to work in pairs, initially at the end of our Saturday morning and Wednesday afternoon sessions.

If you feel you could help we'd be enormously grateful. Please email getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email **Library Cleaning**

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,

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