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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Hello all. As many of you will know, Tanya White, one of our brilliant trustees, has been holding the reins on the library over the last six months whilst work pressures created by recent events have been a little overwhelming for me. This week we agreed that she will hand them back, and it's great to be properly involved again.

Tanya, and our other trustees, have done a fantastic job over the last six months and as a result of their commitment we are now (finally!) at a point where we are starting to open the library.

I'm sure you'll share my excitement that we have got to this point, and join me in thanking the trustees and volunteers who have kept things moving over the last few months and who have taken us online with events and activities for adults and for children. You have shown ingenuity and determination in the face of adversity.

Thank you all so much!

As we open, you will see that there have been quite a few changes in the building. The new floor looks lovely and we have more shelving in place which bookworms will love. Covid-19 has meant that our vision of a place to relax in has been curbed, so no lovely sofas or soft chairs at this point. Instead we have opened up the space a bit more to create wider, one way routes through the library and more space for families in the children's area.

**From Saturday we will be officially open to receive dropped off books**, with teams of volunteers in place to sort those books and put them back on the system. That's our first step, but we're ready, pandemics allowing, to open up further with restricted capacity, hand sanitiser and screens in place. Hopefully the welcoming nature of our volunteers will make up for the slight officiousness of the Covid-19 measures!

Behind the scenes whilst we start doing this we will also be putting thousands of books back on the shelves that have been boxed up during the building work and receiving hundreds of books that were borrowed from Northfields and returned to other libraries to check them back in. We know how keen you are to help and so we'll be training more and more volunteers to join us in doing that over the next few weeks.

It's great to be at this point and my thanks again to everyone who has helped us get here. I hope to see many of you again in the coming weeks and to get to know you better.

All the very best,

Jenny

# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN OCTOBER

## B:M2020

DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

### OCTOBER IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The [Black History Month website](#) is full of features, interviews and events listings. This year's theme is "Celebrating Women of Achievement in the UK"

If you're looking for reading suggestions, Waterstones have produced a comprehensive guide - you can find it [here](#).



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY DAY  
ON 1st OCTOBER

Are you a poetry lover?

Why not bring your favourite poem to share at our [Northfields Poetry Evening](#)? Email us at [getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk](mailto:getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk) with the title "Poetry Evening". We'll send you a link - the event will be held on Zoom at 19:30.

For further inspiration, [The National Poetry Day website](#) has some wonderful resources.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

### **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](mailto:getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk) with the heading **Book Club**.

### **GUIDED MEDITATION SESSIONS**

**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](mailto:getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk) with the heading **Guided Meditation** and we will send you a link to the sessions.

### **RHYME TIME - SINGING WITH GILBERT**

Our Rhyme Time sessions for babies and toddlers, hosted by Gilbert the rabbit and his friend Wei Hei, will be back later in October. Details to follow

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.

