

**June  
2019**

# HIGH LIGHTS

**Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service**

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## **Young Volunteers needed for the Summer Reading Challenge 2019**

**The Reading Agency and Libraries Present**



Norfolk Libraries have opened their recruitment of young volunteers aged 13- 25 to help with this year's Space-themed "Space Chase" Summer Reading Challenge, due to start in July.

Volunteering sessions take place during the school holidays, from mid-July to the beginning of September.

They ask for a minimum commitment of 2 hours per week although there can be scope to do more volunteering hours, depending on the activities which are running at each library.

Young volunteers are vital in supporting the Summer Reading Challenge within libraries. Norfolk libraries work with young volunteers to ensure that children taking part are encouraged to keep their reading skills up during the holidays.

**Summer Reading Challenge 2019**

Alongside library staff, volunteers do the following:

- Register young readers for the challenge
- Talk to children about reading and what the challenge involves
- Help children to select books by sharing reading recommendations
- Work with staff to prepare activities
- Use creative skills to assist with craft activities and preparing displays

Volunteers who are undertaking a Duke of Edinburgh award can use their volunteering towards the awards with a volunteering element. All young volunteers will receive a certificate to recognise their contribution and the library service offers young volunteers a reference for applications for work or further study.

If you know of someone who would be interested in helping out this summer, contact staff at your local library or e-mail [volunteercontact@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:volunteercontact@norfolk.gov.uk) to request an application pack.



**Norfolk** County Council

## Training: Mental Health First Aid Lite

We are once again offering you the opportunity of attending a Youth Mental Health First Aid Lite course:

**Friday 28th June 2019, 1.30pm– 4.30pm, County Hall Norwich**

The mental health of young people is an ever present concern; we know that in your role you are seeing pupils outside the classroom setting in places where behaviour and reactions to situations will be very different. Indications of poor mental health may be more pronounced in these settings. If you have the ability to recognise these indications and have the knowledge to offer coping strategies you could make a significant difference to the wellbeing of your students.

The closing date to attend this course is **24th May**; please get in touch for more details.

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## CKG Shadowing 2019

Shadowing Groups are well under way reading the CKG shortlists, and to add to the interest and excitement this year there will be a Shadowers' Award which will recognise all the serious reading and passionate views expressed by young people around the country. It will be even more intriguing than usual to see whether the shadowers' choices coincide with the librarians' choices of winners.

We are grateful to Lorraine Gill at Neatherd High School who will be hosting several schools' shadowing groups this year on 18th June for a final celebration and big vote, and we hope that other groups will be getting together to share their own discussions.

Even if you haven't got a shadowing group this year, do take a look at the interesting shortlists of both awards which are available here: <https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/>

We also recommend you take a look (if you haven't received the hard copy from CILIP) of a new magazine **Pen & Inc.** which looks at 'diversity and inclusion in children's books' and which includes plenty of listings of relevant titles. You can take a look online at [www.cilip.org.uk/page/penandinc](http://www.cilip.org.uk/page/penandinc)

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## High School Librarian network meeting

The next high school librarian networking forum is booked for the afternoon of **Friday 1st November** (venue tbc). As well as the usual opportunity to discuss all things library, this time we have invited Caroline Roche, Chair of the CILIPSLG to attend to talk about professionalism and the Great School Libraries Campaign.

Attendance will be free to customers and just £15 for all others. Early booking is advisable!

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## Bookbuzz– this year's list!

Have you heard about Bookbuzz? It's BookTrust's reading programme which aims to help schools inspire a love of reading in 11-23 year olds. Schools who participate are able to give their students the chance to choose their own book from a list of 17 titles, all carefully selected by a panel of experts. This year's list features books by Kwame Alexander, Jo Cotterill, Tom Palmer and Chris Priestley amongst others. For more info about the books and to sign up your school, visit the website: [www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookbuzz)