

SLS New Resource List: 8 May 2020

The School Library Service Team are working through this period of lockdown so please continue to get in touch for support with your book and library related queries. We have all been busy reading and reviewing books including those on the Carnegie and Greenaway short lists. You can read them on our website here: <https://www.babcockldp.co.uk/support-services/school-library-service/book-reviews>

Each week we try to collate some of the useful resources which are available online across all the key stages.

Celebrate Empathy Day on 9th June 2020

This will be preceded by a **new 14 day Countdown** starting 26 May
Resources include a **new free Family Activities Pack (available 18 May)**

Plus resources for schools including Toolkits and Read Aloud activities

<https://www.empathylab.uk/empathy-day-20204bde2d62>

Educational Resources

Talk for Writing. Pie Corbett and team have produced learning resources for all ages
<https://www.talk4writing.co.uk/covid-19/>

SLA 'Out of School' Resources pages offer teaching resources and book & reading related resources.

<https://www.sla.org.uk/article/alison-tarrant/now-two-school-resources-pages/2005>

Mind travels is a new fortnightly writing competition to encourage children to use their creativity and imaginations established by Reading cloud. The prize is a £25 National Book Token e voucher. [This is the link](#)

Tom Palmer has created a new PHSE resource linked to *Roy of the Rovers* for Carers Week on 8 – 14 June 2020. Roy has to fit his school life and training around acting as young carer for his dad whilst his mum works to support the family. This Powerpoint explores the role of young carers. Download [here](#). There are many more offers and resources on this website. The Arts Council 'Get Creative' campaign has moved online this year.

<https://getcreativeuk.com/>



Secondary Resources (and upper KS2)

Walker has chosen to fund 40 memberships for schools to join the SLA, as part of their celebrations of their 40th anniversary.

<https://www.sla.org.uk/article/alison-tarrant/walker-celebrates-40th-anniversary-by-funding-40-sla-memberships/1992>

Lockdown librarian, Lucas Maxwell, provides some great ideas to keep the love of reading alive and well. <https://bookriot.com/2020/04/27/lockdown-librarian/>

DC comics. 34 comics free to download until 8th June <https://www.readdc.com/DC-Essential-Reads/page/23690>

Hay festival have made available videos of author talks from previous festivals. A veritable smorgasbord of offerings [This is the link](#)

The Shakespeare Week website has a good range of videos and activities to encourage engagement such as Marcia Williams reading from her comic strip version of The Tempest and other plays. Suitable for primary and KS3.

<https://www.shakespeareweek.org.uk/kids-zone/?page=1>

For secondary schools check out the offering from The Globe which has made a number of its previous productions free to watch <https://globeplayer.tv/>

BBC iPlayer has also uploaded a range of Shakespeare dramatisations including an excellent Midsummer's Night Dream.

Public Libraries have been discussing what measures to put in place post lockdown, these are some of their ideas. Have you thought about how your school library will function?

- Click & Collect
- Limited numbers inside, similar to supermarkets
- No seating available – return / borrow / self-service
- Allowing families to book slots
- Use of PCs by appointment
- Queuing, signage, footprints, one way system
- Keeping story times and rhyme times online for the foreseeable future



Books and Authors

The Bookwanderers club is an online Youtube resource from Anna James, author of 'Tilly and the Bookwanderers'. She is hosting a range of very popular KS2/3 authors and this week her guest has been SF Said, author of 'Varjak Paw'.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rZ_HR_tjgC8

The Children's book show at home is focusing on a different author each week. This week is Catherine Rayner reading aloud 'Abigail' with supporting activities.

<https://thechildrensbookshow.com/news/book-of-the-week-abigail-by-catherine-rayner>

Articles and Inspiration

Virtual book clubs: how to host a fun and engaging online reading group.

<https://observer.com/2020/05/virtual-book-club-tips-how-to-host-online/>

Online CPD opportunities

'Just Imagine' is a consultancy set up by former teacher and university lecturer Nicky Gamble in 2010. They are offering a series of free webinars covering areas around reading, writing and oracy in primary education <https://justimagine.co.uk/events/>

David Clements, a well-known English Adviser and director of *Shakespeare and more* is offering recordings of webinars on subjects such as 'Becoming a reader and building a reading culture' and 'Decoding, comprehension and fluency'. [Here is the link](#) . There is also a list of future webinars from James and other speakers.

Jane Considine is a primary English consultant and part of 'The Training Space' team. She has been offering a series of free CPD sessions for teachers as well as Super sentence stacker sessions for children. Feedback seen on Twitter has been very positive. [Here is the link](#)

School Library Association: for secondary school librarians it is worth investigating the range of webinars and online training events offered over the next couple of months. Prices range from £25 -£120. <https://www.sla.org.uk/events>

The Open University are offering a free course on Encouraging book talk in the school library [This is the link](#)



Digital Literacy

Government announces online training courses to give UK school pupils the opportunity to learn and develop cyber security skills, this includes the launch of the National Cyber Security Centre's (NCSC) CyberFirst summer courses.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-virtual-cyber-school-gives-teens-chance-to-try-out-as-cyber-security-agents-from-home>

TES research shows that schools forced to partially close due to the coronavirus crisis are using more than 50 different online learning platforms to help keep pupils on track. According to a Twitter poll, Google and Microsoft have the lion's share of the market, but at least 14% use alternatives such as Purple Mash, Tapestry, Seesaw and ClassDojo.

<https://www.tes.com/news/revealed-50-plus-online-platforms-used-schools>



Coronavirus: support for schools, parents and pupils

Babcock LDP has created a number of webpages to help support you and your parents with home learning, information about COVID-19 and government updates.

Many of the teams have been contributing information, guidance, useful links and teaching resources to use with all pupils, pupils with a SEND and pupils for whom English is an additional language.

[For more information >>>](#)

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