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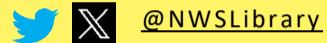
Happy reading! – Miss Mullins, Miss Walker, and Miss Henry



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## Orpington Library's Younger Teens Reading Group

Do you enjoy reading?  
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Would you like to join the Younger Teens Reading Group at Orpington Library?

If you would like to join, please contact us by email: [orpington.library@gll.org](mailto:orpington.library@gll.org)

Meetings are once a month on a Monday from 5:30-6:30pm, during term time, for ages 11-14 years

We look forward to seeing you!

## "All Things Seem Possible in May" – Edwin Way Teale

NEW

**When the Moon Hatched #1 by Sarah A. Parker**

As an assassin for the rebellion, Raeve's job is to complete orders and never get caught. When a rival bounty hunter shatters her world, Raeve finds herself captured by the Guild of Nobles – a group of powerful fae. Crushed by the loss of his great love, dragon rider Kaan Vaegor took the head of a king and donned his melted crown. Now on a tireless quest to quell the never-ebbing ache in his chest, a clue lures him into the capital's high-security prison where he stumbles upon the imprisoned Raeve. Together, they seek truths that threaten to unravel everything they knew about their world – and each other.



**Rogue by Mona Awad**

(recommended for older readers)

For as long as she can remember, Belle has been insidiously obsessed with her skin and skincare videos. When her estranged mother Noelle mysteriously dies, Belle finds herself back in Southern California, dealing with her mother's considerable debts and grappling with lingering questions about her death. The stakes escalate when a strange woman in red appears at the funeral, offering a tantalizing clue about her mother's demise, followed by a cryptic video about a transformative spa experience. With the help of a pair of red shoes, Belle is lured into the barbed embrace of La Maison de Méduse, the same lavish, culty spa to which her mother was devoted. There, Belle discovers the frightening secret behind her (and her mother's) obsession with the mirror—and the great shimmering depths (and demons) that lurk on the other side of the glass.

**Always Angel by Kimberly Whittam**

Angel finds school hard. She talks back to teachers, she storms out of lessons, and she's had more detentions than any other Year 8 student...ever. But really, Angel wants to be good. She wants to fit in, she wants to make friends, and she even wants to win the school baking contest. But it's hard to be good when everyone expects the worst. And with her mum not well enough to look after her, and Angel making more and more bad choices, she's starting to run out of chances...



**Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop by Hwang Bo-Reum (Dyslexia Friendly edition)**

Yeongju is burned out. With her high-flying career, demanding marriage, and bustling life in Seoul, she knows she should feel successful—but all she feels is drained. Haunted by an abandoned dream, she takes a leap of faith and leaves her old life behind. Quitting her job and divorcing her husband, Yeongju moves to a quiet residential neighborhood outside the city and opens the Hyunam-dong Bookshop. Surrounded by friends, writers, and the books that bind them, Yeongju begins to write a new chapter in her life. The Hyunam-dong Bookshop evolves into a warm, welcoming haven for lost souls—a place to rest, heal, and remember that it's never too late to scrap the plot and start over.

**Jujitsu Kaisen Vol. 0 by Gege Akutami**

Yuta Okkotsu is a nervous high school student who is suffering from a serious problem—his childhood friend Rika has turned into a curse and won't leave him alone. Since Rika is no ordinary curse, his plight is noticed by Satoru Gojo, a teacher at Jujitsu High. Gojo convinces Yuta to enrol, but can he learn enough in time to confront the curse that haunts him?



**Sweet Bean Paste by Durian Sukegawa**

Sentaro has failed. He has a criminal record, drinks too much, and his dream of becoming a writer is just a distant memory. With only the blossoming of the cherry trees to mark the passing of time, he spends his days in a tiny confectionery shop selling dorayaki, a type of pancake filled with sweet bean paste. But everything is about to change. Into his life comes Tokue, an elderly woman with disfigured hands and a troubled past. Tokue makes the best sweet bean paste Sentaro has ever tasted. She begins to teach him her craft, but as their friendship flourishes, social pressures become impossible to escape and Tokue's dark secret is revealed, with devastating consequences.

## Star Borrowers of May

**Year 7**

Jada 7F

Minaal 7G

Prisha 7N

**Year 8**

Aadhya 8F

Shanaya 8F

Rosie 8G

Letty 8G

Harshitha 8G

Anya 8N

Hashikha 8N

Apishaline 8P

Rowan 8P

Aanya 8S

Katie 8S

**Year 9**

Tripti 9F

Dia 9F

Anvi 9F

Neevh 9N

April 9P

Elizabeth 9P

Amy 9S

Charis 9S

Ananya 9W

Neevh 9N

April 9P

Elizabeth 9P

Amy 9S

Charis 9S

Ananya 9W

**Year 10**

Imaan 10F

Dhiviya 10G

Charlotte 10S

**Year 12 and 13**

Valen 12P

Paula 13S

### Most Borrowed Books This Month



### Most Active Borrower's This Month

- Dia M. 9F – 9 Issued Books
- Katie W. 8S – 9 Issued Books
- Charlotte L. 10S – 8 Issued Books
- Anvi R. 9F – 8 Issued Books
- Paula R. 13S – 8 Issued Books

## May 20<sup>th</sup> is... National Women in Aerospace Day!

National Women in Aerospace Day, celebrated every year in the United States on May 20, honors the important contributions women have made to the aerospace industry while also encouraging more girls and women to consider careers in fields such as aeronautical engineering, aviation, defense, drones, helicopters, and space exploration. The day recognizes both historical pioneers and modern professionals who have helped shape an industry that was traditionally dominated by men. Famous figures such as Harriet Quimby, the first American woman to earn a pilot's license, Bessie Coleman, the first African American and Native American woman pilot, and Amelia Earhart, known for her groundbreaking flights across the Atlantic, are celebrated for breaking barriers and inspiring future generations. National Women in Aerospace Day was created in 2021 by Nikki Malcom to highlight the achievements of women in aerospace and to improve opportunities for young women interested in the field. Although women have been involved in flying and aviation since the early 1900s, they often faced discrimination and limited career opportunities, especially before the 1970s. Over time, however, women began entering military aviation, commercial piloting, engineering, laboratories, and even space missions. Key milestones include Helen Richey becoming the first female commercial pilot in the United States in 1934, Sabiha Gökçen becoming the world's first female fighter pilot in 1936, and Valentina Tereshkova becoming the first woman in space in 1963. Another important figure was Elsie MacGill, who became the world's first female aviation engineer in 1938. Despite these achievements, women are still underrepresented in aerospace today, making up only a small percentage of engineers and leadership positions worldwide. Organizations such as Women in Aerospace work to support networking, visibility, and career growth for women in the industry. National Women in Aerospace Day is important because it celebrates scientific and technological achievements, promotes equality in the workplace, and inspires young people to dream big about careers in aviation and space exploration. The day can be observed by learning about aerospace history, celebrating women currently working in the field, and organizing outreach programs to encourage more girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). To find out more, click [here](#).



**The Engineering Book by Marshall Brain**

Engineering is where human knowledge meets real-world problems and solves them. It's the source of some of our greatest inventions, from the catapult to the jet engine, from the cell phone to the Large Hadron Collider. Marshall Brain, creator of the How Stuff Works series, provides a detailed look at 250 milestones in aerospace, architecture, chemistry, computer engineering, and more, from ancient history to the present.

**A Galaxy of Her Own: Amazing Stories of Women in Space by Libby Jackson**  
From small steps to giant leaps, this is the story of 50 inspirational women who have been fundamental to the story of humans in space, from scientists to astronauts to some surprising roles in between. From Ada Lovelace in the nineteenth century, to the women behind the Apollo missions, from the astronauts breaking records on the International Space Station to those blazing the way in the race to get to Mars, Women in Space reveals extraordinary stories, champions unsung heroes and celebrates remarkable achievements from around the world. Written by Libby Jackson, a leading UK expert in human spaceflight, and illustrated with bold and beautiful artwork from the students of London College of Communication, this is a book to inspire trailblazers and pioneers of all ages.

**Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly**  
Moving from World War II through NASA's golden age, touching on the civil rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the women's rights movement, Hidden Figures interweaves a rich history of mankind's greatest adventure with the intimate stories of five courageous women whose work forever changed the world.



## Read Tara Gondal's Review of 'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder'

I'd like to recommend A Good Girl's Guide to Murder (recommended for ages 14+) because it is a gripping and clever mystery that keeps you thinking from start to finish.

I love following Pip's story as she uncovers the truth., and the way she pieces together clues – showing the importance of questioning assumptions!

I think other students would enjoy it too, especially if they like suspense, twists, and stories that make you think!

– Tara Gondal, 9G

**Kill Joy #0.5 by Holly Jackson**

Pippa Fitz-Amobi is not in the mood for her friend's murder mystery party. Especially one that involves 1920's fancy dress and pretending that their town, Little Kilton, is an island called Joy. But when the game begins, Pip finds herself drawn into the make-believe world of intrigue, deception and murder. But as Pip plays detective, teasing out the identity of the killer clue-by-clue, the murder of the fictional Reginald Remy isn't the only case on her mind...



**A Good Girl's Guide to Murder #1 by Holly Jackson**

Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. But having grown up in the same small town that was consumed by the crime, Pippa Fitz-Amobi isn't so sure. When she chooses the case as the topic for her final project, she starts to uncover secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden. And if the real killer is still out there, how far will they go to keep Pip from the truth?



## May 24<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament

International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament, observed every year on May 24, is a day dedicated to promoting peace, ending violence, and raising awareness about the dangers of nuclear weapons. The day highlights the important role women play in speaking out against war and supporting diplomacy, human rights, and a safer future for everyone. In the past, women were often seen only as victims of war who were left behind while men fought in battles, but over time women began taking active roles in peace movements and campaigns against nuclear weapons. The day was created in 1985 after groups of feminist and pacifist activists across Europe joined global efforts to demand nuclear disarmament and reduce military stockpiles during a time when tens of thousands of nuclear warheads existed worldwide. Since then, May 24 has become a symbol for peace organizations and human rights groups calling on governments to stop producing and distributing



weapons and to focus more on protecting human lives rather than building stronger militaries. The history of nuclear weapons is closely connected to this observance, beginning in 1945 when the first atomic bomb was successfully tested during the Manhattan Project. Later that same year, atomic bombs known as "Little Boy" and "Fat Man" were dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II, causing the deaths of nearly 200,000 people and showing the devastating power of nuclear warfare. Over the following decades, more countries developed nuclear weapons, including the Soviet Union, Britain, and others, while the United States created the even more powerful hydrogen bomb in 1952. The largest nuclear weapon ever tested was the Soviet Union's Tsar Bomba in 1961, which was far more destructive than the bombs used during World War II. Although only two nuclear weapons have ever been used in war, thousands of nuclear tests have been conducted around the world, and experts still warn that there is no reliable defence against a nuclear attack. International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament encourages people of all genders to speak up for peace, learn from history, support countries and communities affected by war, and work toward a future without nuclear weapons. The day is important because it reminds people that the threat of nuclear conflict still exists, even after the Cold War, and that cooperation, understanding, and peaceful solutions are necessary to protect humanity and the planet. To find out more, click [here](#).

**The Women by Kristin Hannah**  
(recommended for older readers)

'Women can be heroes, too'. When twenty-year-old nursing student, Frances Frankie McGrath, hears these unexpected words, it is a revelation. Raised on California's idyllic Coronado Island and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing, being a good girl. But in 1965 the world is changing, and she suddenly imagines a different path for her life. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she impulsively joins the Army Nurses Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the young men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed America. Frankie will also discover the true value of female friendship and the heartbreak that love can cause.

