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



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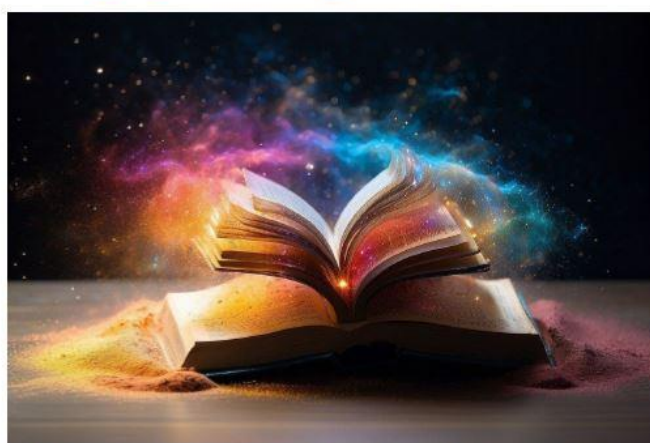
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### Orpington Library's Younger Teens Reading Group

Do you enjoy reading?  
Enjoy talking about books?



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Younger Teens Reading  
Group at Orpington Library?

If you would like to join, please contact us by  
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Meetings are once a month on a Monday from  
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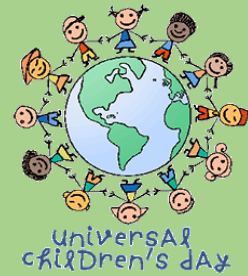
We look forward to seeing you!



### In Celebration of... Universal Children's Day!

Universal Children's Day has a long and meaningful history that reflects how the world's view of children and their rights has grown over time. It began in 1857 when Reverend Dr. Charles Leonard, a pastor in Massachusetts held a special service for children that he first called 'Rose Day', later 'Flower Sunday', and eventually Children's Day. The idea of honouring and protecting children continued to spread, and in 1920, Turkey became the first country to officially declare a national Children's Day on April 23, a celebration later strengthened in 1929 by the country's founder, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. The movement became global when the United Nations established Universal Children's Day in 1954, and in 1959 the UN adopted an expanded Declaration

of the Rights of the Child, based on a 1924 document from the League of Nations. This declaration emphasised that children must be cared for, protected, educated, and given opportunities to grow safely and with dignity. The UN continued this work in 1989 by adopting the Convention on the Rights of the Child, an international treaty requiring countries to prioritize children's well-being in all areas of life.



#### 1001 Children's Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up by Julia Eccleshare

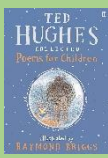
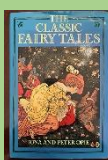
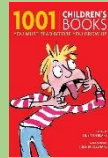
This is the best and most authoritative guide to classic and contemporary children's literature today. It is the latest in the best-selling 1001 series, and its informative reviews are the key to differentiating the "must-read" books from all the rest in the realm of children's books. Whether you are a parent seeking to instil a love of reading in your child, an educator or counsellor looking for inspiration, or a young reader with a voracious appetite, this guide to the best writing for children and young adults covers the spectrum of children's literature.

#### Classic Fairy Tales by Various Authors

A collection of traditional fairy tales, which includes classics such as 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'Snow White', 'Sleeping Beauty', 'Cinderella', 'The Princess and the Pea', and others.

#### Collected Poems for Children by Ted Hughes and Raymond Briggs

This volume collects, for the first time, four decades of Hughes's children's poems, from Meet My Folks! (1961) to The Mermaid's Purse. Lavishly illustrated by Raymond Briggs, with two hundred original illustrations, the edition is carefully prepared by reading age, beginning with poems for younger readers and working up to Hughes's material for young adults. The Collected Poems for Children is a delight for children and adults alike.



## "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." – Albert Camus

NEW

#### Avatar: The Last Airbender #1 by Michael DiMartino

For years, fans of Avatar: The Last Airbender and The Legend of Korra have burned with one question—what happened to Fire Lord Zuko's mother? Finding a clue at last, Zuko enlists the aid of Team Avatar—and the most unlikely ally of all—to help uncover the biggest secret of his life.



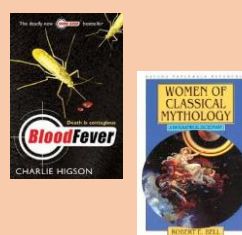
#### Between the Blade and the Heart #1 by Amanda Hocking

Malin is a Valkyrie-in-training. It's her responsibility to slay immortals, returning them to the afterlife to maintain balance in the world. She also struggles to maintain balance in her own life - between her studies, her duties as a Valkyrie and her conflicting feelings for her ex-girlfriend. When a beguiling stranger breaks into her home on a quest for vengeance, Malin's carefully balanced life falls apart. Asher is hunting the rogue immortal who murdered his mother, and he thinks Malin may have information. Her loyalties are tested, as she uncovers a betrayal that unravels everything she thought she knew. And she must decide if helping the mysterious Asher enact his revenge is worth the risk - to the world, and to her heart.



#### Bloodfever by Charlie Higson

Following his adventures in the Scottish Highlands, James Bond is back at Eton, where he has joined the risk-taking Danger Society. Summer vacation is on the horizon and James is looking forward to the school trip to the beautiful Italian island of Sardinia, and the opportunity to spend some time with his reclusive cousin Victor. But all is not as it appears... As a young girl's life hangs in the balance, it's up to James to uncover an intricate conspiracy that will take him head-to-head with enemies more ruthless than he could have ever imagined.



#### You Must Be Layla by Yassmin Abdel-Magied

Layla certainly stands out at her new high school. Everyone thinks they know her, just from a glance. But do they? And does Layla really know herself? Layla's mind goes a million miles a minute, so does her mouth - unfortunately her better judgement can take a while to catch up! Although she believes she was justified for doing what she did, a suspension certainly isn't the way she would have liked to begin her time at her fancy new high school. Despite the setback, Layla's determined to show everyone that she does deserve her scholarship and sets her sights on winning a big invention competition.



#### The Lottie Project by Jacqueline Wilson

Hi! I'm Charlie (DON'T call me Charlotte - ever!). History is boring, right? Wrong! The Victorians weren't all deadly dull and drippy. Lottie certainly isn't. She's eleven - like me - but she's left school and has a job as a nursery maid. Her life is really hard, just work work work, but I bet she'd know what to do about my mum's awful boyfriend and his wimpy little son. I bet she wouldn't mess it all up like I do...



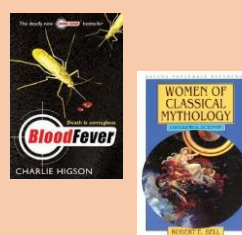
#### Numbers Go Up by Zeke Faux

In the Bahamas, schlubby billionaire wunderkind Sam Bankman-Fried tells him how he will use his fortune to save the world. In Cambodia, a spam text unearths a horrifying slavery ring fuelled by crypto. Faux buys a \$20,000 cartoon of a mutant ape to gain access to a festival headlined by Snoop Dogg and talks his way onto the yacht of a riddling crypto founder/former child actor (The Mighty Ducks, 1992) who was among the first to see the power of imaginary treasure. In search of an elusive cash reserve at the foundation of the whole system, the incredulous Faux finds himself crossing three continents, as well as the boundaries of law, taste and economic rationality. Shocking and uproarious, Number Go Up is the essential chronicle of a \$3 trillion delusion, the greatest bubble in history.



#### Women of Classical Mythology: A Biographical Dictionary by Robert E. Bell

Heroines, murderers, lovers, wives, animals, hermaphrodites, monsters, and transsexuals--the Women of Classical Mythology offers a unique and rich guide to an aspect of ancient literature often overlooked. It will provide readers not only with a valuable reference source, but with hours of delightful browsing.



#### The Tanglewood Wedding Shop by Lilac Mills

Edie has enough on her plate keeping her tyrannical boss happy at Moira's Wedding Shop. So when society bride Tia begs Edie to design her wedding dress - and keep it a secret from the domineering mother-in-law to be - Edie reluctantly says 'I will' to making Tia's dream come true. If her deception is found out, though, it would mean losing her job... Meanwhile best man James has his eye on Edie and he's proving ever harder for her to resist.



### Women's Entrepreneurship Day



Wendy Diamond, a social entrepreneur and humanitarian, was inspired to create lasting change after volunteering with the Adelante Foundation in Honduras, an organisation that provides microcredit to women living in poverty. Seeing firsthand how financial support could transform lives motivated her to establish the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization (WEDO) in 2013, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering women and fighting global poverty. WEDO is intentionally non-political and inclusive of all races and genders, and it was founded to bring attention to the struggles of the 250 million girls worldwide who live in poverty and deserve opportunities to succeed, as well as to support the 4 billion women across the globe. In 2014, WEDO held its first official Women's Entrepreneurship Day at the United Nations in New York City, marking a major milestone in its mission to encourage women to become active participants in the world economy. The organisation helps women by creating a global network of leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs who work together to launch startups, strengthen communities, and promote economic growth. WEDO's impact has been widely recognised: leaders such as New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney, and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti have officially declared November 19 as Women's Entrepreneurship Day, and the U.S. House of Representatives honours the movement under the guidance of Congresswoman Grace Meng. In recent years, WEDO has launched several major initiatives, from donating 1,000 microloans to women in need to starting the #ChooseWOMEN campaign that encourages people worldwide to support women in business, politics, the arts, and more. With growing support and more scholarships geared specifically toward women, the day highlights how equal opportunities can help women transform their lives, strengthen their countries, and inspire future generations.

### On This Day... Brene Brown was Born November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1965

Casandra Brene Brown, widely known as Brené Brown, is an American research professor whose work has influenced millions of people around the world. Born on November 18, 1965, in San Antonio, Texas, she later moved with her family to New Orleans and grew up as the oldest of four children. Although she was baptised in the Episcopal Church, she was raised Catholic and eventually returned to the Episcopal community with her husband, Steve Alley, and their two children. Brown is highly educated, holding a bachelor's and a master's degree in social work from the University of Texas and a Ph.D. in social work from the University of Houston, where she later became a professor in the Graduate College of Social Work. Throughout her career, she has focused on researching courage, vulnerability, empathy, shame, and leadership—topics that help explain how people connect with one another. Her TED Talks, including "The Power of Vulnerability" and "Listening to Shame," became some of the most-watched talks ever and helped make her research accessible to a global audience. Brown is also the CEO of *The Daring Way*, a training and certification program based on her studies. In 2016, the Huffington Foundation honoured her work by donating \$2 million to endow a research chair in her name at the University of Houston. Beyond academia, Brown has written six *New York Times* bestsellers, appeared on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, collaborated with well-known activists like Tarana Burke, and launched two popular podcasts, *Unlocking Us* and *Dare to Lead*, in 2020. She has received numerous awards for teaching and leadership, and even released a docuseries, *Brené Brown: Atlas of the Heart*, on HBO Max in 2022. Today, she continues to inspire others by helping people understand their emotions, strengthen their relationships, and lead with empathy and authenticity.



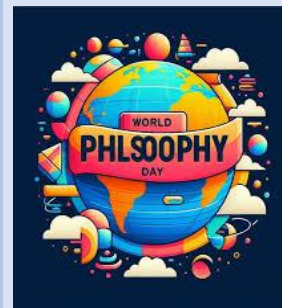
#### You Are Your Best Thing by Brene Brown and Tarana Burke



Tarana Burke and Dr. Brené Brown bring together a dynamic group of Black writers, organisers, artists, academics and cultural figures to discuss the topics the two have dedicated their lives to understanding and teaching: vulnerability and shame resilience.

### In Celebration of... World Philosophy Day!

World Philosophy Day exists because philosophy has played a major role in shaping human thought, society, and culture throughout history, and it continues to influence how people understand the world and make decisions about the future. Philosophy explores deep questions about existence, knowledge, values, the mind, and language, helping us think more clearly and reason more effectively. Recognizing its importance, UNESCO officially established World Philosophy Day in 2005, although the first celebration took place in 2002. UNESCO emphasised that philosophy is especially valuable for young people because it teaches them how to analyse issues objectively, evaluate information carefully, and form thoughtful



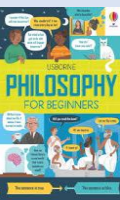
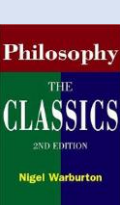
judgments. To support this mission, UNESCO published a major multilingual document in 2007—over 700 pages long detailing the proclamation of the day and its purpose. The organisation believes that promoting philosophical thinking can help people develop independent, critical, and rational minds, which can lead to greater understanding, peace, and tolerance worldwide. World Philosophy Day encourages people everywhere to reflect, share their cultural ideas, and build mutual respect through thoughtful dialogue.

#### Philosophy: The Classics by Nigel Warburton

Nigel Warburton's *Philosophy: The Classics* is a clear and concise introduction to twenty of the great works of Western Philosophy, a glossary and suggestions for further reading are included to make it ideal as a starting point for any further study of philosophy. From Plato's *Republic* to Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations*, it explains the most important features of each classic in a way that doesn't assume any previous knowledge of philosophy.

#### Philosophy for beginners by Jordan Akojaro and Lacey Rachel

Philosophy is a way of thinking about just about anything. It asks big questions from nature of reality to what beauty is. Using lively examples and thought experiments, this book provides an accessible introduction to a wide range of philosophical questions and invites the reader think about things in ways they may not have done before. Explores big questions in philosophy including the nature of morality, do we have free will, whether knowledge is really possible and how we can justify government.



### On This Day... Voltaire was Born November 21<sup>st</sup>, 1694



François-Marie Arouet, better known by his pen name Voltaire, was a major figure of the Enlightenment and one of the most influential writers and thinkers of his time. Born in Paris on November 21, 1694, Voltaire was the youngest of five children in a well-educated family; his father was a lawyer, and although he wanted Voltaire to follow the same path, Voltaire dreamed of becoming a writer. Astrologers note that his birthday makes him a Scorpio, a sign often associated with passion and intensity—traits Voltaire certainly showed throughout his life. After being imprisoned in the Bastille in 1718, he adopted the name "Voltaire" and soon after seeing his first play, *Oedipus*, performed. His boldness often got him into trouble, and in 1726 he was again jailed without trial for challenging a French nobleman to a duel, leading him to request exile in England. Over time, Voltaire became a powerful voice for freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and justice,

especially after witnessing the persecution of Jean Calas, which motivated him to speak out against intolerance. In 1759, he published *Candide, ou l'Optimisme*, a satirical novel that remains his most famous work and a classic of world literature. Voltaire died in 1778 at age 83, and years later, in 1791, the French National Assembly honoured him as a key precursor to the French Revolution, recognising the profound impact his ideas had on shaping modern thought and society.

#### Candide by Voltaire

*Candide* is the story of a gentle man who, though pummelled and slapped in every direction by fate, clings desperately to the belief that he lives in "the best of all possible worlds." On the surface a witty, bantering tale, this eighteenth-century classic is a savage, satiric thrust at the philosophical optimism that proclaims that all disaster and human suffering is part of a benevolent cosmic plan...



#### The Story of Philosophy by Bryan Magee

The highly successful "The Story of Philosophy" traces more than 2,500 years of Western philosophy, from Plato and Aristotle in ancient Greece to Saint Augustine and medieval philosophy, the golden century of German philosophy, Bertrand Russell and Albert Camus of the modern era, and much more.



#### A Little History of Philosophy by Nigel Warburton

A Little History of Philosophy presents the grand sweep of humanity's search for philosophical understanding and invites all to join in the discussion.

