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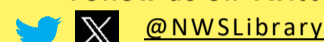
Happy reading! – Miss Mullins, Miss Walker, and Miss Henry



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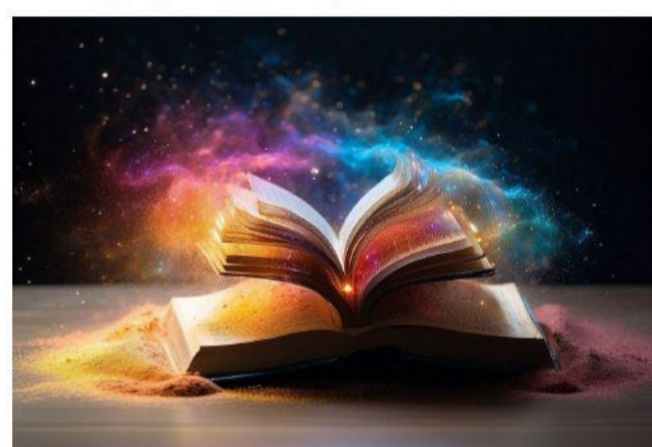
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Orpington Library's Younger Teens Reading Group

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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
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Meetings are once a month on a Monday from
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14 years

We look forward to seeing you!

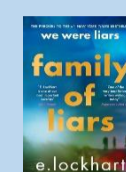


"July is a blind date with summer." – Hal Borland, Sundial of the Seasons

NEW

The Cinnamon Bun Book Store #2 by Laurie Gilmore

When a secret message turns up hidden in a book in the Cinnamon Bun Bookstore, Hazel can't understand it. As more secret codes appear between the pages, she decides to follow the trail of clues... she just need someone to help her out. Gorgeous and outgoing fisherman, Noah, is always up for an adventure. And a scavenger hunt sounds like a lot of fun. Even better that the cute bookseller he's been crushing on for months is the one who wants his help! Hazel didn't go looking for romance, but as the treasure hunt leads her and Noah around Dream Harbor, their undeniable chemistry might be just as hot as the fresh-out-of-the-oven cinnamon buns the bookstore sells.



Family of Liars #2 by E. Lockhart

A windswept private island off the coast of Massachusetts. A hungry ocean, churning with secrets and sorrow. A fiery, addicted heiress. An irresistible, unpredictable boy. A summer of unforgivable betrayal and terrible mistakes. Twenty-seven years before the events of We Were Liars comes another summer, another generation, and the secrets that will haunt them for decades - a story that is scandalous, tragic, and layered with mystery. Welcome back to the Sinclair family. They were always liars.

The Strawberry Patch Pancake House #4 by Laurie Gilmore

As a world-renowned chef, single dad Archer never planned on moving to a small town, let alone running a pancake restaurant. But Dream Harbor needs a new chef, and Archer needs a community to help raise his daughter, Olive. Iris has never managed to hold down a job for more than a few months. So when it's suggested that Archer is looking for a live-in nanny, she almost runs in the opposite direction. Now, Iris finds herself in a whole new world. One where her gorgeous new boss lives right across the hall and likes to cook topless... Keeping everything strictly professional should be easy, right?



We Fell Apart #3 by E. Lockhart

Same summer. New liars. An invitation from a lost father. A crumbling mansion by the sea. A trio of enigmatic, wild boys. A place where madness floats just beneath the surface of the warm blue water. And lies. So many lies. Hidden Beach was a bad place to fall in love. Because liars always fall apart. Secrets run thicker than blood, and blood runs as wild as the sea...

The Gingerbread Bakery #5 by Laurie Gilmore

As owner of her beloved Gingerbread Bakery, Annie Andrews should have a love life to match her business: sugary and sweet. But instead, she's locked in a game of words with the irritatingly upbeat bar owner down the street. Mac Sullivan has everything he wants, except the girl he dreams of. It's easier to argue with Annie than get her to talk to him, but with Jeanie and Logan's wedding coming up, they're about to spend a lot more time together. As the snowflakes fall and with romance in the air, will Annie see that the one she loves to hate might just be her perfect match?



The Malevolent Eight #2 by Sebastien De Castell

Cade Ombr, former Glorian Justiciar turned mercenary wonderist, leads a band of emotionally unstable mages in a desperate bid to prevent the impending clash of divine and diabolical titans. Failure will leave humanity to be conscripted into an eternal war, serving as foot soldiers doomed to oblivion. The mission seems impossible, but Cade and the Malevolent Seven aren't exactly pacifists, so they're determined to bring peace no matter how many people they have to kill first. With wit as sharp as their blades and a moral compass that points only toward survival, they're ready to cut down anyone in their path to stop the war before it begins.

Star Borrowers of June

Year 7

Arpita 7F
Jada 7F
Lehak 7N
Advika 7N
Shanaya 7P
Amelia 7S
Alekyia 7W

Year 8

Rosie 8G
Saaya 8G
Lina 8G

Nyra 8P

Greta 8P
Bade 8S
Ahaana 8S

Year 9

Tripti 9F
Dia 9F
Charis 9F
Anvi 9F
Tara 9G
Kinjal 9G
Pallika 9G
Neevh 9N

Florence 9N

Tazrian 9N
Elizabeth 9P

Amy 9S

Year 10

Imaan 10F
Shreya 10F
Dhiviyaa 10G
Leony 10P
Charlotte 10S
Senumi 10S
Erin 10S

Year 12

Aswin 12W

Year 13

Paula 13S

Most Borrowed Books of June



On This Day... Franz Kafka was born 3rd July 1883

Franz Kafka (1883–1924) was a German-speaking writer from Prague whose novels and short stories, especially *The Trial* and *The Metamorphosis*, became famous for exploring themes of loneliness, fear, guilt, and the struggle to find meaning in life. Born into a middle-class Jewish family, Kafka had a difficult relationship with his strict and controlling father, which deeply influenced both his personal life and his writing. Although he studied law and worked successfully in an insurance office, he disliked his job because it left little time for his true passion—writing. Kafka often felt isolated from society, caught between different cultures, and unable to form lasting relationships, and these feelings appear in many of his stories. His characters are often ordinary people who face confusing, powerful forces they cannot understand or control, symbolising the anxieties and uncertainty experienced by many people in the modern world. In *The Metamorphosis*, for example, Gregor Samsa wakes up transformed into a giant insect and is rejected by his family, while



The Trial tells the story of a man arrested for an unknown crime who can never discover why he is being punished. Kafka's writing combines realistic settings with strange, dreamlike events, creating stories that have many possible meanings and continue to be widely studied and debated. During his lifetime, only a small number of his works were published, and before he died of tuberculosis at the age of 40, he asked his friend Max Brod to destroy his unpublished manuscripts. Brod ignored this request and published Kafka's unfinished novels, allowing him to become one of the most influential writers of the 20th century. Today, Kafka's works are recognised for their powerful exploration of human emotions, identity, injustice, and the feeling of being trapped in a confusing and uncaring world. To find out more, click [here](#).

The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka

The story begins with a traveling salesman, Gregor Samsa, waking to find himself transformed (metamorphosed) into a large, monstrous insect-like creature. The cause of Gregor's transformation is never revealed, and Kafka himself never gave an explanation. The rest of Kafka's novella deals with Gregor's attempts to adjust to his new condition as he deals with being burdensome to his parents and sister, who are repelled by the horrible, verminous creature Gregor has become.



The Trial by Franz Kafka

Written in 1914, *The Trial* is the terrifying tale of Josef K., a respectable bank officer who is suddenly arrested and must defend himself against a charge about which he can get no information. Kafka's nightmare has resonated with chilling truth for generations of readers.



The Castle by Franz Kafka

Summoned to take up the position of a land surveyor to the mysterious lord of a castle, the character known as K. finds himself in a bitter and baffling struggle to contact his new employer and go about his duties.



1st July is... Talk to Us Day!

Talk to Us is a month-long awareness campaign held every July to encourage people to speak openly about mental health and to remind everyone that listening to others can make a real difference. The campaign was launched by Samaritans in 2016, although the charity itself was founded in 1953 by Anglican priest Chad Varah, who created the world's first confidential helpline for people experiencing emotional distress or thinking about suicide. His idea was simple but powerful: providing a kind, non-judgmental person who would listen could help save lives. Today, Samaritans offers free, confidential support 24 hours a day and has inspired similar services around the world. The campaign also highlights the work of other mental health organisations, such as Mind, Mental Health America, and Talkspace, as well as businesses like Starbucks, KPMG, and The Body Shop, which promote employee mental well-being and greater awareness of mental health. According to the World Health Organization, around one in eight people worldwide experience a mental health condition, showing why it is important to reduce stigma and encourage people to ask for help when they need it. Throughout July, people are encouraged to check in regularly with friends and family, volunteer for mental health organisations, donate to support services, and learn to recognise signs that someone may be struggling. The campaign also reminds people that simply listening with patience, respect, and understanding can have a positive impact on someone's life. Overall, Talk to Us aims to create greater awareness of mental health, promote emotional well-being, educate people about the importance of support, and encourage communities to build a culture where everyone feels safe to talk about their feelings and seek help when needed. To find out more, click [here](#).



We're here to listen 24/7

SAMARITANS

Can I Tell You About Depression?: A Guide for Friends, Family and Professionals by Christopher Dowrick

Meet Julie - a woman who suffers from periods of depression. Julie and her family help readers to understand what depression is, what it is like to feel depressed and how it can affect their family life. She explains how coping with depression can sometimes be difficult, but support and help are available, and there are things she can do that can help relieve the feelings of depression. This illustrated book is an ideal introduction to depression - a condition that can be particularly difficult for children to understand. It is suitable for readers aged 7 upwards and shows family, friends and anyone who knows someone affected by depression how they can offer support.



2nd July is... Special Recreation for the Disabled Day

Special Recreation for the Disabled Day is an annual event that raises awareness about the importance of playing sports, recreation, and leisure activities accessible to people with disabilities. It highlights that everyone, regardless of physical, intellectual, or sensory disabilities, should have the opportunity to enjoy activities that improve health, build confidence, encourage independence, and create friendships. In the past, recreation for people with disabilities was mainly seen as a form of medical treatment, but today it is recognised as a basic right that promotes inclusion and equal participation in society. Activities can include adaptive sports such as wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, and accessible hiking, as well as creative hobbies like painting, music, and crafts. Many organisations support this goal, including Special Olympics, founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1968 to provide sports opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities, along with groups such as Adaptive Sports USA, the Challenged Athletes Foundation, the Lakeshore Foundation, and the National Centre on Health, Physical Activity and Disability, which all work to improve access to recreation and fitness. Some companies, including Nike and REI, also promote inclusion by designing adaptive equipment and supporting accessible outdoor activities. Important milestones in disability rights, such as the first Paralympic Games in 1960 and the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, have helped make recreation more accessible, while the United Nations has recognised rest and leisure as fundamental human rights. Today, more than one billion people worldwide—around 15% of the global population—live with a disability, and many still face challenges such as unemployment, poverty, and limited access to recreational opportunities. Special Recreation for the Disabled Day encourages communities to raise awareness, organise inclusive events, improve accessibility, and treat people with disabilities with respect and understanding. The day reminds everyone that, with the right support and equal opportunities, people with disabilities can participate, succeed, and enjoy recreation just as much as anyone else. To find out more, click [here](#).



The Paralympics by Nick Hunter

A comprehensive look at the Olympics. Covers many aspects of the London Olympic Games, from behind the scenes and the sports, to the Paralympics and the main competitors.

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives: Nikki Emerson by Nikki Emerson

In 2008 Nikki Emerson was driving back from university when she had a near-fatal car crash which broke her spine and after being told she would never walk again but was inspired by the Beijing Paralympics and went on to compete internationally.

