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BOOK BITES

Tasty morsels from your Education Library Service

Resources and help for those educating children at home

Over the last month, we've been keeping an eye out for resources and online help for those now educating children at home; there are lots of things available, so here is a round-up of useful bits we've found so far. The first of these newsletters can be found on our blog here ([click link](#))

We'll be sharing anything else we find via twitter, so make sure you take a look or follow us if you have access: www.twitter.com/norfolkels

Norfolk Library and Information Service Online

Norfolk Library and Information Service have a digital roster of events and activities to support families now spending time together at home so even though branches are closed, you can still get your library fix online!

If you have a library card, you can access eBooks, eAudio, newspapers and magazines via <https://norfolk.overdrive.com/>. If you don't have a library card, you can sign up online; more info here: www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/coronavirus-update

Over on Facebook, there are weekly bounce and rhyme sessions every Tuesday, and on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday there are live-stream storytimes in which library staff read picture books you know and love— you don't have to be a library member to watch along!

They're also hosting a virtual eBook club for young readers, with all of the chosen titles available to download for free from the library's electronic catalogue. The first book they're encouraging everyone to read and share their thoughts on is Lara Williamson's 'Just Call Me Spaghetti Hoop Boy'- download it here: <https://norfolk.overdrive.com/search?query=spaghetti%20hoop>

To stay up-to-date with anything else library related, visit: www.facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesUK/ or give them a follow on Twitter: [@NorfolkLibs](https://twitter.com/NorfolkLibs)

BBC Bitesize daily lessons

BBC Bitesize have this week launched their programme of daily lessons available for all key stages, covering 3-16 year olds and those post-16 students.

Comprising both an online and TV lesson schedule, there's also additional support for learning, revision and homework. The summer programme covers all core topics and has been developed over the last four weeks by the BBC in partnership with education professionals. Operating across all BBC channels including iPlayer and BBC Sounds, there will also be guest appearances from recognisable faces such as David Attenborough, Professor Brian Cox and Doctor Who herself, Jodie Whittaker plus many, many more.

For more information and the full programme listings, head to: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize



Norfolk County Council

Tracy Beaker goes digital!

Jacqueline Wilson's iconic Tracy Beaker, who has been around for almost three decades, is back in a new podcast available via BBC Sounds.

Each episode follows Tracy and her friends at the children's home, and marks an exciting new audio adaptation for young listeners.

Nosy Crow's FREE Axel Scheffler Coronavirus Book

Much loved illustrator Axel Scheffler has partnered with Nosy Crow and medical and educational experts on **Coronavirus: A book for children**.

Aimed at 5-9 year olds, the book addresses tricky questions in a simple way, designed to help young readers understand what coronavirus is and why it is impacting our lives.

To ensure accessibility for all, the book has been shared online FOR FREE and can be read or downloaded via the Nosy Crow website here: <https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>

World Book Day: not just one day only!

World Book Day itself may have taken place weeks ago, but their website has a plethora of useful resources all accessible and free for use at home.

With a focus on reading for empathy, the twelve new videos are aimed at 5-12 year olds and feature recognisable and well-loved authors and illustrators including Francesca Simon, Eoin Colfer and Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell.

Find them all here: www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/

The Reading Agency: Chatterbooks

The Reading Agency have been updating the resources available on their Chatterbooks page, with new downloadable resources from publisher partners. There's lots available including activity and colouring sheets plus new things are being added on a regular basis; find it all here:

www.readingagency.org.uk/resources/?programme=chat

BookTrust Home Time

BookTrust's HomeTime is jam-packed with lots of things to keep children occupied during this prolonged period of time indoors. Working with authors and illustrators, there are art and drawing tasks plus helpful signposting to other activities available online for children aged 4-11. They even have a list of useful teaching resources. To see what's available, visit:

www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/fun-at-home-with-authors-and-illustrators

Neverending Stories

Neverending Stories has been curated by Norwich's own National Centre for Writing and is full of lots of helpful ideas and pointers about the importance of storytelling and reading with children. Download the FREE resource pack: www.nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk/neverending-stories/

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