

Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In Issue No. 1

Hi All,

We're all having to adjust and **stay safe** at this worrying time. We're missing our friends and family, and especially visiting our favourite places...like the library!

While we're locked down and unable to go out, we thought it would be a nice to share some news and recommendations with you. We've asked friends, family and colleagues what they're reading, what their 'album of the week' is, what films and TV shows are gripping them, and even if they have a quick recipe to test our culinary skills! There's also two quizzes at the end, one for you and one for the kids. So get your pen and paper ready and put your mind to the test!

What are people reading?

Tony, NHS Worker

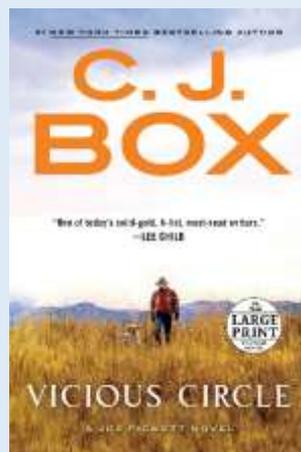
Currently Reading: Vicious Circle by CJ Box

"It's one of a series of books about a game warden in Wyoming. Enjoying it so far.

I tend to read books in series, so have read loads of these. Easy reading. I have read most of the Lee Child books (Jack Reacher), love all of them.

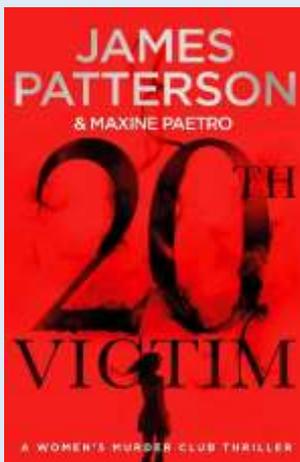
David Baldacci books are also good but haven't read that many, don't let that put you off.

Can't say I have a favourite author or book, I just love reading. If I did have to pick a favourite author it would be Lee Child "



Anita

Currently Reading: 20th Victim (Women's Murder Club 20) by James Patterson



“Set in San Francisco, the novels follow a group of women from different professions relating to investigating crime as they work together to solve murders. The series follows the women through their personal issues, including Lindsay Boxer’s medical issues, marriage and pregnancy. The main characters Lindsay Boxer (police officer) Cindy Thomas (reporter), Claire Washburn (medical examiner) and Yuki Castellano (defence attorney). The friends have been involved in many cases over the years, I’ve only just started this book but I feel like I’m with friends again.”

I hope these snippets help, if you’d like to tell us what you’re reading we’d love to hear from you. Please email yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk and we’ll post you book recommendations.

The Big Book Weekend takes place this coming weekend. It is three-day virtual book festival that brings together the best of the cancelled British literary festivals, with a range of events 'presented' by the relevant festival, featuring the authors and other artists that would have appeared. Here is a link to the festival so you can enjoy all it has to offer

<https://bigbookweekend.com/>

Here's a little brain teaser to help keep those cogs going.

1. Who played Jack Reacher in the films?
2. Who starred in the 1997 film Absolute Power?
3. Who played Detective Alex Cross in the 2002 film 'Along Came A Spider'?
4. Along came a spider was the sequel to what 1997 film?
5. Who starred as Don Vito Corleone in the 1972 film The Godfather?



All these great films were originally books. They're well worth a read, and usually more enjoyable!

6. Who wrote Absolute Power?
7. Who wrote the Jack Reacher books?
8. Who wrote The Godfather?
9. Who wrote Kiss the Girls and Along Came a Spider?

The answers for the quiz will be revealed in next week's newsletter, so keep an eye out for the answers!

Recipe of the Week

I'd like to share some easy to follow and lovely to eat recipes from family, friends and colleagues.

This one is from my Mum. It's a family favourite and one that she makes for the Library Coffee Mornings, it goes down a treat!

Lemon Drizzle Cake

Here's what you will need and how to make:



8oz or 225g butter
8oz or 225g caster sugar
9 ½ oz or 275g self-raising flour
1 level teaspoon baking powder
4 large eggs
4 table spoons of milk
Grated zest of 2 lemons

For the glaze:
Juice of 2 lemons
6oz sugar

Prep:

- Preheat oven to 180c (fan 160 c) 350F gas mark 4
- Grease tray bake tin, line with greaseproof paper. Approx. size of tin 30cm x 23cm or 12ins x 9ins, 4cm or 1 ½ ins deep

For the cake:

- Place Butter, sugar, flour, baking powder, eggs, milk and lemon zest into large bowl. Beat with an electric mixer for 1-2 minutes or with wooden spoon for a little longer until the mixture is smooth.
- Turn the mixture into the lined tin and spread evenly.
- Bake in pre heated oven for 30-40 mins or until risen and springy to touch.
- Run a knife around the edge of the tray bake to loosen from tin, then transfer onto a wire cooling rack

For the glaze:

- Mix the lemon juice with the sugar, once mixed you drizzle over the cake. Hence the name! Leave to cool.

You can now enjoy an all-time Library favourite, Happy Baking!

If you have any recipes that you would like to share please email yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk and we'll add them on.



Whilst we're **staying safe** some of us are having a break from reading by listening to music, watching TV and a whole host of other activities. Here are some recommendations:

Films of the Week:

Hidden Figures

9pm Film4 (Freeview 14, Freesat 300, Sky 313, Virgin 428)

The fascinating true story of the black female engineers and mathematicians who played a key role in the 1960s space race.

Warrior

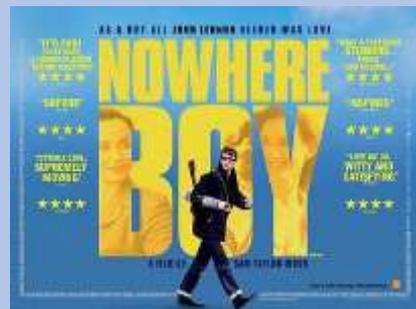
10.55 Film 4 (Freeview 14, Freesat 300, Sky 313, Virgin 428)

The youngest son of an alcoholic former boxer returns home, where he's trained by his father for competition in a mixed martial arts tournament - a path that puts the fighter on a collision course with his estranged, older brother.

Nowhere Boy

11.10 Film4 (Freeview 14, Freesat 300, Sky 313, Virgin 428)

A chronicle of John Lennon's first years, focused mainly in his adolescence and his relationship with his stern aunt Mimi, who raised him, and his absentee mother Julia, who re-entered his life at a crucial moment in his young life.





Hunt for the Wilderpeople

9pm Film4 (Freeview 14, Freesat 300, Sky 313, Virgin 428)

A huge hit in its native New Zealand, Taika Waititi's energetic comedy follows a difficult younger who is bounced around foster families until he finally finds a home. Sam Neill stars as the crank foster 'uncle' with whom he goes on the run.

Dad's Army

8.30pm ITV1

Walmington-on-Sea's Home Guard face an enemy in their midst in this affectionate remake of the popular long running TV series.

If you'd like to share your thoughts on any of the films, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email and let us know what you think! yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk



Album of the Week:

Coming Home by Leon Bridges recommend by Joe

You could be forgiven for mistaking this 2015 album for a classic soul record of the 1960s. If you're a fan of Sam Cooke or Otis Redding, you'll love Leon Bridges. The album is not just a nostalgia act, each song holds its own and comes from the heart and soul.

Music journalist Chuck Arnold of Rolling Stone said of the album:

"Leon Bridges is a throwback to the days when guys did things like "swim the Mississippi" to impress their dates ("Better Man"). But this retro-soul man doesn't have to work so hard to win you over on his debut LP: His smooth, Sam Cooke-esque croon makes *Coming Home* the best kind of nostalgia trip. Tunes like the tender title track dance right back to the late Fifties, and album closer "River" is a gospel-blues testimony that runs deep."

Coming Home
Better Man
Brown Skin Girl
Smooth Criminal
Shine
Lisa Sawyer
Flowers
Pull Away
Twistin' & Groovin'
River

LEON BRIDGES COMING HOME



If you'd like to share your thoughts on this album, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email and let us know what you think!
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A Poem from Bill- a Knowsley Resident:

LOCK DOWN

As you look around the corner of this world you call your own
Are you happy with what fate has deemed your lot
Do you leave your bed each morning with adventure on your mind
Do you rage at life for what you haven't got

Is the view outside your window, one to stir your heart
Or do your eyes just see the walls that make the frame
Do you gaze out or inward, Do you even draw the binds
Are the passing of your days one of the same

Is your life one of restriction, are these shackles on your heart
Are you frightened of the shadows, that will not leave
Please be ever optimistic, Have faith in what is good
Prize what life has given you And always find a reason to believe
In the time of Corona 2020



Something for the Kids:

If you've missed Joe Wicks exercising in the morning you can catch up with him here <https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1/videos> He's keeping kids fit and healthy and lots of the parents are joining in too, looks like lots of fun. I'm going to give it a go!

Quiz Time

How many turtles are there in Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles?

- a. 2
- b. 5
- c. 3
- d. 4

Who is SpongeBob SquarePants best friend?

- a. Patrick Star
- b. Pearl Krabs
- c. Squidward Tentacles
- d. Mrs Puff

How many Paw Patrol pups are there?

- a. 6
- b. 9
- c. 10
- d. 8

What does Paddington bear keep under his hat?

- a. A cheese sandwich
- b. A jam sandwich
- c. a marmite sandwich
- d. a marmalade sandwich

How old is Arthur Read in the TV show Arthur?

- a. 10
- b. 8
- c. 7
- d. 9



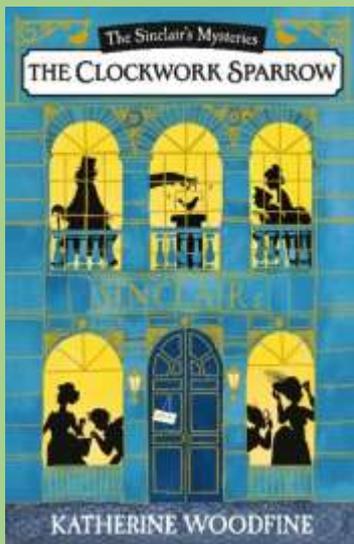
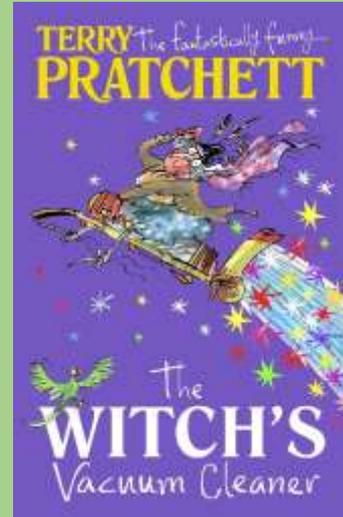
If you enjoyed that follow this link <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/> to the book trust site where there are lots more quizzes for you to try.

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Recommended Reading for 8-12 year olds:

The Witches Vacuum Cleaner by Terry Pratchett

Written by Pratchett when he was just 17-years-old, these 14 stories are pulled together for the first time in what is a great treat for children, whether they're new to his work or existing fans. Full of pirates, wizards, food fights and crooks, there's something for everyone - and they're fantastically funny too.



The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow by Katherine Woodfine

If your child has enjoyed Jacqueline Wilson or Enid Blyton, then this book is a must. Following the death of her father, Miss Sophie Taylor gets a job at a glamorous London department store. But when the priceless Clockwork Sparrow is stolen from Sinclair's grand opening exhibition, it is up to Sophie and her friends to bring the scheming villains to justice.

Please feel free to drop us an email about anything in this newsletter, we'd love to hear any thoughts or comments you have. Stay safe and well!

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