
Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In

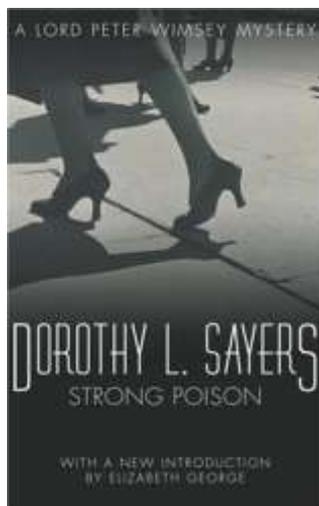
Hi All

While we're all still having to adjust and **stay safe** at this worrying time, we thought we'd bring you another issue of **Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In**. Lots of us are missing our family, friends and especially going out to our favourite places like the Library ☺ We decided that we'd put together this little newsletter with lots of bits and bobs in such as recipes, book recommendations, and we've even included a quiz to help ease the boredom.

So, a little bit of homework for you while you're unable to go out and about. I was wondering if you'd share with us 'What You're Reading in Lockdown', or your favourite book/author that you'd like to recommend to others.

I've asked friends, family and colleagues to share with us what they're reading and it's quite a mix!

What are people reading?



Book Review by Julie, Library Member

Strong Poison by Dorothy L Sayers

Dorothy L Sayers was a writer during the Golden Age of Crime Fiction along with Agatha Christie, Margery Allingham, and Patricia Wentworth. 'Strong Poison' is the fifth book in the Lord Peter Wimsey series and the first in which Harriet Vane appears.

Harriet Vane is a crime writer charged with poisoning her lover. Set in 1930s London, Vane and her lover live a bohemian lifestyle. The book begins with the court case. The prosecution believe they have a watertight case, but the jury think otherwise. Lord Peter Wimsey agrees, although he is prejudiced having fallen in love with Vane. Wimsey has just a month to discover the truth.

I found this book very enjoyable. The characters are well written and Sayers never underestimates her reader. The book also delves into issues to prevalent in today's society, most notably feminism and the effects post-traumatic stress. Although some of the language is dated and offensive (common for the era), it does not distract from the brilliantly written plot and splendid prose.

Book Review by Aimee, Library Assistant

The Couple Next Door by Shari Lapena

PEOPLE ARE CAPABLE OF ALMOST ANYTHING.

You never know what's happening on the other side of the wall.

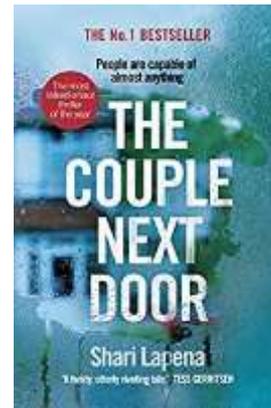
Your neighbour told you that she didn't want your six-month-old daughter at the dinner party. Nothing personal, she just couldn't stand her crying.

Your husband said it would be fine. After all, you only live next door. You'll have the baby monitor and you'll take it in turns to go back every half hour.

Your daughter was sleeping when you checked on her last. But now, as you race up the stairs in your deathly quiet house, your worst fears are realized. She's gone.

You've never had to call the police before. But now they're in your home, and who knows what they'll find there.

What would *you* be capable of, when pushed past your limit?



Reviewed by Frankie – Library customer

Can't recommend this book highly enough! It really was gripping, right from the beginning. A lot of my friends have read it, and all agree with me. It was so easy to read too, not too many characters which always confuses me. I have read a lot of books in my life, but this is the one that stands out. If you only ever read one book..... read this one!!

Lockdown Quiz:

Lockdown Quiz – courtesy of: **Hilary, Library Assistant**

CONNECTION QUIZ

1. Who played Princess Leia in the Star Wars movies?
2. Which French woman is head of the International Monetary Fund?
3. Which 1996 song by The Prodigy, their first no1 single, was controversial due to its violent lyrics?
4. Which word can describe a group of trees, an area in a stadium or a partnership in cricket?
5. What is the medical term for the inability to fall asleep or stay asleep as long as desired?
6. Which offshoot of Daimler cars was named after the daughter of the founder's friend?
7. We'd write 10/04/71 for 10th April 1971 in the UK. How would Americans write the date JFK was assassinated?
8. Which children's book by E Nesbit was the first in The Psammead Trilogy and was followed by The Phoenix and the Carpet and The Story of the Amulet?
9. In which film did Morgan Freeman and Tim Robbins play prison inmates?
10. What is the link between the previous 9 answers?

I'll add the answers next week, good luck!

The answers to last week's teaser are as follows:

1. MARGARET THATCHER
2. WINSTON CHURCHILL
3. ROBERT WALPOLE
4. STANLEY BALDWIN
5. THERESA MAY
6. WILLIAM GLADSTONE
7. GORDON BROWN
8. TED HEATH
9. JAMES CALLAGHAN
10. TONY BLAIR



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Recipe of the Week:

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

Bacon & Egg Breakfast Cups
Provided by Aimee, Library Assistant



I don't know about you, but I think breakfast or brunch on a lazy Sunday morning might just be one of my favourite meals. These bacon and egg breakfast cups are so easy to make. My kids enjoy making them too.

You'll need: -

Butter or oil for greasing/Fry Light if you're being good 😊

6-8 rashers or medallions of bacon

200g of mushrooms, sliced thinly

2 slices of bread – toasted

6 free range eggs

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 spring onions – chopped for garnish

Muffin tin

- Grease the muffin tin with butter, oil or Fry Light.
- Grill the bacon till almost done, it must still be pliable.
- Pan fry the sliced mushrooms until golden.
- Cut 6 discs out of the toast the same size as the bottom of the muffin tin using a pastry cutter.



- Line the sides of the muffin tin with a bacon rasher, pop the toast disc in next and push down, add some mushrooms.



- Then break an egg on top of each one – season with salt and black pepper.



- Pop in the oven for 12-15 minutes, depending on how you like your eggs.
- Once baked run a knife around the cups to get them out of the muffin tin. Garnish and dig in.



NEW BOOKS

Here are some links to reviews of new books to look out for in the near future.

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/final-terry-pratchett-stories-to-be-published-in-september/ar-BB16qSxB?ocid=msedgntp>



[Final Terry Pratchett stories to be published in September](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/final-terry-pratchett-stories-to-be-published-in-september/ar-BB16qSxB?ocid=msedgntp)

The final collection of early stories from the late Terry Pratchett, written while the Discworld creator was a young reporter, will be published in September. The tales in *The Time-travelling ...*

[www.msn.com](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/final-terry-pratchett-stories-to-be-published-in-september/ar-BB16qSxB?ocid=msedgntp)

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/pilgrims-by-matthew-kneale-review-witty-thoughtful-medieval-tales/ar-BB16FdFc?ocid=msedgntp>



[Pilgrims by Matthew Kneale review – witty, thoughtful medieval tales](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/pilgrims-by-matthew-kneale-review-witty-thoughtful-medieval-tales/ar-BB16FdFc?ocid=msedgntp)

Twenty years after his bold and original novel *English Passengers* won the Whitbread prize, Matthew Kneale has returned to similar territory with *Pilgrims*, another polyphonic historical tale ...

[www.msn.com](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/pilgrims-by-matthew-kneale-review-witty-thoughtful-medieval-tales/ar-BB16FdFc?ocid=msedgntp)

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/may/14/the-best-books-childrens-poetry-audiobooks-2020>

[The best books and audiobooks of 2020 so far | Books | The Guardian](#)

Erin Pizzey, a worker for Women's Aid in 1978. Photograph: Hulton Deutsch/Corbis via Getty Images A history of the victories secured by 19th and 20th-century feminists that many of us take for ...

www.theguardian.com

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/apr/18/one-two-three-four-by-craig-brown-review-all-about-the-beatles>

[One Two Three Four by Craig Brown review – all about the Beatles | Books | The Guardian](#)

Paul McCartney and Jane Asher at a film premiere in 1967. Photograph: AP Most of what is here is sourced from other books, and much of it feels familiar.

www.theguardian.com

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/other/beethoven-a-life-in-nine-pieces-by-laura-tunbridge-review/ar-BB16D8BB?ocid=msedgntp>



[Beethoven: A Life in Nine Pieces by Laura Tunbridge – review](#)

A book about the most famous composer in the western canon, a "dead white male"

at that, isn't an obvious place to look for insights into our current plight. Yet from the opening paragraph ...

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As more and more places are beginning to reopen after lockdown, here are some links about places to visit and music to listen to.

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/theatres-that-made-us-from-shakespeare-s-globe-to-leicester-s-curve/ar-BB16qVks?ocid=msedgntp>



[Theatres that made us: from Shakespeare's Globe to Leicester's Curve](#)

Paul Chahidi: I've always loved seeing a play at Shakespeare's Globe where the best view in the house costs only £5. It's also where I got many of my earliest breaks as an actor. Performing ...

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<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/music/outdoor-concerts-and-theatre-can-resume/ar-BB16zhpK?ocid=msedgntp>



[Outdoor concerts and theatre can resume - msn.com](#)

Outdoor concerts, theatre and festivals can take place again from this weekend,

Saturday, 11 July. All events must have "a limited and socially distanced audience", said the government. New safety ...

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<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/customers-welcome-reopening-of-cinemas-despite-restrictions/vi-BB16kMOM?ocid=mse>



[Customers welcome reopening of cinemas despite restrictions](#)

Cinemas have reopened their doors to customers following months of closure. Film goers are being welcomed into venues with reduced capacities and are being encouraged to follow measures such as ...

www.msn.com

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/movies/the-future-of-film-can-cinema-survive-covid-19/ar-BB16Dbbf?ocid=msedqntp>



[The future of film: can cinema survive Covid-19?](#)

It's Saturday lunchtime and I am watching Sonic the Hedgehog in a cinema. It's fair to say that it wouldn't have been my first choice of film to break my four-month cinema fast (titles also ...

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<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/travel/news/the-future-of-film-independent-filmmakers-on-how-movies-will-change-in-the-wake-of-covid/ar-BB16FSVL?ocid=msedgntp>



[The future of film:](#)
[Independent filmmakers on](#)
[how movies will change in](#)
[the wake of Covid -](#)
[msn.com](#)

Coronavirus has been devastating for film. Reports suggest the pandemic may cost the industry more than £16 billion (\$20 billion), with the release of dozens of high-profile films pushed back and ...

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<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/music/brahms-where-to-start-with-his-music/ar-BB16tZrk?ocid=msedgntp>



[Brahms: where to start with](#)
[his music](#)

This series began last week with Beethoven. Among the composers who took up the daunting challenge of the symphonic form, none was more aware of the legacy than Johannes Brahms (1833-97). The ...

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<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/music/the-best-up-and-coming-musicians-to-listen-to-this-summer/ss-BB16ro8E?ocid=msedgntp>



[The best up-and-coming musicians to listen to this summer](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/music/the-best-up-and-coming-musicians-to-listen-to-this-summer/ss-BB16ro8E?ocid=msedgntp)

The best up-and-coming musicians to listen to this summer Great music has a timeless quality, and some of the most talked-about artists today possess that special something that makes them stand ...

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<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/coronavirus-news-gyms-pools-and-open-air-concerts-get-go-ahead-this-month-as-englands-lockdown-eased-further/ar-BB16wMkT?ocid=msedgntp>



[Coronavirus news: Gyms, pools and open-air concerts get go-ahead this month as England's lockdown eased further](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/coronavirus-news-gyms-pools-and-open-air-concerts-get-go-ahead-this-month-as-englands-lockdown-eased-further/ar-BB16wMkT?ocid=msedgntp)

The UK's coronavirus lockdown has been eased further as outdoor arts performances, gyms and indoor

swimming pools are set to return this month, culture secretary Oliver Dowden has announced. Outdoor theatre, opera, music and dance events are to be permitted with socially-distanced audiences in England from 11 July, while indoor pools, gyms and other sports facilities will follow on 25 July. The announcement came as the IFS warned it would be...

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-53315448>



[National Gallery: Will Gompertz reviews the UK's first major museum to reopen ★★★★★ - BBC News](#)

I missed an appointment the other day because it took me 10 minutes to figure out how to leave Broadcasting House. My place of work has changed a bit since I last set foot in W1A pre-lockdown. A ...

www.bbc.co.uk

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/national-trust-reopening-houses-to-visitors/ar-BB16FlbT?ocid=msedgntp>



[National Trust reopening houses to visitors](#)

The National Trust has reopened a small number of its houses to visitors for the first time since they all closed due to lockdown. By the end of the week, a total of seven properties will be open ...

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UPCOMING TV PROGRAMMES

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/his-dark-materials-series-two-heading-to-screens-in-autumn-2020/ar-BB16wRay?ocid=msedgntp>



['His Dark Materials' series two heading to screens in Autumn 2020](#)

'His Dark Materials' was a hit for the BBC last year. (Credit: BBC) The hit BBC/HBO adaptation of His Dark Materials will return to screens in the autumn for its second series.. Production on the ...

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<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/no-one-is-pure-evil-the-documentary-bringing-a-human-face-to-the-iraq-war/ar-BB16Ft4g?ocid=msedgntp>



['No one is pure evil': the documentary bringing a human face to the Iraq war](#)

Um Qusay, dressed in a black, sequined abaya and hijab, takes a slow drag on her cigarette as she recalls the execution of Iraqi men in her village who tried to assassinate their president. A ...

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The BBC's Culture in Quarantine's series of Shakespeare continues each Sunday evening on BBC2 and can also be streamed on iPlayer.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p08b0ct7#:~:text=Culture%20in%20Quarantine%3A%20Shakespeare.%201%20Drama.%20Othello.%20Iqbal,Whyman%20directs%20the%20RSC%20production%20...%20More%20items>

[BBC iPlayer - Culture in Quarantine: Shakespeare](#)

Watch TV programmes from the Culture in Quarantine: Shakespeare collection on BBC iPlayer.

www.bbc.co.uk

and, is mentioning Macbeth really unlucky?

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/is-the-word-macbeth-really-cursed/ar-BB16FBuu?ocid=msedgntp>



[Is the word 'Macbeth' really cursed?](#)

Thespians are a seriously superstitious bunch. Most know not to say good luck to an actor but there is So Much More: never leave the stage completely dark; never whistle in the theatre; never use ...

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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:



Podcast of the Week:

Off Menu with Ed Gamble and James Acaster

Comedians Ed Gamble and James Acaster invite special guests into their magical restaurant to each choose their favourite starter, main course, side dish, dessert and drink. Ever wanted to eat your dream meal? It's time to order Off Menu.



Here is the link to Off Menu:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/off-menu-with-ed-gamble-and-james-acaster/id1442950743>

Album of the Week:

Punisher by Phoebe Bridgers recommended by Joe

This is only Phoebe Bridgers' second album, but she has already established herself as a fantastic songwriter with a distinct worldview. Her songs can be sad, but she never dwells on an emotional feeling too long, quickly switching to candid thoughts and impulses. The California native is bound to have a massive career.



Here is the music video for the 'Kyoto':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tw0zYd0eIlk>

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! yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk

Films of the Week:

Monday: Das Boot

6.05pm Sony Movies Classic (Freeview 50, Freesat 303, Sky 319, Virgin 424)

Superbly gritty and tense, this German classic, based on a 1973 novel by Lothar-Gunther Buchheim, explores the tedium and terror of serving on a Second World War U-boat.



Tuesday: Eddie The Eagle

6.55pm Film 4 (Freeview 14, Freesat 300, Sky 313, Virgin 428)

Taron Egerton stars as Michael 'Eddie the Eagle' Edwards, who sets out to qualify as a ski jumper for the 1988

Olympic Games. With limited cash and a lack of training, he isn't very good- but that won't hold him back.

Wednesday: Fargo

11.45pm ITV4

Frances McDormand stars as the pregnant Minnesota cop investigating a series of brutal slayings in this pitch-black comedy thriller from the Coen brothers.

Thursday: The Blues Brothers

9pm ITV4

John Landis directs this cult comedy caper about two criminal brothers with a plan- a rather chaotic and destructive plan. The musical duo are putting the band back together and ripping their way through Sweet Home Chicago.



Friday: For A Few Dollars More

11.40 BBC2

Sergio Leone's follow up to a Fistful of Dollars teams Clint Eastwood's 'man with no name' with another bounty hunter in pursuit of an outlaw.

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

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.

Craft Time

Paper Straw Tulip Craft



Now that it's spring and all the beautiful flowers are in full bloom it's a perfect time to celebrate with a pretty tulip craft.

This paper straw tulip craft is bright, beautiful and very easy to make.

You'll need: -

- Coloured paper

- Green paper straws
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Glue stick

Draw tulip shapes onto your coloured paper or print off a tulip shape here

www.iheartcraftythings.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Paper-Straw-Tulip-Pattern.pdf and draw around it onto your paper.

Cut out your tulip shapes.

Accordion fold the flower, folding it 4 times.

Punch a hole in the centre of your folded flower with your hole punch.

Unfold your tulip and fit a green straw in and out through the holes.

Cut out 2 thin leaf shapes from your green paper. Add glue to the bottom of each leaf and wrap them around the bottom of the paper straw.

Watch this step-by-step video of how to make this paper straw tulip craft

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iLOZm1J82A&feature=emb_logo

Sites to Try

Here is a link of book recommendations for parents and their children.

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/the-best-books-for-frazzled-parents-and-their-children/ar-BB161Up2?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds>



[The best books for frazzled parents - and their children](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/world/the-best-books-for-frazzled-parents-and-their-children/ar-BB161Up2?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds)

Books offering support to parents have come on in leaps and bounds since the days when Gina Ford and Supernanny-style discipline reigned supreme. My go-to book for practical advice is The Book You ...

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QUIZ TIME

1. In the popular story who did the 3 Billy Goats Gruff defeat?
2. What type of animal is Sid in the movie Ice Age?
3. How many sides does an octagon have?
4. What comes first, thunder or lightning?
5. What colour is Shrek?
6. What is the 10th month of the year?
7. How many eggs are in a dozen?
8. When is a popular time to make resolutions?
9. What is the full name of a T-Rex?
10. What did Cinderella lose?

I'll add the answers next week, good luck!

How well did you do with last week's quiz? You can check to see how many you got correct, may be all ten!

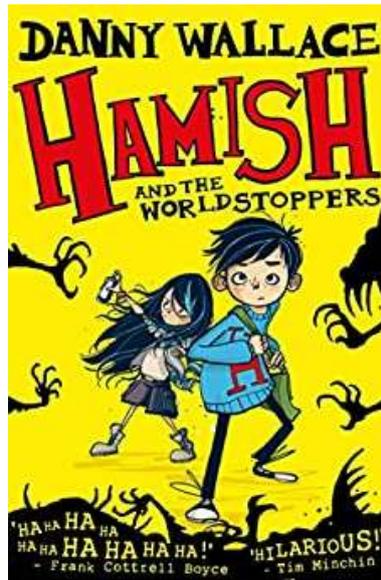
The answers are below:

1. Jack and Jill
2. Bucket
3. Duke
4. Donald Trump
5. Spider, octopus
6. Shrek
7. 7
8. George
9. Snake
10. London

Book Recommendation/Review

Hamish and the WorldStoppers

By Danny Wallace



What would YOU do... if the whole world just stopped?

Yes, the WHOLE WORLD.

Birds in the air. Planes in the sky. And every single person on the planet - except you!
Because that's what keeps happening to ten-year-old Hamish Ellerby.

And it's being caused by The WorldStoppers and their terrifying friends The Terribles! They have a PLAN! They want to take our world for their own . . . Oh, and they hate children. Especially if you're a child who knows about them. Hang on - You know now, don't you? Oh dear.

Can Hamish save us from The WorldStoppers? Only time will tell!

Reviewed by Aaryan aged 9

My favourite part of this book is when Hamish goes into The Sweet Shop that Madame Cous Cous owns. It would be so amazing to have a sweet shop like that next door and to

be able to go in every day with money to buy sweets from all around the world for only £1.00.

I would recommend this book to people who have a great imagination. It is great for children of 9 years old and over. It is also good for people who like happy endings.

DON'T FORGET

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge is "**Silly Squad**" - a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter.

Sign up for the Challenge at sillysquad.org.uk. The site is free to access and will feature video content, games, quizzes, and digital downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in the Challenge at home. It is a place for children to rate and review their books and work towards their reading goal.

Challenge starts on Friday 5 June 2020 and will run until September



Keep Reading 😊
