

Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In

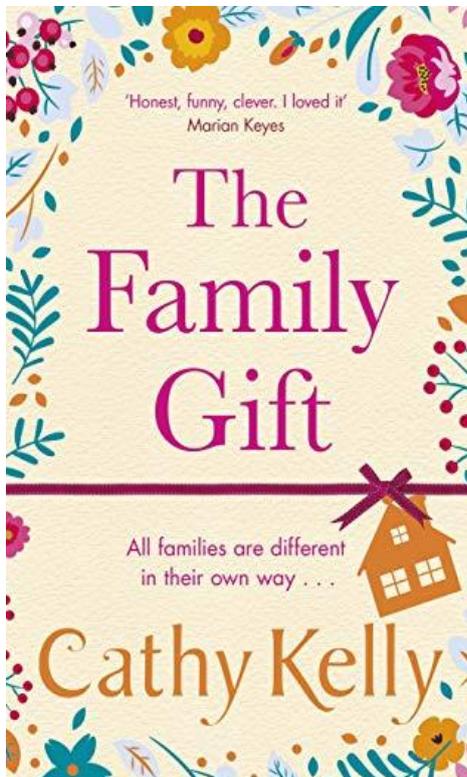
Hi All

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?



The Family Gift by Cathy Kelly

Freya Abalone has a big, messy, wonderful family. A fantastic career and a new house. But that's on the outside.

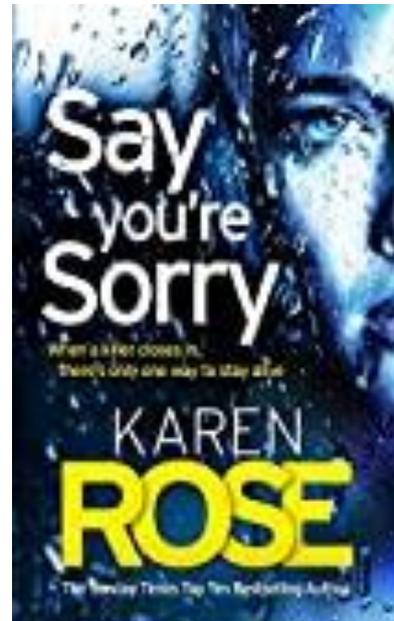
On the inside, she's got Mildred - the name she's given to that nagging inner critic who tells us all we're not good enough. And now Freya's beloved blended family is under threat. Dan's first wife Elisa, the glamorous, manipulative woman who happily abandoned her daughter to Freya and Dan's care and left the country, has elbowed her way back into their lives. But Freya knows that when life gives you lemons, you throw them right back. Can Freya put her family - and herself - back together?

Find out in Cathy Kelly's warmest, wisest and funniest book yet.

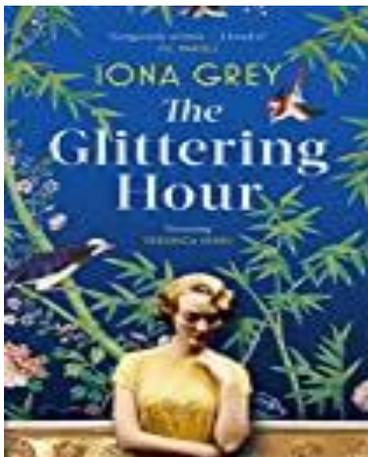
Say You're Sorry by Karen Rose

Special Agent Gideon Reynolds has tried hard to put his past behind him. He escaped the violence of his cult upbringing when he was just 13, and since then routine and discipline have been his way of making sense of the world. But when a petite blonde woman crashes into his life, he begins to realise that a little bit of chaos might not be so bad.

Daisy Dawson has had more than her fair share of pain too - but she's done being a victim. Daisy's determined to explore every new experience she can - including getting to know the dark and serious FBI investigator she meets when she fights off a masked attacker one night. It soon becomes clear that Daisy's attack was just the beginning. Now the bloodied bodies of young women are showing up all over California, and, as Gideon tries to find the killer, it's clear that Daisy is in more danger than they ever realised.



The Glittering Hour By Iona Grey



1925. The war is over, and a new generation is coming of age, keen to put the trauma of the previous one behind them.

Selina Lennox is a bright young thing. Her life is a whirl of parties and drinking, pursued by the press and staying just the right side of scandal.

Lawrence Weston is a penniless painter who stumbles into Selina's orbit one night and can never let her go. Spanning two decades and a seismic shift in British history as World War II approaches, this is an epic novel of passion, heartache, and loss.

I hope these snippets help, if you'd like to tell us what you're reading we'd love to hear from you, and also if you've read any of the books recommended and what you thought of them. Please email yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk and we'll post your book recommendations.

Quiz: provided by Hilary, Library Assistant

1. Which famous island, named after an animal, is the only place in Africa where feral rabbits are found?
2. The blue and white flag known as 'The Saltire' is the national flag of which country?
3. Name the two US states named after King Charles I?
4. Named after a popular spice, what is the coastal area around Liberia called?
5. In which country is the southern most point of mainland Europe? a. Spain b. Italy c. Greece d. Portugal
6. Which three colours are found on the Hungarian flag?
7. Originally built to house judo competitions, what is the name of the famous indoor arena in Tokyo where countless bands and musicians have recorded 'Live' albums?
8. What kind of stallions perform the classical dressage at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna?
9. Name the three countries in the world that are landlocked (surrounded) by a single country. One point for each correct answer.
10. Lake Vostok is the largest lake on which continent?
11. Which two languages that end with the letter 'i' are in the top six list of most spoken languages in the world? (based on the number of native speakers)

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

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

1. HYACINTH Bucket
2. Build me up BUTTERCUP
3. Name of the ROSE
4. DAISY Duck
5. The BLUEBELLS
6. HEATHER Mills
7. VIOLET Carson

8. Desert ORCHID

9. IRIS

10. Flowers

Recipes:

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

Strawberry Banana Split

I love anything sweet and this recipe is so quick and easy to make 😊

Ingredients:

250g Strawberries

1 tbsp Icing Sugar

4 Medium Bananas

8 scoops vanilla ice cream

1 tsp crushed Peanuts, Optional
Wafers



Method:

Thinly slice 4 strawberries (put to one side)

Add remaining strawberries and Icing sugar in a blender, Blend until smooth

Cut bananas in half, length ways

Place each banana in a dish and top with 2 scoops of ice cream

Drizzle with Strawberry mix

Add some sliced strawberries to top

Sprinkle with crushed peanuts, Optional. You could use 100s and 1000s or chocolate Buttons

Add wafers to the side

Serve and enjoy!

BOOK NEWS

Ten bestselling book in lockdown: How many of them have you read?

1. Normal People by Sally Rooney
2. The Flatshare by Beth O'Leary
3. Blood Orange by Harriet Tyce
4. The Silent Patient by Alexander Michaelides
5. Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
6. Slime by David Walliams
7. Mrs Hinch: The Little Book Of Lists by Mrs Hinch
8. The Boy, The Mole, The Fox And The Horse by Charlie Mackesy
9. The Mirror And The Light by Hilary Mantel
10. This Is Going To Hurt: Secret Diaries Of A Junior Doctor by Adam Kay

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/nicola-sturgeon-calls-for-more-diversity-in-books/vi-BB18h1mq>



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Nicola Sturgeon has said readers have a responsibility to pressurise the publishing industry to include more diversity. The Scottish First Minister was chairing an interview with writer Bernardine Evaristo about her novel *Girl, Woman, Other* as part of the online Edinburgh International Book Festival.

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<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/lifestyle/spotlight/how-the-british-picnic-saved-our-lockdown-summer/ar-BB18dveS?li=AAAnZ9Ug&ocid=mailsignout>



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"Everything tastes better outdoors," writes Claudia Roden in *Picnics: And Other Outdoor Feasts*.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS - FILM AND TV

<https://www.bt.com/tv/drama/des-itv-cast-david-tennant-air-date-filming-location-true-story-dennis-nilsen>

[Des: David Tennant serial killer drama's cast, start date | BT TV](#)

Des, a true crime drama about serial killer Dennis Nilsen, is one of the most highly-anticipated new drama series of the autumn. Starring David Tennant, Daniel Mays and Jason Watkins, follows the mould of previous hit ITV series Appropriate Adult, A Confession and White House Farm, retelling a chilling UK criminal case from a new perspective.

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<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/strictly-come-dancing-will-air-new-christmas-countdown-special-this-year/ar-BB18dBC7?ocid=mailsignout>



[Strictly Come Dancing will air new Christmas Countdown special this year](#)

Will we be getting festive?

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<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/endeavours-shaun-evans-suranne-jones-and-rose-leslie-to-star-in-exciting-new-bbc-drama-get-the-details/ar-BB18dzwu?ocid=mailsignout>



[Endeavour's Shaun Evans, Suranne Jones and Rose Leslie to star in exciting new BBC drama - get the details](#)

Production for the new BBC show Vigil was paused due to lockdown - get the first look here

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<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/who-wants-to-be-a-millionaire-contestant-scoops-%c2%a31m-jackpot-for-first-time-in-14-years/ar-BB18dHWu?ocid=mailsignout>



[Who Wants to Be A Millionaire
contestant scoops £1m jackpot for first
time in 14 years](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/im-a-celebrity-2020-rumours-mount-as-farm-near-gwrych-castle-makes-shock-announcement-to-members/ar-BB18c5cB?ocid=mailsignout)

Jeremy Clarkson has revealed a 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?' contestant has scooped the £1 million jackpot on the show's new series, which will begin broadcasting month.

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<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/im-a-celebrity-2020-rumours-mount-as-farm-near-gwrych-castle-makes-shock-announcement-to-members/ar-BB18c5cB?ocid=mailsignout>



[I'm a Celebrity 2020 rumours mount as
farm near Gwrych Castle makes shock
announcement to members](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/im-a-celebrity-2020-rumours-mount-as-farm-near-gwrych-castle-makes-shock-announcement-to-members)

Manorafon Farm Park which houses animals including snakes and cockroaches, is set to close to the public this week

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<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/movies/death-on-the-nile-trailer-is-here-and-its-the-best-thing-youll-see-all-day/ar-BB189DrB?ocid=mailsignout>



[Death on the Nile trailer is here and it's
the best thing you'll see all day](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/movies/death-on-the-nile-trailer-is-here-and-its-the-best-thing-youll-see-all-day)

The upcoming film has an all-star cast including Kenneth Branagh, Gal Gadot, Dawn French, Rose Leslie, Jennifer Saunders and more

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Films of the Week:

Monday: Manhunter 9pm ITV4

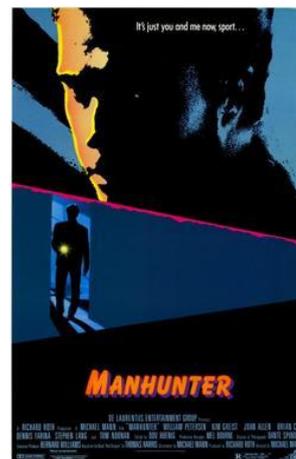
Michael Mann's superb psychological thriller, based on Thomas Harris's Red Dragon, is stylish, chilling and electrifyingly tense. William Petersen stars as the damaged FBI profiler tracking a serial killer.

Tuesday: The Loneliness Of The Long Distance Runner 4.25pm Sony Movies (Freeview 32, Freesat 302, Sky 321, Virgin 425)

Tom Courtenay stars as the working class lad finding respite from his miserable life through running. One of the great British kitchen sink dramas of the 1960s.

Wednesday: Paul 9pm ITV2

Simon Pegg and Nick Frost play pals on a road trip through America's UFO country in this fun sci-fi comedy. In between getting bullied by red necks, they pick up a cheeky alien and help him avoid the men in black suits.



Thursday: The Magnificent Seven 10pm ITV4

Denzel Washington stars in this enjoyable update of the classic western. It's a strong action-led movie, but some of the original swagger is lost in translation.

Friday: The Witches of Eastwick 10.50pm BBC1

A playful adaptation of John Updike's novel, with Jack Nicholson as the devilish mystery man drawing the wicked side out of three women. Susan Sarandon, Cher and Michelle Pfeiffer are the friends unleashing their hidden talents.

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:

Stone Crush: Memphis Modern Soul 1977-1987 recommended by Joe

This compilation pulls together 19 songs that, unless you're a funk and soul scholar, you're guaranteed to have never heard. 'Memphis Soul' conjures up images of Sam & Dave and Otis Redding, but this album showcases the more obscure artists of the scene. If you're looking for some old soul that might be new to you, this is a good place to start.



Here is one of the tracks from the album- 'He Left You Standing There' by Sir Henry Ivy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zwwv3bVv_I

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

Podcast of the Week:

The Adam Buxton Podcast

British comedian Adam Buxton talks with interesting people. The rambly conversations are sometimes funny, sometimes more serious with funny bits. Adam makes the jingles and records the intros and outros for most episodes while walking with his dog friend Rosie in the East Anglian countryside where he lives with his wife and three children.



Here is the link to 'The Adam Buxton Podcast':

<https://podcasts.apple.com/no/podcast/the-adam-buxton-podcast/id1040481893>

Something for the Kids:

QUIZ

1. Finish the tune "Can you tell me how to get, how to get to -----??"
2. What is the largest planet in the Solar System?
3. Complete the tune "Bob the builder, can we ----- it?"
4. Who was Prime Minister before Boris Johnson?
5. Who was Kermit the Frog's Girlfriend?
6. What are the two longest Rivers in the World?
7. What is the name of Dora the Explorer's pet monkey?
8. Who was Prime Minister when World War 2 ended?
9. Who is Bart Simpson's dad?
10. What is the name of the Kingdom that Anna and Elsa live in?

QUIZ ANSWERS

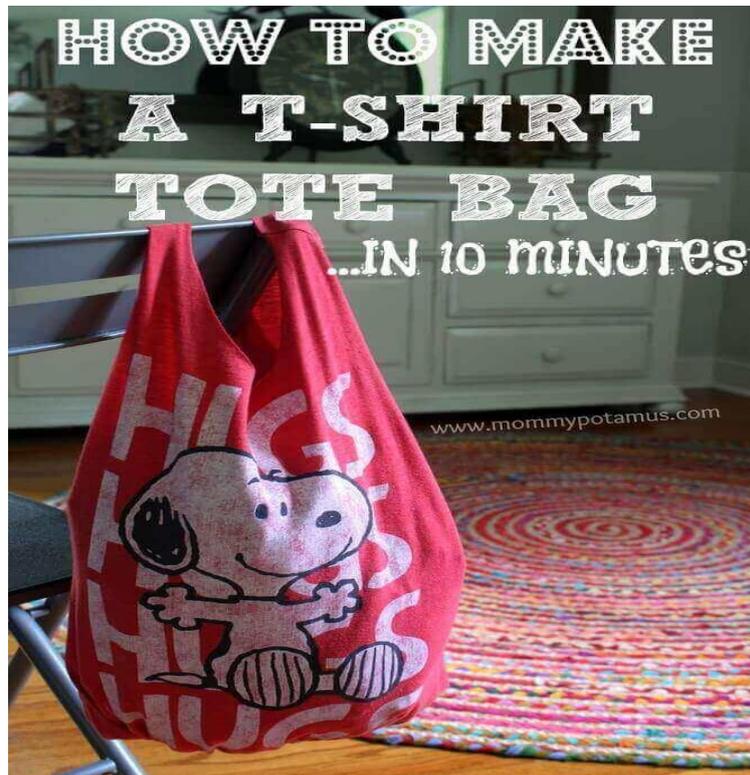
How well did you do with last week's quiz? You can check to see how many you got correct, may be all ten! The answers are below for you to check

1. Emily
2. Marshall
3. Tinky Winky, Dipsy, Laa-Laa and Po
4. Spongebob
5. Pontypandy
6. 10 Downing Street
7. Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
8. Horrible Histories
9. Pacific
10. Hakuna Matata

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

CRAFT TIME

No-Sew T-Shirt Bag



This is a craft that I have seen on the internet and thought it is so simple and green that I wanted to share with you. You can make good use of your old t-shirts. They will make lovely gifts.

All you need is:

An old, unwanted T-shirt

Scissors

Marker

These handy pictures provide the step by step stages

What to do:

- ❖ **Cut the sleeves off.** I followed the seam



- ❖ **Cut the neckline area,** quite deep as this is part of the handles Not as deep as the bottom of the sleeves. This is the opening of your bag
- ❖ **Decide how deep you want the bag to be.** Determine where you want the bottom of the bag to be and trace a line across.



Cut fringe, Now grab your scissors and cut slits from the bottom of the shirt up to the line marking the bottom of your bag. You'll want to cut both the front and back layers together because they need to match up for the next step. I cut my slits about 1 inch apart

- ❖ **Tie the fringe.** Okay, this is going to sound really complicated, but it's NOT, promise. Take your first pair of fringes and tie it into a knot, then tie two more pairs. Now if you lift your bag, you'll see that although the pairs are pulling the bag together, there's a hole between each pair. This next step will close those holes.



In the photo above you see three sets of fringes that have been tied in knots. What I do next is grab one strand from the middle set (the one with the arrow pointing left) and tie it in a knot with one of the strands on the left set. Then I take the other strand from the middle set (the one with the arrow pointing right) and tie it in a knot with one of the strands on the right set.



Then I take the remaining strand on the right set and tie it to the next set of strands, and so on and so forth until all the strands are tied. Now turn your t-shirt right side out again and voila, you're done!

You could try doing this for a different style. Turn the bag right side out when tying the fringe.

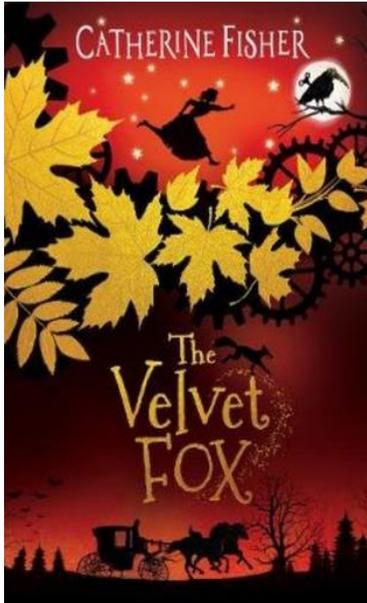


I hope this project inspires a little crafty recycling in your home. I'm sure you and your little ones will love turning rubbish into treasure. You can make these easy T-shirt Bags and gift them to friends and family, I'm sure whoever receives your thoughtful handy work is sure to be pleased as punch. I know they make me smile every time I use them for my shopping.

Here's to crafting and giving green!

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

The Velvet Fox by Catherine Fisher

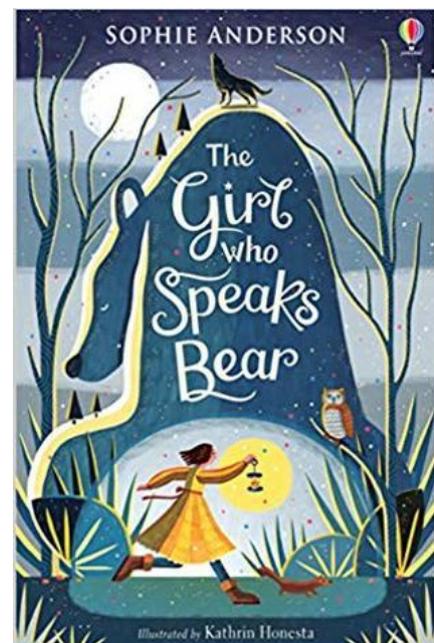


After rescuing Tomas from enchantment, orphan Seren Rhys is enjoying her first summer at Plas-y-Fran. But as autumn arrives, it brings with it a mysterious new governess who seems intent on drawing Tomas away from Seren and his family.

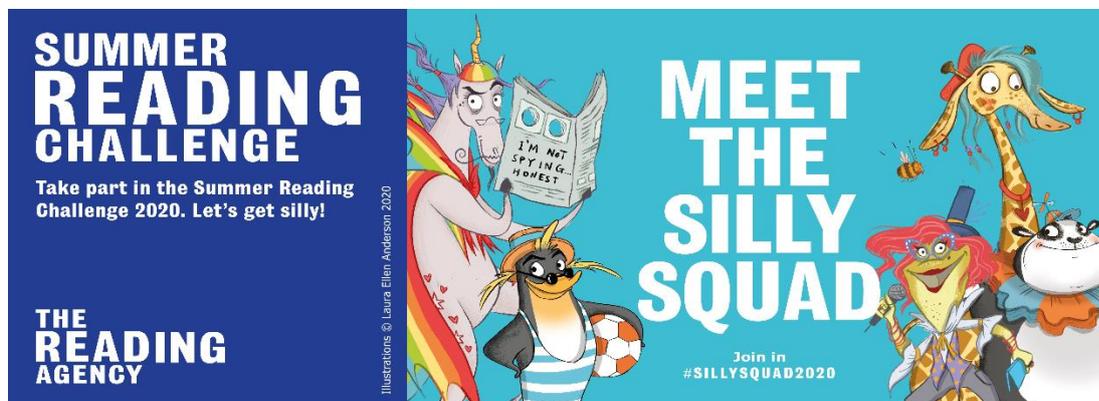
Dangerous figures from a bewitched toy carousel stalk the house, and fearing the worst, Seren calls on her old friend, the clockwork crow, to help her.

The Girl Who Speaks Bear By Sophie Anderson

Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, 12-year-old Yanka has always felt out of place in her small village. When she wakes up to find that her legs have become bear legs, she sets off into the forest to discover who she is, on a journey that takes her from icy rivers to smouldering mountains, with an ever-growing group of misfits alongside her... Interwoven with traditional stories of bears, princesses and dragons, Yanka's journey is a gorgeously lyrical adventure from the best-selling author of *The House With Chicken Legs*.



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