

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.

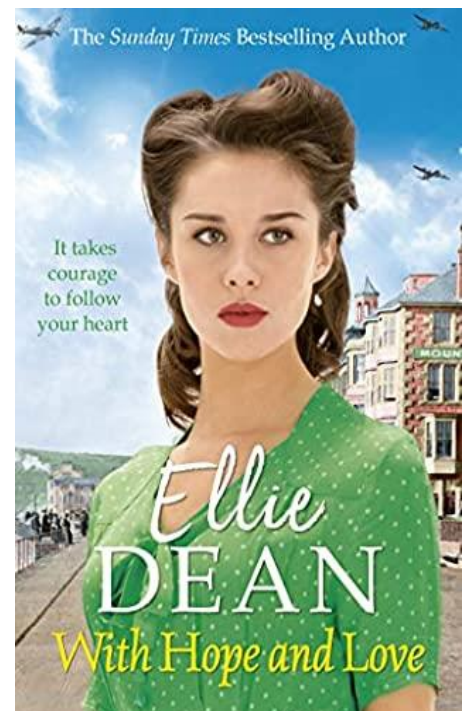
I've asked friends, family and colleagues to share with us what they're reading and it's quite a mix!

What are people reading?

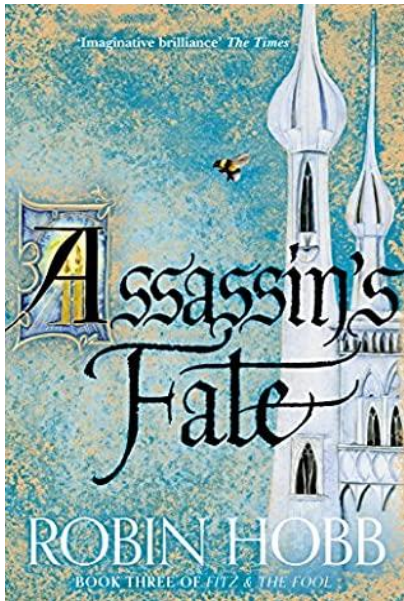
With Hope and Love
by Ellie Dean

Cliffehaven, 1945.

The war in Europe is over, but for Peggy Reilly and the residents of Beach View Boarding House the effects of the conflict are still far-reaching. Cockney evacuee, Ivy, and her sweetheart, Andy, are saving to get married and fulfil their dream of returning to the East End. But when tragedy strikes, Ivy is faced with a life-changing dilemma that only she can resolve. Rita also faces an impossible choice when her sweetheart Peter proposes and asks her to live with him in Australia - just as her widowed father returns from the fighting in Europe. Meanwhile Peggy must say goodbye to several of her evacuee chicks whilst she awaits the return of her family from Somerset and the news that her husband, Jim, can finally come home. It's a dream she's held onto for six long years, but fate has one more twist in store.

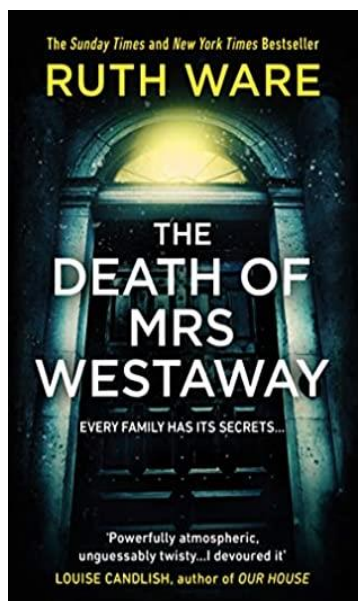


Assassin's Fate 3rd book in the Fitz and the Fool Trilogy by Robin Hobb



Prince FitzChivalry Farseer's daughter Bee was violently abducted from Withywoods by Servants of the Four in their search for the Unexpected Son, foretold to wield great power. With Fitz in pursuit, the Servants fled through a Skill-pillar, leaving no trace. It seems certain that they and their young hostage have perished in the Skill-river. Clerres, where White Prophets were trained by the Servants to set the world on a better path, has been corrupted by greed. Fitz is determined to reach the city and take vengeance on the Four, not only for the loss of Bee but also for their torture of the Fool. Accompanied by FitzVigilant, son of the assassin Chade, Chade's protege Spark and the stableboy Perseverance, Bee's only friend, their journey will take them from the Elderling city of Kelsingra, down the perilous Rain Wild River, and on to the Pirate Isles.

The Death of Mrs Westaway by Ruth Ware



Harriet receives an unexpected letter telling her she's inherited a substantial bequest from her Cornish grandmother, it seems like the answer to her prayers. She owes money to a loan shark and the threats are getting increasingly aggressive: she needs to get her hands on some cash fast. There's just one problem - Hal's real grandparents died over 20 years ago. The letter has been sent to the wrong person. But Hal knows that the cold-reading techniques she's honed as a seaside fortune teller could help her con her way to getting the money. If anyone has the skills to turn up at a stranger's funeral and claim a bequest they're not entitled to, it's her. Hal makes a choice that will change her life for ever. But once she embarks on her deception, there's no going back. She must keep going or risk losing everything, even her life.

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

BOOK QUIZ

Have you been doing loads of reading during lockdown? Or maybe you already know loads about books and literature?

Well now's your time to shine.

Questions

1. "Mr. and Mrs. Dursley, of number four Privet Drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much." Which book is this the opening line of?
2. Daisy Buchanan is a main character in which F. Scott Fitzgerald novel?
3. Who wrote the Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time?
4. In Jacqueline Wilson's Tracy Beaker, what does Tracy call the care home she lives in?
5. What is the name of the Sally Rooney novel that's just been turned into a TV adaption?
6. What book is Winston Smith a main character in?
7. What's the cat called in Macbeth?
8. Who's the current Poet Laureate?
9. In which country was Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code banned?
10. What was Stephen King's first published novel?

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

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

1. Bob Dylan
2. Meat Loaf
3. Woody Allen
4. Alice Cooper
5. Elton John
6. John Wayne
7. Tina Turner
8. Queen Latifah
9. Cliff Richard
10. Boy George

Recipes:

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

With Universities due to start back BBC recipes have helpfully created a collection of 'student slow-cooker meals' that are perfect for those on a budget. Make a batch that will serve you the week, or offer it around and become everyone's best friend.

Here is slow-cooker barbecue-style pork chops:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/slow_cooker_pork_chops_50315



BOOK AND ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF RETURNS ON 22 SEPTEMBER

<https://www.cosmopolitan.com/uk/entertainment/a33914531/great-british-bake-off-2020-start-date/>



[The Great British Bake Off 2020: Everything you need to know](#)

The Great British Bake Off 2020: Contestants, release date, trailer, judges, hosts, themes and everything you need to know about GBBO 2020.

www.cosmopolitan.com

PETER JAMES' DETECTIVE ROY GRACE TO HIT THE TV SCREEN

<https://www.radiotimes.com/news/tv/2020-09-14/grace-itv-release-date-john-simm/>



[Grace on ITV release date I John Simm, cast, trailer - Radio Times](#)

Life on Mars star John Simm is headlining a brand new ITV crime drama, adapted from the bestselling Roy Grace novels by Peter James. Grace will see Simm take on the role of troubled Detective ...

www.radiotimes.com

MARGARET ATWOOD WINS AWARD

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/arts/books/article-margaret-atwood-named-2020-winner-of-richard-c-holbrooke/>



[Margaret Atwood named 2020 winner of Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award - The Globe and Mail](#)

The award, which is named for the late U.S. diplomat who brokered the 1995 Bosnian peace accords, celebrates literature's power to foster peace, social justice and global understanding

www.theglobeandmail.com

COMMEMORATIVE COIN TO MARK 100 YEARS SINCE AGATHA CHRISTIE'S FIRST NOVEL

<https://www.heart.co.uk/lifestyle/royal-mint-agatha-christie-two-pound-coin/>



[Royal Mint release Agatha Christie £2 coin to celebrate 100 years of murder mysteries - Heart](#)

The £2 coin was designed by David Lawrence, and features a puzzle print. Picture: Royal Mint The coin reflects the mysterious stories Agatha Christie wrote with a puzzle design, complete with a ...

www.heart.co.uk

BOOKER PRIZE SHORTLIST

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-54158215>



[Booker Prize 2020: Four debuts make shortlist as Hilary Mantel misses out - BBC News](#)

Four debut novels have been included on the shortlist for this year's Booker Prize, but two-time winner Hilary Mantel has missed

out. Mantel had been tipped for a record third win for The Mirror ...

www.bbc.co.uk

JAMES PATTERSON REVIEW

<https://dailyillini.com/opinions/2020/09/14/opinion-james-patterson-deserves-literary-commendation/>



[Opinion | James Patterson deserves literary commendation | The Daily Illini](#)

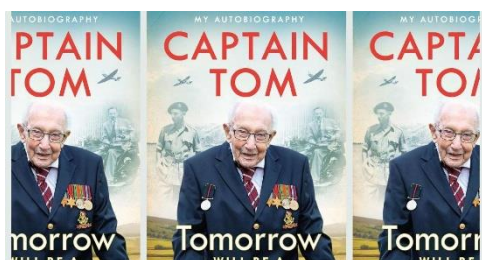
When you think of the most prolific writers in history, names like William Shakespeare, Ernest Hemingway, Emily Dickinson, Mark Twain and J.K. Rowling should always come to mind. As those wordsmiths have made their mark on the world, so has mystery novelist James Patterson, who shows no signs of slowing down any time soon. The...

dailyillini.com

REVIEW OF CAPTAIN TOM MOORE'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

TOMORROW WILL BE A GOOD DAY

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/spotlight/tomorrow-will-be-a-good-day-by-captain-tom-moore-review-upbeat-and-engaging/ar-BB198cT2?ocid=msedgntp>



[Tomorrow Will Be A Good Day by Captain Tom Moore - review: upbeat and engaging - msn.com](#)

Captain Tom Moore can't believe his luck. At 100 years old, this "quiet little soul", as he describes himself in this autobiography, has become a national hero, admired by both the Queen and ...

www.msn.com

NEW BOOK AND DOCUMENTARY ON THE BEATLES

<https://www.reuters.com/article/music-beatles-book-idUSKBN2672WS>



[Times of trouble? Book, film cast Beatles' 'Let It Be' in happier light | Reuters](#)

The recording of The Beatles' final album "Let It Be" has gone down in the band's lore as times of trouble, a gloomy harbinger of their break-up.

www.reuters.com

LOCAL ACTOR STEPHEN GRAHAM TO STAR IN NEW BBC ONE DRAMA WRITTEN BY LOCAL WRITER JIMMY MCGOVERN

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/news/stephen-graham-and-sean-bean-star-in-prison-drama-time-for-bbc-one/ar-BB194YBD>



[Stephen Graham and Sean Bean star in prison drama Time for BBC One](#)

The Line of Duty actor, 47, and the Game of Thrones star, 61, will play the lead roles in the show, which examines the British penal system through the eyes of two men.

www.msn.com

STRICTLY COME DANCING RETURNS IN OCTOBER

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-54188629>



[Strictly Come Dancing professionals Johannes and Graziano dance together](#)

The corporation says Strictly is "an inclusive show" after receiving complaints from some viewers.

www.bbc.co.uk

ONE TO LOOK OUT FOR .. HUGH LAURIE IN ROADKILL

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/uk/lifestyle/a28796295/roadkill-cast-plot-air-date-spoilers/>



[Roadkill on BBC One: Cast, plot, air date and spoilers](#)

He's known for his award-winning performances in hit series House and The Night Manager, and Hugh Laurie is set to wow TV audiences again in new series Roadkill.. In the four-part political ...

www.goodhousekeeping.com

BEST NEW AND UPCOMING DRAMAS ON TV

<https://www.stylist.co.uk/entertainment/tv/autumn-tv-2020-best-new-series-shows-bbc-itv-channel-4-netflix/421436>



[Autumn TV: Stylist's guide to the best dramas coming this season](#)

Stylist's guide to the best dramas still to come this year on the BBC, Netflix, ITV, Amazon Prime and Sky. It has been a year like no other: uncertain, overwhelming, meditative, sometimes joyful ...

www.stylist.co.uk

HERE'S A LOVELY ONE FOR THE AUTUMN ...

<https://www.rsst.org.uk/blog/2020/9/10/national-red-squirrel-awareness-week-21920-press-release>



[National Red Squirrel Awareness Week 21.9.20 – Press Release — RSST](https://www.rsst.org.uk/blog/2020/9/10/national-red-squirrel-awareness-week-21920-press-release)

National Red Squirrel Awareness Week Red Squirrel Survival Trust launches activities for upcoming seven-day campaign to save the native species Red Squirrels are an endangered species and have been completely pushed out of their native habitats in the southern half of the British mainland. Nu

www.rsst.org.uk

Feedback From Our Readers:

We received some lovely feedback from one of our Halewood members this week, Keith Teare wrote:

“Phoned library for books to be ordered for my appointed visit. Very courteous and helpful on phone.

Books and set up at the library was superb – handwash and screens all in place ensuring social distancing.

Well done Halewood Library”

Thanks Keith, we’re pleased you enjoyed your visit 😊

Films of the Week:

Monday: Passengers

9pm Film 4 (Freeview 14, Freesat 300, Sky 313, Virgin 428)

A spacecraft transporting thousands of people to a distant planet malfunctions. As woken travelling companions Jim and Aurora fall in love, they are soon on a collision course with more technical problems and a dark secret. Fantasy adventure starring Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt.



Tuesday: Buggy

9pm Sony Movies Classic (Freeview 50, Sky 319, Virgin 424, Freesat 303)

Fact-based crime drama about New York gangster Bugsy Siegel, who was sent to Los Angeles to take over the West Coast rackets, but fell for a glamorous starlet and embarked on a business venture to turn Las Vegas into a gamblers' paradise. Starring Warren Beatty, Annette Bening, Harvey Keitel and Ben Kingsley.

Wednesday: American Graffiti

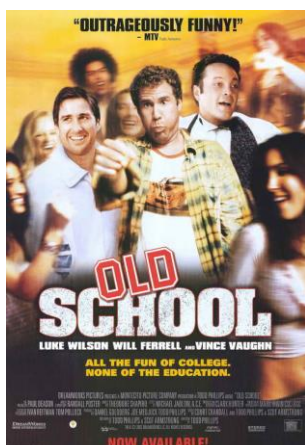
11.10pm Sony Movies Classic (Freeview 50, Sky 319, Virgin 424, Freesat 303)

On a late summer's night in 1962, four small-town California teenagers in their final year at senior high decide to celebrate their friendship with one last night on the town, before the responsibilities of adulthood close in on them and they go their separate ways. Coming-of-age comedy drama starring Richard Dreyfuss, Ron Howard and Harrison Ford.

Thursday: The Equaliser

9pm ITV4

A retired secret agent applies his talents to the task of helping victims of injustice. When he witnesses a prostitute being beaten up by a pimp, he kills the man, an act that draws him into battle to the death with a Russian crime syndicate. Denzel Washington stars.



Friday: Old School

10.45pm BBC1

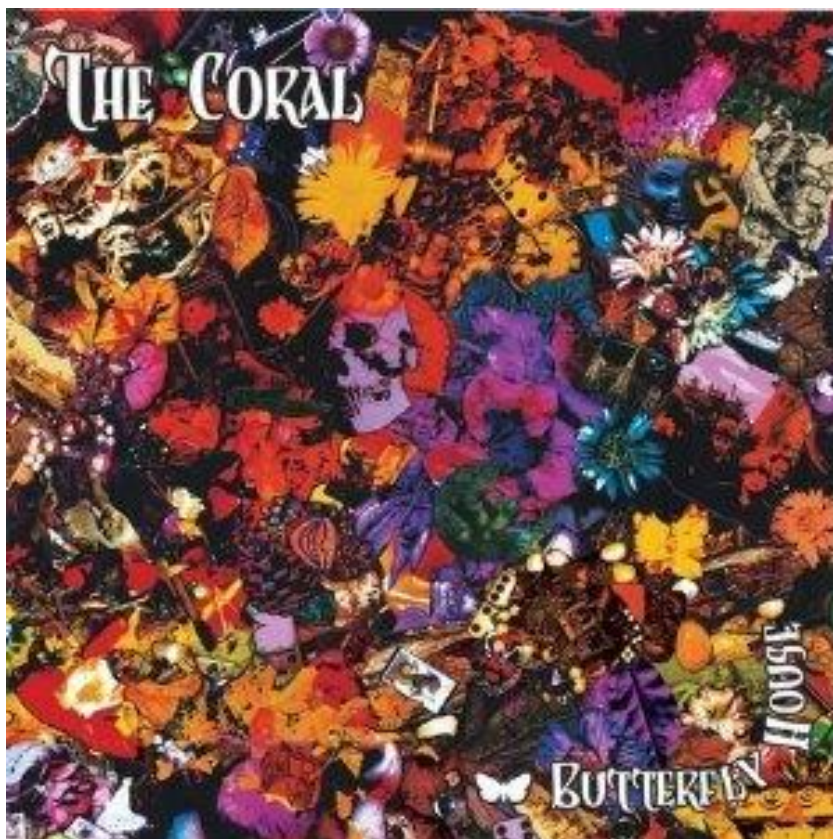
An embittered lawyer decides to relive the wild, crazy days of his youth after his girlfriend is unfaithful, and enlists the help of two equally disillusioned friends in setting up a fraternity house next to his former college campus. Comedy starring Luke Wilson, Vince Vaughan and Will Ferrell.

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:

Butterfly House by The Coral recommended by Joe

This is The Coral's sixth studio album and, for me, one of their very best. The sweet psychedelic music coupled with James Skelly's incredible voice allows this album to really land.



Here is the video for 'More Than A Lover' from Butterfly House:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ay-A7J16ZnQ>

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:

Kermode and Mayo's Film Review

Mark Kermode joins Simon Mayo to give his verdict on the week's movies. The pair are often joined by industry legends such as Peter Bogdanovich, Christopher Nolan and Anette Bening.



Here is the link to Kermode and Mayo's Film Review:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/kermode-and-mayos-film-review/id73802698?at=1000ltXT>

Something for the Kids:

QUIZ

1. What do you call a baby kangaroo?
2. What's the biggest animal in the ocean?
3. How many lives does a cat have?
4. What's the name of the river that flows through London?
5. What country invented tea?
6. Who sang Shake It Off?
7. Which travels faster, light or sound?
8. What type of fish is Nemo?
9. Who was behind the Gunpowder Plot on the Houses of Parliament in 1605-remembered every year on Bonfire Night?
10. What is closer to Earth, the moon or the sun?

QUIZ ANSWERS

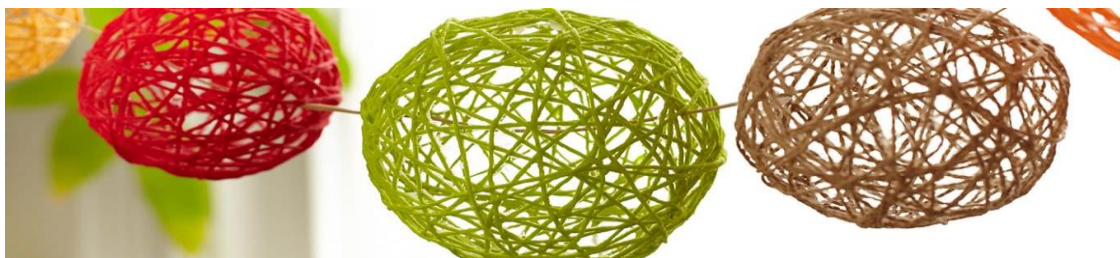
How well did you do with last week's quiz? You can check to see how many you got correct, may be all ten! The answers are below for you to check

1. Red, Blue and Yellow
2. Scotland and Wales
3. 20
4. A Clown Fish
5. Paw Patrol
6. Leonardo Da Vinci
7. Flower
8. Agrabah
9. Edinburgh
10. St. George

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

CRAFT TIME

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.



YARN BALLS

Yarn balls are colorful, versatile and suitable for so many things. You can thread them together and hang them in your bedroom or hang them in the garden.

Here's how to make them.

You will need and **ADULT** to help you

MATERIALS

Balloons
Plastic bags to cover the floor
Cooking spray
White glue

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup cornstarch

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup hot water

Scissors

Yarn

Mixing bowl

INSTRUCTIONS

Blow up balloons to different sizes (filling balloons only halfway will help you achieve a more spherical shape) and knot each balloon

Create a drying area. If you're working outdoors or in the garage, hang up a clothesline. If you're working indoors, suspend a string between two chairs. Be sure to put a dropcloth or several plastic bags under the drying area to catch drips

Hang balloons from strings above the drying area

Spray balloons with cooking spray; this will make it easier to remove the yarn later

In the mixing bowl, mix hot water with cornstarch

Add a bottle of white glue and mix thoroughly

Dip yarn into the glue mixture and gently squeeze out the excess with your fingers — you may want to wear rubber gloves for this step!

Beginning at the knot end, wrap the inflated balloon with the wet yarn. The more you wrap, the denser the ball will be

Wrap in all directions, top to bottom and side to side

When you're satisfied with the wrapping, cut the string

Repeat the process with the remaining balloons

Allow the balloons to dry completely. This may take up to 24 hours. The yarn should be stiff and dry

Pop the balloon. Try very gently kneading the balloon before popping it to separate it from the yarn. Remove the popped balloon

Tip: If the ball collapses a little, inflate a new balloon inside the ball to gently push the collapsed spot back into place, and then pop and remove the balloon.





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