

Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In

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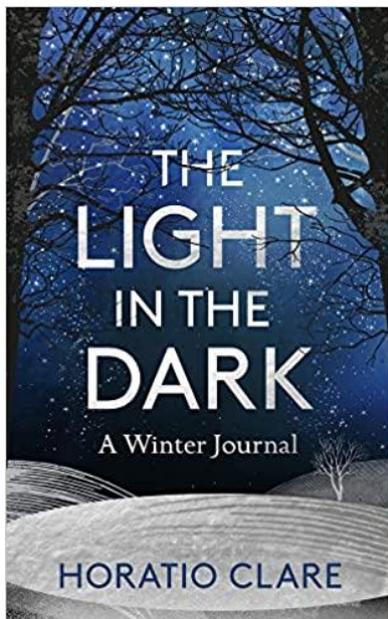
While we're all still having to adjust and **stay safe** at this worrying time, we thought we'd bring you another issue of **Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In**. Lots of us are missing our family, friends and especially going out to our favourite places like the Library ☺ We decided that we'd put together 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 Light in The Dark: A Winter Journal by Horatio Clare

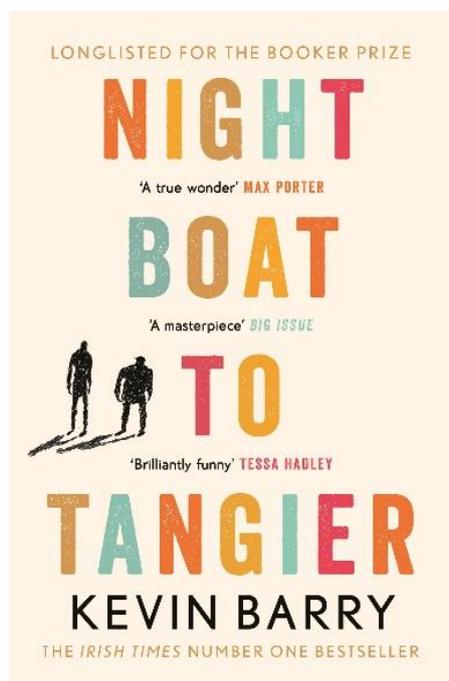


As November stubs out the glow of autumn and the days tighten into shorter hours, winter's occupation begins. Preparing for winter has its own rhythms, as old as our exchanges with the land. Of all the seasons, it draws us together. But winter can be tough.

It is a time of introspection, of looking inwards. Seasonal sadness; winter blues; depression – such feelings are widespread in the darker months. But by looking outwards, by being in and observing nature, we can appreciate its rhythms. Mountains make sense in any weather. The voices of a wood always speak consolation. A brush of frost; subtle colours; days as bright as a magpie's cackle. We can learn to see and celebrate winter in all its shadows and lights.

In this moving and lyrical evocation of a British winter and the feelings it inspires, Horatio Clare raises a torch against the darkness, illuminating the blackest corners of the season, and delving into memory and myth to explore the powerful hold that winter has on us. By learning to see, we can find the magic, the light that burns bright at the heart of winter: spring will come again.

Night Boat to Tangier by Kevin Barry



A sly, twinkling jewel of a novel, *Night Boat to Tangier* ripples with the kind of mordant humour and tattered romanticism that has made Kevin Barry one of the most highly respected of contemporary authors. Marrying laconic Irish wit to faded Latin glamour, this tale of careworn gangsters, lost love and male friendship is rich, evocative fiction at its very finest.

It's late one night at the Spanish port of Algeciras and two fading Irish gangsters are waiting on the boat from Tangier. A lover has been lost, a daughter has gone missing, their world has come asunder - can it be put together again? *Night Boat to Tangier* is a novel drenched in sex and death and narcotics, in sudden violence and old magic, but it is obsessed, above all, with the mysteries of love.

A tragicomic masterwork from a multi-award-winning writer, *Night Boat to Tangier* is both mordant and hilarious, lyrical yet laden with menace.



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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 Karen, Library Advisor

WORLD POPULATION - CAPITAL CITIES QUIZ

Can you guess which five capital cities of the world have the largest populations?

BRAINTEASER

Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday?

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

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

1. Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
2. The Great Gatsby
3. Mark Haddon
4. The Dumping Ground
5. Normal People
6. 1984
7. Greymalkin
8. Simon Armitage
9. Lebanon
10. Carrie

Recipes:

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

Blueberry and Lemon Cake

With the Great British Bake Off returning to our screens, I thought I would include one of my favourite dessert recipes so you can have a go at home. It's easy to make and delicious to eat, once you have one slice you won't be able to stop.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/blueberry_and_lemon_09039

Ingredients

- 125g/4½oz butter, softened
- 225g/8oz caster sugar
- 2 free-range eggs
- 250g/9oz soured cream
- 1 unwaxed lemon, zest and juice
- 300g/10½oz self-raising flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 150g/5½oz blueberries

For the cream cheese topping

- 50g/2oz butter, softened
- 300g/10½oz icing sugar, sieved, plus extra for dusting
- 200g/7oz cream cheese
- 1-2 tbsp lemon juice
- 50g/2oz blueberries

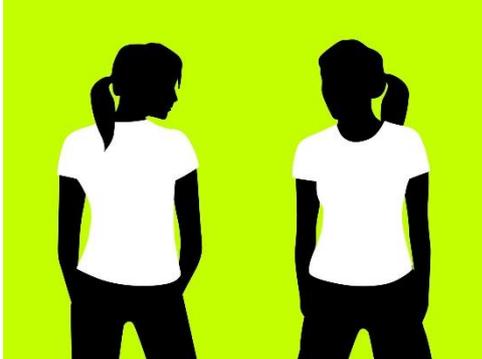
Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Grease and line a rectangular baking tin (approximately 26cm x 20cm/10½in x 8in).
2. Beat the butter and sugar together in a bowl until light and fluffy, then beat in the eggs, one at a time, until well combined. Stir in the soured cream, lemon juice and zest, flour and baking powder until well combined, then carefully fold in the blueberries.
3. Spoon the mixture into the cake tin and bake for 40-45 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the cake comes out clean. Remove the cake from the oven, and set aside until completely cool.
4. Meanwhile for the cream cheese topping, beat the butter and icing sugar together in a bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in the cream cheese and lemon juice, then spread over the top of the cake. Sprinkle over the blueberries and dust with icing sugar.



ENTERTAINMENT AND BOOK NEWS

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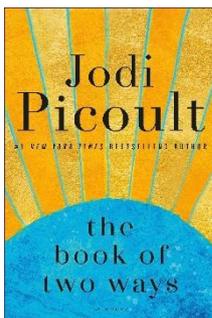


[The Lying Life of Adults: Elena Ferrante's novel is an insight into the wild drama of adolescence | The Independent | Independent](#)

The Lying Life of Adults: Elena Ferrante's novel is an insight into the wild drama of adolescence. Readers who loved the Neapolitan series will doubtless fall for this book, writes Marion Winik

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<https://www.independent.co.uk/wires/us/book-review-two-love-affairs-fuel-book-two-ways-b512734.html>



[Book Review: Two love affairs fuel 'The Book of Two Ways' | The Independent](#)

"The Book of Two Ways" is a thrilling adventure, but the many timelines woven through the novel can also be a bit difficult to follow. With Picoult's stories, there is always something new ...

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<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/young-adult-books-round-up-%e2%80%93-review/ar-BB19hMaX?ocid=msedgntp>



[Young adult books round-up – review](#)

Alex Wheatle won the Guardian children’s fiction prize for *Crongton Knights*, his chronicle of life on a fictional London council estate. Now, his first work of historical fiction for teenagers proves to be every bit as compelling and relevant. *Cane Warriors* (Andersen Press, £12.99) is the story of a real-life slave rebellion in 18th-century Jamaica, seen through the eyes of 14-year-old Moa. Giving voice to characters seldom heard in British...

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-54236769>



[Salford's Lowry theatre to stage real-life legal dramas as makeshift court - BBC News](#)

Two theatres in The Lowry arts centre in Salford are being converted into makeshift courtrooms to help clear the current backlog of cases. It's one of the latest venues to be taken over as a so ...

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-54202221>



['We had to find a way of getting open' - launching a music venue in a pandemic - BBC News](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-54202221)

With most gig venues still stuck in a dark and silent stasis, and coronavirus restrictions getting tighter, it's an unlikely time for new venues to be opening their doors. Craig Pennington has ...

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Audible best-sellers for the week ending September 18th: Nonfiction 1. Rage by Bob Woodward, narrated by Robert Petkoff (Simon & Schuster Audio) 2. Wind Down Routine by Bram Barouh, narrated by ...

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[16 children's books to help support conversations on race and racial injustice](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/lifestyle/lifestylegeneral/16-childrens-books-to-help-support-conversations-on-race-and-racial-injustice/ss-BB152mtW?ocid=msedgntp)

£11.50. BUY NOW. Ages 3 – 5. This wordless picture book follows the story of a mouse who discovers another group of animals on the other side of a wall.

Films of the Week:

Monday: John Wick **11.05pm Channel 5**

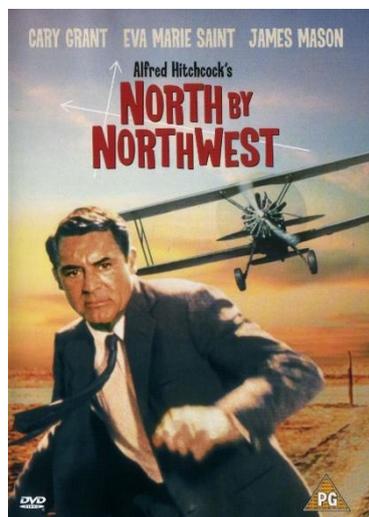
The dying wife of a retired assassin leaves him a puppy, in the hope that having something to love will stop him returning to a life of violence when she is gone. When Russian gangsters attack him and rob his home, the hitman is provoked into a rage and slaughters his way through the underworld in search of revenge.

Tuesday: Mona Lisa Smile **6.40pm Sony Movies (Freeview 32, Sky 321, Virgin 425, Freesat 302)**

A conservative 1950s girls' school receives an unconventional addition to its teaching staff in the form of a free-spirited, bohemian art historian. Unfortunately, her fellow teachers frown on her newfangled ideas, while most of the students have no greater ambition in life than landing a rich husband. Drama starring Julia Roberts.

Wednesday: The Imitation Game **9pm More4**

Biopic of mathematician Alan Turing, whose work during the Second World War translated seemingly unbreakable Nazi codes as well as pioneering the development of computer technology. In the years following the war, his life would be destroyed as his homosexuality was discovered, leaving him facing criminal charges. Benedict Cumberbatch stars.



Thursday: North by Northwest **8pm BBC4**

A suave advertising executive is mistaken for an American intelligence agent by a foreign spy and finds himself drawn into a world of espionage and adventure, leading to a high-tension cross-country chase made more perilous when the FBI intervenes. Alfred Hitchcock thriller starring Cary Grant.

Friday: John Wick Chapter 2 **10pm Channel 5**

When a scheming Italian crime lord holds him to a blood oath, reluctant hitman John Wick goes on another murderous rampage. Action sequel starring Keanu Reeves.



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:

Ultra Mono by Idles recommended by Joe

Idles latest album has all the elements that made their previous album Joy As An Act of Resistance a hit, while expanding their sound and collaborating with artists such as Jamie Cullum, Jehnny Beth and David Yow. Their anger and heavy-handed satire is on show in all its glory.



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

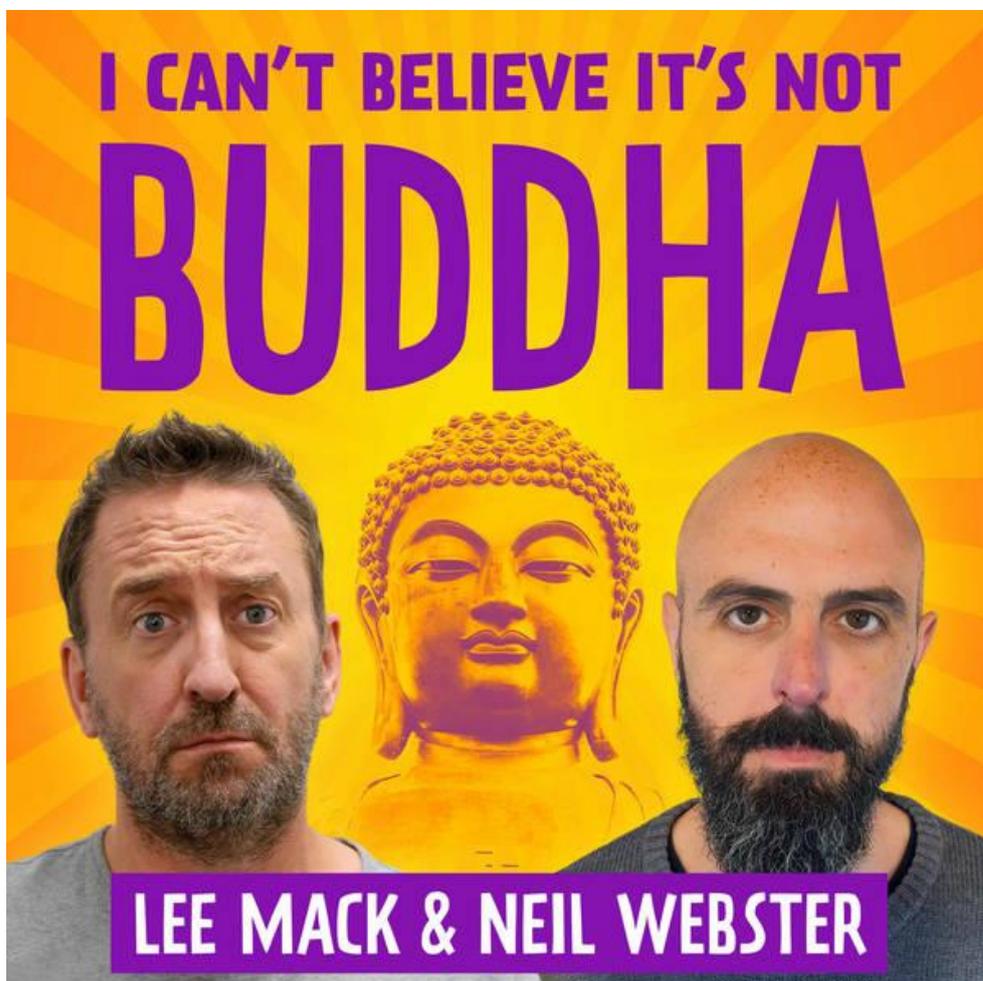
Podcast of the Week:

I Can't Believe It's Not Buddha with Lee Mack & Neil Webster

Comedian Lee Mack has long had an interest in Buddhism, mindfulness and the possibility of leading a more spiritual life. After a few years of dabbling in meditation, he feels the time has come to decide once and for all whether he should seriously seek spiritual enlightenment.

'I Can't Believe It's Not Buddha' is a new podcast which finds Lee and his friend Neil taking their first (often clumsy) steps on the road to Nirvana.

From picking which type of Buddhism to follow, to contemplating what a woodland creature would say to you if you asked it the time; Lee and Neil explore the principles and practices of Buddhism in a way that spiritual practice has never been explored before... Possibly for very good reason.



Here is the link to 'I Can't Believe It's Not Buddha'

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/i-cant-believe-its-not-buddha/id1530814807?at=1000ltXT>

Something for the Kids:

QUIZ

1. Which one of these is not a type of penguin? Emperor, Royal, King and Jack
2. What is the Gruffalo scared of?
3. Which city has the largest population on Earth?
4. How many sides does an octagon have?
5. When did World War Two end?
6. Which artist painted the Mona Lisa?
7. What is the name of the third Harry Potter book?
8. What magical item does Aladdin use to fly around on?
9. What were the names of Christopher Columbus' three ships?
10. What is the name of world's largest reef system?

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. Joey
2. Blue Whale
3. Nine
4. Thames
5. China
6. Taylor Swift
7. Light
8. Ocellaris Clownfish
9. Guy Fawkes
10. Moon

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

CRAFT TIME

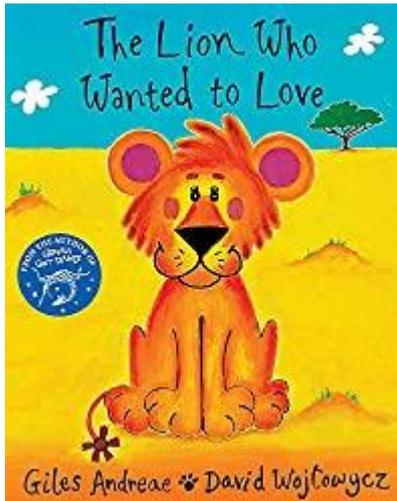
<https://www.craftideasforkids.co.uk/paper-plate-lion/>



Paper Plate Lion

Our Paper Plate Lion is not only cute, but really easy and fun to make! Using a range of scrap materials, kids can explore and experiment with different textures to create a wacky and wild lion's mane; adding a sensory element to the craft.

Inspired by the heart-warming book [The Lion Who Wanted To Love](#) (Orchard Picturebooks) by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz, our Paper Plate Lion is the perfect accompaniment to a story about kindness, love and simply being yourself, even if that means you're a little different.



Paper Plate Lion - Materials

20 White 7" Paper Plates - Only one paper plate is needed, but they're always handy to have!

Orange and Yellow Paint

White card (for the eyes), we used a Cereal Box

Orange and/or Yellow Tissue Paper

Orange and Yellow Scrap Paper, Yarn or anything else you available - we even used a yellow plastic bag!

Kid's PVA Glue, Safe And Washable

Sharpie Fine Point Permanent Marker (Single) Black

Paper Plate Lion

When it comes to crafting with paper plates I would always recommend applying paint the day before. They can take a while to dry and if you have an eager crafty kid on your hands, they may not appreciate waiting.

We often split our crafts in two, enabling an 'invitation to create' to be prepared. It's always well received and as you can see, I cut up a variety of scrap materials into strips ready for the little lovely to turn her yellow and orange painted plate into a Lion!



Ask your crafty kid to begin sticking the scrap materials around the circumference of the plate. For ease, I suggested following the orange ring. Little lovely had so much fun assembling the lion's mane and had a good go at creating a pattern with her scrap materials.



Using an old cereal box, we cut out two white circles and used the marker pen to create pupils.



To finish off, I used the marker pen to draw a nice big nose and smile face!
Enjoy 😊

KEEP READING 😊



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