

# 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.

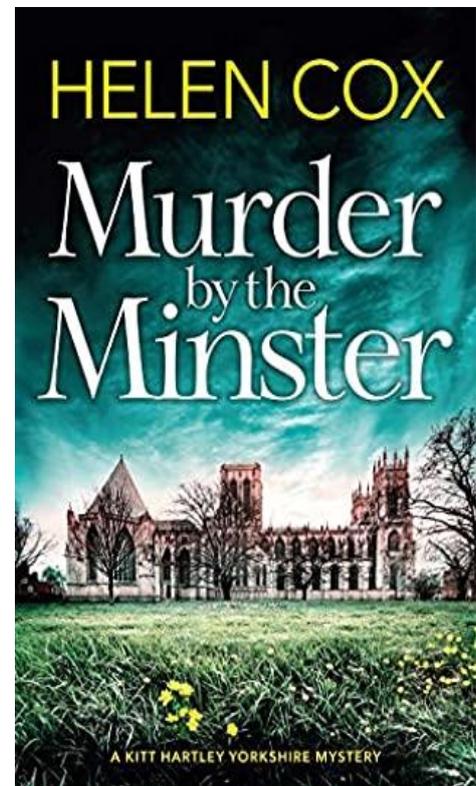
So, a little bit of homework for you while you're unable to go out and about. I was wondering if you'd share with us 'What You're Reading in Lockdown', or your favourite book/author that you'd like to recommend to others.

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

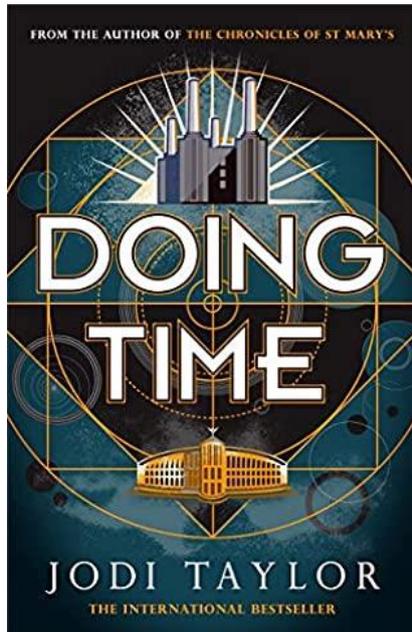
## What are people reading?

### **Murder by the Minister** **By Helen Cox**

**It's a normal day** for Kitt Hartley at her job at the University of the Vale of York library, until DI Halloran arrives at her desk to tell her that her best friend, Evie Bowes, is under suspicion of murder. Evie's ex-boyfriend Owen has been found dead - with a fountain pen stabbed through his heart - and all the evidence points to her. Kitt knows there is no way Evie could murder anyone - let alone Owen, who she adored. Horrified that the police could have got it so wrong, Kitt decides there's only one thing to do: she's going to investigate Owen's murder herself. She's read hundreds of mystery novels - how hard can it be? With the help of her assistant Grace, and the occasional hindrance of the library's eccentric regulars, Kitt summons up all her investigative powers and gets to work. She soon discovers that down the quaint streets and snickelways of York lie darker doings than she'd ever dreamed.



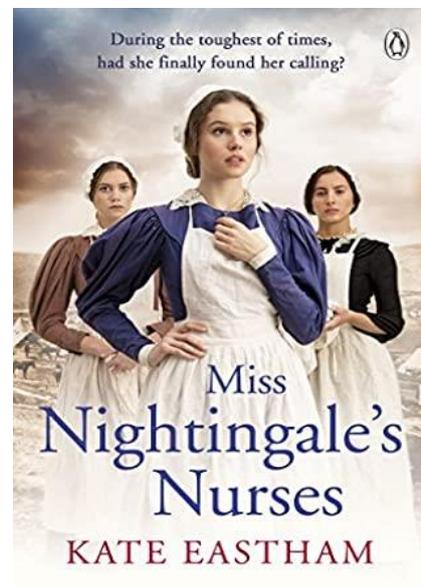
## Doing Time By Jodi Taylor



**A long time ago in the future**, the secret of time travel became known to all. Everyone seized the opportunity - and the world nearly ended. There will always be idiots who want to change history. And so, the Time Police were formed. An all-powerful, international organisation tasked with keeping the timeline straight. At all costs. Their success is legendary, and the Time Wars are over. But now the Time Police must fight to save a very different future - their own. This is the story of Jane, Luke and Matthew - arguably the worst recruits in Time Police history. Or, very possibly, three young people who might just change everything.

## Miss Nightingale's Nurses By Kate Eastham

**Ada Houston is alone.** Her grandfather has recently passed away and her brother is missing, last seen working on the Liverpool docks. Everyone assumes him to be dead. But she will not give up hope. Ada's determined search takes her to the Crimea where she joins the team of Florence Nightingale's nurses. She may have set off looking for her brother, but along the way Ada finds friends, romance and a new purpose in her own life in the most troubling and difficult of places.



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](mailto:yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk) and we'll post your book recommendations.

## Do you know anyone who would benefit from our Home Delivery Library Service?

Do you know anyone who doesn't want, or is unable, to venture out at the moment?  
They may struggle to carry books, or find it difficult to get to their local library?

Just pass on our number and ask them to give us a call on 0151 443 3738

We will deliver 5 books per month to their door.

**We're here to help 😊**



## Feedback:

Thank you to all the people who fill our yellow bags with books. After reading the review of Millie Jackson's book I was reminded of the Borrow Box and would like to access this.

Regards

A Home Delivery User

## Quiz: provided by Hilary, Library Assistant

### HALLOWEEN QUIZ

1. In which 1982 horror film did Carol Anne start talking to the television set?
2. In the film adaptation of Roald Dahl's *The Witches*, Anjelica Huston's Grand High Witch plans to turn children into what?
3. In *Harry Potter*, how do Harry, Ron and Hermione usually mark the 31 October at Hogwarts?
4. "An invisible man, Sleeping in your bed", is the lyric from which hit belonging to the '80s movie of the same title?
5. Name the band that sang *Pet Semetary* which originally belonged to the 1989 cult classic film of the same title?
6. The *Goosebumps* series of books has spooked readers since its release back in 1992 - name the author who created them?
7. What supernatural power does Carrie possess in Stephen King's blood-soaked novel of the same title?
8. On 31 October back in 1992, the BBC petrified the nation with *Ghostwatch*, a scripted drama that duped viewers into believing it was a live transmission from a haunted house. Which trusted TV veteran presented it?
9. In the *Friends* episode 'The One with the Halloween Party', what memorable - but not particularly spooky - costumes did Ross and Chandler wear?
10. What vegetable was originally carved to create a Jack-O'-lantern before the pumpkin became the Halloween vegetable of choice?

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

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

1. Ancient Greece
2. The Modern Prometheus
3. Wuthering Heights
4. Suzanne Collins
5. Twilight
6. 1949
7. Wilbur
8. 36
9. Northern Lights, The Subtle Knife, The Amber Spyglass
10. Daily Beast

## 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

### MINI QUICHES



These mini quiches are so quick and easy you could get your little one to help you. They are great for entertaining, for kids' parties and as a snack and can be whipped up in no time!

If you don't have puff pastry, I have made these without and they still come out really good.

#### Ingredients

Serves: 12

- 3 eggs
- 4 rashers of bacon, diced
- 1 small onion or 1/2 large, diced (you can use red onion for extra colour)
- 2 tablespoons of Cheddar cheese, grated
- 2 to 3 pre-made puff pastry sheets
- salt and pepper to taste
- dash of double cream, optional
- sprinkle of fresh or dried parsley, optional

## Method

Prep: 10 min

Cook: 20min

Ready in: 30min

1. Preheat your oven to 180 C / Gas 4.
2. Lightly grease 2 muffin tins (12 cup) with butter.
3. In a bowl, mix the eggs, bacon, onion, cheese, salt & pepper with a fork until all mixed together well.
4. Using a glass or pastry cutter, cut circles out of the puff pastry and place into the greased muffin cups. Spoon the mixture into the pastry. Bake in the oven for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown

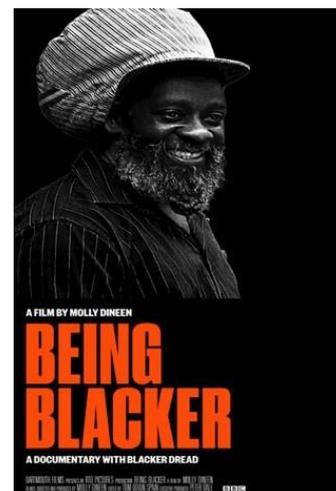


**Enjoy😊**

## Films of the Week:

### **Monday: Being Blacker** **11.30pm BBC2**

One of a number of films showing as part of Black History Month, this documentary tells the story of Steve Burnett-Martin (aka Blacker Dread) and his mother, whom he followed from Jamaica to England. Opening a record store in Brixton, Blacker became a local hero.



### **Tuesday: Licence To Kill** **8pm ITV4**

Timothy Dalton isn't the most celebrated James Bond, but there's plenty of meat to this, his second and final outing as 007. It's a little darker and grittier than his earlier films, as Bond goes rogue and sets off on a mission of revenge after a CIA contact's wife is killed.

### **Wednesday: A Good Year** **6.40pm Sony Movies**

In this soft focus drama, Russell Crowe plays a banker who inherits a French vineyard. Forced to stay longer than he intended, the Provençal loveliness starts to melt his cold heart.



### **Thursday: Shaun Of The Dead** **11.10pm ITV4**

Simon Pegg co-writes this fun zombie movie spoof and also joins a ripping cast that includes his old friend Nick Frost, plus Bill Nighy, Penelope Wilton and Kate Ashfield. It's the offbeat comedy and funny tale of a very British zombie apocalypse.

### **Friday: X-Men: Days Of Future Past** **9pm E4**

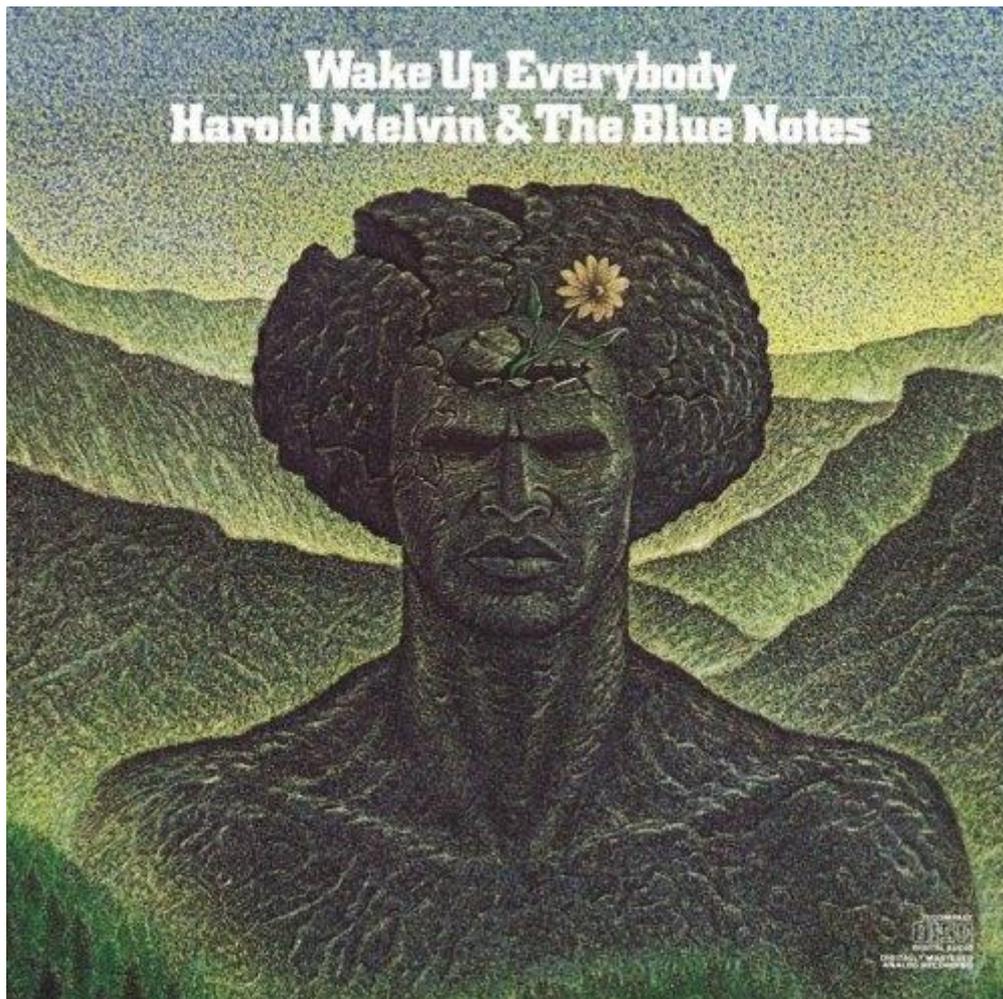
Sequel to 2011's First Class, which introduced us to the younger generation. This brings old and new mutants together in a story set in both 1973 and 2023, with Hugh Jackman as Wolverine as the link between the two eras.

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](mailto:yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk)

## Album of the Week:

### **Wake Up Everybody by Harold Melvins & The Blue Notes recommended by Joe**

This 1975 Philly soul staple is the last to feature superstar Teddy Pendergrass. This is the band at their soulful best. There's no shortage of brilliant vocal performances, and the mix of smooth soul tracks coupled with upbeat dance numbers mean you'll find it hard to switch this album off.



Here is the band performing 'Wake Up Everybody':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7pspeIJS7XQ>

Here is a link to the recently shown Teddy Pendergrass documentary on BBC2:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000ngdj/teddy-pendergrass-if-you-dont-know-me>

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](mailto:yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk)

## Podcast of the Week:

### Chris Evans- How To Wow

How To Wow is a technicolour "how to.." gold mine of inspiration, wisdom and experience harvested first hand from the minds, hearts and spirits of dynamic, maverick and high achieving individuals who are living proof that sure, the road is long and life is hard but if you dream big, put in the hours, keep on showing up and never give in, amazing things happen.



Here is the link to 'How To Wow' Film Review:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/chris-evans-how-to-wow/id1533518344?at=1000ltXT>

# Something for the Kids:

## QUIZ

1. Who wrote *The Gruffalo*, *Room on a Broom* and *Tiddler*?
2. What sort of creature is a Dingo?
3. Botany is the study of what?
4. Which wizarding sport played on broomsticks does Harry Potter play?
5. What is the 19<sup>th</sup> letter of the alphabet?
6. Who is Ann's sister in the Disney film *Frozen*?
7. What is half of the number fifty?
8. What do caterpillars turn into?
9. What is the little mermaid's name in the Disney film?
10. In what country are the pyramids?

## 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. Blue, Yellow, Black, Green, Red
2. St. David's in South Wales
3. J
4. Joe Wicks
5. The Moon
6. H<sub>2</sub>O
7. Owls
8. George Ezra
9. Let It Go
10. Hadrian's Wall

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.

### PAPER PINWHEELS

Paper pinwheels are versatile craft that is easy enough for children can make with little supervision. They can be made with any type of paper you have available.

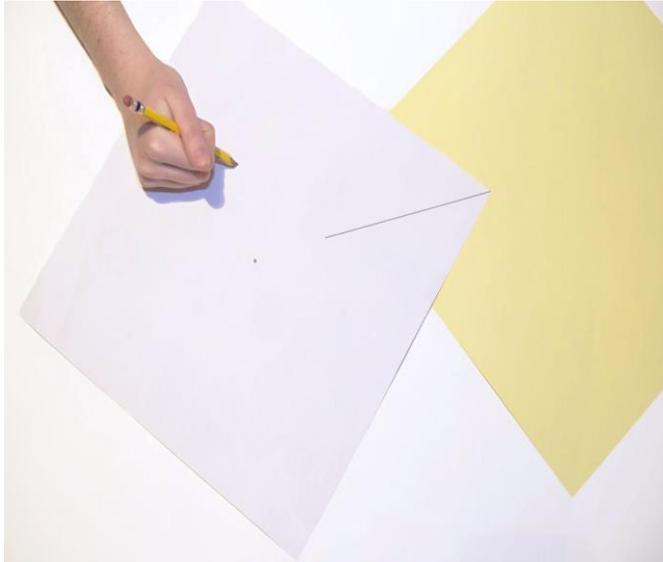
Paper pinwheels are a great way for budding scientists to test and explore the power of breath and air! The stronger your breath, the faster they will spin

#### What You'll Need

- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler (optional)
  
- 1-piece Square-shaped paper
- 1 Straw
- 1 Pushpin
- Masking tape

## What to do:

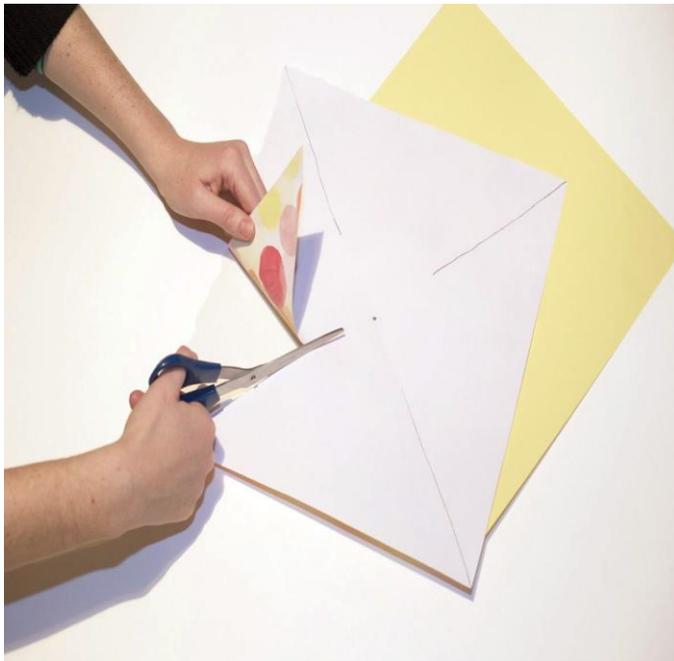
### Draw lines



Using a ruler, mark the center of your square paper with a pencil. If you do not have a ruler, eyeball at the center point. Next use your ruler to draw a diagonal line from each corner of the paper, halfway to the center dot you just made.

If you are using printed paper where one side is white and the other has a pattern, make sure you draw the lines on the white side of the paper

### Cut Down the Lines



Use the scissors to cut down the diagonal lines that you just marked on your paper.

## Fold and Pin



Fold every other point into the center dot and put a pushpin through the paper.

This step can be tricky because the points like to escape if you are not holding them tight, so patience is key.

## Attach to Straw

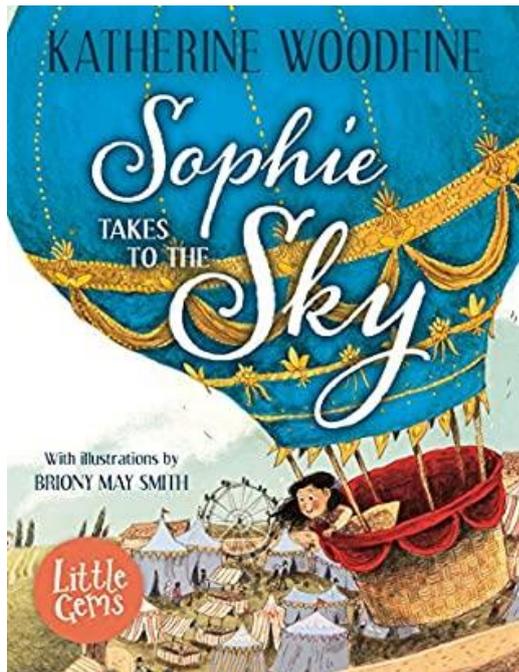


Hold the pushpin with gathered points in one hand tightly and use your other hand to push the remainder of the pin through a straw. We used paper craft straws for these pinwheels but you could also attach your pinwheel to a plastic straw or a pencil. Once your pushpin is through the straw, use a little bit of masking tape to make sure no little fingers get stuck by the pin.

# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Sophie takes to the Sky

By Katherine Woodfine

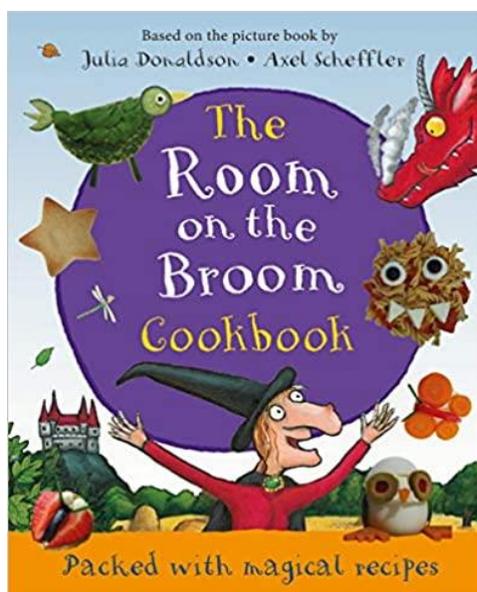


Scaredy-Cat Sophie is afraid of everything! So when a balloonist comes to the town fair, Sophie is left behind while everyone else goes to watch him fly in his marvellous balloon. She's far too frightened of the crowds, the commotion and even riding in a horse-drawn carriage. But Sophie longs to watch the hot-air balloon sail across the blue sky. If she could just be brave enough to face her fears, who knows where her journey might take her..

A touching tale for young readers of learning to overcome anxiety and follow your dreams.

**The Room on a Broom Cook Book**

**Based on the picture book by Julia Donaldson Alex Scheffler**



Make your own cheese wands, creepy crawly crackers, roasted dragon or even witch and chips. With twenty-four recipes specially designed for adults to use with children, easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions and lots of hints and tips on what to do next, The Room on the Broom Cookbook is a great way to inspire an interest in cooking and baking. Perfect for holidays, rainy days.



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