

Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In

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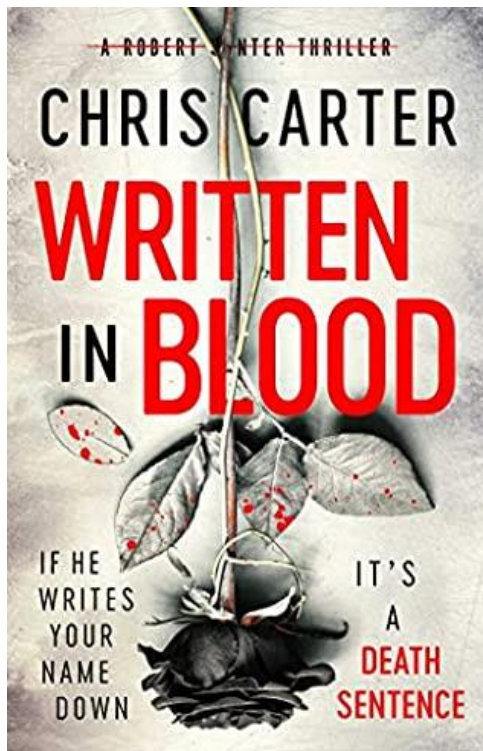
While we're all still having to adjust and **stay safe** at this worrying time, we thought we'd bring you another issue of **Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In**. Lots of us are missing our family, friends and especially going out to our favourite places like the Library ☺ We decided that we'd put together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

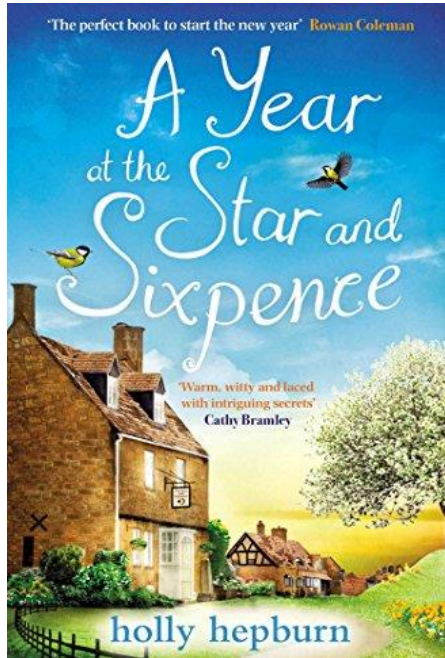
Written In Blood By Chris Carter



Los Angeles, December 4th - exactly three weeks until Christmas day. Angela Wood, a master in the art of pickpocket, has just finished for the day - six hundred and eighty-seven dollars - not bad for less than fifteen minutes work. As she celebrates her profitable day with a cocktail, one of the patrons in the lounge she's in catches her attention by being rude to an old man. Angela decides to teach him a lesson and steals the man's expensive-looking leather bag. Inside is no money - no laptop computer - nothing of any value - at least not to Angela. Just a black, leather-bound book, surprisingly heavy. Curiosity takes over and in the comfort of her apartment, Angela quickly leaf's through the pages. That is when the worst nightmare of her life begins. This is no ordinary book.

A Year at the Star and Sixpence

By Holly Hepburn



When sisters Nessie and Sam inherit a little pub in a beautiful country village they jump at the chance to escape their messy lives and start afresh. But when they arrive at the Star and Sixpence, it's not quite what they imagined - it's pretty much derelict, ruined by debts, and it's going to be a huge job to get it up and running again. But they are determined to make the best of this new life and they set about making the pub the heart of the village once again. Their first year at the Star and Sixpence won't be easy, though nothing worth doing ever is. But when the sisters' past comes back to haunt them, they start to think that the fresh start they needed is very far away indeed.

The Girl Under the Olive Tree

By Leah Fleming

May 1941, the island of Crete is invaded by paratroopers from the air. Sixty years later, Lois West and her young son Alex, invite feisty Great Aunt Pen to a special 85th birthday celebration on Crete, knowing she hasn't been back since the war. When word spreads of her visit and old friends come to greet her, Lois and Alex are caught up in her pilgrimage and the journey which leads her to a reunion with the friend she thought she had lost - and the truth behind a secret buried in the past.



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.

Do you know anyone who would benefit from 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:

During these uncertain times Freda has been keeping herself busy knitting. Freda has knitted for Alder Hey hospital for many years and continues to do so, despite that fact that her eyesight has been deteriorating over the last few years, she still knits lots beautiful cardigans for the babies. When she is not busy knitting, Freda enjoys listening to audio books brought to her by our Home Delivery Service.....

WELL DONE FREDA 😊

Quiz: provided by Hilary, Library Assistant

HALLOWEEN QUIZ

Listed below are eight anagrams of spooky Halloween words:

- 1)** moneybag (*Keep an eye out for this monstrous figure!*)
- 2)** colorblind dug (*If you hear a scream, it may be this*)
- 3)** pink ump (*You might have carved one of these!*)
- 4)** tarot tricker (*A common phrase*)
- 5)** rural peanuts (*otherworldly*)
- 6)** agent verso (*a burial monument*)
- 7)** tepid fire (*really scared!*)
- 8)** rosiest input (*perhaps involving a Black Cat!*)

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

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

1. Poltergeist
2. Mice
3. With a Halloween feast in the Great Hall at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry
4. Ghostbusters
5. The Ramones
6. R.L. Stine
7. Telekinesis - she can move objects with her psychic ability
8. Michael Parkinson
9. Ross was Spud-nik and Chandler was a Pink Bunny
10. Turnip

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.

MOULES MARINIÈRE

This is a quick and easy starter or a light lunch. Great for entertaining and impressing your friends, so tasty

This recipe has been tried, tested and provided
by Lee our Digital Library Advisor

What you'll need

- 2lb fresh live mussels
- 2tbls olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 cloves of garlic - chopped
- 150ml of white wine
- 2 sprigs of thyme or dried if you haven't got the sprigs -sprinkle
- 150ml of double cream, optional
- sprinkle of fresh or dried parsley
- crusty bread, optional

What to do

Prep: about 15 min

Cook: about 10-15 min

1. Rinse the mussels thoroughly under plenty of cold water.
2. Pull off any stringy beards.
3. **IMPORTANT:** Throw away any broken ones and any which don't close tightly when you tap them
4. Using a deep pan with a tightly fitted lid, add the olive oil and place over the heat
5. Add the onion and garlic and cook until soft, making sure that the pan is not too hot that they will burn
6. Pour in the wine and as it boils, ADD the mussels and thyme
7. Cover the pan and let the mussels steam. Give them a gentle shake. They are cooked when the shells open
8. Add the cream and cook for another minute
9. Scatter with the parsley
10. Serve immediately with the crusty bread This is lovely to mop up the sauce.
11. **Discard** any muscles that haven't opened



BOOK NEWS

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/oct/23/exit-management-by-naomi-booth-review-how-to-survive-in-london>

[Exit Management by Naomi Booth review – how to survive in London](#)

This compelling tale of people scrabbling for purchase in the capital is peculiarly appropriate to our current crisis

www.theguardian.com

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/oct/23/the-best-recent-and-thrillers-review-roundup>

[The best recent crime and thrillers – review roundup](#)

Snow by John Banville; Box 88 by Charles Cumming; Three-Fifths by John Vercher; When No One is Watching by Alyssa Cole; The Windsor Knot by SJ Bennett

www.theguardian.com

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/other/the-artful-dickens-by-john-mullan-review-%e2%80%93-how-did-he-do-it/ar-BB1ajTtd>



[The Artful Dickens by John Mullan review – how did he do it?](#)

Charles Dickens was a mesmerist, illusionist and master of sleight of hand. In private he performed conjuring tricks, such as pouring dried fruit, eggs and flour into a top hat and pulling out a steaming Christmas pudding. In public, he performed scenes from his novels, his

party-piece being the murder of Nancy in Oliver Twist: audiences sat spellbound as,

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/movies/classic-literature-is-getting-the-whimsical-indie-treatment/ar-BB1ahOaQ?ocid=msedgntp>



[Classic Literature Is Getting The Whimsical Indie Treatment](#)

Ben Wheatley on Rebecca, Armando Iannucci remixing David Copperfield – when did the stuffy classics become sought after material for cutting edge directors?

www.msn.com

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-54652555>



[Milkman author wins €100,000 literary award](#)

Anna Burns thanks Belfast's libraries after winning one of the world's most valuable literary prizes.

www.bbc.co.uk

Films of the Week:

Monday: A Quiet Place

9pm Film4

In a post-apocalyptic world, a family is forced to live in silence while hiding from monsters with hypersensitive hearing. Horror starring Emily Blunt and John Krasinski.



Tuesday: Hidden Figures

9pm Film4

As the space race reaches fever pitch in the early 1960s, a trio of female African-American mathematicians attempt to overcome prejudice and find work with NASA. Their remarkable skills prove vital in getting an astronaut into orbit and bringing him back safely to earth, but to realise their potential they must overcome deep seated prejudice in the space programme and society as a whole. Fact based drama starring Octavia Spencer and Kevin Costner.

Wednesday: Romancing The Stone

6.50pm Film4

A romantic novelist goes in search of her kidnapped sister in the steamy jungles of South America, only to become the target of villainous general who demands as a ransom the valuable treasure map in her possession. Help is at hand in the form of a daredevil fortune hunter, who has his eye on a share of the profits. Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner star.

Thursday: A Star Is Born

8pm BBC4

A Hollywood movie star with a drinking problem is captivated by an aspiring singer's performance. He falls in love with her and helps her become a star, but as her career blossoms, his falls into ruin. Musical drama starring Judy Garland and James Mason.



Friday: It

9pm ITV2

In the summer of 1989, a group of bullied kids band together to destroy a shape-shifting monster, which disguises itself as a clown and preys on the children of their small New England town. Part one of a two part horror based on the Stephen King novel.

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:

The Specials by The Specials recommended by Joe

Released in 1979, the combination of pre-reggae sounds with punk attitude gives The Specials a perfect first album. An antidote to the political and cultural indifference of Thatcherite Britain, this album injects a ska revival into the heart of Britain.



Here is the band performing 'A Message To You Rudy':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OzRRbQs0HI>

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 Michelle Obama Podcast

The Michelle Obama Podcast features the former First Lady diving deep into conversations with loved ones—family, friends, and colleagues—on the relationships in our lives that make us who we are.



Here is a link to 'The Michelle Obama Podcast':

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-michelle-obama-podcast/id1532956108?id=1532956108>

Something for the Kids:

QUIZ

1. Who wrote the Paddington Bear books?
2. How many members are there in the pop group 'Little Mix'?
3. Will.i.am is best known for performing with which hip hop group?
4. Who is Harry Potters Godfather?
5. What is the name of Harry Potter's mother?
6. What is the colour of an Emerald?
7. Whose nose grew longer every time he lied?
8. Who was the famous Prime Minister who led Britain through World War two?
9. What is a Baby horse called?
10. How man of Henry VIII's wives were called Anne?

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. Julia Donaldson
2. A Wild dog
3. Plants
4. Quidditch
5. S
6. Elsa
7. 25
8. Butterflies
9. Ariel
10. Egypt

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

CRAFT TIME

This is a craft that I have seen on the internet and I wanted to share with you.

Egg Carton Halloween Crafts!



<https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/egg-carton-halloween-crafts/>

Follow this link to find out what you need to make Halloween crafts from your left over egg cartons!

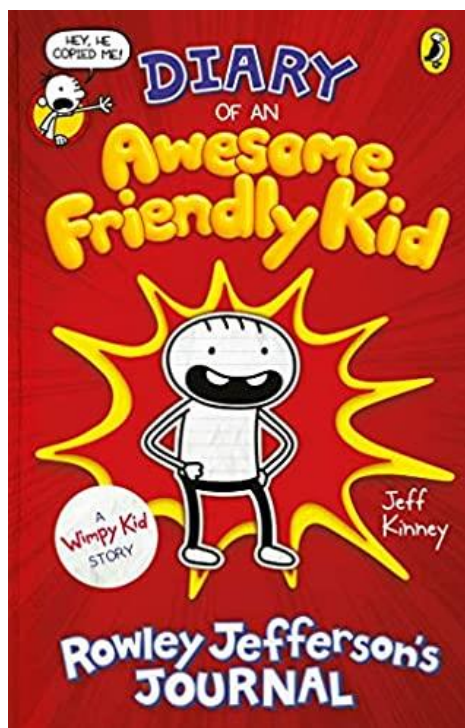
The link will have all the information and even a helpful tutorial video in case you get stuck!

Enjoy 😊



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

DIARY of an Awesome Friendly Kid By Jeff Kinney



Introducing the newest *Wimpy kid* author - Rowley Jefferson

Rowley's best friend Greg Heffley has been chronicling his middle-school years in thirteen *Diary of A Wimpy Kid* journals and counting but it's finally time for readers to hear directly from Rowley in a journal of his own.

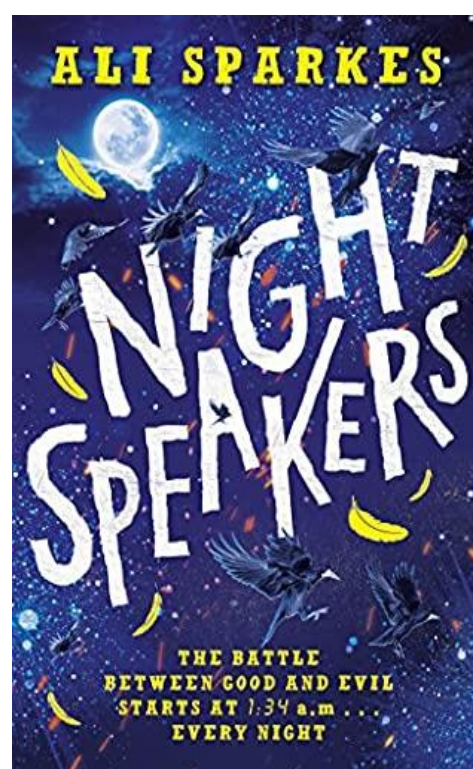
In a *Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid*, Rowley writes about his experiences and agrees to play the role of biographer for Greg along the way. (After all, one day Greg will be rich and famous, and everyone will want to know his life story) But Rowley is a poor choice for the job and his 'biography' of Greg is a hilarious mess.

ALI SPARKES - NIGHT SPEAKERS

Night after night Elena, Matt and Tima wake at exactly the same time, with no idea why...

It's messing up their lives - so they venture out into the dark and find each other. That's when they realise their astounding power - they can communicate with animals.

Something is happening over on the Industrial estate, something which is emitting sounds that only they can hear and it's killing any winged thing that crosses its path. There is nobody to fight it but themselves.....





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