

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.

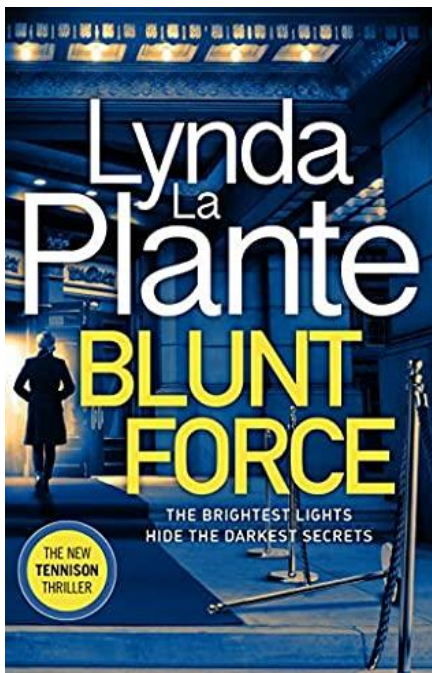
I've asked friends, family and colleagues to share with us what they're reading and it's quite a mix!

What are people reading?

Blunt Force

By Lynda La Plante

The sixth book in the **Tennison** series



Things can't get much worse for detective Jane Tennison. Unceremoniously kicked off the adrenaline-fuelled Flying Squad, she now plies her trade in Gerald Road, a small and sleepy police station in the heart of London's affluent Knightsbridge. With only petty crime to sink her teeth into, Tennison can feel her career slowly flatlining. That is until the discovery of the most brutal murder Jane has ever seen: Charlie Foxley has been found viciously beaten to death with a cricket bat - his body dismembered and disembowelled. As a big-time theatrical agent, Foxley had a lot of powerful friends - but just as many enemies. And alongside her old friend DS Spencer Gibbs, Tennison must journey into the salacious world of show business to find out which one is the killer, before they strike again.

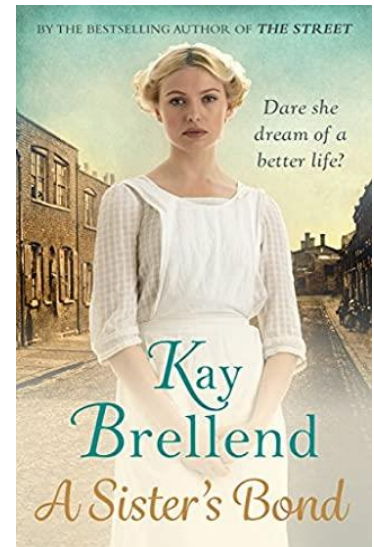
A Sister's Bond

By Kay Brelland

The first book in the **Bittersweet Legacy** series

After her mother dies, Livvie Bone knows it's down to her to support her family and protect her younger siblings from their drunken father. Life in Wood Green in 1913 is hard and full of danger, one night she needs protection herself.

When the mysterious Joe Hunter steps in to help her, Livvie can't help but be drawn to him, in spite of his unsavoury reputation. Then Livvie is offered the chance to work at the Barratt's Sweet Factory. Suddenly she has a chance to better herself - and to offer her family a way out.

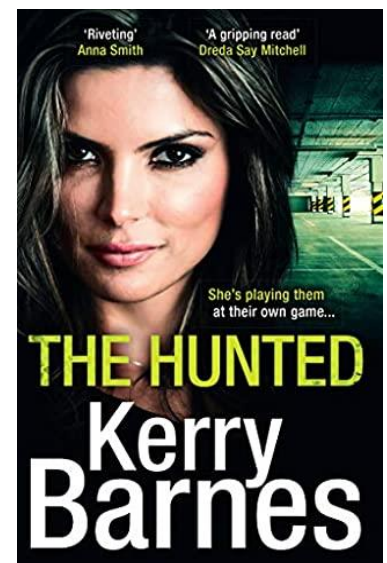


The Hunted

By Kerry Barnes

The first book in the **Hunted** series

Having spent her life watching her father run his East London firm, Zara Ezra has learnt a thing or two about being a gangster, and she's ready to take over when the time comes. Mike Regan, a blast from Zara's past, is the head of his own firm, but when his son is kidnapped in the middle of a gangland feud, Mike has no choice but to accept help from the Ezras to get his little boy back alive. With a rival firm playing increasingly dirty, murder moves to the top of the agenda and Zara has some big choices to make. It seems that the only way to come out on top is to play them at their own game.



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.

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Quiz: provided by Hilary, Library Assistant

1. In which UK cathedral is the Whispering Gallery?
2. What are Blue Mountain, Caturra, and Mocca types of?
3. What was the name of the family in TV's Upstairs Downstairs?
4. What is the monkey species on the Rock of Gibraltar commonly called?
5. In the human body what is the Trachea?
6. What does an acrophobe fear?
7. Entomology is the study of which creatures?
8. What is the pole called which is used for propelling a barge or punt?
9. In which UK county is Hever Castle?
10. When is St Patrick's Day celebrated?

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

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

1. Robert Louis Stevenson
2. South Africa
3. It's Not Unusual
4. Bolivia
5. Blackcurrant
6. Toothpaste
7. James Whistler
8. Vera Lynn
9. Butterflies and Moths
10. A Classic Car

Recipe:

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.

This one is from Lee Our Digital Library Advisor

Beef with barley and mushrooms in slow cooker

Serves 4-6

Cooking time 6-8 hours on low. 3-4 hours on high

Ingredients:

3 tbsp vegetable oil
1kg braising steak cut into 2inch pieces
450g onion, thinly sliced
Salt and pepper
1 bouquet garni made of parsley, thyme and bay leaf
700ml of beef stock
225g carrots, sliced
2 celery sticks, sliced
150g pearl barley
500g mushrooms, trimmed and sliced
2-3 sprigs of parsley leaves, finely chopped, to serve
Crusty bread, optional



Instructions:

Preheat the slow cooker if needed. Heat the oil in a large casserole dish over a medium-high heat. In batches add the beef and brown on all sides. Remove and set aside.

Reduce to medium heat and add the onions and a little salt and pepper and cook until the onions are lightly browned. Return the beef and add the bouquet garni. Pour in the stock and stir, then add the carrots, celery and barley. Bring to a simmer and transfer to the slow cooker.

Cook on low for 6-8 hours or on high for 3-4 hours. Add the mushrooms for the last 20 minutes.

Discard the bouquet garni and taste the stew to check seasoning adding more salt and pepper if needed. Serve in warm bowls and sprinkle with the parsley with crusty bread on the side.

BOOK NEWS

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/nov/13/sylvia-pankhurst-by-rachel-holmes-review-an-inspirational-biography>

[Sylvia Pankhurst by Rachel Holmes review – an inspirational biography | Books | The Guardian](#)

We remember Sylvia Pankhurst today as the suffragette and socialist who took militant feminism to London's East End. But, as Rachel Holmes argues in this compelling biography, she was a major ...

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<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/books/what-to-read/fall-sparrow-ann-pasternak-slater-review-tragic-life-ts-eliot/>



[The Fall of a Sparrow by Ann Pasternak Slater review: the tragic life of TS Eliot's first wife](#)

TS Eliot once greeted himself in a bit of light verse: "How unpleasant to meet Mr Eliot!" Well, perhaps, but not quite so unpleasant as meeting the missus. Virginia Woolf recalled the poet's ...

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<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/nov/16/burnt-sugar-by-avni-doshi-review-a-thrilling-ride-into-hell>

[Burnt Sugar by Avni Doshi review – a thrilling ride into hell | Books | The Guardian](#)

Burnt Sugar is an extraordinary confection. Avni Doshi's debut novel has been shortlisted for the 2020 Booker prize and is an elegantly written family story that sizzles with hatred and is ...

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Films of the Week:

Monday: Heist 9pm Sony Movies

Written and directed by David Mamet, this thriller also has an excellent cast. Gene Hackman heads a gang of thieves, drawn into a job by Danny DeVito's seedy fence. It's good to see DeVito in a straight role- he's good at playing cool and manipulative.

Tuesday: Blade 9pm 5Star

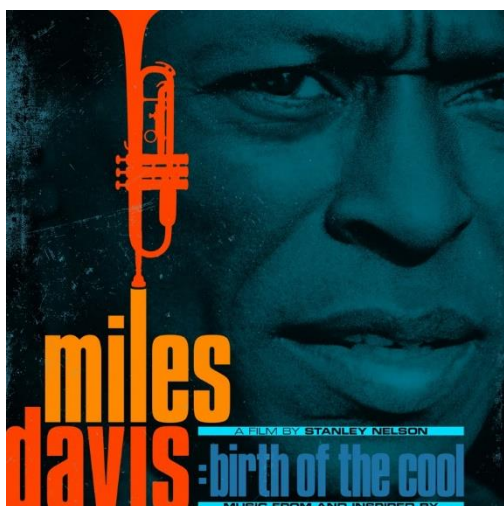
Wesley Snipes is a good fit for this action horror, the first in a cult franchise based on the Marvel hero. Half-human, half-vampire, Blade is on a bloody crusade to protect humankind from his full-blooded brethren.

Wednesday: Out Of The Furnace 1am Channel4

Family-driven thriller set in a declining steel town, with Christian Bale as a decent man whose brother's (Casey Affleck) self-destructive behaviour has dire consequences- and leads him and their uncle 'Red' (Sam Shepard) into danger.

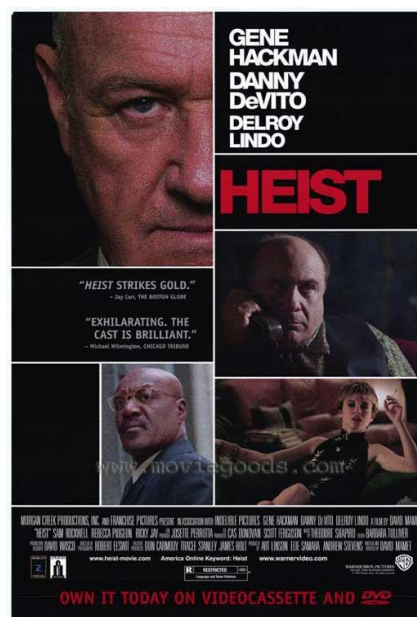
Thursday: The Bourne Identity 9pm ITV4

Gripping conspiracy thriller from director Doug Liman, the first in a hit series. Matt Damon is the amnesiac secret agent whose skills come in handy as he flees those who, for reasons unknown, want him dead.



Friday: Miles Davis: Birth Of The Cool 10.30pm BBC4

This documentary on the legendary and fiercely independent jazz horn player will give a solid introduction to both the man and his music. It features archive footage to illustrate his story, as well as how he evolved as an artist.



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:

Gorillaz: Song Machine Season One: Strange Timez recommended by Joe

Everything you've ever liked about Gorillaz is found on this playful and conceptual album, anchored by Damon Albarn's melodic melancholy. There is a brilliant array of contributions on this album, including Beck, Elton John, Robert Smith, Peter Hook.



Here is the video for 'Strange Timez, ft Robert Smith':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbA5p54Rw2M>

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:

Taskmaster The Podcast

This is the official Taskmaster podcast, hosted by former champion and chickpea lover, Ed Gamble. Each week, released straight after the show is broadcast on Channel 4, Ed will be joined by a special guest to dissect and discuss the latest episode. Past contestants, little Alex Horne, and even the Taskmaster himself will feature in this brand-new podcast from the producers of the BAFTA-winning comedy show.



Here is the link to 'Taskmaster The Podcast'

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/taskmaster-the-podcast/id1535040312?at=1000ltXT>

Something for the Kids:

QUIZ

1. In the Mr Men books, what is the secret of Mr Strong's strength?
2. Where is Paddington Bear from?
3. What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl?
4. What is the name of Eoin Colfer's teenage criminal mastermind?
5. Which famous artist painted pictures of Sunflowers?
6. What is the name of the Lion in 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'?
7. What was the name of the little boy in 'Jungle Book'?
8. In the famous nursery rhyme, who had 'Ten thousand men'?
9. 'Long John Silver' is the main villain in which novel?
10. In the movie 'Annie' what is Annie's dog called?

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. SpongeBob Square Pants
2. She can talk to animals
3. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
4. Tintin
5. Jacqueline Wilson
6. Leonardo da Vinci
7. A Hedgehog
8. The Grinch
9. Lion's
10. Matilda

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.

With Christmas just a month away, why not get a head start on your Christmas cards with these easy to make Christmas Handprint Cards!



<https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/christmas-handprint-cards/>

Follow the link to find an easy step-by-step guide on how to make them. Enjoy 😊

BOOK RECCOMENDATIONS

Harry Miller's Run

By David Almond

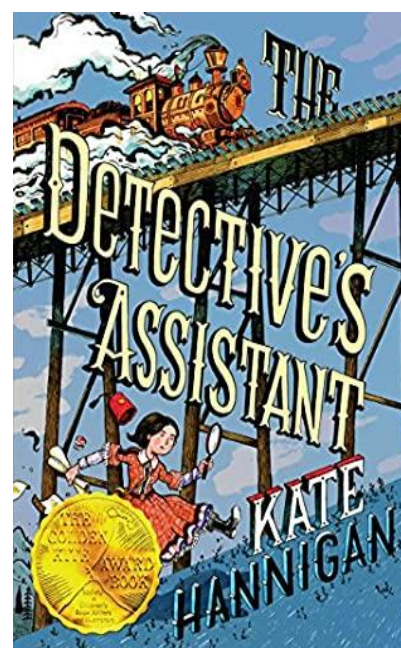


Liam just wants to go out running with his mates - it's not long till the Junior Great North Run, and there's training to be done. But Mam needs him today, to help old Harry clear out his house. Harry knows a thing or two about running. When he was a lad, he says, he ran all the way from Newcastle to South Shields. 'But Harry', says Mam, 'that's thirteen miles'. Harry grins. 'Different times', he says. This is the story of that day: of sweltering heat, clattering boots, briny sea air and the heavenly taste of ice cream; the day when Harry and his pals ran and ran and ran through the blazing sunlight all the way to the sea.

The Detectives Assistant

By Kate Hannigan

Eleven-year-old Nell Warne arrives on her aunt's doorstep lugging a heavy sack of sorrows. If her Aunt Kate rejects her, it's the miserable Home for the Friendless. Luckily, canny Nell makes herself indispensable to Aunt Kate - and not just Nell has a knack for the kind of close listening and bold action that by helping out with household chores. For Aunt Kate is the first-ever female detective employed by the legendary Pinkerton Detective Agency. And made Pinkerton detectives famous in Civil War-era America. With huge, nation-changing events simmering in the background, Nell uses skills new and old to uncover truths about her past and solve mysteries in the present.



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