

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.

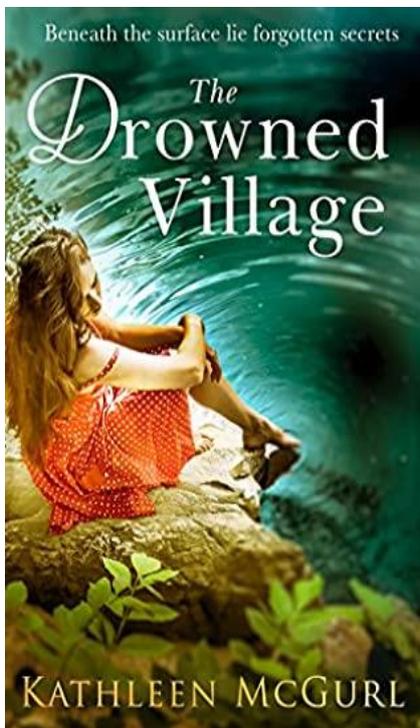
So, a little bit of homework for you while you're unable to go out and about. I was wondering if you'd share with us 'What You're Reading in Lockdown', or your favourite book/author that you'd like to recommend to others.

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?

The Drowned Village

By Kathleen McGurl



A Village destroyed

It's the summer of 1935 and eleven-year-old Stella Walker is preparing to leave her home forever. Forced to evacuate to make way for a new reservoir, the village of Brackendale Green will soon be lost. But before the water has even reached them, a dreadful event threatens to tear Stella's family apart.

An uncovered secret

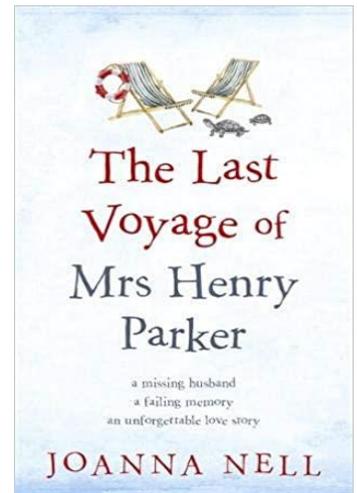
Present day, and a fierce summer has dried up the lake and revealed the remnants of the deserted village. Now an old woman, Stella begs her granddaughter Laura to make the journey she can't. She's sure the village still holds answers for her but, with only days until the floodwaters start to rise again, Laura is in a race against time to solve the mysteries of Stella's almost forgotten past

The Drowned Village reaches across the decades in an unforgettable tale of love, loss and family

The Last Voyage of Mrs Henry Parker

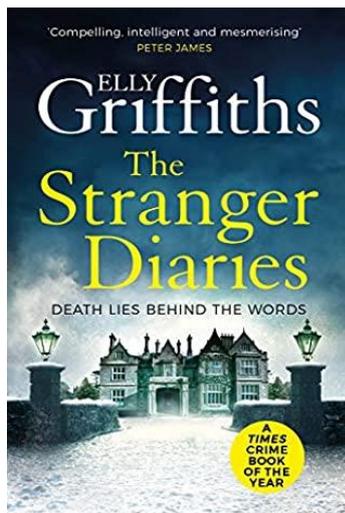
By Joanna Nell

As the wife of retired ship's doctor Dr Henry Parker, Evelyn is living out her twilight years aboard the Golden Sunset. Every night she dresses for dinner - gown, tiara, runners - and regales her fellow passengers with stories of a glamorous life travelling the world in luxury, as well as showing off her superior knowledge of everything from ships' customs to biographical details of her heroine, Florence Nightingale. The crew treat her with deference. And forbearance. But when Henry goes missing, Evelyn sets off to search every part of the grand ocean liner to find him, casino, nightclub and off-limits areas included. Misadventures are had, new friends are made, scandalous behaviour noted - all news to Evelyn.



The Stranger Diaries

By Elly Griffiths



Clare Cassidy is no stranger to murder. As a literature teacher specialising in the gothic writer RM Holland, she teaches a short course on it every year.

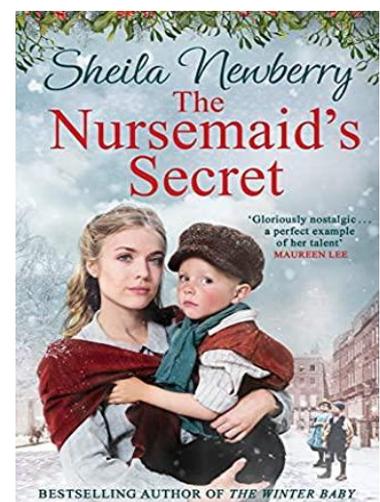
Then Clare's life and work collide tragically when one of her colleagues is found dead, a line from an RM Holland story by her body. The investigating police detective is convinced the writer's works somehow hold the key to the case. Not knowing who to trust, and afraid that the killer is someone she knows, Clare confides her darkest suspicions and fears about the case to her journal.

Then one day she notices some other writing in the diary - writing that isn't hers.

The Nursemaid's Secret

By Sheila Newberry

As Christmas grows nearer, Tilly, a young maid, is sent away from her home in London to care for a sick child in an old cottage on the Isle of Sheppey and she little imagines how her life will change. Having settled in with her new family, Tilly dares to believe that the happiness she's longed for could be hers at last, and that she might finally be free from the secrets of her past. But tragedy strikes, and Tilly is forced to return to London, leaving the cottage under the sea wall - and her new life - behind. As war approaches and new challenges arise, will Tilly be able to overcome her struggles and find her way home?



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

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They may struggle to carry books, or find it difficult to get to their local library?

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Quiz:

1. When is St. Patrick's day celebrated?
2. What is a village without a church called?
3. Which male singing voice is between tenor and bass?
4. In German mythology what is the name of the siren who lived on a rock and lured boatmen to their deaths?
5. In what year were dog licences abolished in England?
6. What type of leaves does a silkworm feed on?
7. Which UK newspaper had the first colour supplement?
8. What type of creature is a mouthbrooder?
9. What colour is the Mr Men character Mr Worry?
10. Which group had three consecutive UK Christmas number ones in 1996, 1997 and 1998?

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

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

1. St Pauls
2. Coffee
3. Bellamy
4. Barbary Ape
5. Windpipe
6. Heights
7. Insects
8. A quant
9. Kent
10. Blue

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.

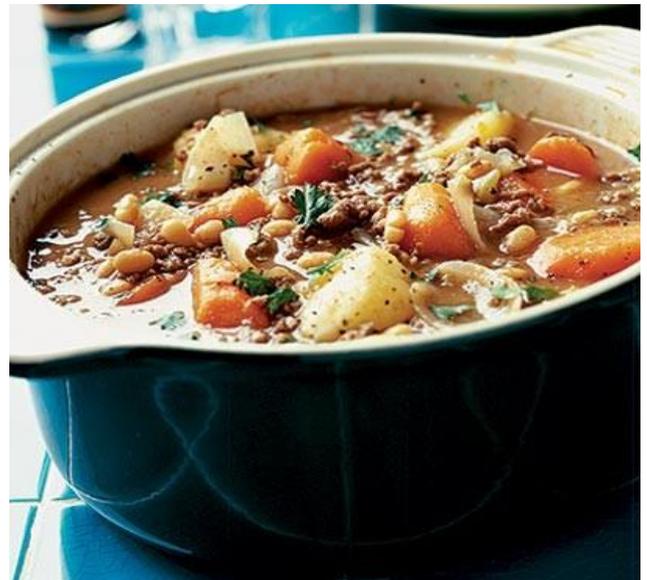
This one is I've come across:

Easy Beef Hotpot

Serves 5-6

Ingredients

- 2 [onions](#)
- 300g [carrots](#)
- 1kg potatoes
- 450g [lean minced beef](#)
- 2 beef stock cubes
- 400g can baked beans
- splash of Worcestershire sauce
- handful of roughly [chopped parsley](#) (optional)



Instructions:

Cut each onion into eight wedges. Roughly chop the carrots and cut the potatoes into large chunks. Put the kettle on.

Heat a large non-stick pan, add the mince and fry quickly, stirring all the time, until evenly browned. Crumble in the stock cubes and mix well. Add the prepared vegetables, stir them around, then pour in 900ml/1½ pints of hot water from the kettle. Bring to the boil.

Reduce the heat, cover and simmer for 25-30 minutes, until the veg are tender. Stir in the baked beans and a generous splash of Worcestershire sauce and heat through. Taste and add salt and pepper if necessary.

Scatter the parsley over the top.

ENJOY

Films of the Week:

Monday: The Bourne Supremacy 9pm ITV4

There are surprises galore in this inventing sequel to the 2002 film. Matt Damon returns as the amnesiac Bourne, with Julia Stiles as an agent who knows secrets about his past.

Tuesday: A Fistful Of Dollars 9pm 5Star

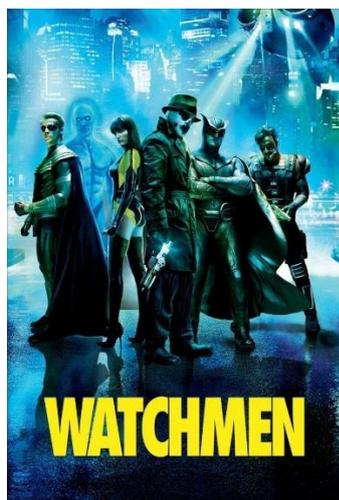
This is the spaghetti western that helped to define Clint Eastwood's career. His debut with Italian director Sergio Leone, it is the first of a gritty trilogy, in which Eastwood's poncho-wearing 'man with no name' comes between feuding families.

Wednesday: Fish Tank 11pm BBC4

Andrea Arnold's skilful second feature film stars Katie Jarvis as the 15-year-old girl who grows up too quickly. Jarvis' standout performance is matched by that of Kierston Wareing as her worn-out-mother, and Michael Fassbender as her mother's new boyfriend.

Thursday: Under Suspicion 10pm Talking Pictures TV

Set in Brighton, this noirish mystery stars a pre-action man Liam Neeson as a disgraced cop turned immoral private eye. When one of his dirty jobs goes horribly wrong, he is suddenly in the frame for murder and, unwisely, gets in deep with another suspect.



Friday: Watchmen 9pm 5Star

Superheroes of the tougher, grubbier variety feature in this DC Comics tale. Fallen on hard times, they regroup when one of them is killed.

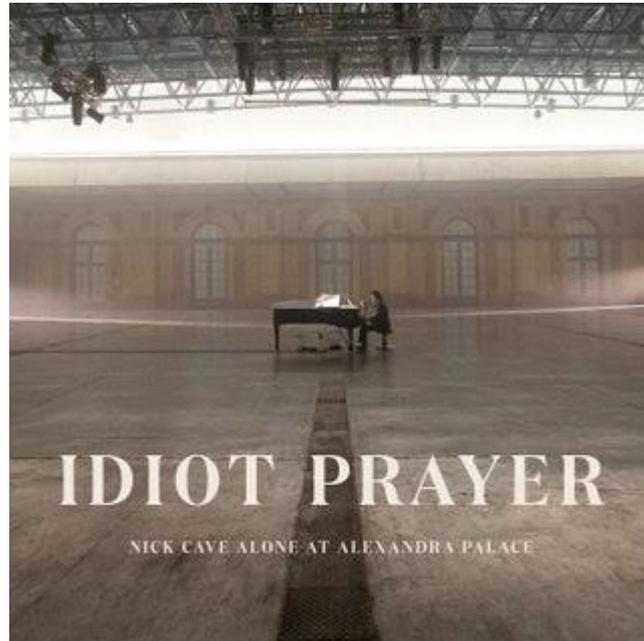


If you'd like to share your thoughts on any of the films, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email and let us know what you think! yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk

Album of the Week:

Idiot Prayer: Nick Cave Alone at Alexandra Palace recommended by Joe

Nick Cave performed 22 career spanning songs alone in a deserted concert hall, reworking them into haunted piano sermons that glow with unnerving intimacy.



Here is Nick Cave performing 'Galleon Ship' at Alexandra Palace:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6lWJjvc07oU>

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:

Sue Perkins: An Hour Or So With...

Sue Perkins invites a series of special guests for an intimate chat about their lives, passions and career as they strip away formalities and indulge in some good old fashioned conversation.



Here is the link to 'An Hour Or So With...'

[Sue Perkins: An hour or so with... on Apple Podcasts](#)

Something for the Kids:

QUIZ

1. In what book do the Waterbury family star?
2. What is the name of Winnie the Pooh's donkey friend?
3. Helped by his slave Morgiana, who foiled the 40 thieves?
4. Complete the title of the famous book by Dr Seuss 'The Cat in the ---?'
5. Who created the little fictional boy called 'Noddy'?
6. Which famous Victorian author wrote 'A Christmas Carol'?
7. In the movie 'Peter Pan' who is Captain Hook's pirate buddy?
8. Who wrote the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'?
9. Which series of books were written by J.K. Rowling?
10. What is the name of the wizard at the court of King Arthur?

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. Eggs
2. Darkest Peru
3. Hedwig
4. Artemis Fowl
5. Vincent Van Gogh
6. Aslan
7. Mowgli
8. Duke of York
9. Treasure Island
10. Sandy

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

CRAFT TIME

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

Christmas Bunting by Jane

Time: 30 minutes

Age: Any age

Level: Easy

Materials

Ribbon

Cardboard

Decoration items - we used crayons, felt pens, glitter and glue, sequins, sticky stars

Hole punch

Scissors

Method

Cut out some outlines for your bunting items. We chose to make Christmas trees, Christmas puddings and shiny stars. Try using a festive cookie cutter as a template to draw round (we did this for the stars).

Decorate the individual items. We had fun decorating one of the Christmas trees with 'tinsel' by squeezing lines of white glue across the tree then shaking glitter on top.

When dry, make a hole in the top of each individual item with a hole punch.

Thread ribbon through and space out the individual items to finish your bunting.

I've added pictures below for you to follow



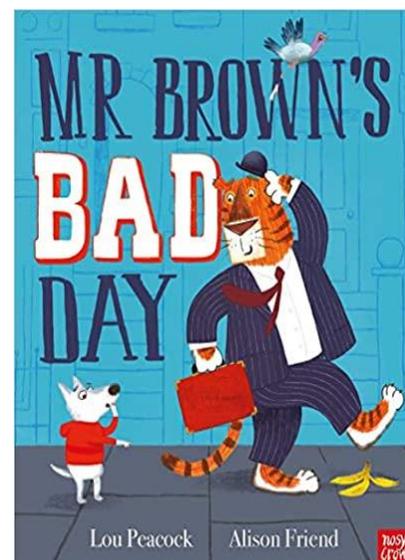
BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr Brown's BAD Day

By Lou Peacock Alison Friend

Mr Brown is a Very Important Tiger, who works in a Very Important Office. He carries a Very Important Briefcase and does Very Important Things all day long.

But when his Very Important Briefcase goes missing, Mr Brown's world is turned upside down. He goes on a VERY wild chase all over town, but will he ever get his Briefcase back? And what about the Very Important Things inside?

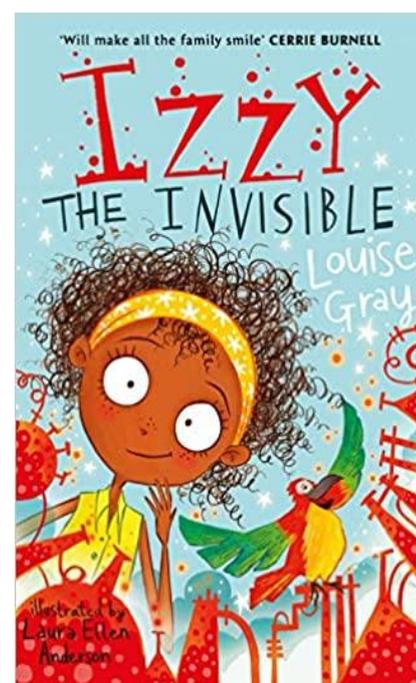


IZZY THE INVISIBLE

BY LOUISE GRAY

Eight-year-old Izzy is more curious, playful and clumsy than her serious, grown-up sister Carrie. In fact Izzy is much more like Gran, an eccentric scientist who has a house full of weird and wonderful pets. But when one of Gran's experiments backfires, Izzy discovers that she has the ability to become invisible! That is, unless Perky the parrot is perched on her shoulder, or she has one of his feathers safely stowed in her pocket. Yikes!

While Gran searches for an antidote, Izzy explores her invisibility - to her and Perky's amusement - but Mum, Dad and Carrie aren't impressed. Can Izzy prove that she is using her invisibility to help those around her, and regain her sister's trust?





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