

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.

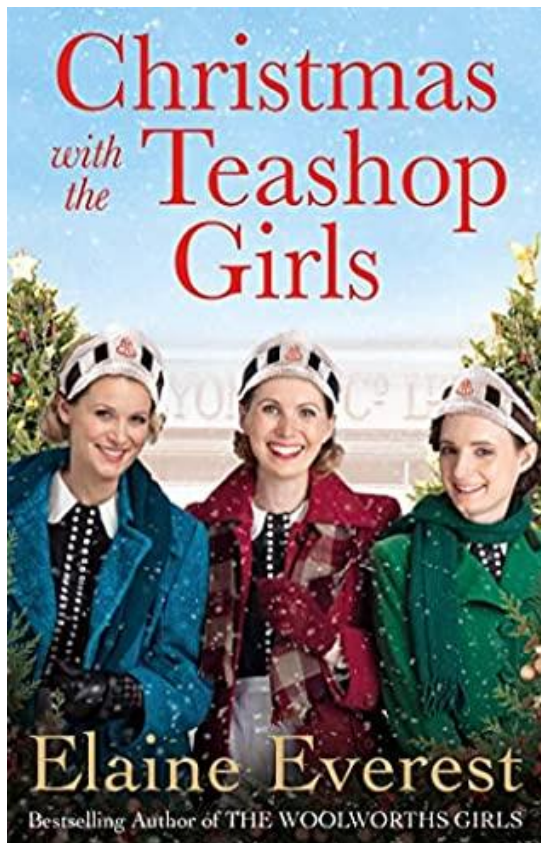
So, a little bit of homework for you while you're unable to go out and about. I was wondering if you'd share with us 'What You're Reading in Lockdown', or your favourite book/author that you'd like to recommend to others.

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?

Christmas with the Teashop Girls

By Elaine Everest



It is late 1940 and the war feels closer to home than ever for Rose Neville and her staff at the Lyon's Teashop in Margate. The worry of rationing hangs overhead as the Nippies do their best to provide a happy smile and a hot cup of tea for their customers. When a heavy bombing raid targets the Kent coastline, Lyon's is badly hit, throwing the future of the cafe into jeopardy. The light in Rose's life is her dashing fiancé Captain Ben Hargreaves and planning their Christmas Day wedding. But she must also plan to take two new stepdaughters into her life and get on the right side of her wealthy mother-in-law, Lady Diana. Is Rose ready to become a mother so soon?

When Rose's half-sister Eileen makes contact, it seems that Rose's dreams of having a sibling are coming true at long last. But her friends begin to suspect that something is not right between Eileen and her husband: what are they hiding?

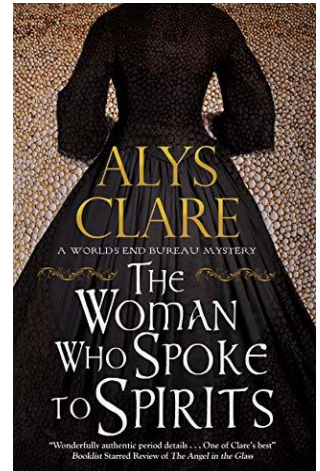
The Woman who Spoke to Spirits

By Alys Clare

London, 1880.

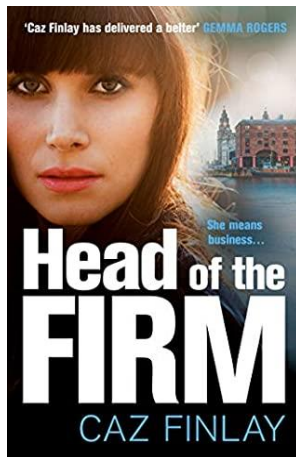
When accounts clerk Ernest Stibbins approaches the World's End investigation bureau with wild claims that his wife Albertina has been warned by her spirit guides that someone is out to harm her, the bureau's owner Lily Raynor and her new employee Felix Wilbraham are initially sceptical.

How are the two private enquiry agents supposed to investigate threats from beyond the grave?



Head of the Firm

By Caz Finlay



This is the third book in the **Bad Blood** Series.

Happily married and with two small children, Grace has stepped away from the murky underworld that has shaped so much of her life. Now Grace is leaving the hard work to the boys - her son Jake Conlon and the notorious Carter twins, Paul and Connor.

But Grace can sense danger better than anyone and trouble is heading their way.

She'll stop at nothing to protect those she loves, even if it means an all-out gang war on the streets of Liverpool. But is this one fight Grace can't win?

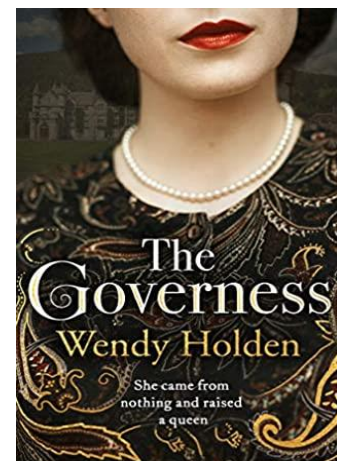
The Governess

By Wendy Holden

The **fictionalised** story of Marion 'Crawfie' Crawford

The progressive young working-class woman who, as Royal Governess for 17 years, lived on the most intimate terms with Princess Margaret and the future Queen Elizabeth II.

Lovers of The Crown series on Netflix will adore this.....



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A THANK YOU from one of our readers

“Just a Thank You for all your help and kindness and delivering the books too. I enjoy reading so much so it has lifted my spirits in lockdown”

Quiz: provided by Hilary, Library Assistant

DECEMBER QUIZ

1. Who said December 7th would be a "date which will live in infamy"?
2. December has two zodiac signs, name both?
3. In the Roman calendar, which number month of the year was December?
4. December in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to which month in the Southern Hemisphere?
5. Which British sitcom, that ran from 1989 to 1994, was set around a romance between solicitor Alec Callender and a much younger woman?
6. Which group sang "Oh, What a Night" about a "late December in 1963"?
7. "Once Upon a December" is a song from which 1997 American animated musical fantasy adventure film?
8. Which famous event happened on 16 December, 1773?
9. Which saint has a feast day on 6 December?
10. Who, in December 1955, was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama?

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

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

1. March 17th
2. Hamlet
3. Baritone
4. Lorelei
5. 1987
6. Mulberry
7. Sunday Times
8. Fish
9. Blue
10. Spice Girls

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 Millionaires Shortbread



Ingredients

For the shortbread

- 250g plain flour
- 75g caster sugar
- 175g butter, softened

For the caramel

- 100g butter or margarine
- 100g light muscovado sugar
- 397g can condensed milk

For the topping

- 200g plain or milk chocolate, broken into pieces

Method:

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4.

Lightly grease and line a 20-22cm square or rectangular baking tin with a lip of at least 3cm.

To make the shortbread

Mix 250g plain flour and 75g caster sugar in a bowl.

Rub in 175g softened butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.

Knead the mixture together until it forms a dough, then press into the base of the prepared tin.

Prick the shortbread lightly with a fork and bake for 20 minutes or until firm to the touch and very lightly browned.

Leave to cool in the tin.

To make the caramel, place 100g butter or margarine, 100g light muscovado sugar and the can of condensed milk in a pan and heat gently until the sugar has dissolved.

Continually stir with a spatula to make sure no sugar sticks to the bottom of the pan. (This can leave brown specks in the caramel but won't affect the flavour.)

Turn up the heat to medium high, stirring all the time, and bring to the boil, then lower the heat back to low and stirring continuously, for about 5-10 minutes or until the mixture has thickened slightly

Pour over the shortbread and leave to cool.

For the topping

Melt 200g plain or milk chocolate slowly in a bowl over a pan of hot water.

Pour over the cold caramel and leave to set.

Cut into squares or bars with a hot knife.

ENJOY

Films of the Week:

Monday: Patriots Day 11.10pm Film4

Tragedy strikes on April 15, 2013, when two bombs explode during the Boston Marathon. In the aftermath of the attack, police Sgt. Tommy Saunders (Mark Wahlberg), join courageous survivors, first responders and other investigators in a race against the clock to hunt down the suspects and bring them to justice.



Tuesday: Red 9pm Film4

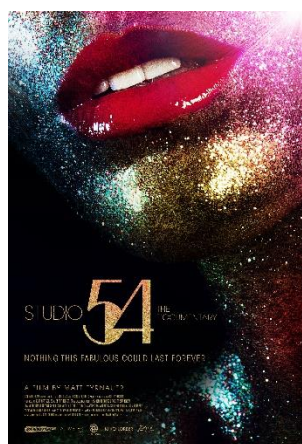
After surviving an assault from a squad of hit men, retired CIA agent Frank Moses (Bruce Willis) reassembles his old team for an all-out war. Frank reunites with old Joe (Morgan Freeman), crazy Marvin (John Malkovich) and wily Victoria (Helen Mirren) to uncover a massive conspiracy that threatens their lives. Only their expert training will allow them to survive a near-impossible mission -- breaking into CIA headquarters.

Wednesday: Mistress America 12.35am Channel4

A college freshman (Lola Kirke) cures her disappointment and loneliness by allowing herself to be pulled into the wacky schemes of her future stepsister (Greta Gerwig).

Thursday: Shaun Of The Dead 10.05pm ITV4

Shaun (Simon Pegg) is a 30-something loser with a dull, easy existence. When he's not working at the electronics store, he lives with his slovenly best friend, Ed (Nick Frost), in a small flat on the outskirts of London. The only unpredictable element in his life is his girlfriend, Liz (Kate Ashfield), who wishes desperately for Shaun to grow up and be a man. When the town is inexplicably overrun with zombies, Shaun must rise to the occasion and protect both Liz and his mother (Penelope Wilton).



Friday: Studio 54: The Documentary 12.30am Sky Arts

In 1977, New York night club Studio 54 opened its doors. Frequented by celebrity guests, the club became the place to be. A look underneath the glitz and glamour of New York's most famous club.

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:

Brothers by The Black Keys recommended by Joe

This 2010 album is the second time the band worked with producer Danger Mouse, and judging by their new stylistic tics and spooked out sounds on tracks such as 'Too Afraid To Love You', it seems his influence worked. There's plenty on here for fans of the band's original sound too.



Here is the band performing 'Tighten Up':

[\(HQ\) The Black Keys - "Tighten Up" 5/25 Letterman \(TheAudioPerv.com\) - YouTube](#)

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:

Bill Gates and Rashida Jones Ask Big Questions

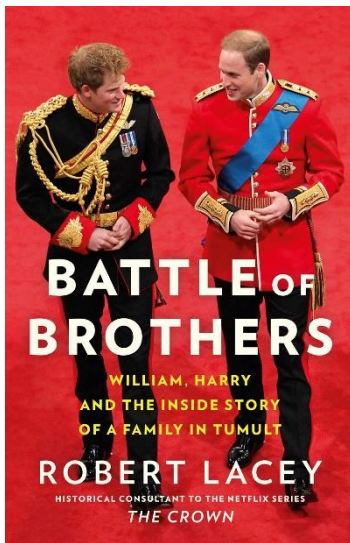
Bill Gates and Rashida Jones Ask Big Questions pairs Bill Gates with actress and writer Rashida Jones to tackle some of the biggest questions facing us today: Is it too late to solve climate change? Does everybody lie? Is inequality inevitable? Join them for deep dives into these questions and even a few answers.



Here is the link to 'Bill Gates and Rashida Jones Ask Big Questions:'

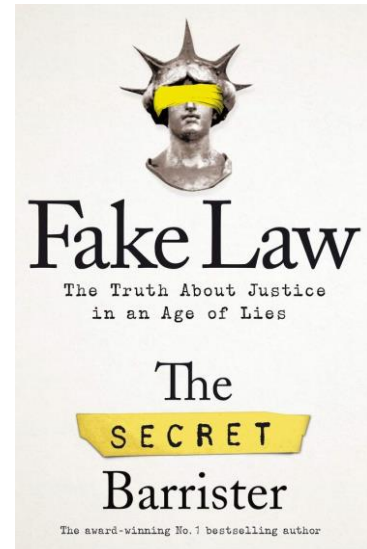
[Bill Gates and Rashida Jones Ask Big Questions on Apple Podcasts](#)

New Non-Fiction at Huyton Library



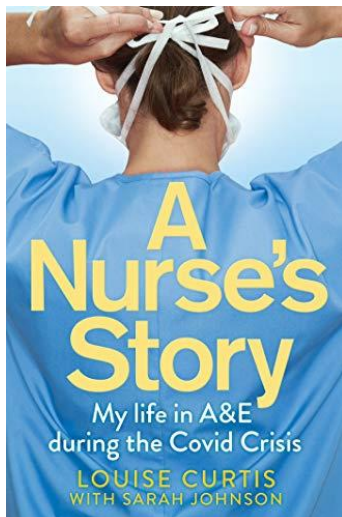
Battle of Brothers by Robert Lacey

If you've been binging *The Crown*, this insiders account on William and Harry's relationship is sure to keep you turning the pages.



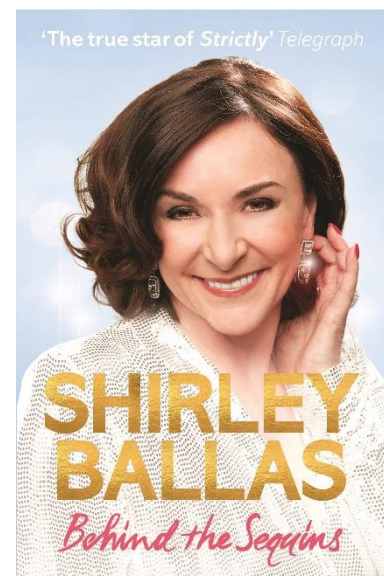
Fake Law: The Secret Barrister

The Secret Barrister returns to debunk the biggest legal lies of our time.



A Nurse's Story by Louise Curtis

A moving, honest and inspiring story of a nurse's life in a busy A&E ward during the Covid crisis.



Shirley Ballas: Behind The Sequins

If you're hooked on this year's *Strictly*, you'll love Shirley Ballas' new book!

Something for the Kids:

QUIZ

1. Who were all the Kings horses and men unable to put together again?
2. Which character in 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' muttered "Oh dear Oh dear! I shall be late"?
3. In the picture book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, a caterpillar eats its way through lots of food before emerging as what?
4. Which young boy is one of Winnie the Pooh's best friends?
5. In the movie 'Aladdin' who does Jasmine meet in the marketplace?
6. On 'Hey Arnold' who is the girl that is in love with Arnold but won't tell him?
7. On Christmas day, what would you find a joke inside of?
8. What is the day after Christmas called?
9. What do we decorate with lights, baubles and tinsel?
10. Santa has nine reindeer, can you name them all?

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. *The Railway Children*
2. Eeyore
3. Ali Baba
4. Hat
5. Enid Blyton
6. Charles Dickens
7. Smee
8. Jeff Kinney
9. Harry Potter
10. Merlin

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.

Santa Advent Calendar



What you'll need

Card Red and White

Cotton Wool balls

Glue stick

Felt tip pens

Scissors

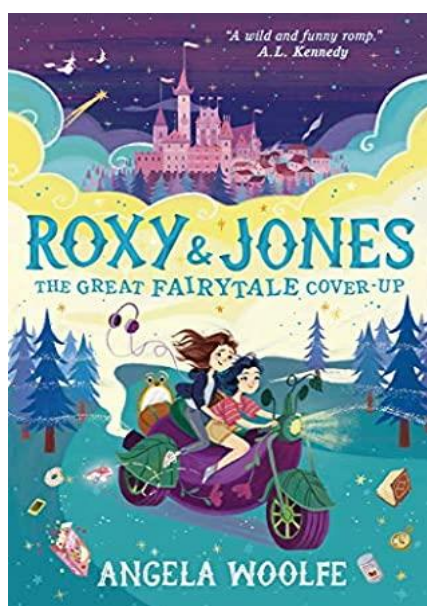
To Make

- ❖ Draw Santa's face on white craft paper.
- ❖ Cut out the face
- ❖ Draw and Cut the hat from red and white craft paper;
- ❖ Glue to the top of the face.
- ❖ Glue a large cotton ball at the point of the hat.
- ❖ Cut a long beard shape from white craft paper.
- ❖ Write the dates of the month leading up to Christmas on the beard.
- ❖ Glue to the bottom of the face
- ❖ Your Santa's now complete
- ❖ Hang the calendar and each day add a cotton ball.
- ❖ Watch Santa's beard Grow throughout December right up to Christmas day

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Roxy & Jones The Great Fairytale Cover-Up

By Angela Woolfe



Once Upon a Modern Time, in the city of Rexopolis, in the Kingdom of Illustria, lived twelve-year-old Roxy Humperdinck, half-sister to Hansel and Gretel (yes, THE Hansel and Gretel, not that she knows it).

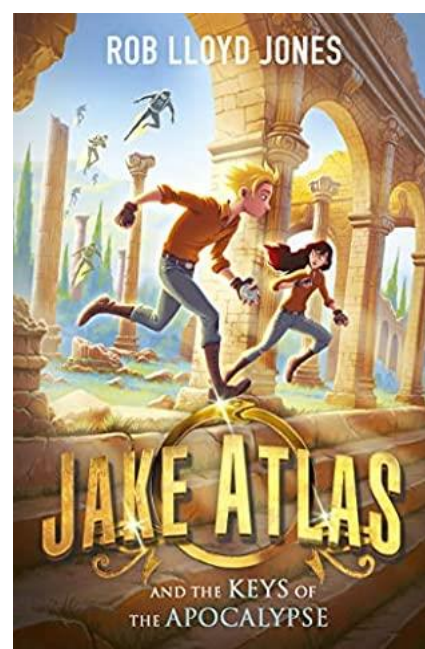
A hilarious modern fairy tale mash-up set in a world in which witches are real, magic is real and fairy tales are not only real... but recent history

Jake Atlas and the Keys of the Apocalypse

By Rob Lloyd Jones

JAKE ATLAS: TOMB ROBBER, TREASURE HUNTER, TROUBLEMAKER

This is the fourth Jake Atlas Adventure, it takes Jake and his family to Rome, where they uncover the secret history of a Roman Legion sworn to protect four mysterious keys. The keys hold back a force that wiped out a lost civilization - now, Jake and his family must find them to stop it from returning





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