

Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In

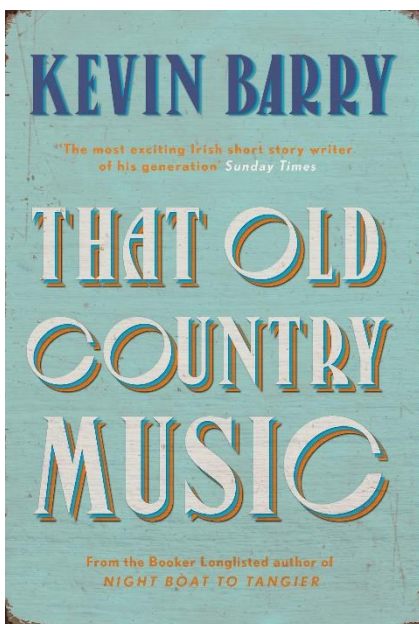
Hi All

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?



That Old Country Music

By Kevin Barry

Since his landmark debut collection, *There Are Little Kingdoms*, and its award-winning sequel in 2012, *Dark Lies the Island*, Kevin Barry has been acclaimed as one of the world's most accomplished and gifted short story writers.

Barry's lyric intensity, the vitality of his comedy and the darkness of his vision recall the work of masters of the genre like Flannery O'Connor and William Trevor, but he has forged a style which is patently his own.

In this rapturous third collection, we encounter a ragbag of west of Ireland characters, many on the cusp between love and catastrophe, heartbreak and epiphany, resignation and hope. These stories show an Ireland in a condition of great flux but also as a place where older rhythms, and an older magic, somehow persist.

The Miseducation Of Evie Epworth

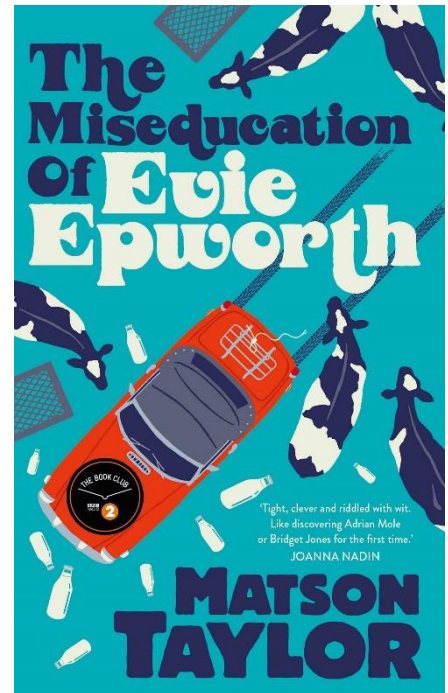
By Matson Taylor

July, 1962

Sixteen year-old Evie Epworth stands on the cusp of womanhood. But what kind of a woman will she become?

The fastest milk bottle-delivery girl in East Yorkshire, Evie is tall as a tree and hot as the desert sand. She dreams of an independent life lived under the bright lights of London (or Leeds). The two posters of Adam Faith on her bedroom wall ('brooding Adam' and 'sophisticated Adam') offer wise counsel about a future beyond rural East Yorkshire. Her role models are Charlotte Bronte, Shirley MacLaine and the Queen. But, before she can decide on a career, she must first deal with the malign presence of her future step-mother, the manipulative and money-grubbing Christine.

If Evie can rescue her bereaved father, Arthur, from Christine's pink and over-perfumed clutches, and save the farmhouse from being sold off then maybe she can move on with her own life and finally work out exactly who it is she is meant to be.



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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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TV Quiz:

1. What's the pub called in Channel 4 soap Hollyoaks?
2. Who became the first female presenter of Question Time in 2019?
3. For what is Nancy Cartwright best known?
4. What is the name of Rene's wife in 'Allo 'Allo?
5. Who does the voiceover on Love Island?
6. In which fictional town is Netflix show Stranger Things primarily set?
7. What is the capital of Westeros in Game of Thrones?
8. What is the name of the prison in the popular BBC sitcom Porridge starring Ronnie Barker?
9. Which well known Welsh village was the primary set for the 1960s TV show The Prisoner?
10. Which TV theme begins with the words: 'You know we belong together...'

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

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

1. The Spice Girls
2. 1960
3. 73
4. Breaking Bad
5. Eastenders (on Christmas Day 1986)
6. Elstree Studios
7. 1958
8. Nicholas Lyndhurst
9. John Thaw
10. The Duffer Brothers

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 I found on the internet!

Baked chicken, prawn and chorizo rice



Ingredients

- 250g/9oz cherry tomatoes
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 300g/10½oz risotto rice
- 4 chicken thigh fillets, halved
- 200g/7oz chorizo, thickly sliced
- 2 tsp chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 litre/1¾ pints hot chicken stock
- pinch saffron strands
- 8 large, raw prawns
- salt and freshly ground [black pepper](#)

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 220C/200C Fan/Gas 7. Place the cherry tomatoes in a roasting tin and sprinkle over the red onion, garlic and olive oil. Roast for 20 minutes until the tomatoes are softened.
2. Stir in the rice, chicken, chorizo, rosemary, stock and saffron. Season with salt and pepper, mixing well together. Return to the oven for 20 minutes.
3. Stir in the prawns and return to the oven for a further 10 minutes until the rice is tender and the chicken is cooked through.

Films of the Week:

Monday: Logan

9pm Film4

In the near future, a weary Logan (Hugh Jackman) cares for an ailing Professor X (Patrick Stewart) at a remote outpost on the Mexican border. His plan to hide from the outside world gets upended when he meets a young mutant who is very much like him. Logan must now protect the girl and battle the dark forces that want to capture her.

Tuesday: Goldfinger

9pm ITV4

The powerful tycoon Auric Goldfinger has initiated Operation Grand Slam, a cataclysmic scheme to raid Fort Knox and obliterate the world economy. James Bond, armed with his specially equipped Aston Martin, must stop the plan by overcoming several outrageous adversaries.

Wednesday: Mrs Brown

9pm BBC4

After the death of her beloved husband, Prince Albert, Queen Victoria (Judi Dench) withdraws from public life, so the court appoints a former servant of the prince, John Brown, to help her recover from her grief. Brown's unorthodox ways and disdain for protocol draw the queen out of her shell, and the brash Scot becomes her sole confidant. However, their growing closeness causes a stir, as scandalous rumours begin circulating about the exact nature of their relationship.

Thursday: Gladiator

10pm Channel 5

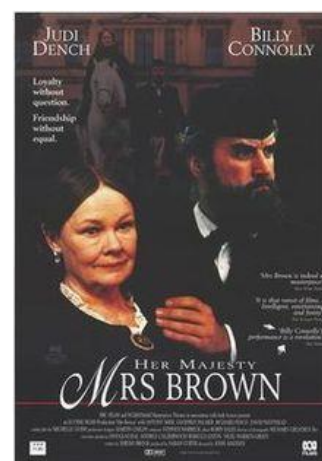
Set in Roman times, the story of a once-powerful general forced to become a common gladiator. The emperor's son is enraged when he is passed over as heir in favour of his father's favourite general. He kills his father and arranges the murder of the general's family, and the general is sold into slavery to be trained as a gladiator - but his subsequent popularity in the arena threatens the throne.



Friday: The Equaliser

9pm Film4

Robert McCall (Denzel Washington), a man of mysterious origin who believes he has put the past behind him, dedicates himself to creating a quiet new life. However, when he meets Teri, a teenager who has been manhandled by violent Russian mobsters, he simply cannot walk away. With his set of formidable skills, McCall comes out of self-imposed retirement and emerges as an avenging angel, ready to take down anyone who brutalizes the helpless.



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:

What To Look For In Summer by Belle and Sebastian recommended by Joe

The band's new live double LP in an exceptionally accomplished and generous look back at their evolution from shy indie darlings to touring powerhouses.



Here are Belle and Sebastian performing 'Dirty Dream Number Two':

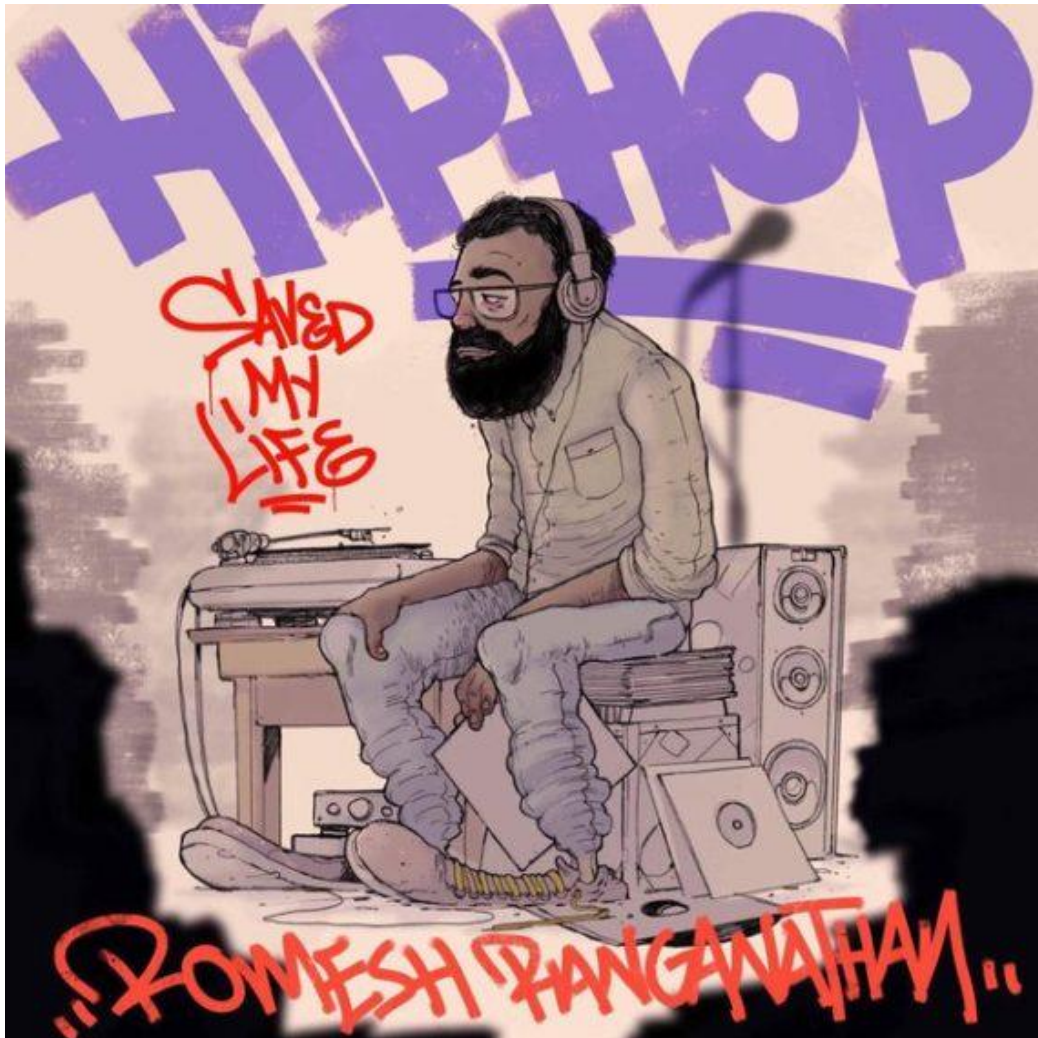
[Belle and Sebastian- "Dirty Dream #2 \(Live\)" \(Official Music Video\) - YouTube](#)

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Podcast of the Week:

Hip Hop Saved My Life With Romesh Ranganathan

A comedy podcast about hip hop presented by award-winning comedian Romesh Ranganathan and his co-host RuMaj.

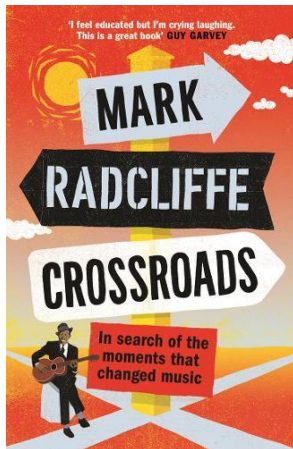


Here is

the link to 'Hip Hop Saved My Life With Romesh Ranganathan':

[Hip Hop Saved My Life with Romesh Ranganathan on Apple Podcasts](#)

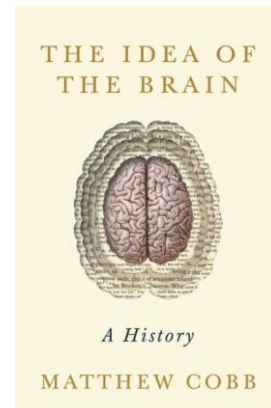
New Non-Fiction at Huyton Library



Crossroads by Mark Radcliffe

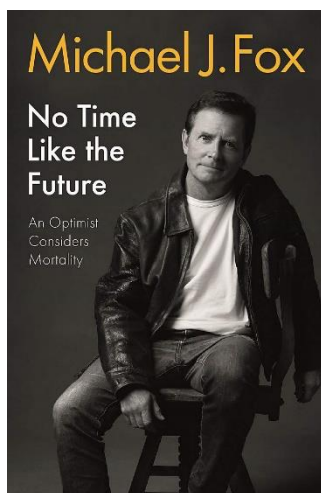
In search of the moments that changed music.

Crossroads is a warm, intimate account of music and its power to transform our lives.



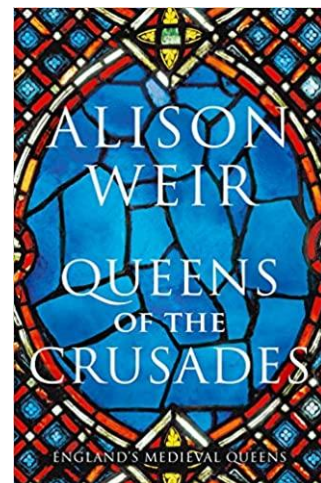
The Idea Of The Brain by Matthew Cobb

This is the story of our quest to understand the most mysterious object in the universe.



No Time Like The Future by Michael J. Fox

In his new memoir, Michael share his personal stories and observations about illness and health, ageing, the strength of family and friends, and how we approach mortality.



Queens Of The Crusades by Alison Weir

The Plantagenet queens of England played a role in some of the most dramatic events in our history. Through the story of these first five Plantagenet queens, Alison Weir provides an enthralling new perspective on a dramatic period of high romance and sometimes low politics, with determined women at its heart.

Something for the Kids:

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. What's the fastest land animal?
2. What's the biggest animal in the ocean?
3. What's the only poisonous snake native to the UK?
4. How many lives does a cat have?
5. What do you call a baby kangaroo?
6. Do polar bears live in the arctic or the Antarctic?
7. What do you call a group of sheep?
8. How many legs does a spider have?
9. Is a koala a real bear?
10. What's the tallest animal in the world?

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 family dog
2. 24
3. He was born with a heart two sizes too small
4. The North Pole
5. Elves
6. Sleigh
7. Angel
8. Green
9. Coca-Cola
10. Red

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

CRAFT TIME

Cardboard Tube Binoculars

This **cardboard tube binoculars craft** is a fun way to get excited for spring and summer. What's even better is that they can still use their binoculars while stuck inside



What you need

Tip: If you like the idea of the camouflage felt but can't find it, you can make your own by gluing different shades of the same colour onto a like piece of felt or construction paper.

- 2 cardboard bathroom tissue tubes
- 1 sheet camouflage felt
- scissors
- white craft glue
- craft foam to match your felt
- 6 rubber bands
- 40" piece of twine or yarn
- pen

How to make Cardboard Tube Binoculars:

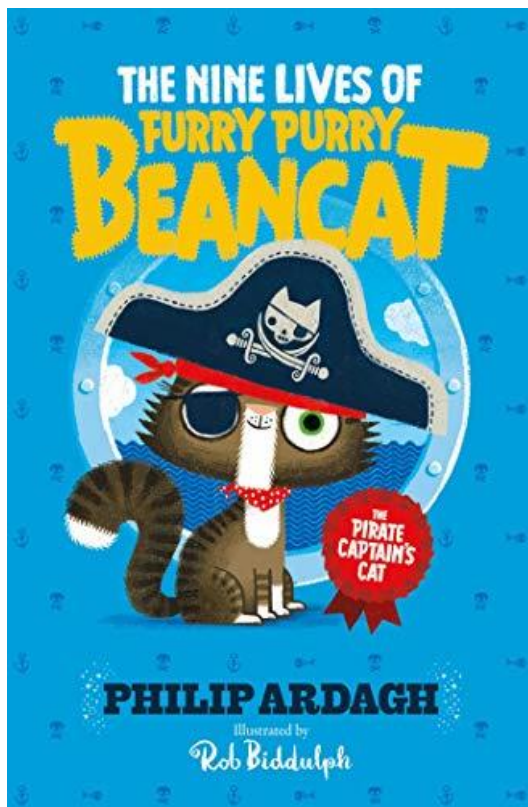
1. Lay felt, design side down, on the work surface and cut felt in half.
2. Roll up the cardboard tube inside the felt, gluing as you go. Trim off excess. Repeat for the other tube.
3. Cut a strip of craft foam long enough to go around the end of the tube, about 3/4" wide. Glue the strip around the end of the cardboard tube, lining up the felt seam with the craft foam strip seam. Secure with a rubber band. Repeat for the other tube.
4. Cut another strip long enough to go around the opposite end of the tube, only this time cut it 1/2" wide. Glue as above and secure with a rubber band.
5. Place the tubes side by sides with the seams facing each other. Put a rubber band around both tubes to hold them in place.
6. Use a pen to poke a hole in the side of the tube, about 1/2" below the 1/2" wide craft foam strip. Insert the end of your twine into the hole from the outside of the tube. Bring it through the tube and tie a double knot. Trim off excess and gently pull the twine taut. The knot will keep the twine from coming back out through the hole. Repeat on the other side.
7. Pipe a generous amount of white craft glue in between the two tubes, lip over and do the other side as well. Let them dry completely, several hours or overnight, before removing the rubber bands and using your binoculars.

Hope you enjoy this craft, it was sourced and can be found on [Cardboard Tube Binoculars: the perfect spring and summer time kid's craft \(craftsbyamanda.com\)](http://craftsbyamanda.com)

BOOK



RECOMMENDATIONS



The Nine Lives of Furry Purry Beancat

By Phillip Ardagh

Meet Furry Purry Beancat - one EXTRAORDINARY cat with nine EXTRAORDINARY lives!

Just like every other cat, **Furry Purry Beancat** loves a catnap. But *unlike* other cats, when Beancat wakes she finds herself about to embark on a whole new adventure!

In this first book, join our furry (and purry!) heroine as she sets sail aboard a **pirate ship**, helping her captain and his shipmates fight a rival crew in an epic battle at sea! Can Furry Purry Beancat help save the day?

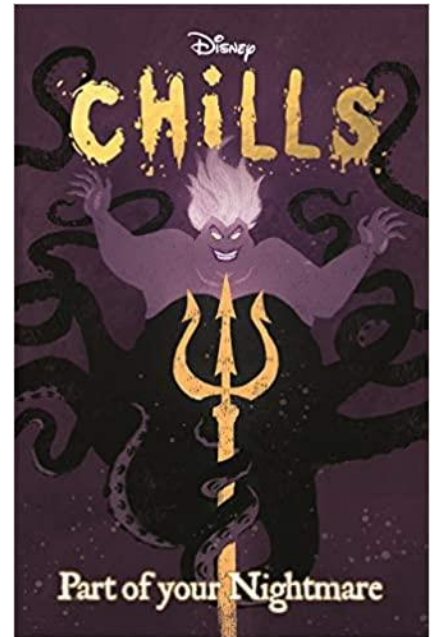
Disney Chills: Part of your Nightmare

Grab your torch, dear reader, and prepare to be CHILLED.

Eleven-year old Hannah just wants to be popular. Is it really too much to ask? Her parents have split up, she's just started at a new school, and she's struggling to prove herself on the swim team.

So when Hannah's path crosses with the infamous sea witch, Ursula, she can't help but agree to a deal that is bound to make her one of the most popular kids in school.

But when Hannah's wish quickly turns into a nightmare, she must figure out a way to undo it before her fate is sealed forever.



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