

# 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.

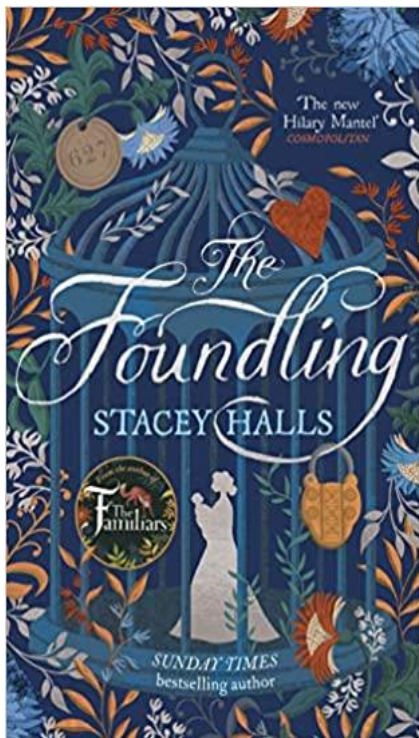
I've asked friends, family and colleagues to share with us what they're reading and it's quite a mix!

## What are people reading?

### The Foundling

By Stacey Halls

**Two women, bound by a child, and a secret that will change everything . . .**



**London, 1754.** Six years after leaving her illegitimate daughter Clara at London's Foundling Hospital, Bess Bright returns to reclaim the child she has never known. Dreading the worst, that Clara has died in care, Bess is astonished to be told she has already claimed her. Her life is turned upside down as she tries to find out who has taken her little girl - and why.

Less than a mile from Bess's lodgings in the city, in a quiet, gloomy townhouse on the edge of London, a young widow has not left the house in a decade. When her close friend - an ambitious young doctor at the Foundling Hospital - persuades her to hire a nursemaid for her daughter, she is hesitant to welcome someone new into her home and her life. But her past is threatening to catch up with her and tear her carefully constructed world apart.

## Knife Edge

By Simon Mayo

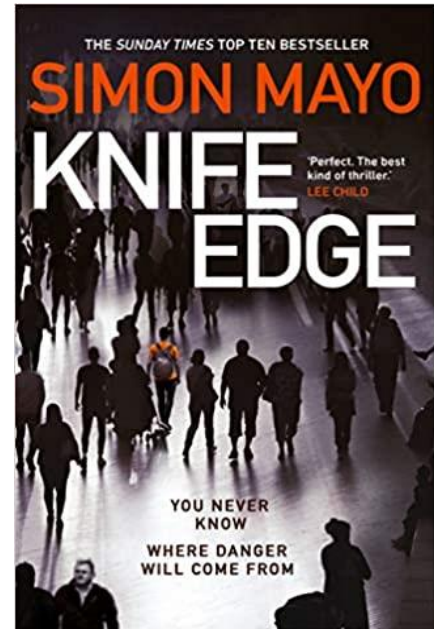
**You never know where danger may come from...**

**6.45am.** A sweltering London rush hour. And in the last 29 minutes, seven people have been murdered.

In a series of coordinated attacks, seven men and women across London have been targeted. For journalist Famie Madden, the horror unfolds as she arrives for the morning shift.

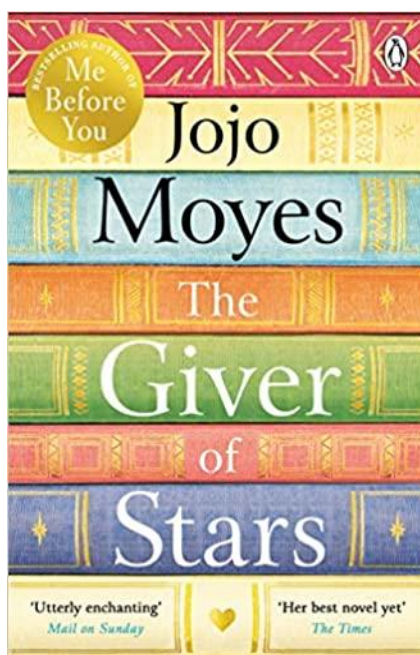
The victims have one thing in common: they make up the investigations team at the news agency where Famie works. The question everyone's asking: what were they working on that could prompt such brutal devastation?

As Famie starts to receive mysterious messages, she must find out whether she is being warned of the next attack, or being told that she will be the next victim...



## The Giver of Stars

By Jojo Moyes



**THE GREATEST LOVE STORY IS THE ONE YOU LEAST EXPECT . . .**

**Alice Wright** doesn't love her new American husband.

Nor her domineering father-in-law or the judgmental townsfolk of Baileyville, Kentucky.

Stifled and misunderstood, she yearns for escape and finds it in defiant Margery O'Hare and the sisterhood bringing books to the isolated and vulnerable.

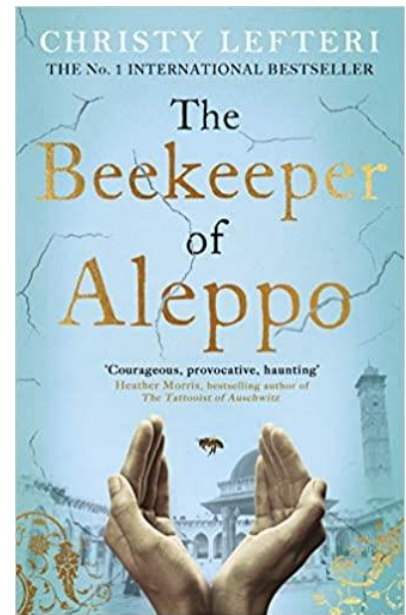
**But when her father-in-law and the town turn against them, Alice fears the freedom, friendship and the new love she's found will be lost . . .**

## The Beekeeper of Aleppo

By Christy Lefteri

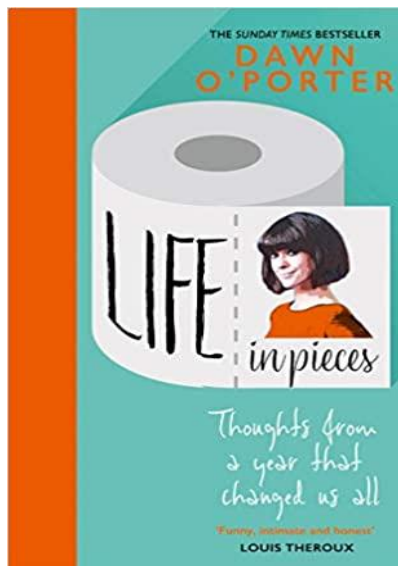
**Nuri is a beekeeper;** his wife, Afra, an artist. They live a simple life, rich in family and friends, in the beautiful Syrian city of Aleppo - until the unthinkable happens. When all they care for is destroyed by war, they are forced to escape.

As Nuri and Afra travel through a broken world, they must confront not only the pain of their own unspeakable loss, but dangers that would overwhelm the bravest of souls. Above all - and perhaps this is the hardest thing they face - they must journey to find each other again.



## LIFE in pieces

By Dawn O'Porter



**From reflections** on grief and identity, bad hair and parenting, sleep and spirituality, to the things we can control and the things we cannot.

Dawn has been doing a lot of thinking about life in lockdown. Mostly from a cupboard.

Discover the daily diaries that track the journey – for a hilarious, heart-breaking and highly entertaining glimpse into the new normal.

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](mailto:yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk) and we'll post your book recommendations.

## Do you know anyone who would benefit from our 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

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**We're here to help 😊**





## **Quiz:** provided by Hilary, Library Assistant

- 1.** Which famous diarist started with a first entry on 1st Jan 1660?
- 2.** In January 1877 Queen Victoria was proclaimed as Empress of where?
- 3.** In 1959 Castro came to power in Cuba in a revolution that overthrew which dictator?
- 4.** The currency of the Euro came into being in which year? a) 1991 b) 1995 c) 1999
- 5.** Born in January 1735, who is best known for his ride warning the Americans of the British plans to raid Lexington and Concord?
- 6.** In 1502, explorers landed at a place they called River of January in South America. Which nationality were they?
- 7.** 1892 saw the start of a process whereby 20 million people entered the USA via which island before it closed in 1954?
- 8.** Previously known as The Daily Universal Register, which newspaper began publishing in 1788?
- 9.** Which commonwealth nation was founded in 1901 with Edmund Barton as the first Prime Minister?
- 10.** After the end of French rule in 1804, which country became the first black republic and second independent country in North America?

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

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

1. Mad Men
2. Walmington-on-Sea
3. Steve Coogan
4. Las Vegas
5. Panorama
6. The Generation Game
7. Evan Davis
8. Martin Bashir
9. Green
10. Countdown



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## 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 off the internet

### One-pan salmon and broccoli bake



- **0:40** Prep   **0:30** Cook   **4** Servings   Easy

#### INGREDIENTS

- 4 green shallots, trimmed, thinly sliced, plus extra, to serve
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 long fresh red chilli, thinly sliced, plus extra, to serve
- 2 teaspoons finely grated fresh ginger
- 60ml (1/4 cup) soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons Capilano Dark & Bold Honey
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 4 x 200g skinless salmon fillets
- 500g broccoli, cut into florets
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Steamed jasmine rice, to serve

## METHOD

- **Step 1**

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Combine the shallot, garlic, chilli, ginger, soy sauce, honey and sesame oil in a large glass or ceramic dish.

Add the salmon fillets and turn to coat.

Set aside for 30 minutes to marinate.

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- **Step 2**

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Meanwhile, preheat oven to 200C/ 180C fan forced.

Line a baking tray with baking paper.

Place the broccoli in a bowl, toss with olive oil and season.

Place on the prepared tray and roast for 15 minutes.

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- **Step 3**

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Push the broccoli to the sides of the tray.

Place the salmon fillets in the centre of the tray and drizzle with the marinade.

Roast for a further 12-15 minutes or until the salmon is cooked through.

Sprinkle with the extra green shallot and chilli.

Serve with steamed rice.



# Films of the Week:

## Monday: The Nice Guys

9pm Film4

Holland March is a down-on-his-luck private eye in 1977 Los Angeles. Jackson Healy is a hired enforcer who hurts people for a living. Fate turns them into unlikely partners after a young woman named Amelia mysteriously disappears. Healy and March soon learn the hard way that some dangerous people are also looking for Amelia. Their investigation takes them to dark places as anyone else who gets involved in the case seems to wind up dead.

## Tuesday: David Lynch: The Art of Life

9pm Sky Arts

Film-maker David Lynch talks about how his formative years shaped his outlook on art and the creative process.

## Wednesday: Hacksaw Ridge

9pm Paramount

The true story of Pfc. Desmond T. Doss (Andrew Garfield), who won the Congressional Medal of Honor despite refusing to bear arms during WWII on religious grounds. Doss was drafted and ostracized by fellow soldiers for his pacifist stance but went on to earn respect and adoration for his bravery, selflessness and compassion after he risked his life - without firing a shot -- to save 75 men in the Battle of Okinawa.



## Thursday: Quartet

9pm BBC4

Once-popular opera diva Jean Horton (Maggie Smith) creates a stir with her arrival at Beecham House, a home for retired performers. No one feels the uproar more than Reginald Jean's ex-husband, who still stings from her long-ago infidelity. Most of the other Beecham residents are delighted, and try to convince Jean to join them in a performance of "Rigoletto." Jean, however, knows that she is long past her prime and is reluctant to sully the memory of her once-lovely voice.

## Friday: The Mummy

9pm ITV2

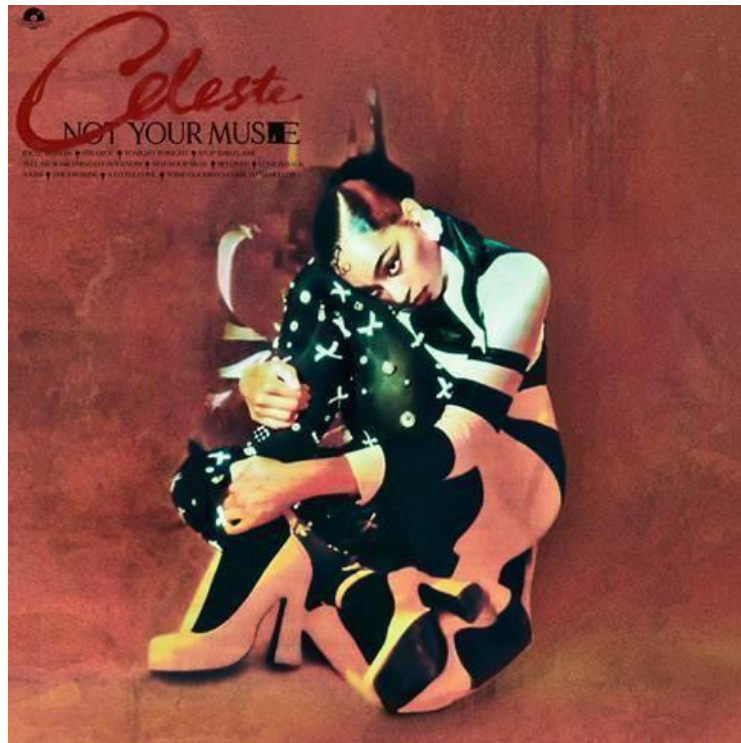
Nick Morton is a soldier of fortune who plunders ancient sites for timeless artifacts and sells them to the highest bidder. When Nick and his partner come under attack in the Middle East, the ensuing battle accidentally unearths Ahmanet, a betrayed Egyptian princess who was entombed under the desert for thousands of years. With her powers constantly evolving, Morton must now stop the resurrected monster as she embarks on a furious rampage through the streets of London.

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](mailto:yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk)

# Album of the Week:

## Not Your Muse by Celeste recommended by Joe

If Sky Sports Football has been on in your house, it's likely you'll be used to hearing Celeste's voice- 'you'll never stop this flame!'- every time there's an advert. Hopefully this won't stop you from delving into her debut album, as the new voice of British soul is definitely worth checking out. Even with the year we've had, she's still managed to make her mark.



Here is Celeste performing 'Love Is Back':

[Celeste – Love is Back \(Jools' Annual Hootenanny 2020/21\) - 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](mailto:yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk)

# Podcast of the Week:

## **Power: The Maxwells**

Everyone's heard of Ghislaine Maxwell (Jeffrey Epstein's alleged partner in crime). But there's a shadowy figure who hangs above her who you likely don't know: her father, media tycoon Robert Maxwell. His rise from nothing to fall... from the deck of his super yacht under mysterious circumstances is straight out of a crime novel. His favorite daughter Ghislaine's theory: her father was murdered.

From Somethin' Else, makers of 'The Immaculate Deception' and 'The Fault Line: Bush, Blair and Iraq', hosted by Investigative journalist Tara Palmeri, 'Power: The Maxwells' is a seven part series on the incredible true story of a media mogul whose legacy is still being felt today.



Here is the link to 'Power: The Maxwells':

[Power: The Maxwells on Apple Podcasts](#)

# Something for the Kids:

## QUIZ

1. In Mary Poppins, what helps the medicine go down?
2. Name 2 orange vegetables?
3. What is the name of the toddler in Monsters Inc.?
4. What watercraft travels under water?
5. Which superhero got his powers after being bitten by a tiny creature?
6. In Thomas the Tank Engine, what colour train is Percy?
7. What country would I be in if I was having lunch in Barcelona?
8. Which metal is heavier, Gold or Silver?
9. What is a Canine?
10. What is the name of the Beauty in 'Beauty and the Beast'?

## 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. 4
2. Finland
3. 48
4. Fruit
5. Blue
6. 30
7. Caddy
8. Tooth
9. Frogs
10. 12

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

# CRAFT TIME

## How to make Wool dolls



### You will need

- Wool
- Cardboard scrap (thick, heavy card is best, like what you'd get from a cardboard carton but I have used an old cereal box which is really a bit too flimsy for this purpose)
- Scissors





First wrap your wool around and around the cardboard scrap.

The card should be the length you want your doll to be.



Once your happy with the thickness of it, slide it off the card



Snip ONE end, so that you have a long bunch of wool pieces all the same length



To make the head, twist the bunch once in the middle and fold in half, then tie tightly with a separate piece of wool of the same colour



Once you have done that, you need to divide the bunch into three parts, the two outside parts become the arms, and a thicker bunch on the inside for the waist and legs.

Tie two more strands of wool around the middle for the waist.



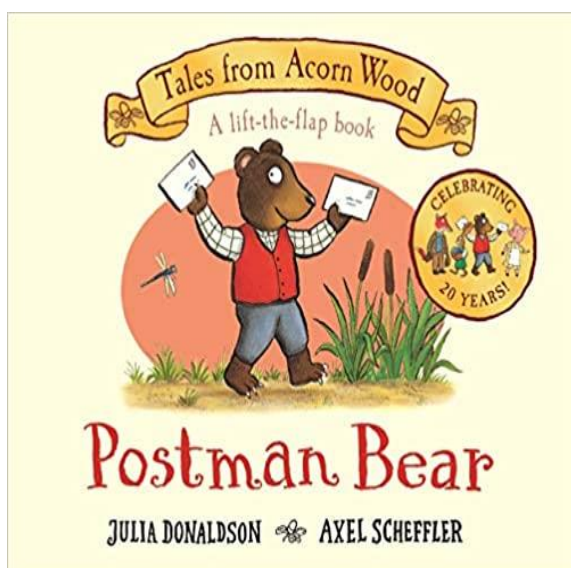
Braid and trim the arms, and if you want your doll to have legs braid some in, or simply give it a tidy-up trim and leave as is for a skirt.

ALL DONE, you can try and make the opposite, from the one you have just made, you could end up with a colourful collection. 😊

# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

## Postman Bear

By Julia Donaldson



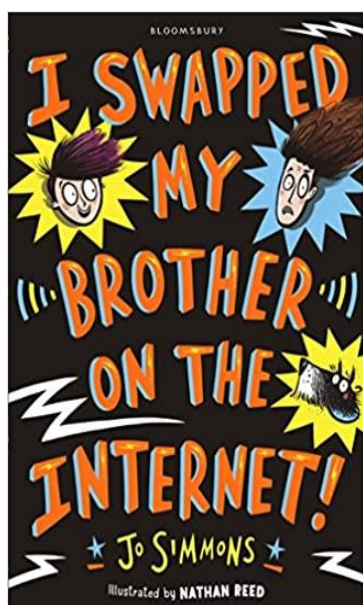
Bear is writing letters to his friends. But what could his letters be about? Lift the flaps and join Frog, Squirrel and Mole for Bear's special surprise!

With sturdy flaps on every page and rhyming stories that are a joy to read aloud.

Discover more stories in the Tales from Acorn Wood series: Fox's Socks, Rabbit's Nap and Hide-and-Seek Pig.

## I swapped My Brother on the Internet

By Jo Simmons



'I can get a new brother? On the internet?' Jonny muttered. 'Oh sweet mangoes of heaven!'

Everyone has dreamed of being able to get rid of their brother or sister at one time or another - but for Jonny, the dream is about to become a reality with SiblingSwap.com! What could be better than someone awesome to replace Ted, Jonny's obnoxious older brother.

But finding the perfect brother isn't easy, as Jonny discovers when Sibling Swap sends him a line of increasingly bizarre replacements: first a merboy, then a brother raised by meerkats, and then the ghost of Henry the Eighth! What's coming next?! Suddenly old Ted isn't looking so bad. But can Jonny ever get him back?

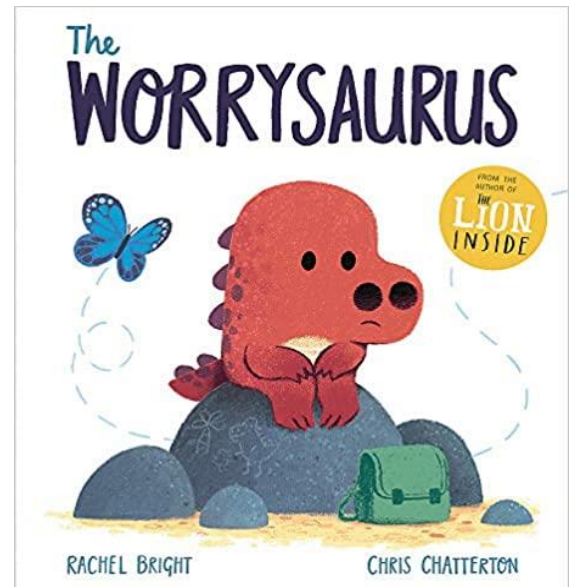
## The Worrysaurus

By Rachel Bright

It's a beautiful day and Worrysaurus has planned a special picnic.  
But it isn't long before a small butterfly of worry starts fluttering in his tummy . .

What if he hasn't brought enough to eat?  
What if he gets lost in the jungle?  
What if he trips and falls?  
What if it rains?!

Can Worrysaurus find a way to chase his fears away and have fun?



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