

# 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.

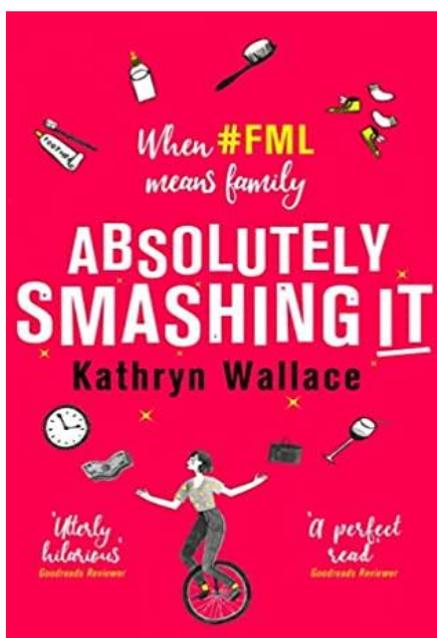
So, a little bit of homework for you while you're unable to go out and about. I was wondering if you'd share with us 'What You're Reading in Lockdown', or your favourite book/author that you'd like to recommend to others.

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?

### ABSOLUTELY SMASHING IT

By Kathryn Wallace



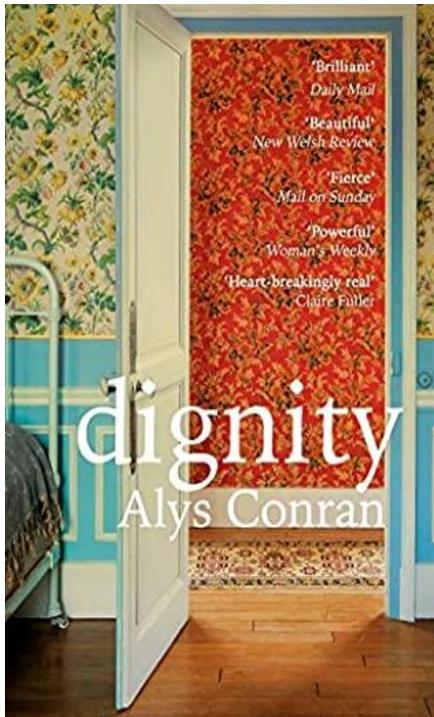
**Gemma** is only just holding it together, she's a single parent who's turning 40. When her new next-door neighbour, Becky, suggests that Gemma should start dating again, it takes a lot of self-control not to laugh in her face. But Becky is very persuasive and before long Gemma finds herself juggling a full-time job, the increasingly insane demands of the school mums' Facebook group and the tricky etiquette of a new dating world.

Not only that, but Gemma has to manage her attraction to her daughter's teacher, Tom, who has swapped his life in the City for teaching 30 six to seven-year olds! It's going to be a long year and one in which Gemma and Becky will learn a crucial lesson: that in the end, being a good parent is just about being good enough.

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## Dignity

By Alys Conran



**Magda lives alone** in her a huge house by the sea. A former scientist with a bad temper and a good dose of old-fashioned British pride, she does not need help from anyone - despite her derelict house and her body's many betrayals. With her sharp tongue, she gets through carers at a rate of knots. Until Susheela arrives. And Susheela, it turns out, is in even more trouble than Magda. Still reeling from the recent death of her mum and trying to prop up her heartbroken dad, she finds herself falling for Ewan, a beautiful, fragile young man recovering from the brutal experience of war. The two women - seemingly separated by class, culture and time - strike up an unlikely and sometimes uneasy friendship. Magda's no-nonsense approach to life turns out to be an unexpected source of strength for Susheela; and Susheela's Bengali heritage brings back memories of Magda's childhood in colonial India.

## The Thursday MURDER Club

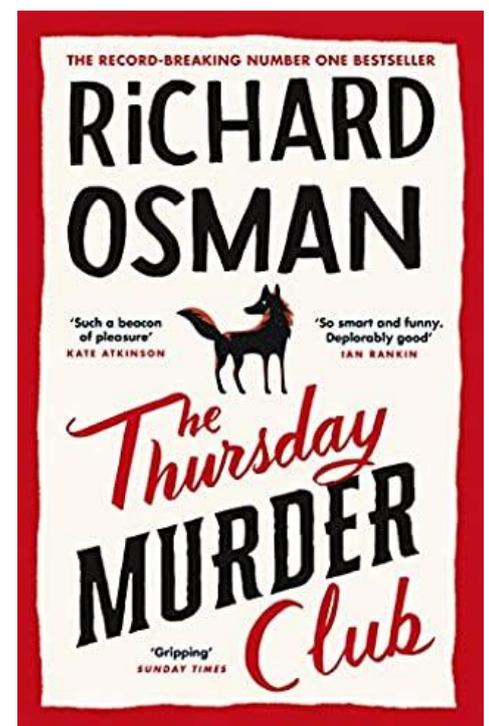
By Richard Osman

**In a peaceful retirement village**, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders

But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case.

Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing 80 but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves.

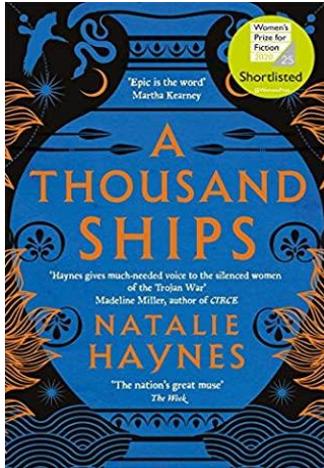
Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?



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## A THOUSAND SHIPS

By Natalie Haynes



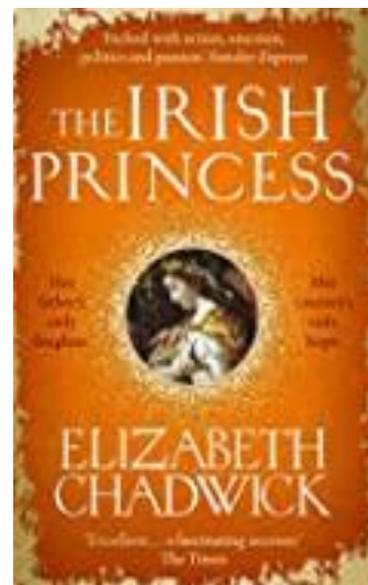
**In the middle of the night**, Creusa wakes to find her beloved Troy engulfed in flames. Ten seemingly endless years of brutal conflict between the Greeks and the Trojans are over, and the Greeks are victorious. Over the next few hours, the only life she has ever known will turn to ash. The devastating consequences of the fall of Troy stretch from Mount Olympus to Mount Ida, from the citadel of Troy to the distant Greek islands, and across oceans and sky in between.

These are the stories of the women embroiled in that legendary war and its terrible aftermath, as well as the feud and the fatal decisions that started it all.

## The IRISH PRINCESS

By Elizabeth Chadwick

**Ireland, 1160.** Aoife MacMurchada is just 14 years old when her father Diarmid, King of Leinster, is brutally deposed, and her family is forced to flee Southern Ireland into English exile. Diarmid seeks help from King Henry II, an alliance that leads him to the charismatic Richard de Clare, lord of Striguil, a man dissatisfied with his lot and open to new horizons. Diarmid promises Richard wealth, lands, and Aoife's hand in marriage in return for his aid, but Aoife has her own thoughts on the matter. She may be a prize, but she is not a pawn and she will play the game to her own advantage. From the royal halls of scheming kings, to staunch Welsh border fortresses and across storm-tossed seas to the wild green kingdoms of Ireland, 'The Irish Princess' is a sumptuous, journey of ambition and desire, love and loss, heartbreak and survival.



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.

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

Do you know anyone who doesn't want to or is unable to venture out at the moment, struggles to carry books, finds it difficult to get to their local library?

Just pass on our number and ask them to give us a call on **0151 443 3734**

We will deliver 5 books per month to their door.

**We're here to help 😊**



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# Quiz: provided by Hilary, Library Assistant

**Complete the lyrics (next line)** - all are well known songs by **The Beatles**

1. He got hair down to his knee
2. Someone to love/Somebody new
3. Lives in a dream/waits at the window
4. Remember to let her into your heart
5. Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
6. On a corner is a banker with a motorcar
7. I am the egg man/they are the egg men
8. Nothing you can say but you can learn how to play the game
9. Living is easy with eyes closed
10. Suddenly, I'm not half the man I used to be
11. Cause, I don't care too much for money
12. When I find myself in times of trouble/Mother Mary comes to me

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

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

1. Rhett Butler
2. Isolde
3. Thisbe
4. Simone de Beauvoir
5. Mark Anthony
6. Lord Guildford Dudley
7. Fitzwilliam Darcy
8. Rochester/Edward Fairfax Rochester
9. Wallis Simpson
10. Desdemona



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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

### **ROSEMARY CHICKEN with OVEN ROASTED RATATOUILLE**



**Prep time:** 15 minutes    **Cook:** 40 minutes    **Serves:** 4    **Easy**

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## INGREDIENTS

- 1 aubergine, cut into chunky pieces
- 2 courgettes, sliced into half moons
- 2 large garlic cloves, crushed
- 3 mixed peppers, deseeded and roughly chopped
- 2tsp finely chopped rosemary, plus 4 small sprigs
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 4 skinless boneless chicken breast

### Little tip

#### Herbs

If you don't have fresh rosemary, use fresh thyme or a couple of pinches of dried rosemary. Dried herbs have a more intense flavour, so use less.

#### Seasoning

Salt and pepper

## METHOD

### STEP 1

- Heat the oven to 200c/180c fan/gas 6.
- In a large roasting tin, toss together the aubergine, courgettes and peppers with half the chopped rosemary, half the garlic, 2 tbsp oil and some seasoning.
- Spread out the vegetables in an even layer, then roast in the oven for 20 minutes

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## STEP 2

- Meanwhile, mix remaining rosemary, garlic and oil together.
- Slash each of the chicken breasts 4-5 times with a sharp knife, brush over the oil, season and chill for 15 minutes.

## STEP 3

- After vegetables have cooked for 20 minutes, stir in the tomatoes.
- Make spaces in the roasting tin and nestle the chicken breasts amongst the vegetables.
- Place a rosemary sprig on top of each chicken breast.
- Return the tin to the oven for 18-20 minutes, until the chicken is cooked through and the vegetables are lightly caramelised.
- Serve with new potatoes - Optional



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# Something for the Kids:

## QUIZ

1. Which travels faster, Light or Sound?
2. Which one of these is NOT a type of Penguin? Emperor, Royal, King, Jack
3. What is the name of the third Harry Potter book?
4. What is the Gruffalo scared of?
5. How many sides does an octogen have?
6. Who sang 'Shake it Off'?
7. How many zeros are there in one thousand?
8. How many players are in a football team?
9. What do you call a group of sheep?
10. Which country invented tea?

## 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. Belfast
2. Jess
3. Alpha
4. George Harrison
5. Harry Potter
6. 1912
7. Six
8. Tooth Enamel
9. Kids
10. Hamm

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

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# CRAFT TIME

## How to make Handprint Flowers



### You will need

- Coloured card
- Wooden dowels/thick straws
- Wool/yarn to match flowers
- Glue stick
- Sticker jewels
- Jar
- Scissors

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## How to:

1. Choose colour card you would like your flowers to be, fold into 4 squares and trace child's hand
2. Cut out the handprints, you should have 4 of the same size



3. Glue together using the glue stick to form the flower
4. Glue or add sticky jewels to the centre of the flowers



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5. Tape the wooden dowel/thick straw to the back of the handprint flower



6. Now make the leaves, using green card. Draw a leaf and cut it out
7. Add glue to the end of the leaf
8. Wrap around the wooden dowel/thick straw



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9. Wrap wool/yarn around the top of the jar (you could put glue around before you add the wool/yarn if you would like to keep it on permanently) tuck the end piece of your wool/yarn under(to secure) when you have the required look
10. Place handprint flower in your jar vase and Enjoy



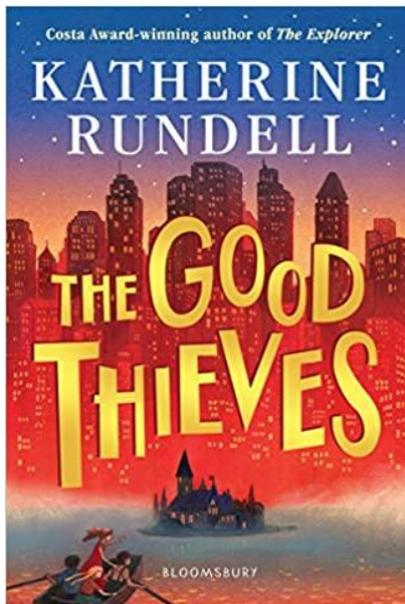
This would be a perfect for a Birthday or Mother's day gift or just to say 'I love you' 🌸😊🌸

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# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

## The GOOD THIEVES

By Katherine Rundell



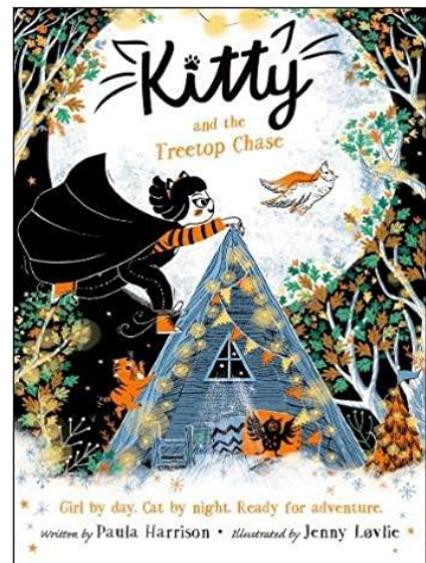
Fresh off the boat from England, Vita Marlowe has a job to do. Her beloved grandfather Jack has been cheated out of his home and possessions by a notorious conman with Mafia connections. Seeing Jack's spirit is broken, Vita is desperate to make him happy again, so she devises a plan to outwit his enemies and recover his home.

She finds a young pickpocket, working the streets of the city. And, nearby, two boys with highly unusual skills and secrets of their own are about to be pulled into her lawless, death-defying plan.

## KITTY and the Treetop chase

By Paula Harrison

This is the fourth enchanting tale, starring little superhero-in-training Kitty and her feline crew. Up on the rooftops, at night-time, Kitty soon discovers that being a superhero is about more than using her special abilities, she must learn to be courageous too. In this story can Kitty follow a trail of destruction and solve the puzzle of Ludo the missing dog?



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## SAVING WINSLOW

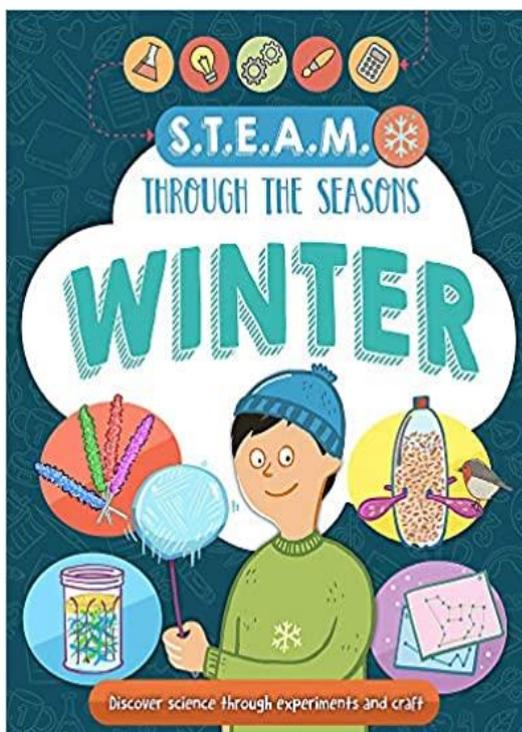
By Sharon Creech

Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small animals - not even lightning bugs, worms or goldfish. So, when his father brings home a sickly new born little donkey, he's determined to save him. Taking care of him helps Louie feel closer to brother Gus, who has just left home. Everyone worries that Winslow won't survive, especially Louie's quirky new friend, Nora. But as his bond with Winslow grows, surprising events prove that this fragile donkey - and Louie - are stronger than anyone could have imagined.



## S.T.E.A.M.

### Through The Seasons - WINTER



Discover science, technology, engineering, art and maths (STEAM) through original craft projects and recycle at the same time!

This brilliant series combines learning science with seasonal craft projects, scientific experiments and fun activities.

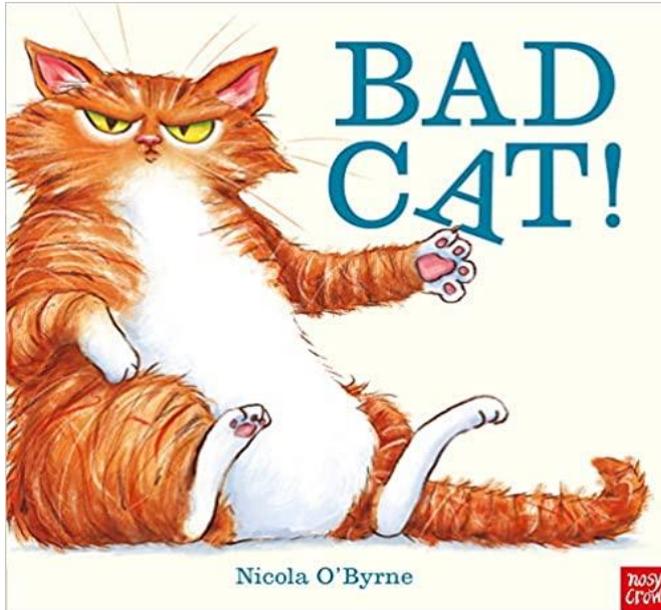
In Winter why not create some ice balloons, investigate crystals or design your own bottle bird feeder, plus many more fascinating ideas to try out.

Combining fun photos, illustrated step-by-step artwork and a dose of eco-friendly fun, STEAM through the seasons will ensure plenty to occupy any 6-8-year-old!

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## BAD CAT

By Nicola O'Byrne



**Fluffykins is a lovely cat, isn't he?**

Just look at him. He wouldn't do anything naughty . . . would he? But what's this? He's knocked over the flowers, tangled up all the knitting, bent the blinds, trodden on the laptop AND scratched the sofa . . . and he WON'T say sorry. What a bad cat! Whatever will Fluffykins do next? Let's just hope he's not after the goldfish . . .



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