

# Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In

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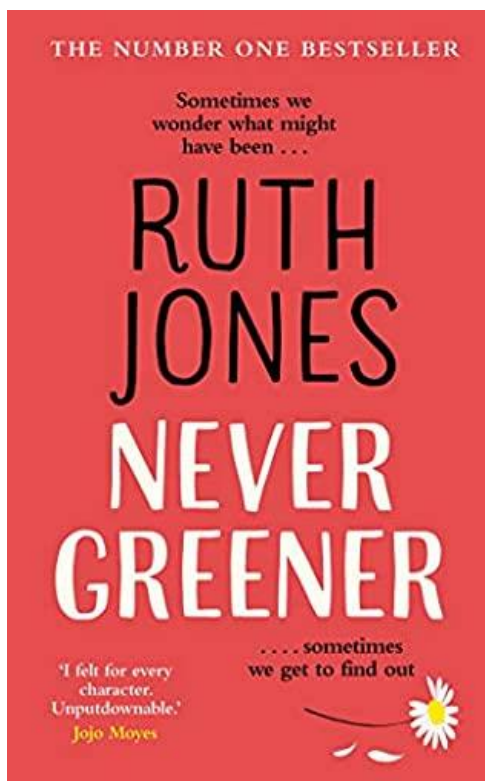
While we're all still having to adjust and **stay safe** at this worrying time, we thought we'd bring you another issue of **Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In**. Lots of us are missing our family, friends and especially going out to our favourite places like the Library ☺ We decided that we'd put together 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?

### Never Greener By Ruth Jones



**Ruth Jones** makes her debut with a witty and wise story of life's second chances and the dangers of taking them. With her trademark warmth, humanity and heart, she shows us the dangers of looking for something better and forgetting that the best might not be in our past or yet to come - but right where we are now.

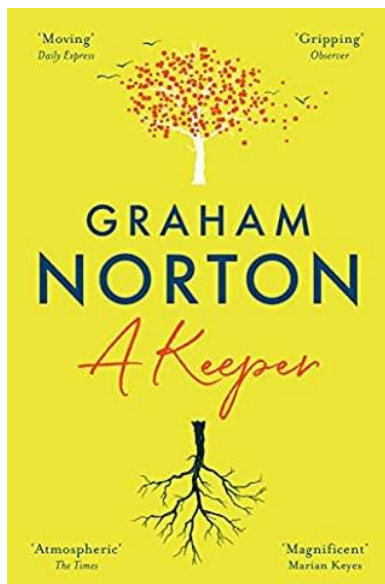
When Kate was 22, she had an intense affair with Callum a married man, which ended in heartbreak. Kate thought she'd never get over it.

17 years later life has moved on. Both married with children and Kate now an actress. The past it would seem, is well and truly behind them all.

But then Kate meets Callum again and they are faced with a choice: Walk away or risk finding out what might have been.....

## A Keeper

By Graham Norton



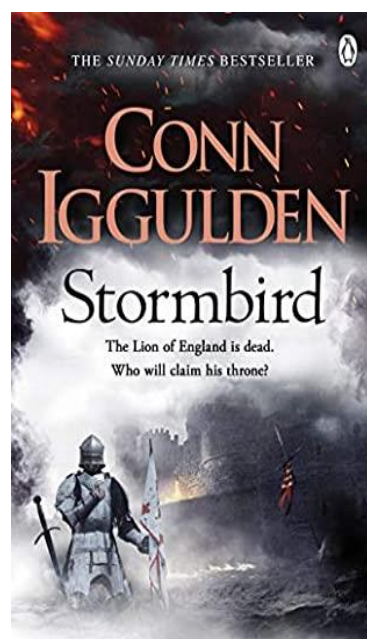
The mystery of Elizabeth Keane's father is one that has never been solved by the people of Buncarragh - not for lack of speculation. Her mother Patricia had been assumed a spinster, until she began dating a mysterious man from out of town, and within months had left Buncarragh and had married. Less than two years later, Patricia was back, with a new baby in her arms, but no new husband by her side and unbendingly silent about her recent past. A secret she would take with her to her grave. Now, as Elizabeth returns to the village after her mother's funeral, bringing with her her own regrets and wounds, she finds a thin pile of ribbon-bound letters at the back of a wardrobe that may at last hold the key to her past: 'Dear Lonely Leinster Lady, I'm not really sure how to begin'.

## Stormbird

By Conn Iggulden

This is the first book in **The War of the Roses** series

King Henry V - the great Lion of England - is long dead. In 1437, after years of regency, the pious and gentle Henry VI, the Lamb, comes of age and accedes to the English throne. His poor health and frailty of mind render him a weakling king. Yet there are those who believe England must be led by a strong king if she is to survive. With England's territories in France under threat, and rumours of revolt at home, fears grow that Henry and his advisers will see the country slide into ruin.



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

We will deliver 5 books per month to their door.

**We're here to help 😊**



## FEEDBACK:

"I look forward to my books every month. The girls are like a friend calling for a chat, we've recently started getting a monthly newsletter which I like. It has book recommendations and recipes to try"

"Glad to have the books delivered again, I did miss them"

## Quiz: provided by Hilary, Library Assistant

### NOVEMBER QUIZ

1. What are the two zodiac signs for the month of November?
2. Which group had a hit with 'November Rain'?
3. In literature, who was born in Wattenscheid, Germany, on November the 11th?
4. Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5th of November, but in which year was the Gunpowder Plot?
5. "The house was very quiet, and the fog—we are in November now—pressed against the windows like an excluded ghost."  
is a line from which book that was first published in 1910?
6. The Day of the Dead is a holiday celebrated throughout which country on November the 2nd each year?
7. In which city was John F. Kennedy assassinated on November 22, 1963?
8. What was the name given to the famous speech made by Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863?
9. What officially opened for the first time on November 17, 1869?
10. On which day in November is Saint Andrew's Day?

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

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

1. Bogeyman
2. Bloodcurdling
3. Pumpkin
4. Trick or treat
5. Supernatural
6. Gravestone
7. Petrified
8. Superstition

## 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.

### Chorizo Beans on Toast



This quick and easy chorizo topping is a fantastic alternative to good old baked beans when piled onto hot toast.

#### Ingredients

- 100g/3½oz cooking chorizo, diced
- 200g/7oz tinned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 200g/7oz tinned chopped tomatoes
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme leaves
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

To serve

- 2 slices toast
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley leaves

#### Method

1. Place a saucepan over a medium heat. When the pan is hot, add the chorizo and fry for 1-2 minutes, or until starting to crisp.
2. Add the drained chickpeas and tinned tomatoes, then stir in the thyme. Season, to taste, with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Simmer for 4-5 minutes, or until the sauce has warmed through and thickened to your liking.
3. To serve, spoon the chickpea mixture on top of the toast and garnish with parsley.

## BOOK NEW AND REVIEWS

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/oct/28/top-10-horror-novels-halloween-gabriel-bergmoser-the-hunted>

### [Top 10 horror novels | Gabriel Bergmoser | Books | The Guardian](#)

As much as horror is a genre it's also a technique; a way to confront or explore something real by taking the audience to extremes. As a kid I was terrified of horror films – until I actually ...

[www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/oct/23/library-ebook-lending-surges-as-uk-turns-to-fiction-during-lockdown>

### [Library ebook lending surges as UK turns to fiction during lockdown](#)

Charity says ebooks borrowing up 146% from March to August, with crime thrillers popular

[www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/oct/23/jeffery-deaver-i-can-always-find-solace-in-middle-earth-and-tolkiens-imagination>

### [Jeffery Deaver: 'I can always find solace in Middle-earth and Tolkien's imagination'](#)

The bestselling crime writer on the influence of Ian Fleming, learning from Saul Bellow and crying over Annie Proulx

[www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/oct/17/mantel-pieces-by-hilary-mantel-review-witty-and-ferocious>

## [Mantel Pieces by Hilary Mantel review – witty and ferocious | Books | The Guardian](#)

When Hilary Mantel first began to write for the London Review of Books in 1987 she warned the editor that she had “no critical training whatsoever”. “Thank goodness,” you think. What ...

[www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/oct/18/boris-johnson-the-gambler-review-no-blame-no-shame>

## [Boris Johnson: The Gambler review – no blame, no shame | Politics books | The Guardian](#)

Tom Bower gives us a better idea of Boris Johnson’s inner demons but is much too forgiving of his many flaws On the morning of his election as Tory leader in July 2019, Boris Johnson came down ...

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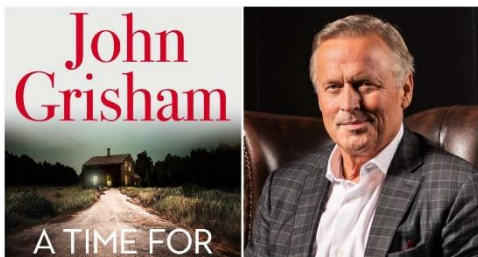
## [Klopp: My Liverpool Romance by Antony Quinn review – a sporting love letter](#)

You don’t have to be born in Liverpool to support Liverpool FC. The brand is global, the owners are American, the fans are as likely to come from Benares as from Bootle. With the exception of Trent Alexander-Arnold, the star players also hail from elsewhere. So does the current manager, Jürgen Klopp. In the early postwar years, the presence of a German at an English club would have gone down

badly: as Anthony Quinn points out, when Bert...

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<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/a-time-for-mercy-john-grisham-review-jake-brigance-returns-to-fight-another-thrilling-court-case/ar-BB1avgwd>



[A Time for Mercy John Grisham review: Jake Brigance returns to fight another thrilling court case - msn.com](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/a-time-for-mercy-john-grisham-review-jake-brigance-returns-to-fight-another-thrilling-court-case/ar-BB1avgwd)

Jake Brigance, a lawyer with a gift for convincing juries but not for making any money, was the star of Grisham's 1989 novel A Time To Kill. It was almost 25 years before Grisham had Brigance ...

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## TV NEWS

<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/these-are-the-famous-names-rumoured-for-im-a-celebrity-series-20/ar-BB1avXpw?ocid=mailsignout>



[These are the famous names rumoured for I'm A Celebrity series 20](http://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/tv/these-are-the-famous-names-rumoured-for-im-a-celebrity-series-20/ar-BB1avXpw?ocid=mailsignout)

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## Films of the Week:



### **Monday: The Children Act** **9pm BBC2**

As her marriage founders because of her dedication to her job, high court judge Fiona Maye is given the case of a 17-year-old Jehovah's Witness who refuses to on religious principle to undergo a potentially lifesaving blood transfusion for leukaemia. Starring Emma Thompson and Stanley Tucci.

### **Tuesday: Anger Management** **9pm Sony Movies**

A man is forced to go on an anger management course following an unpleasant incident on a plane. However, he quickly comes to the conclusion that his unconventional therapist is the crazy one when the deranged doctor moves in with him and turns his life upside down. Comedy starring Jack Nicholson and Adam Sandler.

### **Wednesday: The French Connection** **10.50pm Song Movies Classic**

Two tough New York cops use unorthodox methods to try and break an international drug ring. When their information leads them to place a candy store under surveillance, they discover they discover the owners are the American agents of for a French kingpin planning to ship millions of dollars worth of heroin into the US. Gene Hackman stars.

### **Thursday: The Band Wagon** **8pm BBC4**

A has been Hollywood dancer and a pretentious producer form an uneasy alliance to stage a song-and-dance spectacular. However, the latter's bizarre ideas soon spiral out of control, while the former loathes the ballerina cast opposite him. Fred Astaire stars.

### **Friday: Trainspotting 2 (T2)** **12.30am Channel 4**

Recovering heroin addict Mark Renton returns to Edinburgh roots after 20 years living overseas, hoping to make peace with the friends he abandoned. However, starting anew proves far from easy, especially when old partner in crime Begbie escapes from prison, still brooding on Renton's betrayal. Danny Boyle's drama sequel starring Ewan McGregor and Robert Carlyle.



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:

### Tired of Hanging Around by The Zutons recommended by Joe

This 2004 album by Liverpool's The Zutons is full of slick, angsty, poppy tunes that you won't be able to get out your head all day.



Here is the band performing 'Why Won't You Give Me Your Love?'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMzAv3VNM1w>

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:

### Americast

Countdown to the 2020 US Presidential Election with BBC's Americast podcast, featuring analysis, debate and interviews with leading figures.



# AMERICAST

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Here is the link to 'Americast':

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/americast/id1473150244?id=1473150244>

# Something for the Kids:

## QUIZ

1. What is a baby seal called?
2. What type of food do penguins eat?
3. Which fabric is made by worms?
4. What country did Christmas trees originate from?
5. What does water turn into when it is frozen solid?
6. Mary Poppins is nanny to which family?
7. What is Flynn Rider's real name in Tangled?
8. What is the name of the Darlings dog in Peter Pan?
9. What is the Gruffalo scared of?
10. In James and the Giant Peach, what provided the power for the Peach when it floated through the air?

## 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. Michael Bond
2. Four
3. Black Eyed Peas
4. Sirius Black
5. Lily
6. Green
7. Pinocchio
8. Winston Churchill
9. A Foal
10. Two

We'll have another Quiz for you next week.

# CRAFT TIME

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

## PAPER CLOUD



What you'll need:

Scissors

White paper

Hole punch

Wool

Black marker, chalk pastels or felt tip pen for cheeks

Cotton balls or poly filling (the type you'd put in a cushion or pillow)

## What you need to do:

- Draw a cloud shape on the paper, fold the paper over and cut around.
- Hole punch along the edges, not too close to the edge, not too close to the next hole.
- Draw a happy face, or what ever you'd like to draw
- Start threading the wool through the holes. Leave an opening for the filling
- Fill the pillow with the filling of your choice, either the cotton balls or the cushion stuffing (poly filler)
- Thread the wool through the remaining holes, when you reach the last hole join the two ends of wool together and tie.
- ALL DONE.. 😊

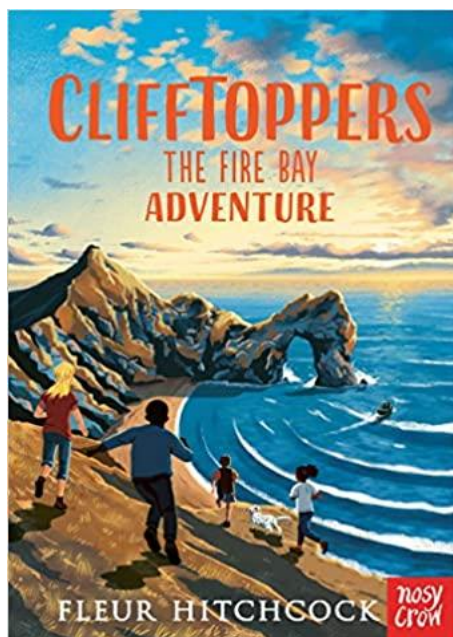


# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

## CLIFFTOPPERS The Fire Bay ADVENTURE

By Fleur Hitchcock

### The CLIFFTOPPERS series



For Aiden, Chloe, Ava and Josh, holidays at their grandparents' cottage mean wild beaches, no curfew, Bella the dog, and most of all - adventure!

Everyone is really excited about the autumn Fire Festival. Bonfires, barrel rolling, music and fireworks! But with suspicious blazes breaking out across town, the cousins realise that something sinister is going on.

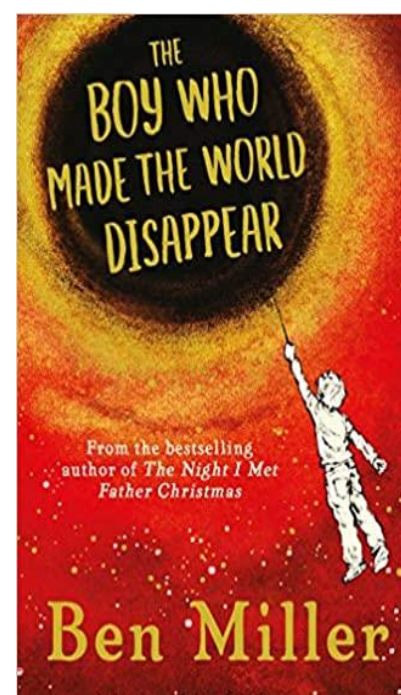
Can they uncover the secret of Fire Bay before things go up in flames?

## The Boy who made the World Disappear

By Ben Miller

Harrison tries his best to be good. He doesn't steal from shops, he shares with his sister and never cheats at board games, but Harrison also has a BIG flaw. He can't control his temper.

So when he's given a black hole instead of a balloon at a party, he seizes the chance to get rid of everything that makes him cross. But when it's not just things he hates that are disappearing into the black hole but things he loves too. Harrison realises that sometimes you should be careful what you wish for.....





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