

# Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In

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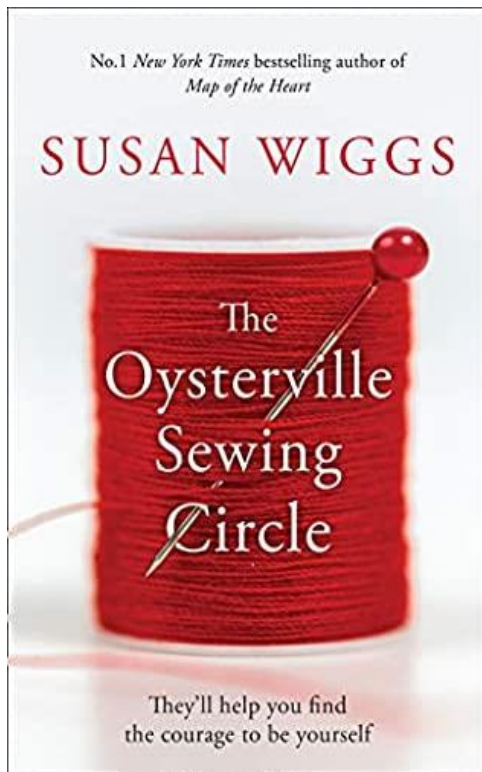
While we're all still having to adjust and **stay safe** at this worrying time, we thought we'd bring you another issue of **Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In**. Lots of us are missing our family, friends and especially going out to our favourite places like the Library ☺ We decided that we'd put together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

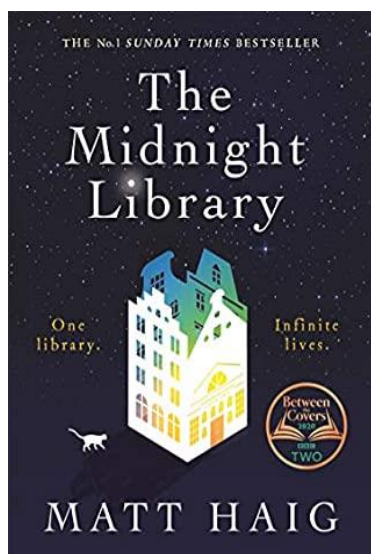
## What are people reading?

### The Oysterville Sewing Circle By Susan Wiggs



**Caroline Shelby** has come home to Oysterville. In the backseat of Caroline's car are two children who were orphaned in a single chilling moment, five-year-old Addie and six-year-old Flick. She's now their legal guardian - a role she's not sure she's ready for. But Oysterville has changed. Her siblings have their own complicated lives and her aging parents are hoping to pass on their thriving restaurant to the next generation. And there's Will Jensen, a decorated Navy SEAL who's also returned home after being wounded overseas. Caroline is drawn back to her favourite place: the Sewing Shop owned by Mrs. Lindy Bloom, the woman who inspired her and taught her to sew. There she discovers that even in an idyllic beach town, there are women living with the darkest of secrets and one of those women is her. Thus begins the Oysterville Sewing Circle, where Caroline finds the courage to stand and fight for everything and everyone she loves.

## The Midnight Library by Matt Haig



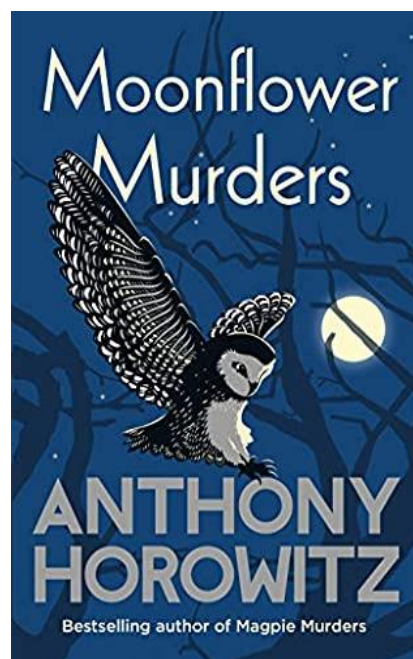
When Nora Seed finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. Up until now, her life has been full of misery and regret. She feels she has let everyone down, including herself. But things are about to change.

The books in the Midnight Library enable Nora to live as if she had done things differently. With the help of an old friend, she can now undo every one of her regrets as she tries to work out her perfect life. But things aren't always what she imagined they'd be, and soon her choices place the library and herself in extreme danger. Before time runs out, she must answer the ultimate question: what is the best way to live?

## Moonflower Murders by Anthony Horowitz

The second book in the **Magpie Murders** series

Retired publisher Susan Ryeland is running a small hotel on a Greek island with her long-term boyfriend. It should be everything she's always wanted. However, she's exhausted with the responsibilities of making everything work on an island where nothing ever does. And she's beginning to miss her literary life in London. And then an English couple come to visit, and the story they tell about a murder that took place on the same day and in the same hotel in which their daughter, Cecily, was married is such a strange one that Susan is fascinated by it. And when they tell her that Cecily has gone missing a few short hours after reading 'Atticus Pund Takes The Case,' a crime-novel Susan edited some years previously, Susan knows she must return to London to find what's happened. The clues to the murder and to Cecily's disappearance must lie within the pages of this novel.



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 😊**



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

1. Who wrote the novel Treasure Island?
2. In which country was ex-England cricket captain Tony Greig born?
3. What was Tom Jones' first UK number one single?
4. Which South American country lost its coastline to Chile in 1879?
5. What flavour is the liqueur cassis?
6. What product was the first to appear in a UK TV commercial? (In 1955)
7. Which artist is famous for painting a portrait of his mother?
8. Which singer was known as the 'Forces' sweetheart?
9. What does a lepidopterist collect?
10. What was Genevieve in the 1953 film of the same name?

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

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

1. Scorpio (October 24 – November 22) and Sagittarius (November 23 – December 21)
2. Guns N' Roses
3. James Bond
4. 1605
5. Howard's End (by E.M. Forster)
6. Mexico
7. Dallas
8. The Gettysburg Address
9. The Suez Canal
10. 30th of November

## 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 from Lee Our Digital Library Advisor

### Chicken Chow Mein

Ingredients. Serves 2.

150g of yellow wheat flour noodles  
Toasted sesame oil  
300g chicken fillets sliced into strips  
1 teaspoon of dark soy sauce  
1 teaspoon of 5-spice powder  
1 tablespoon of cornflour  
2 tablespoons of groundnut oil  
1 red pepper, deseeded and sliced  
150g of bean sprouts  
1 large spring onion, sliced length ways  
2 tablespoons of light soy sauce  
1 teaspoon of chilli sauce, optional  
Ground black pepper, optional



Cook the noodles for 4-5 minutes in boiling water. Drain and run under cold water and drain again. Drizzle a few splashes of sesame oil over the noodles and toss to prevent them sticking together.

Season the chicken with the dark soy sauce and coat with the 5-spice powder. Then cover with the cornflower.

Heat a wok over a high heat, add the groundnut oil until its smoking then add the chicken and stir fry until cooked.

Add the red pepper and stir fry for 1 minute, then add the beansprouts and spring onion and cook for another minute. Add the noodles and season with the light soy sauce and 1 teaspoon of sesame oil. If you like you can add the chilli sauce and black pepper.

Toss carefully and serve.

## BOOK REVIEWS

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/nov/01/klopp-my-liverpool-romance-by-anthony-quinn-review-a-win-win>

### [Klopp: My Liverpool Romance by Anthony Quinn review – a win-win | Autobiography and memoir | The Guardian](#)

The Occam's razor explanation as to why this slight and snappy paean to Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp works: Anthony Quinn is a delightful writer writing about a delightful subject. Quinn ...

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

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/nov/01/hungry-by-grace-dent-review-a-delicious-tribute>

### [Hungry by Grace Dent review – a delicious tribute | Autobiography and memoir | The Guardian](#)

Hungry is a story about food, class and families and the distance travelled between a terraced house in Carlisle and multimillion-pound London restaurants that quake at your arrival. Above all, it ...

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

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/other/val-mcdermid-the-mermaids-singing-felt-like-a-narrative-emergency/ar-BB1aMNyv?ocid=msedgntp>



### [Val McDermid: 'The Mermaids Singing felt like a narrative emergency'](#)

By 1994, I'd published seven crime novels and I'd been writing full-time for three years. The first two years, my writing had been a tax loss. I'd only stayed afloat because of the ...

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tyne-54280708>



## [Rupert Bear turns 100: The adventures continue - BBC News](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tyne-54280708)

A little bear is celebrating a very big birthday: Rupert has turned 100. To commemorate the milestone, the anthropomorphic adventurer has been honoured by the Royal Mail in a set of eight stamps.

[www.bbc.co.uk](https://www.bbc.co.uk)

<https://www.radiotimes.com/news/tv/2020-10-26/his-dark-materials-season-2/>



## [When is His Dark Materials season 2's BBC release date? Will it change The Subtle Knife?](https://www.radiotimes.com/news/tv/2020-10-26/his-dark-materials-season-2/)

[www.radiotimes.com](https://www.radiotimes.com)

<https://www.radiotimes.com/news/tv/2020-09-30/call-the-midwife-christmas-series-10/>



## [When will Call the Midwife return for series 10?](https://www.radiotimes.com/news/tv/2020-09-30/call-the-midwife-christmas-series-10/)

Here's everything we know about the next series and the Christmas special of the much-loved BBC drama

[www.radiotimes.com](https://www.radiotimes.com)

<https://www.radiotimes.com/news/tv/2020-09-21/black-narcissus-release-date-bbc/>



## [When is Black Narcissus on TV?](#)

Gemma Arterton plays a nun struggling to contain her repressed emotions in the remote Himalayan mountains.

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<https://www.radiotimes.com/news/tv/2020-09-21/small-axe-release-date-cast-trailer-bbc/>

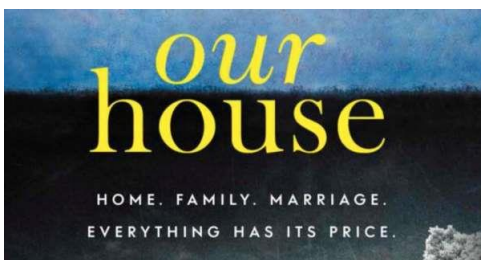


## [Small Axe release date | BBC cast, plot and trailer - Radio Times](#)

Black Panther's Letitia Wright and Star Wars' John Boyega star in a drama about London's West Indian community, Small Axe, to be released in 2020 on the BBC

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

<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/entertainment/celebrity/itv-announces-literary-thriller-based-on-the-novel-our-house/ar-BB1aPHj7?li=BBOPJKU&ocid=mailsignout&pfr=1>



## [ITV announces literary thriller based on the novel Our House](#)

The drama is adapted from Louise Candlish's best-selling novel.

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



## Films of the Week:

### **Monday: Inception** **9pm ITV4**

Dom Cobb (Leonardo DiCaprio) is a thief with the rare ability to enter people's dreams and steal their secrets from their subconscious. His skill has made him a hot commodity in the world of corporate espionage but has also cost him everything he loves. Cobb gets a chance at redemption when he is offered a seemingly impossible task: Plant an idea in someone's mind. If he succeeds, it will be the perfect crime, but a dangerous enemy anticipates Cobb's every move.



### **Tuesday: Eye In The Sky** **7pm Film4**

A lieutenant general (Alan Rickman) and a colonel (Helen Mirren) face political opposition after ordering a drone missile strike to take out a group of suicide bombers in Nairobi, Kenya.

### **Wednesday: Chocolat** **7.30pm Song Movies**

When mysterious Vianne and her child arrive in a tranquil French town in the winter of 1959, no one could have imagined the impact that she and her spirited daughter would have on the community stubbornly rooted in tradition. Within days, she opens an unusual chocolate shop, across the square from the church. Her ability to perceive her customers' desires and satisfy them with just the right confection, coaxes the villagers to abandon themselves to temptation -- just as Lent begins. Juliette Binoche stars.

### **Thursday: The Post** **8pm Film4**

Katharine Graham is the first female publisher of a major American newspaper -- The Washington Post. With help from editor Ben Bradlee, Graham races to catch up with The New York Times to expose a massive cover-up of government secrets that spans three decades and four U.S. presidents. Together, they must overcome their differences as they risk their careers -- and very freedom -- to help bring long-buried truths to light.

### **Friday: The Talented Mr Ripley** **9pm 5Star**

To be young and carefree amid the blue waters and idyllic landscape of sun-drenched Italy in the late 1950s; that's la dolce vita Tom Ripley (Matt Damon) craves- and Dickie Greenleaf (Jude Law) leads. When Dickie's father asks Tom to bring his errant playboy son back home to America, Dickie and his beautiful expatriate girlfriend, Marge Sherwood (Gwyneth Paltrow), never suspect the dangerous extremes to which Ripley will go to make their lifestyle his own.

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:

### **Roisin Machine by Roisin Murphy recommended by Joe**

The former Moloko frontwoman is back with an album of songs pulsing with dancefloor power. This is arguably her finest album yet, and it's clear her story isn't finished yet.



Here is Roisin Murphy performing 'Murphy's Law':

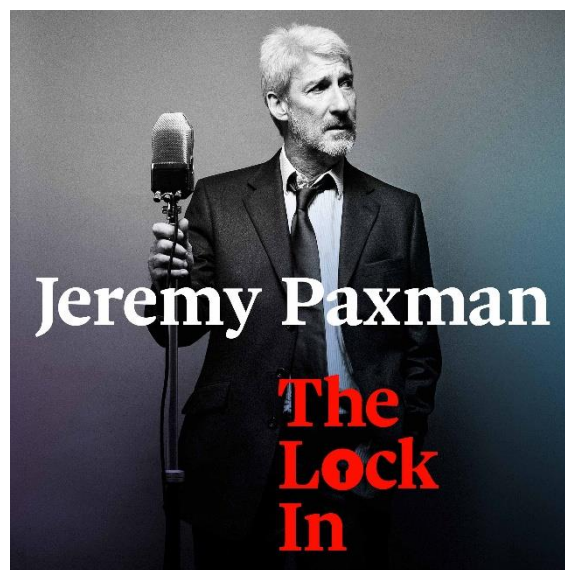
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PYHxliMtWM>

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:

## **The Lock In With Jeremy Paxman**

Jeremy Paxman, of Newsnight and University Challenge fame, has decided there must be more to life than cudgelling politicians and students on TV. 'The Lock In' is, as he puts it, "an excuse for me to talk to people I want to hear from, in a place I want to be...the pub". So it is that, free at last of any editorial oversight, Jeremy has been sitting down in some of London's finest boozers to enjoy drink and conversation with an eclectic bunch of guests. There are famous ones and obscure ones, but they all have something to say and were willing to sit down with the 'Grand Inquisitor' in a pub (or on Zoom, in more recent times). Each and every one is a fascinating conversation. So, pull yourself a pint, pour yourself a glass of plonk, and join The Lock In.



Here is the link to 'The Lock In With Jeremy Paxman':

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-lock-in-with-jeremy-paxman/id1535105464?at=1000ltXT>

# Something for the Kids:

## QUIZ

1. Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?
2. Eliza Thornberry has a special secret, what is it?
3. The Cheshire Cat is a fictional cat in which book?
4. Who has a dog called Snowy and is friends with Captain Haddock ?
5. Who created Tracy Beaker?
6. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
7. What kind of animal is Beatrix Potter's Mrs Tiggly-winkle?
8. Who stole Christmas in a Dr Seuss book?
9. Sculptures of which animal lie at the base of Nelson's column?
10. Which fictional 6 year old girl created by Roald Dahl gets up to pranks such as gluing her dads hat to his head?

## 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. Pup
2. Fish
3. Silk
4. Germany
5. Ice
6. Banks
7. Eugene Fitzherbert
8. Nana
9. A Mouse
10. Seagulls

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.

Get ready for Christmas with this Santa handprint craft!



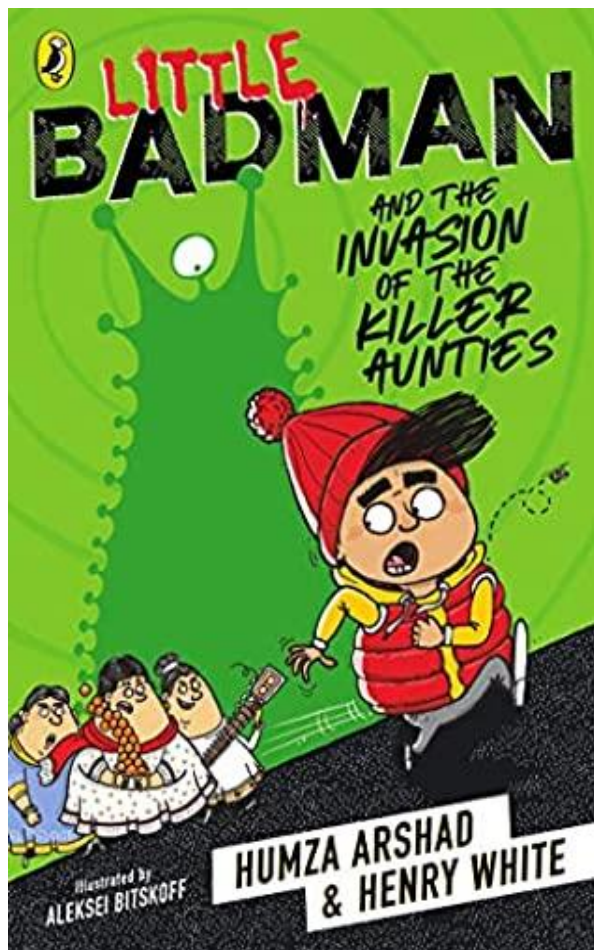
<https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/santa-handprint-craft/>

# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

## *Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties*

*By Humza Arshad*

The first book in the **LITTLE BADMAN** series



Humza Khan is the greatest 11 year old rapper Eggington has ever known: he is Little Badman and soon everyone will know his name.

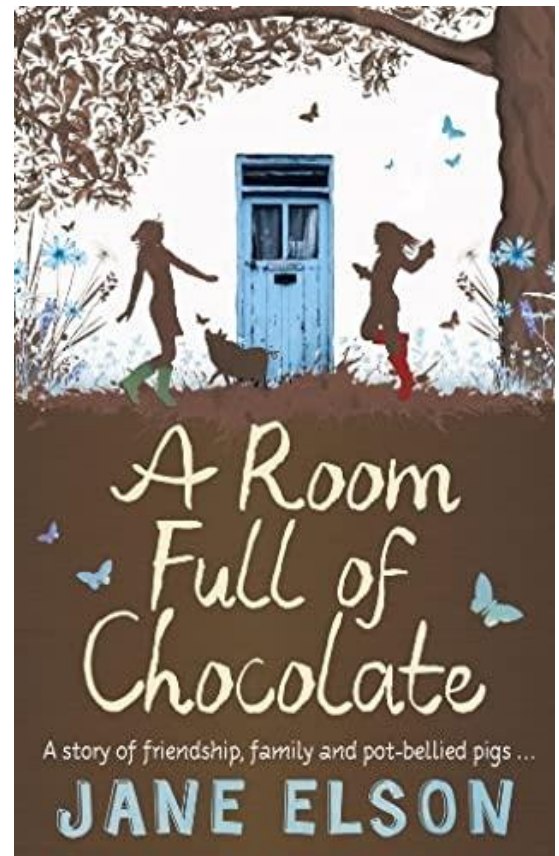
The problem is, school has got really weird: one by one, all the teachers are disappearing and suspicious aunties are taking over. It isn't so bad though; Humza can still record his first song and the aunties are very generous with snacks.

But when they start to mess with his music, Humza has got to get to the bottom of what's going on. With the help of his friends Umer and Wendy, Humza must hunt for the truth. Can he stop the aunties before they carry out their evil plan?

## A Room Full of Chocolate

By Jane Elson

Grace's fun-loving Mum has found a lump. Her north London world of sleepovers, tap dancing and playing the clarinet fall apart when she is sent to live with her grumpy old grandad on his farm in Yorkshire while her mother goes into hospital to get better. Grace misses her mother so much it hurts and doesn't quite understand what is happening to her. And things go from bad to worse when she starts school and becomes the bullies' latest target. But Grace is no longer alone when she meets Rainbow Girl Megan and her pig, Claude - when she's with them she feels as if she can confront anything. At Easter time when Grace misses her mum the most, she knows she must find a way to get to London. With Megan's help, she hatches a plan to run away that involves Claude, chocolate Easter eggs and a risky ID swap. But it's all worth it if it means that she finally gets to see her mum.



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