



# THE BOOKSHELF

SUMMER 2024

"She turned to the sunlight  
And shook her yellow head,  
And whispered to her neighbour:  
Winter is dead."

– A A Milne – When We Were Very Young.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY THIS TERM?

**LIBRARY BOOKS  
OVERDUE**

WE CURRENTLY HAVE  
OVER 300 BOOKS  
OVERDUE FROM THE  
SCHOOL LIBRARY.

PLEASE CHECK AT  
HOME AND RETURN  
ANY BOOKS YOU MAY  
HAVE BACK TO THE  
LIBRARY.

**BRING THEM BACK**

THANKYOU!

"The aim of the library is to create the environment and facilities where students and staff may read, study and seek information."

# Save Kings Heath Library

## SAVE YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY



You may have heard recently that 25 community libraries are under threat of closure. These wonderful buildings provide an essential service to the community and need your help. Of the 35 libraries in Birmingham, Kings Heath library is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> by estimated footfall, has the 7<sup>th</sup> highest membership and the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of books lent and relent.

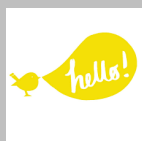
*Please sign the petition via the link below and support the fight to keep KH library open*

<https://www.change.org/p/save-kings-heath-library>

## LOCAL HEROES

We are extremely lucky to have two wonderful independent bookshops right here in Kings Heath.

### How Brave is the Wren and The Heath Bookshop.



Both shops offer a fantastic selection of books to cover all reading tastes and they also have a variety of events running throughout the year including book talks, author visits and story-telling sessions. Why not check them out next time you're on the High Street and support your local bookshop...

 Bookshop.org

### How Brave is the Wren

is located on York Road and is a children's bookshop. They run weekly free story-time sessions on Thursday morning at 11am and Friday morning at 10.15am. All welcome.

Open Weds – Sat  
10.00am – 5.00pm



### The Heath Bookshop

is located in Kings Court (opp Asda) and is an independent bookshop. They regularly run events including author talks, books clubs and music events.



Open Weds – Sun  
10.00am – 4.00pm.

## NEW IN THIS TERM!



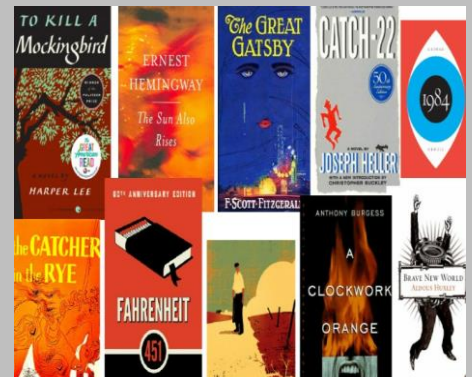
### CLASSICS AND WHY WE SHOULD READ THEM

Our **classics** collection has recently had a revamp and we are encouraging our students to take a look at what's on offer in this eclectic collection. As well as the usual authors including Dickens, Bronte and Austen they can now also find some more modern writers such as Alice Walker, Yann Martel and Toni Morrison. Reading a classic can be a challenge for some students but our collection should now have something to suit all tastes and abilities.

### What makes a classic?

Your idea of a classic novel may be different to someone else's but generally it is a book that has stood the test of time because it is so good; it has a gripping story which is expertly crafted and beautifully expressed. But of course, it's not just about the story. Like any good recipe, there are a number of key ingredients that make a book a classic ... check out the link below to find out more.

<https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/classics/what-are-classic-books>



## CLASSICS READING LISTS

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2022/05/100-must-read-classic-books>

<https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/classics/classic-books-to-read-before-you-die>

<https://www.goodreads.com/genres/classics>



## binge-read

binge-read [binj-réd]

verb

1. the act of reading large amounts of text in a short amount of time
2. the reason you haven't eaten, bathed, slept, or absorbed sunlight in the twenty-four hours following the release of the conclusion to your favorite series

## BINGE A BOOK SERIES!

Our students are always telling us about the latest TV series they're currently binge-watching so we thought we'd tempt them with some new books to encourage a little bit of binge-reading instead.

As well as some of the classics like Lord of the Rings, Chronicles of Narnia and Harry Potter we also now have newer collections like the Holly Jackson Good Girls Guide to Murder series, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Five Nights at Freddy's and Enola Holmes.



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## BOOK SERIES READING LISTS

<https://www.epicreads.com/blog/completed-book-series-binge/>

<https://www.downthebookjar.com/reading-round-ups/lists/the-best-book-series-to-binge-read/>

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/series-binge-read>



## Why is reading so important?

*Reading is the gateway to learning. It is the key to pupils' future academic achievement and well-being.*

Here at Bishop Challoner we encourage ALL our students to develop a love of reading for pleasure. As well as access to a well-stocked library where students can borrow a variety of books including graphic novels, quick reads and non-fiction titles we also have timetabled lessons throughout the school week. These enable students to access books relevant to their studies.

## What should my child read?



**"ALL THE READING  
she had done  
had given her  
A VIEW OF LIFE  
they had  
never seen."**

-Roald Dahl, Matilda

We would encourage students to read titles that stimulate and strengthen their language and literacy skills.

As long as they are reading every day for at least 20 minutes and trying out new texts and genres then we know that this benefits them in their reading journey.

For suggestions on suitable titles for your child visit:



## EBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS & ONLINE MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS

This term we have continued to promote the benefits of e-books and other online reading resources to our students. All our students have been given information about an app called **Libby**.



### LIBBY APP - Birmingham Public Libraries

To access their e catalogue (**Overdrive**) you just need to register via the link below: **It will then give you access to the Libby App.**

Once you have registered and receive a SELFREG number you just need to email : [enquiries@libraryofbirmingham.com](mailto:enquiries@libraryofbirmingham.com) and request an account.

It takes just a couple of minutes to do this and then you will have access to some great resources - new titles, trending titles, classics, non - fiction and over 1700 magazines - all FREE to borrow.

<https://birmingham.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN>

## E-BOOKS APPS

e-books are a great way to access books, magazines and audiobooks. There are loads of great e-books apps around for you to access a huge range of resources.



**KINDLE** – The Kindle App has a selection of **free** books available including many classic titles. If you have **Prime membership** you can access even more titles via Prime Reading including magazines.



**PROJECT GUTENBERG** - Project Gutenberg is a library of over 70,000 ebooks. Although, primarily US titles there are some interesting books choose from.



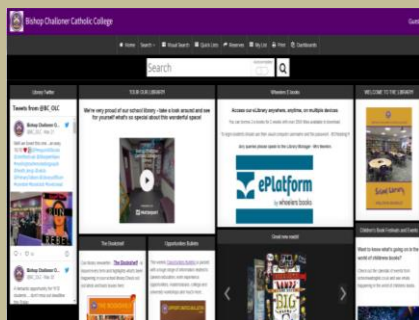
**OBOOKO** – Free online fiction and non-fiction titles for ages 13+



**ONLINENEWSPAPERS.COM** – Thousands of newspapers listed by country and region.



**ONLINEMAGAZINES** – Thousands of magazines listed by category.



**ACCESSIT** – Check out our library dashboard to see what's new in our library.

<https://uk.accessit.online/bsh09/#!dashboard>

# STAY IN TOUCH

Want to know what's happening in your school library? Follow us on social media to stay up-to-date with all the library news.



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@BC\_OLC



Check out our page on the school website for links to local literary news and events, advice for encouraging reading for pleasure and much more.

## REST AND RECHARGE

The library can be a very busy space at break and lunchtimes with students doing homework, chatting with friends, playing games or just popping in and out to see what's going on. To give our quieter students the chance to recharge and take time out of the noise of school life we have introduced a **quiet lunchtime every Tuesday**.

*(Arts and crafts activities and some calming background music)*



## ALL ON THE BOARD

Our new **@allontheboard** feature is proving very popular with staff and students ... Every day we feature a new quote/message/event for our students to discover. You can keep up with our daily **@allontheboard** messages as well as all the other events going on in the library via our library Twitter

**@BC\_OLC**





## WHAT'S ON IN BIRMINGHAM?

Not all of our students are familiar with their local library and the vast array of local news and information they provide. To give them an insight into what's happening in their local area we regularly take a trip to our local library on Kings Heath High Street to collect some of the fantastic resources on offer and share them with our staff and students.



**VISIT  
BIRMINGHAM  
& WEST MIDLANDS**

You can also find out more about what's happening in your local area at [visitbirmingham.com](https://www.visitbirmingham.com)



## WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY?

We love a new book and especially when they arrive just in time for the holidays. We try to cater for everyone's reading interests and we aim to provide a wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles of all abilities. If we don't have what you want in stock please do let us know and we'll order it in.

To find out what's new in the library you can search our library catalogue here:

<https://uk.accessit.online/bsh09/#!dashboard>

# LIBRARY OPENING TIMES



**Mon - Thurs - 8.00am - 4.00**

**Friday - 8.00am – 2.30pm**