



OUR LADY & ST. BEDE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

READING MATTERS



Hello!

Valentine's Day isn't the only reason why love is in the February air— it's also Library Lover's Month !

The entire month of February is dedicated to celebrating libraries, librarians, book lovers and lovers of libraries.

Our library offers a variety of media to improve, educate, and entertain our pupils.

Our First Chapter Fridays are just one way we promote social interaction through reading.

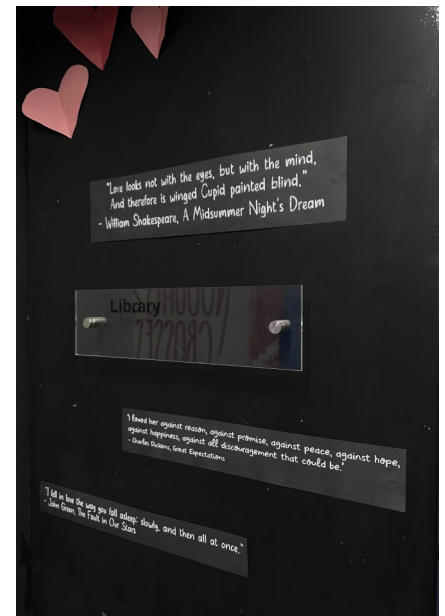
Not a lot of people know this, but the first book club was invented in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The first reading circles — a precursor to book clubs — required little more than a thirst for literature and a desire to discuss it with like-minded individuals.

Libraries everywhere offer free access to books, eBooks, audiobooks, and all sorts of resources. I, have been a lifelong patron of public libraries and to this day, I exclusively use my library card to get the books I want to read.

Stop by the library at school or your local library for your next read. And remember, if we don't have it, we would be happy to try and get it for you!

Happy Reading,

Ms. Jawaid



Librarian's Recommendations

Whether you're in the mood for a story about a second chance romance, uncovering a mystery after a tragedy, a chance encounter turned love story, or a story about unconventional family dynamics, there's something here for you.



Instructions for Dancing

By Nicola Yoon

ZPD 4.5

After picking up a book from the library, Yvette - who has given up on love - gains the ability to see how other people's romantic relationships will end

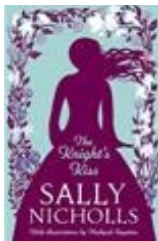


Hello Now

By Jenny Valentine

ZPD 5.1

Like nothing you've read before, this is a stunningly written exploration of what it means to live and love in the moment - and a story that quite literally transcends logic and time.

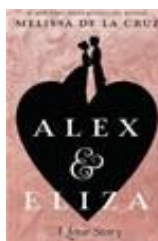


The Knight's Kiss

By Sally Nicholls

ZPD: 2.7

When Dan comes to train as a knight at Elinor's father's castle, Elinor is delighted. And it's not long before they fall in love. But Elinor's father has plans for her. Plans that involve a marriage. Can Elinor and Dan's love survive?



Alex & Eliza: A Love Story

By Melissa de la Cruz

ZPD 6.9

Before the world knew them as Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler, young Alex and Eliza fell in love amid the turmoil of the American Revolution.

NOT *about* LOVE

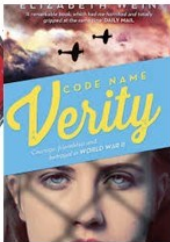
BOOKS WITH NO ROMANCE TO READ AS AN ANTIDOTE TO VALENTINE'S DAY



A dark and powerful novel about knowledge and our pursuit of it, sometimes to our detriment. This smart, sometimes eerie novel is perfect for anyone who wants to read about a mysterious, bookish girl in a weird and wonderful world.



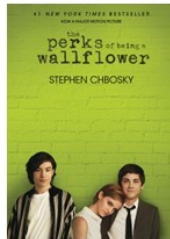
Set in a in-depth fantasy land called the Old Kingdom, young Sabriel must cross the lands to find her missing father and comes face-to-face with her own hidden destiny on her journey.



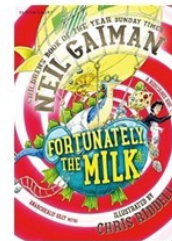
This harrowing and beautifully written book takes a visceral look at danger, resolve, and survival and reveals just how far true friends will go to save each other. Focusing on the bonds of female friendship this is an extraordinary tale of fortitude in the face of the ultimate evil.



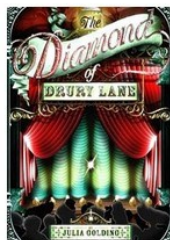
Magnus and his sidekick, Samirah work together, but will they get together?. NO. Sam loves someone else! Magnus loves nobody! IT'S A MIRACLE.



Charlie is a wallflower, caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it. A deeply affecting coming-of-age story that will take you back to the poignant days of growing up and figuring out who you are, with or without a romance.



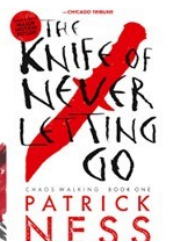
A boisterous tale of an extraordinary adventure, time travel and milk.



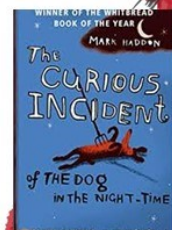
Cat Royal is an orphan and talented young actor in Covent Garden's Drury Lane Theatre. She is swept up in an intriguing mystery about a lost diamond.



The mysterious, elusive, creature-ish, cloaked man who kidnaps children terrifies Serafina and her new friend. But Sera is courageous, so she will find the missing children and bring back order to Biltmore!



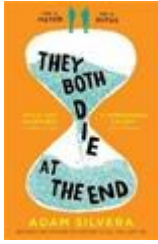
Set in a post-apocalyptic future, Todd lives in a place where everyone--humans and animals alike--can broadcast their thoughts, Todd unravels a dark secret about the town and is forced to flee in this intense adventure.



First person tale of Christopher, a fifteen-year-old with Asperger's Syndrome or high-functioning autism, and a talent for maths, who writes a book (this one - sort of - very post modern) about his investigations of the murder of a neighbour's dog.

Student Librarians' Recommendations

This month, our Student Librarians have got you covered, whether you're looking for drama, suspense, love, or angst!



They Both Die at the End

By Adam Silvera

ZPD: 5.5

When a service is created to tell people when they will die, teenagers Mateo and Rufus meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day.

Cute romance with a lot of heart ache.—Aryanna



Love is for Losers

By Wibke Brueggemann

ZPD: 5.5

15-year-old Phoebe, who thinks falling in love is vile and degrading, is preparing for her GCSEs. Then, while working at her aunt's charity shop, she meets Emma, who begins to upend her theory on life.

A very dramatic but relatable main character. Phoebe



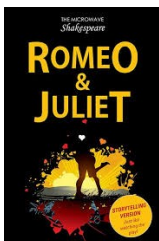
Song of the River

By Gill Lewis

ZPD: 4.2

As Cari and her mum try to rebuild their home after a flood, they hear of a plan to reintroduce beavers to the area. The changes the beavers could make could prevent further flooding. Can Cari help convince the locals to give the beavers a chance?

Heart-warming mother-daughter relationship.— Lauren



Romeo and Juliet

By William Shakespeare

ZPD 12.5

Young love is set against the clash of two warring families.

Sometimes love kills.—Rosie



To all the Boys I've Loved Before

By Jenny Han

ZPD 4.2

Lara Jean writes love letters to all the boys she has loved and then hides them in a hatbox. One day she discovers the letters were sent, and her love life becomes out of control.

Slow romance over time and with lots of twists —Penny



Student Librarians



Romance and the love of reading has hit the library full-force. Our Student Librarians each adopted a shelf to focus the best reads according to their chosen themes.

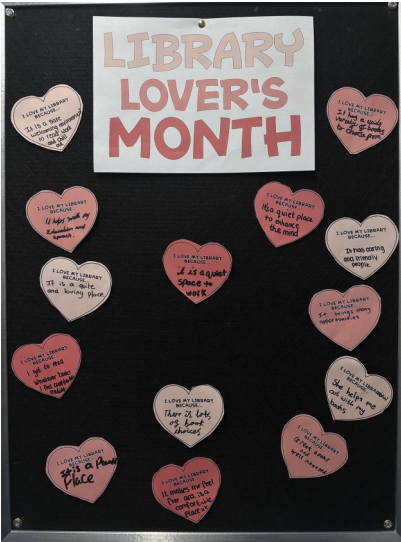
Student Librarians have also been preparing for a test of their skills. The focus this month has been learning about patron services, including providing friendly and knowledgeable help. Y9 Student Librarians are also learning to navigate our web app, as well practising their Circulation.

Check out our webapp to learn more about the library:

<https://uk.accessit.online/or122>

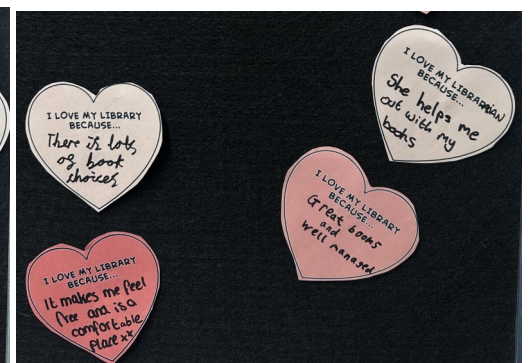


Library Events



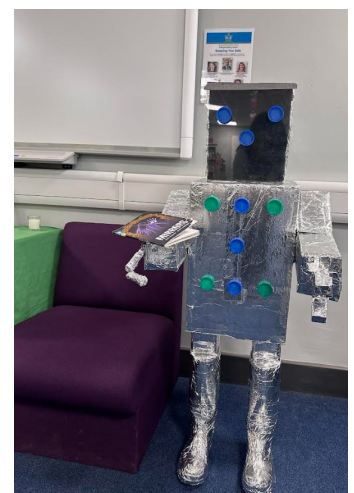
Library Lover's Month in February is dedicated to the people who love whole buildings devoted to reading, housing, organizing, categorizing, finding, studying, and otherwise loving books. Pupils at Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy love to read, and have been sharing why with notes.

The library is packed during break and lunch, with pupils using their time to read, borrow, and return books. Just this month, we have had over 280 books in circulation. Remember to check out our new collection or speak to a librarian about your reading interests.



On Valentine's Day, Year 7 pupils and the English department celebrated their love of books and reading with a 'Festival of Creativity'. The Festival was an accumulation of a six-week project that pupils had worked on for homework, linked to a novel or story they had read since beginning Year 7.

Some of the fantastic projects were donated to the library, and we have gained our Reading Robot mascot. Stop by the library to check out the incredibly creative creations .



First Chapter Friday Library Book Club

Join us as we read the first chapter of a new book each week, and discover your next great read!

**Fridays in the library,
During lunch**


12:55—1:20 pm



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2 Read your book 

3 Search for the quiz 

4 Take the quiz 

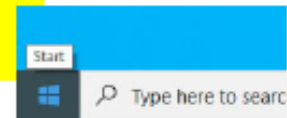
5 Write your score down in your Reading Record

Reading Books Are Compulsory Equipment
If you need a reading book, please see your English teacher or the librarian, Ms Jawaid.

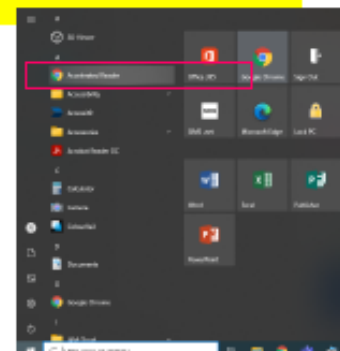
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