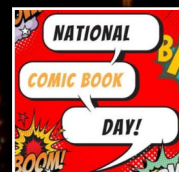




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"September days have the warmth of summer in their briefer hours, but in their lengthening evenings a prophetic breath of autumn." *Rowland E. Robinson*

## Welcome back to school for the New Term

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY, ROALD DAHL DAY, NATIONAL COMIC BOOK DAY, MANGA CLUB, DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB, GRAPHIC NOVEL WRITING AND DRAWING COMPETITION



# International Literacy Day

## 8th of September

International Literacy Day (ILD) 2026 takes place on **Tuesday, September the 8th, 2026**. Established by **UNESCO**, the day marks its 60th anniversary globally and will be celebrated under the theme "**Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity**," with the official main event and prize ceremonies hosted in Mexico from September 8th to the 9th. **The occasion highlights the critical importance of reading and writing** while addressing global challenges such as the roughly 739 million youth & adults worldwide who still lack basic literacy skills. This event ties in nicely with the National Literacy Trust's **National Year of Reading 2026** 'It's time to Go All In'. Reading expands worlds, sharpens minds, and fuels creativity.

## HAPPY ROALD DAHL DAY

14TH SEPTEMBER

**Roald Dahl** is the UK's No.1 storyteller of all time. Before he became a writer, he was a **spy**, a **fighter pilot** in World War II and an **inventor**. One of his first moments of inspiration came when he was at boarding school, when a local chocolate factory invited pupils to trial new chocolate bars - 35 years later, **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** was published. He wrote lots more brilliant stories, many from his writing hut in his back garden in Great Missenden; from Sophie's adventures with the BFG and James' journey on the Giant Peach, to Matilda's brilliant bravery against The Trunchbull. We have a great new display of Roald Dahl's titles including various activity sheets. **A fantastic short video on Roald's life and influences can be viewed during library sessions.** We will also have a display of his many works.

## COMIC BOOK DAY

SEPTEMBER 25TH

**National Comic Book Day**, on **September 25th**, honours the art, artists, and stories of comic books. Fans, collectors, readers, and artists come together to celebrate the day with events across the country. First popularised in the United States, comic books are also called magazines & Graphic Novels. Generally, **comic books produce drawn sequential and opposing panels representing individual scenes. Each scene includes descriptive prose and written narratives. When placed together, the panels form a complete story or a portion of a serial.** The earliest comic strips (which later gave birth to comic books) **displayed dialogue in bubbles or balloons above characters' heads**, these designs can be quite intricate. This dynamic art form continues to inspire artists and storytellers today. **This year our display will concentrate on the American giants, Marvel and DC comics.**

Our **2026** display will concentrate on the **American Comic Book giants, Marvel & DC comics.**



“High up on Monte Salvatore the window of some shepherd's hut opened a golden eye. The roses hung their heads and dreamed under the still September clouds, and the water splashed and murmured softly among the pebbles of the shore.” *E.L. Voynich*

**MANGA/ANIME CLUB 26/27: THURSDAY**  
READ AND DISCUSS MANGA BOOKS, ART AND ANIME.  
TAKE PART IN CREATIVE ART AND WRITING ACTIVITIES.  
ANIMATED FILM VIEWINGS: PORCO ROSSO & TOTORO.



## DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS RUN AFTER SCHOOL THROUGH THE WEEK.

SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL STUDENT DUNGEON MASTER LED CAMPAIGNS ALSO TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

**NEW PLAYERS REQUIRED FOR OUR CAMPAIGN GROUPS.**

JOIN THE MEMBERS OF FRATURNITAS VIATORUM AS THEY INVESTIGATE THE DISAPPEARANCES AND MYSTERIOUS EVENTS TAKING PLACE AROUND THE VILLAGE OF DEWBERRY.

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (D&D) IMPROVES LITERACY BY MOTIVATING RELUCTANT READERS THROUGH IMMERSIVE NARRATIVE, EXPANDING VOCABULARY VIA TECHNICAL RULEBOOKS, AND SCAFFOLDING WRITING SKILLS THROUGH CHARACTER BACKSTORIES AND WORLD-BUILDING. It FORCES PLAYERS TO PRACTICE ACTIVE READING, COMPREHENSION, AND CRITICAL LISTENING TO NAVIGATE COMPLEX, COLLABORATIVE STORIES, TRANSFORMING ABSTRACT LANGUAGE INTO IMMEDIATE, APPLIED COMMUNICATION. GREAT FOR TEAM WORK, COMPLEX SOCIAL INTERACTIONS & ORATORY SKILLS.**

# GRAPHIC NOVEL WRITING & DRAWING COMPETITION

**Design, Write and Draw your own comic book page. Examples of some of our previous winning entries can be found below. A4 layout templates are printed and available from the library if required. Your story can be about any subject you wish, be creative and have fun. This competition will run until Friday the 17th of October 2025. Construct a storyline, choose your characters, and let your imagination run wild. Team up with a friend if you don't want to do the drawing or writing. Entries can be black and white, full colour or digital. Text and speech bubbles can also be added on the computer once the original artwork has been scanned.**

**Bring your entries to the library or email them to [ssa.library@cidari.co.uk](mailto:ssa.library@cidari.co.uk)**

**Online Comic Book creation tools can also be found at:**

**<https://www.storyboardthat.com/storyboard-creator>**

