



## Primary library network meeting

Professional updates: Summer 2024

## Interesting articles and webinars

As the importance of children's mental health is increasingly acknowledged, teachers and librarians want to know how they can use the school library and reading spaces to promote pupil wellbeing.

The National Literacy Trust written in association with the School Library Association:

Library Lifeline part 19. How can my school library support pupil wellbeing?

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/blog/library-lifeline-part-19-how-can-my-school-library-support-pupil-wellbeing/>

Understanding the Role of the School Librarian: A Guide for Headteachers and Senior Leaders. Blog from Elizabeth Hutchinson.

<https://www.elizabethahutchinson.com/post/understanding-the-role-of-the-school-librarian-a-guide-for-headteachers-and-senior-leaders>

World Book Day conducted research finds children are put off reading for pleasure. Annual event to encourage young readers has revealed research finding that significant numbers feel discouraged from following their own tastes.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2024/mar/07/world-book-day-finds-children-are-put-off-reading-for-pleasure>

<https://www.worldbookday.com/2024/03/judgement-and-expectations-are-putting-children-off-reading/>

World Book Day, working together with The Open University's Reading for Pleasure team, have developed a series of webinars and vlogs to encourage reflective discussion around the barriers to reading for pleasure as readers and practitioners in school.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/about-us/our-approach/overcoming-barriers-to-reading-for-pleasure/>

The benefits of including diverse children's books in a classroom.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2024/march/the-benefits-of-including-diverse-childrens-books-in-a-classroom/>

Reading for Pleasure: a toolkit for transition

Though transition can be a challenging journey – reading and access to library spaces are a helpful toolkit on this adventure.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/blog/reading-a-toolkit-for-transition/>

Enhancing Children and Young People's Reading Experiences Webinar: Thursday 13 June.

Libraries Connected is working in partnership with Dr Nicola Currie, who is exploring the relationship between reading and wellbeing.

<https://www.librariesconnected.org.uk/training-and-events/webinar-enhancing-children-and-young-peoples-reading-experiences>

Diverse Libraries webinar recordings - catch up on the Diverse Libraries webinar series.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/diverse-libraries-webinar-recordings/>

The next phase of the 'Libraries for Primaries' campaign is to ensure that every primary school in the UK has a library or dedicated library space.

<https://www.librariesforprimaries.org.uk/campaign>

## Internet Resources

Books that Help founded by Clare Helen Welsh. A website for grownups to find picture books that offer support through life's ups and downs, covering subjects that include family separations, illness, grief, anxiety, well-being, moving house and more.

<https://www.booksthathelp.co.uk/>

Read for Empathy annual book collection.

<https://www.empathylab.uk/>

The Book Trust's Mental Health and Wellbeing themed booklists.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookmark-disability-and-books/mental-health/#!?q=&sortOption=MostRecent&pageNo=1>

The Reading Agency's 'Reading Well for Children' book suggestions.

<https://readingagency.org.uk/get-reading/our-programmes-and-campaigns/reading-well/reading-well-for-children/#dealing-with-tough-times>

Summer Book Club is a fun transition activity based around everyone reading the same book with an engaging set of questions and activities. Book: Wonderscape by Jennifer Bell.

<https://bookclubsinschools.org/summer-book-club-2024/>

## Events

Empathy Day Thursday 6 June.

<https://www.empathylab.uk/empathy-day>

Summer Reading Challenge

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/marvellous-makers-books-landing>

## Book Awards and shortlists

Children's Book Award 2024: shortlist.

<https://fcbg.org.uk/childrens-book-award-2024/>

The Branford Bose Award: shortlist.

<https://branfordbooseaward.org.uk/shortlist-2024/>

The Alligator's Mouth Award 2024: shortlist.

<https://www.thealligatorsmouth.co.uk/award>

Oscar's Book Prize 2024: shortlist.

<https://www.oscarsbookprize.co.uk/>

The Klaus Flugge Prize: longlist.

<https://www.klausfluggeprize.co.uk/longlist-2024/>

The UKLA Book Awards 2024: Shortlist.

<https://ukla.org/news/shortlists-announced-for-the-ukla-book-awards-2024/>

Jhalak Prize: Shortlist

<https://www.jhalakprize.com/childrens-ya>

Information Book Awards 2024: longlist.

<https://www.sla.org.uk/Public/About-Us/Awards-Pages/Information-Book-Award.aspx>

Schools across the UK can apply for the chance to receive a FREE pack of shortlisted books in one of the age categories for the 2024 Information Book Award. Applications close 9am on Friday 17 May.

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=V3MxpYWn1kmPC\\_OR5zRaCC683Eckt-pMpWzxWZqJ-SIUMU5VR1qxN0M5VkywT1ozMjJKUEU3S1JGViqIQCN0PWcu](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=V3MxpYWn1kmPC_OR5zRaCC683Eckt-pMpWzxWZqJ-SIUMU5VR1qxN0M5VkywT1ozMjJKUEU3S1JGViqIQCN0PWcu)

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