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October 2025

School Library Service

Centre news for October

All topic boxes requested for this term have now been picked, packed and delivered. We hope they're proving useful in supporting your learners this term.

We are now very busy working with our subscribing schools to complete this term's book exchanges through wishlist selections, Reading Roundabouts or visits from our mobile library. By Christmas we will have processed over 22,000 exchange books!



Early years foundation stage conference 2025

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Early years foundation stage conference being held on 9 October at Sandy Park. Our two Library Advisors, Ali and Jade, will be there with a selection of suitable books so please come and say hello! [Click here for more details.](#)

Email us

The National Year of Reading 2026

To celebrate **The National Year of Reading**, SLS will be offering a range of exciting activities, curated booklists, and more throughout 2026.

If you're looking to get the most out of your school library, a visit from one of our experienced library advisers could be just what you need. We're here to help you inspire a love of reading and make your library a vibrant hub of learning.



Special Offer for non-subscribing schools: 50% Off Advisory Visits
We're offering half-price advisory visits all year long in 2026 – available for bookings starting in January. Contact us now to find out more and secure your visit!

FREE library network meetings for Autumn term

Our library network meetings are **free of charge!!**. They are led by the SLS advisory team and are a source of up-to-date information, the sharing of ideas and good practice.

Primary
Thursday 2 October at our centre in Willand

Secondary
Wednesday 12 November at South Molton CC
Thursday 13 November at Stover Senior School

Focus: Looking ahead to the National Year of Reading 2026

All meetings begin at 1.30pm, book your place now.

Email us to book your place

Black history month October

This October, we celebrate Black History Month by recognising the achievements, culture, and contributions of Black people in the UK and around the world.



We have created a booklist to help reflect on the importance of equality and diversity, allowing your pupils to learn, reflect, and grow together.

Black history month booklists

Pre-publications booklist for November

With a large and exciting list of new titles scheduled for publication in November, we've carefully curated a selection of standout books that are likely to generate strong interest and high demand within your library. This list includes a diverse mix of genres ensuring there's something to appeal to a wide range of readers.

These upcoming releases are well worth adding to your collection and available to purchase through us at a 25% off rrp or subscribing schools can request them as part of their exchange.

November pre-pubs booklist

Teen book sets



We have updated our teen book sets list and now have **33 teen titles** available with multiple copies for you to use with small groups.

Available to all schools to borrow at no cost. Please contact us for more details.

Teen book sets list



Updated Framework for Reading Aloud

SLS Calendar of events for The National Year of Reading 2026

Christmas Reading Activity

