

# Library Newsletter

## Author of the Month

Our Author of the Month for January was Robin Stevens. Robin was born in California and grew up in Oxford. She spent her teenage years at Cheltenham Ladies' College, reading a lot of murder mysteries and hoping that she'd get the chance to do some detecting herself (she didn't).

She studied crime fiction at university, and then worked in children's publishing. She is now a full-time writer and the creator of the bestselling, award-winning Murder Most Unladylike series. Murder Most Unladylike was the bestselling middle-grade debut of 2014, winning the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for Younger Fiction and sparking a trend for middle-grade mysteries. Robin lives in London with her pet bearded dragon, Watson.



### Monday

Period 5 Lunchtime - Yr 8 Lego Club  
Period 6 Lunchtime - Yr 9 Lego Club  
After School - Pets Club 3.15-4.15 Years 8-10

### Tuesday

Period 5 Lunchtime - Yr 8 Book Club  
Period 6 Lunchtime - Yr 9 Book Club

### Wednesday

**Lunchtime - years 10-12**  
After School Board Games & Chess Club - 3.15-4.15  
Everyone Welcome

### Thursday

After School Lego Club 3.15-4.15 Everyone Welcome

### Friday

After School Dungeons and Dragons Club  
3.15-4.15 - Members only

**Library  
Now open at  
lunch time on  
Wednesdays  
for  
years 10-12**



Bring your lunch



Do your homework



Use the computers



Play boardgames and chess



Borrow books



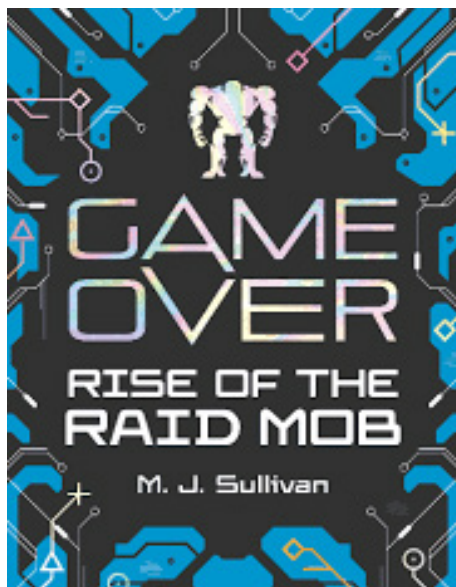
Chat and relax

# Reading Focus

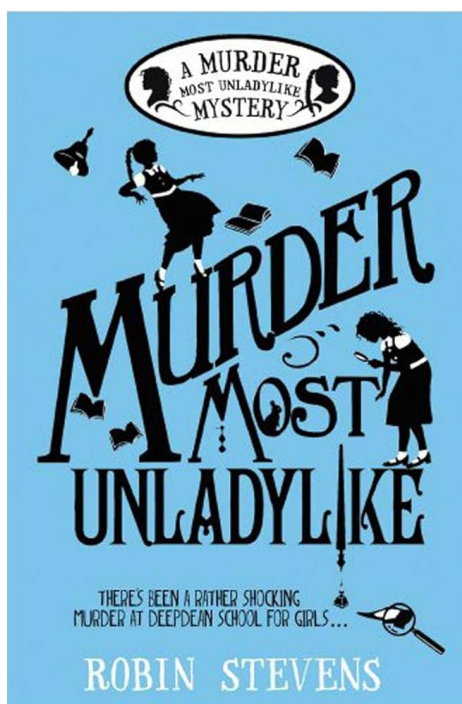
Here are some of the highlights to expect in the library this term -

- National Story Telling Week
- National Careers Week
- Book Week celebrating World Book Day
- The Book Fair
- International Women's Day
- Neurodiversity Week

# KS3 Book Recommendations



Game Over is a reality-bending, adventure series that tells the story of the Raid Mob: four teenage misfits who happen to be world-class gamers, until radical technology plucks them from their anonymous existence and hurls them deep into a revolutionary virtual realm. Exploring the worlds of online gaming and virtual reality, and with graphical elements throughout, this four-book series is perfect for gamers and sci-fi lovers.



**When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. (Unless you count the case of Lavinia's missing tie. Which they don't.)**

**Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. She assumes it was a terrible accident – but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place.**

**Determined to get to the bottom of the crime before the killer strikes again (and before the police can get there first, naturally), Hazel and Daisy must hunt for evidence, spy on their suspects and use all the cunning and intuition they can muster. But will they succeed? And can their friendship stand the test?**



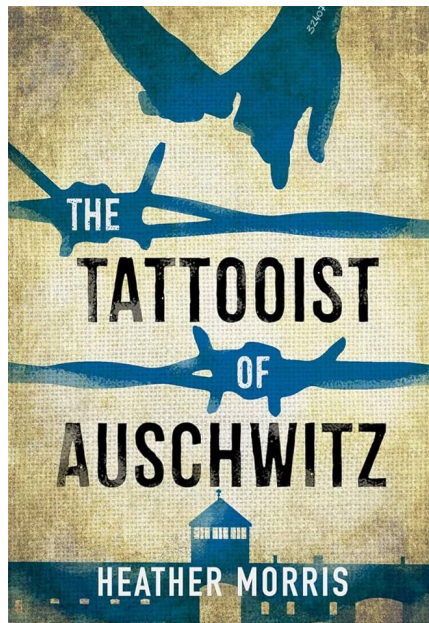
A hilarious, action-packed road-trip adventure.

Fourteen-year-old Jacob is thrilled when he wins the chance to feature in the next Marvel movie, shooting in Hollywood. But after missing his connecting flight in Chicago, he tries to complete the journey by Greyhound bus – and there he meets Jennifer.

Jennifer is an American teenager on the run with a mysterious package she's guarding with her life – and an enigmatic figure known only as 'the Cowboy' is hot on her heels . . .

Jacob soon finds himself on the road-trip of a lifetime as Jennifer's unwitting partner in crime. Will he make it to LA in time – and in one piece? A funny, filmic, page-turning adventure, ideal for readers aged 11+.

# KS4 Book Recommendations



The Tattooist of Auschwitz is based on the true story of Lale and Gita Sokolov, two Slovakian Jews who survived Auschwitz. When Lale, given the job of tattooing the prisoners, saw Gita waiting in line, it was love at first sight. In that moment he determined to keep them both alive. This is a story of hope and of courage.

Age 14+



THE BOOK BEHIND THE MAJOR MOTION PICTURE DIRECTED BY STEVEN SPIELBERG

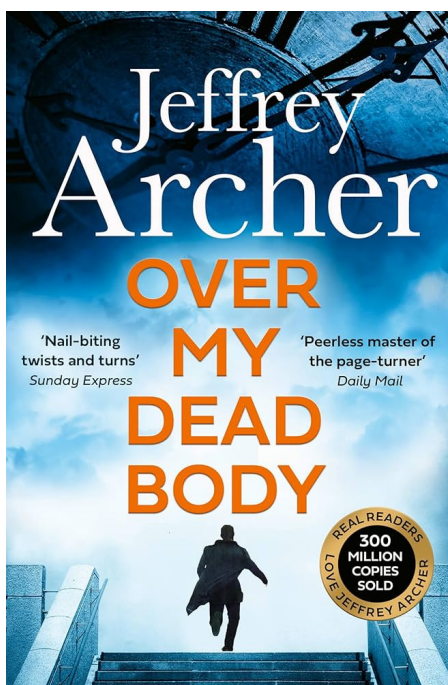
It's the year 2044, and the real world has become an ugly place. We're out of oil. We've wrecked the climate. Famine, poverty, and disease are widespread.

Like most of humanity, Wade Watts escapes this depressing reality by spending his waking hours jacked into the OASIS, a sprawling virtual utopia where you can be anything you want to be, where you can live and play and fall in love on any of ten thousand planets. And like most of humanity, Wade is obsessed by the ultimate lottery ticket that lies concealed within this alternate reality: OASIS founder James Halliday, who dies with no heir, has promised that control of the OASIS - and his massive fortune - will go to the person who can solve the riddles he has left scattered throughout his creation.

For years, millions have struggled fruitlessly to attain this prize, knowing only that the riddles are based in the culture of the late twentieth century. And then Wade stumbles onto the key to the first puzzle.

Suddenly, he finds himself pitted against thousands of competitors in a desperate race to claim the ultimate prize, a chase that soon takes on terrifying real-world dimensions - and that will leave both Wade and his world profoundly changed.

## Staff Book Recommendations



**An unputdownable story of murder, revenge and betrayal from international number one bestseller Jeffrey Archer.**

**THE CLOCK IS TICKING IN THIS ROLLERCOASTER RIDE OF A THRILLER...**

**In London, the Metropolitan Police set up a new Unsolved Murders Unit – a cold case squad – to catch the criminals nobody else can. In Geneva, millionaire art collector Miles Faulkner – convicted of forgery and theft – was pronounced dead two months ago. So why is his unscrupulous lawyer still representing a dead client?**

**On a luxury liner en route to New York, the battle for power within a wealthy dynasty is about to turn to murder. And at the heart of all three investigations are Detective Chief Inspector William Warwick, rising star of the Met, and ex-undercover operative Ross Hogan, brought in from the cold.**

**But can they catch the killers before it's too late?**