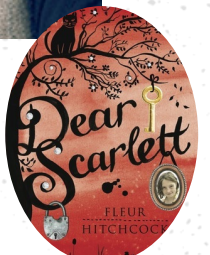


Library Newsletter

Author of the Month

Fleur Hitchcock remembers writing her first "book" when she was eight years old. It was about an alien and a jelly, and it was called the Alien and the Jelly. Fleur studied English at university and sold Applied Art for 20 years before giving up work to become a full-time mum. When her youngest child was 7, Fleur returned to university to do an MA in Writing ofor Young People. Between being a mum, working with her husband (a toy maker) and growing vegetables, Fleur has written 10 thrilling adventure books for children. You can find Fleurs books in the Read Together and Action-Adventure sections in the school library.



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

*Speak to Mrs McArdle
about joining a club!*

*We are very egg-cited about our
egg-cellent Easter display in the library
window featuring some cracking
good reads.*

Hop in and take a look!



Activities, events and displays

**SHAKESPEARE
WEEK**

Join the national celebration

Shakespeare
birthplace trust

We finished of the month of March with Shakespeare Week in the library. Students took part in games of Quills and Spills, completed the Taylor Swift or Shakespeare challenge, the Lego Club recreated some Romeo and Juliet buidls and the Drama Club performed some speedy plays! Photos can be viewed on the library Instagram Page.



Earth Day April 2025

To celebrate Earth Day on the 22nd of April you can find a thrilling selection of Climate-fiction or Cli-fi books to borrow and enjoy. A range of non-fiction books on climate change and environmental issues are also available.

A cli-fi reading list is available on request.



National Scrabble Day Sunday 13th April

From Monday 14th April, classes visiting the library will be invited to spell out their love for words and strategy with some quick games of this family favourite. Dictionaries at the ready!!

KS3 Book Recommendations



Dear Scarlett by Fleur Hitchcock

Was Scarlett's dad really a master jewel thief? Was he a spy? A cardboard box full of clues and his old lock-picking set, left for Scarlett to open on her eleventh birthday, might just provide the answers. But Scarlett's life is rapidly becoming very complicated: if bullies at school and her horrible teacher's rude remarks about her dad's life of crime weren't bad enough, it soon becomes clear that there's someone else who wants to get hold of Scarlett's box of clues - and they will stop at nothing to get it.

This entertaining adventure story blends mystery, excitement and danger with humour and fun. Readers will enjoy observing Scarlett's developing friendship with her co-conspirator Ellie, and her changing feelings about her family, as she learns more about her father - and herself.

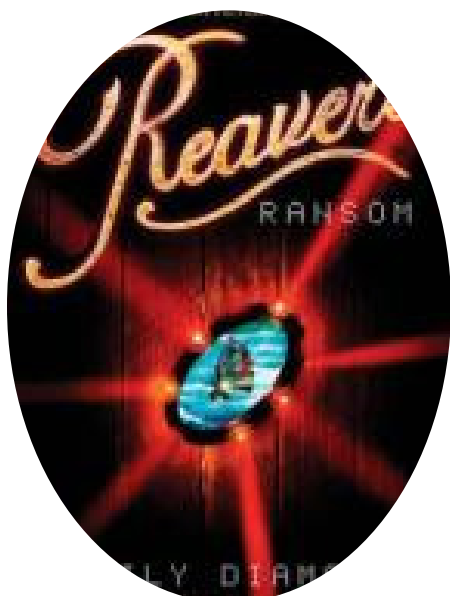


Across the Risen Sea by Bren MacDibble

Set in a near-future where rising sea levels have decimated the land, Neoma and her best friend Jaguar live in a close-knit community on the Ockery Islands. They live simple lives, fishing and scavenging. But when the strangers arrive and install some strange tech on the hillside, ignoring the islanders' protests, everything changes.

Who are they? Where did they come from? And what are they doing?

The strangers' actions set in motion a deadly mystery that threatens the peaceful community. And when Jaguar is kidnapped as a result, Neoma embarks on a dangerous journey across the sea to find the mysterious Valley of the Sun, rescue Jaguar, and get answers. She'll have to tackle crocodiles, sharks, and a ruthless pirate to get there. – can she survive the dangers, evade capture and save her home?

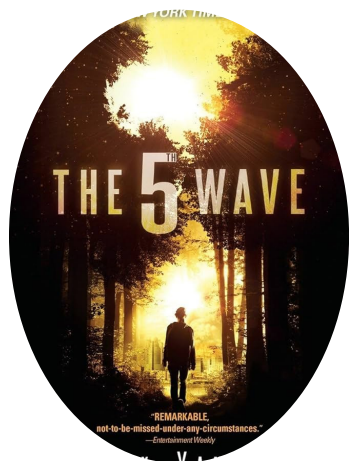


Reavers' Ransom (Flood Child) by Emily Diamand

Lilly Melkun lives in a post climate-change catastrophic world, centuries in the future. Following the inundation of many areas, Britain has split into autonomous regions, which vie with each other for supremacy. Many of them have lost and now distrust the technological ability of previous centuries.

The bloodthirsty Reavers, akin to Vikings, kidnap the English Prime Minister's daughter, whom Lilly sets out to rescue. As she does, she discovers that none of the warring tribes is totally in the right, and that she might find villains and friends in unexpected places.

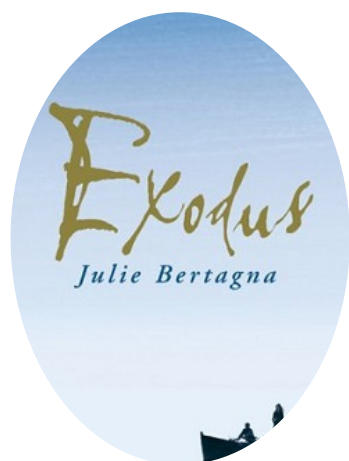
KS4 Book Recommendations



The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey

A few months ago Cassie's biggest problems were that she loved a boy who didn't know she was alive, and that she didn't like her hair. Now she is alone, fighting for survival in a world ravaged by an alien invasion. It came in stages; the first took out all the power, the second created the biggest tidal wave ever seen, the third was a horrific plague that wiped out four billion and in the fourth wave it became clear that not all of the survivors were actually human. As Cassie desperately searches for her younger brother, not knowing who she can trust, she crosses paths with Evan, a charming and enigmatic stranger. Uncertain if she should continue alone or accept the assistance from the mysterious boy she soon realises time is running out, because the fifth wave has already begun...

Set in the not-too-distant future, this fast-paced, gripping novel is filled with larger-than-life characters, each on a mission of their own. Cassie is a headstrong protagonist whose moments of self doubt make her endearing and believable. Thought-provoking as well as breathlessly exciting, this is the first of a trilogy, which is just as well, as young readers are certain to be hooked.



It is 2099 - and the world is gradually drowning, as mighty Arctic ice floes melt, the seas rise and land disappears forever beneath storm-tossed waves. For fifteen-year-old Mara, her family and community, huddled on the fast-disappearing island of Wing, the new century brings flight. Packed into tiny boats, a terrifying journey begins to a bizarre city that rises into the sky, built on the drowned remains of the ancient city of Glasgow. But even here there is no safety and, shut out of the city, Mara realizes they are asylum-seekers in a world torn between high-tech wizardry and the most primitive injustice. To save her people, Mara must not only find a way into the city, but also search for a new land and a new home.

Staff Book Recommendations



This bestselling romantic comedy, is now a major TV series

**Tiffany and Leon share a flat
Tiffany and Leon share a bed
Tiffany and Leon have never met...**

Tiffany Moore needs a cheap flat, and fast. Leon Twomey works nights and needs cash. Their friends think they're crazy, but it's the perfect solution: Leon occupies the one-bed flat while Tiffany's at work in the day, and she has the run of the place the rest of the time.

But with obsessive ex-boyfriends, demanding clients at work, wrongly imprisoned brothers and, of course, the fact that they still haven't met yet, they're about to discover that if you want the perfect home you need to throw the rulebook out the window...

All the books suggested in this newsletter are available in the library