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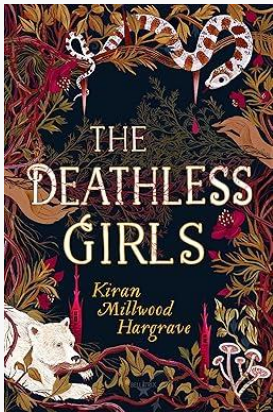
LRC NEWS

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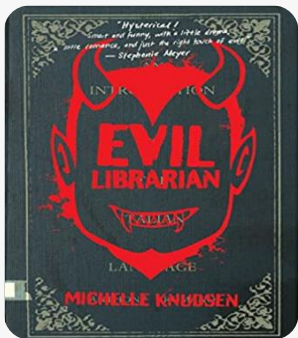
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Books for Black History Month

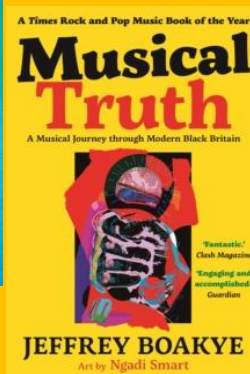
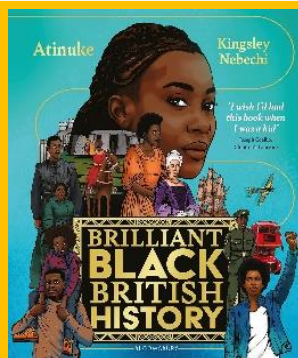
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My favourite ;)



Black History Month takes place every year in October to showcase and celebrate Black history and its contribution to art, culture and the world we live in. The theme for Black History Month UK 2025 is "Standing Firm in Power and Pride," a powerful tribute to the resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe.

This year the theme highlights the profound contributions made by Black people be they leaders, activists, or pioneers who have shaped history, while also looking towards a future of continued empowerment, unity, and growth.

Check out the display in the LRC showcasing inspirational individuals and stories, explore the Accessit Black History Month option on the dashboard menu or find out more at www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk

So what can you do in the LRC?



Study

16 PCs & 1 printer available

Browse

16,000 Fiction & Non-Fiction books

Borrow

4 books for 3 weeks

1 DVD for 3 days

Read

Books, newspapers, reviews & magazines

Return or Renew

Post your book in the Returns Box, no need to wait! Want to keep it? Come to the Help Desk to get your book renewed

Relax

Join in with the lunchtime activities, read or just enjoy some quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the school



Thank you to all those who have applied to join as student librarians to help Mrs Adams and Mrs Loverock run the library. If any Year 12s would like be a part of the team, please call in for an application form. It would be great to have volunteers from every year group to complete the team of student librarians aiming to make the LRC a warm and welcoming place to be for all!

LUNCHTIMES IN THE LRC

The schedule of lunchtime activities starts again this month and all year groups are invited to join in. No need to sign up in advance, just register on arrival. Please eat lunch before you come as no food or drinks are allowed in the LRC. These activities aim to provide literacy fun and offer some quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of the playground and cafeteria.

MONDAYS: Colouring and crafts for mindfulness with Mrs Adams in the LRC

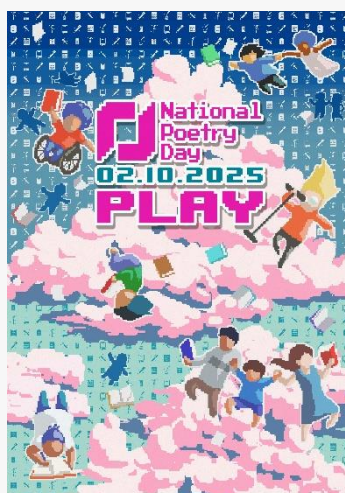
TUESDAYS: Creative writing with Mr Dingley in S13

THURSDAYS: Reading group with Mrs Loverock in S13

FRIDAYS: Word games in the LRC: Scrabble, Boggle Bananagrams and more

The LRC will still be open daily at lunchtimes as usual for anyone wishing to study, complete homework or read quietly.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY



National Poetry Day took place on 2 October 2025, and the theme for this year was 'Play'. National Poetry Day aims to encourage people to make, experience and share poetry. It starts conversations, encourages love of language, and shows the ways in which poetry can add value to society.

Check out the wall display in the LRC and explore the poetry section - you can find it in the non-fiction shelves at 821.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Banned Books Week runs from 5-11 October in the UK in solidarity with US school libraries who have faced an unprecedented number of challenges again this year to remove 'offensive' books. Have you read any of the Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2024 in the US, shown here? Check out the display in the LRC and exercise your freedom to read! Find out more at <https://www.indexoncensorship.org/2025/07/banned-books-week-uk-2025>

TOP 10 MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2024

The American Library Association documented **821 attempts to censor** materials and services at libraries, schools, and universities in 2024. The most common reasons for challenges were false claims of illegal obscenity for minors; inclusion of LGBTQIA+ characters or themes; and dealing with topics of race, racism, inclusivity, equity, and social justice. Of the **2,452 unique titles** that were challenged or banned in 2024, here are the top 10 most frequently targeted.

Rank	Book Title	Author	Why this book matters
1	ALL BOYS AREN'T BLUE: A MEMOIR-MANIFESTO	George M. Johnson	Why this book matters: bit.ly/allboysBK
2	GENDER QUEER: A MEMOIR	Mosha Koffman	Why this book matters: bit.ly/genderBK
3/4	THE BLUEST EYE	Toni Morrison	Why this book matters: bit.ly/bluestBK
5	THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER	Stephen Chbosky	Why this book matters: bit.ly/wallflowerBK
6/7	LOOKING FOR ALASKA	John Green	Why this book matters: bit.ly/lookingBK
8/9	CRANK	Ellen Hopkins	Why this book matters: bit.ly/crankBK
10	FLAMER	Mike Curato	Why this book matters: bit.ly/flamerBK

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WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



The focus for this year's World Mental Health Day on 10 October is the mental health impact of repeated exposure to news coverage *Overwhelm – when global events and relentless bad news become too much.*

Discover our **Shelf Help** resources in the LRC for more support on how to cope with overwhelm and manage your emotions.

ADHD AWARENESS MONTH

Fiction is a great way to raise awareness of ADHD, and to empathise and understand more about neurodiversity in all its forms. Check out these novels about life with ADHD or by neurodiverse authors.

