



HCS Library Newsletter

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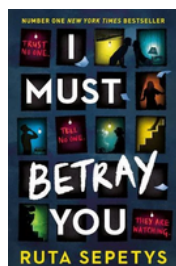
Welcome to the first issue of Hebburn Comprehensive School's Library Newsletter. In this issue, we reflect on the events and activities that have taken place over the last term to promote and celebrate reading, discuss new book arrivals, and share our library team's top picks for the summer. You'll also find information on our summer reading challenge, which we'd love for you to take part in. Happy reading!

Yoto Carnegie Book Awards

For the second year running, our school shadowed the Carnegie Book Award – the nation's oldest and most prestigious children's book award. The Carnegie Medal is awarded to a book of outstanding quality written for children and young people, and each year CILIP (the awarding body) invites libraries up and down the country to join the conversation and "shadow" the awards by reading and judging the shortlisted titles.

Over the past few months, our shadowing book club has met each week to discuss the nominated books (with juice and biscuits of course!) and share their thoughts on their favourites. The diversity of the shortlist means there really is something for everyone, and the book club offers a great opportunity to form new friendships, build confidence, and discover some of the best books that teen fiction has to offer.

We were delighted to see Ruta Sepetys's novel, *I Must Betray You*, take the Shadower's Choice award and our congratulations go to Manon Steffan Ros on winning the Carnegie Medal for Writing with *The Blue Book of Nebo*.



Our shadowing group thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the programme and we can't wait to do it again next year! If you'd like to take part, please speak to Mr Owens in the library. In the meantime, why not check out some of this year's shortlisted books? All are available to borrow from the library right now!



Open-Mic Night!

In true Eurovision spirit, the library hosted its first open-mic, inviting pupils to perform a song, play an instrument, or recite a poem. It was wonderful seeing the talents of our pupils on full display and great to see some new faces in the library. The event was a huge success and we can't wait to do it again in the Autumn term! Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to Mr Wilkinson and Miss Hadjikakou for their support.



Reading Heroes!

There has been some fantastic reading taking place throughout school this term, and we'd like to give a shout-out to the following pupils for their hard work and commitment:

Word Millionaires

Charles O'Neill (Y8)	2,778,596 words read
Daisy Glen (Y8)	1,719,633 words read
Mia Hill (Y8)	1,453,277 words read
Phoebe Breeze (Y7)	1,176,159 words read

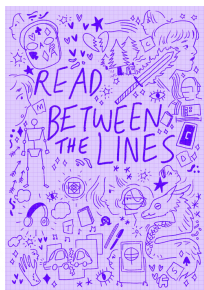
Reading Effort Awards

Nathan Tate-Trainer	Maja Matuszek	Betanya Brownson
Daisy Abiodun-Ojo	Nieve Cryer	Ella Gibson
Lily Wilkins	Nelson Sonda	Harlie Cummings
Dylan Campbell	Matilda Burness	Shanon Estibeiro
Alisha Edgar	Sydney White	Alexis Holt
Lilly Foy	Grace Howley	Ghaith Alhassani
Alesha Swailes	Cameron Harrison	Lawy Ali
Daniel van Enk	Kenan Ozer	Harley Wood
Abigail Gray	Laura Bambro	Harvey Henderson
Alisha Johnson	Lexus Chong	Tallulah McKone
Sofia Lawson	Dima Romanov	Bethany Gilligan
Kyle Downey	Aycha Sebaydin	Lucy McLeod
Amber Ross		

Read Between the Lines

This year our school was fortunate enough to receive funding from the South Tyneside Cultural Education Partnership to work with a professional artist on an exciting illustration project. Thirteen lucky pupils in KS3 received mentoring from illustrator, Rumbidzai Savanhu, who helped pupils to develop their own short comics through a series of workshops. Their work was published in an anthology titled *Read Between the Lines*, which was sold at a special book launch in our school library. Our pupil author-illustrators even got the chance to sign copies for their fans! It was wonderful to see our pupils' artistic talents and confidence grow over the course of the workshops and we'd like to thank Rumbidzai for all her hard work. We couldn't be more proud of the work our pupils have produced. A huge well done to everyone involved!

If you didn't get a chance to see the published collection, a copy of *Read Between the Lines* is available to read in the library right now!



A Poem by Emily Hudson, Year 7

We were incredibly moved by this touching poem, written by Emily Hudson in Y7 in honour of her late grandfather.

My Grandfather

The orange sky, beautiful to my eyes,
Has a special tint
tonight.
I see my grandad; he is just in disguise.
During the day, I turn my headphones up very loud,
But there he is again,
Standing
in the
clouds.

My thoughts are drowned out by his calming voice.
But everything I hear now is just white noise.

Catastrophe stroke: the day that you died.
Though I bore tears once, I have never cried.
Life is so different now you are not here.
The wishes I make,
the candles on my cake,

I wish that you were here.
My days always feel haunted without your gentle touch.
But seeing you in the stars, it helps me enough.

I pack my bag, everything chucked in, quickly, in a rush.
The pandora charm he brought me has remained untouched.
Perfect and polished, it stays in the box.
Even seeing the charm, fear surrounds me like an infectious pox.

The days go on, the dusk grows thicker.
Today at four o'clock, I open the box with my fearful, trembling fingers.
My teeth chatter at the thought of wiping away the ancient residue.
I look in the mirror and say,
'Just you think: The future is waiting for one thing.'

Emily Hudson, Year 7



Student Librarians Visit Seven Stories

As a reward for all their hard work this year, our student librarian team received a special trip to Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books, where they had the opportunity to browse Seven Stories' exhibitions and each select a book to add to our school library stock. Their selections are being processed and catalogued and will be available to borrow when we return in September!



**Library
Stats**
22-23



WORDS READ
(Y7 + Y8)
55,978,688



**BOOKS
BORROWED**
4549



**MOST ACTIVE
YEAR GROUP**
Year 7



**MOST
BORROWED BOOK**
Heartstopper

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An Interview with Mr Moore

By Azra Erdogan (Y8) and Bethany Gilligan (Y8)

What's your favourite book and why?

Mr Moore: My favourite book is *The Wasp Factory* by Iain Banks. I love it because it's imaginative and funny - and it has a shocking ending!

Do you have a favourite book genre?

I love mystery books. Anything by Lee Child, Lisa Jewell and Stephen King!

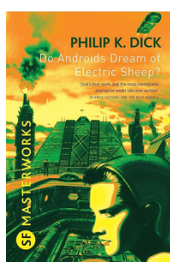
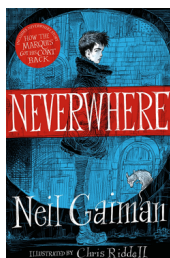
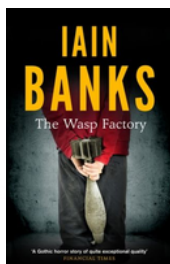
What book do you plan to read over the summer holidays? *Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman

Which member of staff do you think has the most similar reading tastes to you? Mrs Moore

Which do you prefer: physical books, ebooks, or audiobooks? Physical Books

What is your favourite film or TV show based on a book?

My favourite would have to be *Blade Runner*, which is based on *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K. Dick, or *The Shawshank Redemption* by Stephen King.



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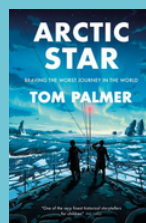


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Top 5 Loans This Term!

In need of a good book but not sure where to start? Look no further! Here are the five most popular books in the library this term:



Arctic Star
by Tom Palmer

#1

In World War II, three teenage Navy recruits endure the rigours and dangers of the notorious Arctic convoys. Faced with terrifying enemy attacks, as well as life-threatening cold, gales and pack ice, will all three boys make it home again?



Heartstopper Vol. 2
by Alice Oseman

#2

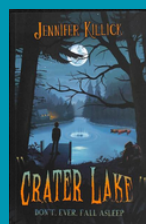
Nick and Charlie are best friends. Nick knows Charlie's gay, and Charlie is sure that Nick isn't. But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is discovering all kinds of things about his friends, his family... and himself.



The Blue Book of Nebo
by Manon Steffan Ros

#3

When the electricity is switched off and life as we know it ends, Dylan and his mum must survive by reverting to old ways of living. **Winner of the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing 2023.**



Crater Lake
by Jennifer Killick

#4

A school trip turns into a fight for survival as five pupils band together to save their classmates from an alien fate far worse than death. But whatever happens, they must Never. Ever. Fall asleep! Perfect for fans of *Stranger Things*!



The Loop
by Ben Oliver

#5

A group of teenagers escape their high security prison to discover a plot by ruling AIs to wipe out humanity! A firm favourite with our student librarian team!

Summer Reading Challenge!

Our BOOKOPOLY summer reading challenge is back for 2023 and is filled with lots of activities and fun reading prompts to encourage you to keep reading over the holidays! Earn points for reading and unlock BOOKOPOLY tickets to be in with a chance of winning a £10 National Book Token.

You can find the challenge sheet and reading tracker at the end of this newsletter. Print off your copy and return it to the library in September to be entered into a prize draw!

Happy reading!



Reading Recommendations!

Summer Reads



All available in the library. Check out your copy before the summer holidays!

KS3



KS4

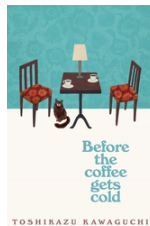


AS SEEN ON TV



The graphic novel that inspired the new Netflix film! Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc...

Student Librarian Top Picks!



Before the Coffee Gets Cold

If you could go back in time, who would you like to meet? *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* is unlike any book I've read before. The characters are interesting and the concept is clever. I would never have found this book on my own but I am glad I did!

Recommended by Maddy, Y9.

The Loop

The Loop is a compelling story about a boy called Luka and his friends, allies and enemies who find themselves caught in a battle against a corrupt government. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes robots, dystopian fiction, sci-fi and apocalyptic stories.

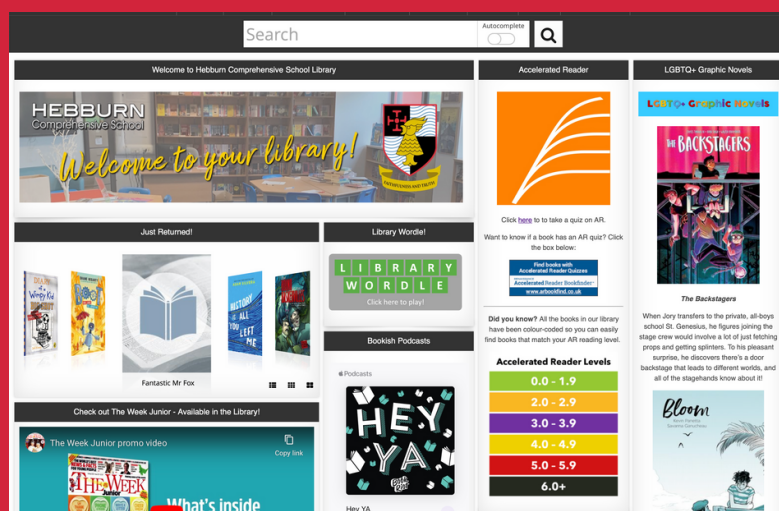
Recommended by Faith, Y9.



Heartstopper

I really enjoyed this book because of the queer representation and the relationship dynamics of Nick and Charlie. I also enjoy the main storyline as both characters think they don't like each other until they grow closer together. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves romance.

Recommended by Oliver, Y8.



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BOOKOPOLY





SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Take part in the BOOKOPOLY summer reading challenge and earn points for completing reading-related tasks! How many points can you collect by the end of summer? Tick off each task you complete and try to unlock BOOKOPOLY tickets by completing full colour sets. Remember to record your reading on the reading record sheet!

The pupil with the most points will win a £10 National Book Token and all pupils who take part will be entered into a special prize draw! Return your reading challenge sheet to the library during the first week back to be in a with a chance of winning.

1 POINT READ FOR 15 MINUTES	1 POINT SUGGEST A BOOK TO A FRIEND	1.5 POINTS READ A MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE	1.5 POINTS READ BEFORE BED	1.5 POINTS WRITE A BOOK REVIEW ON THE LIBRARY WEBSITE	2 POINTS READ FOR 30 MINUTES	2 POINTS READ A GRAPHIC NOVEL	2 POINTS READ INSIDE WHILE IT'S RAINING
2.5 POINTS BORROW A BOOK FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY	2.5 POINTS READ A MANGA BOOK	2.5 POINTS READ FOR 30 MINUTES	3 POINTS LISTEN TO AN AUDIO BOOK	3 POINTS WATCH A MOVIE BASED ON A BOOK	3 POINTS READ A FANTASY NOVEL	 <p>Complete a full set of colours to unlock a BOOKOPOLY ticket worth 10 extra points!</p>	
3.5 POINTS READ WITH ANOTHER PERSON	3.5 POINTS READ OUTSIDE IN THE SUN	3.5 POINTS READ A SCARY BOOK	4 POINTS READ FOR 3 DAYS IN A ROW	4 POINTS READ A FANTASY NOVEL	4 POINTS LISTEN TO A PODCAST	5 POINTS READ 3 BOOKS THIS SUMMER	5 POINTS WRITE A SHORT STORY

BROWN	
Points Collected: ___ out of 2	Ticket Unlocked? 
PALE BLUE	
Points Collected: ___ out of 4.5	Ticket Unlocked? 
PINK	
Points Collected: ___ out of 6	Ticket Unlocked? 
ORANGE	
Points Collected: ___ out of 7.5	Ticket Unlocked? 

RED	
Points Collected: ___ out of 9	Ticket Unlocked? 
YELLOW	
Points Collected: ___ out of 10.5	Ticket Unlocked? 
GREEN	
Points Collected: ___ out of 12	Ticket Unlocked? 
DARK BLUE	
Points Collected: ___ out of 10	Ticket Unlocked? 

Total Score:

(Remember to add an extra 10 points to your score for each ticket you unlock!)

NAME: _____

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

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