

BARLBY HIGH SCHOOL



Library Newsletter
Summer 2021

NEWS FROM BARLBY LIBRARY

Welcome to the first edition of the Barlby High School Library Newsletter.

This year the library has had to restrict the number of students visiting to comply with social distancing and keeping year group bubbles separate. This has meant that we have not been able to welcome as many students as we would have liked. However since May half term we have been able to open up some more time slots to different year groups and have continued to visit Year 7 students with our mobile library service. We



hope that it will not be too much longer before we can welcome all students back to the library but until then we will do everything we can to make books accessible to all whilst continuing to keep everyone safe.



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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Inspire yourself to discover new books and authors with our summer reading challenge

How many on the list can you complete?

- read a book about someone different than you**
- read a non-fiction book**
- re-read your favourite book**
- write a review for the school library**
- read a book recommended by a friend**
- read a newly published book whose reviews you like**

If you need help on how to choose the right book for you we have lots of information to help in this newsletter.

*‘The Journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of a page’ -
Rachel Anders*

READING LISTS

Reading lists are available for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 can be found on the school website or requested via email.

The lists are full of recommendations to help you choose what you might like to read. We would recommend that you read a variety of books.

If you have a book you would like to be recommended to be added to the reading list we would love to hear from you as we would love to keep our recommended by peers section updated with books that are currently popular in each Year Group.

www.barlbyhighschool.org/student-reading-material/

BARLBY LIBRARY SOFTWARE LAUNCH

SEPTEMBER 2021

In September we will launch our new library software system that will allow students to have a much more interactive experience.

Students will be able to view all the books available in the school library, reserve and renew books online, create and share reading lists, both read and write reviews to share with others, keep up to date with news from the library such as competition's and the arrival of new books. We really feel that this system will be a great asset to students and staff.

HOW TO FIND THE RIGHT BOOK FOR YOU

Interests

Start with your interests. Unlike reading in class, where a book is chosen to work alongside your studies, when you read for pleasure you have the opportunity to read whatever you want and if something is of interest then you are more likely to enjoy it and stick with it.

Do you prefer fiction or non fiction

Would you like to escape into fiction where the only thing that holds us back is the author's imagination or would you prefer a book based on fact. Maybe you would like to find out about your favourite celebrity or a book about your favourite hobby.

Read the 'blurb'.

The 'blurb' on the back of the book will always help to give you an idea as to the content and if it sounds like something you might enjoy. You might also like to use the Book App's below to help you choose.

Join the club.

Would you like to join a book club and read with friends or family? Book clubs are a fun way to enjoy books and promote discussion around stories.

Ask friends or family for recommendations. What's your best friend's favourite book? Try reading reviews on websites such as Waterstones, Amazon and Goodreads etc. Always keep in mind that just because someone else liked it you might not agree with them. We all like different things, if we all liked all the same books then the library wouldn't have such a wide and diverse collection as it does.

BOOK APPS

We all enjoy spending time on our tablets and phones but now we can incorporate our love for technology with the opportunity to access books and reading material online.

Libby is an App that allows anyone with a North Yorkshire Library card to access eBooks and audiobooks. Don't worry if you don't have a library card yet as you can call into your local library to register or do so online.

Bookzilla is a free App that encourages students to read for pleasure. You can receive tailored book recommendations or challenge yourself to try something new. The App promotes different featured collections each month. It's easy to download from Google play or the Apple App Store. Designed for use in Scottish schools the Scottish Booktrust who produced the App are fully supportive of other schools using it.



In September 2020 Year 7 took part in Bookbuzz a reading programme from BookTrust that aims to help schools inspire a love of reading in 11 to 13-year-olds. Each student was given the opportunity to choose their own book to take home and keep from a list of 17 titles. These books are all carefully selected by a panel of experts to ensure quality, suitability and to encourage reading for pleasure.

Our clear favourite was the book Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick with 53 students choosing to take this title home.

For all the Crater Lake fans the next exciting instalment 'Crater Lake, Evolution' which came out in June 2021 is available from the school library now.





WIN £5,000
of National Book Tokens for your school library

FILL THE LIBRARY WITH NEW BOOKS!

A good school library isn't just important for academic achievement. Reading for pleasure also improves student's wellbeing. National Book Token big prize draw is back, giving you the chance to **win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school's library** – and if your entry is picked, **you'll also get £100 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!**

The closing date is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term.

Please nominate Barlby High School Library using the form online. Anyone over 16 can vote, 1 vote per person so get all the family, Parents, Carers, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles involved.

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



Year 11 legacy

A big thank you to Miss Day and her Year 11 students for reading and writing reviews of books for the library. We hope students will find these useful when choosing what to read next.



Reading is cool. Books are cool.

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Thank You

A big thank you to Drax Charity Committee who kindly donated money to the library to help with updating our STEM books. These are just a few of the books we have purchased using their donation.

