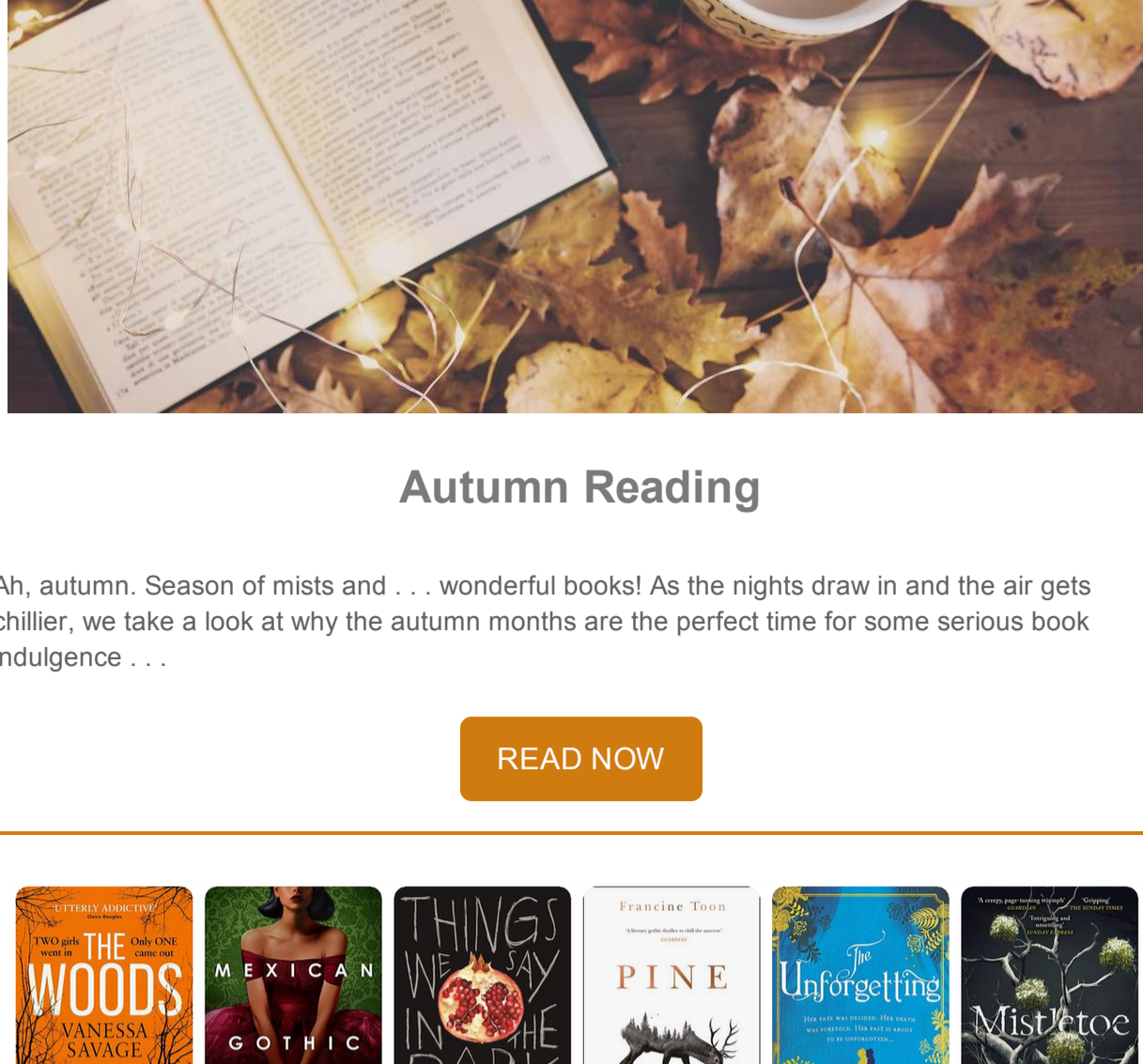




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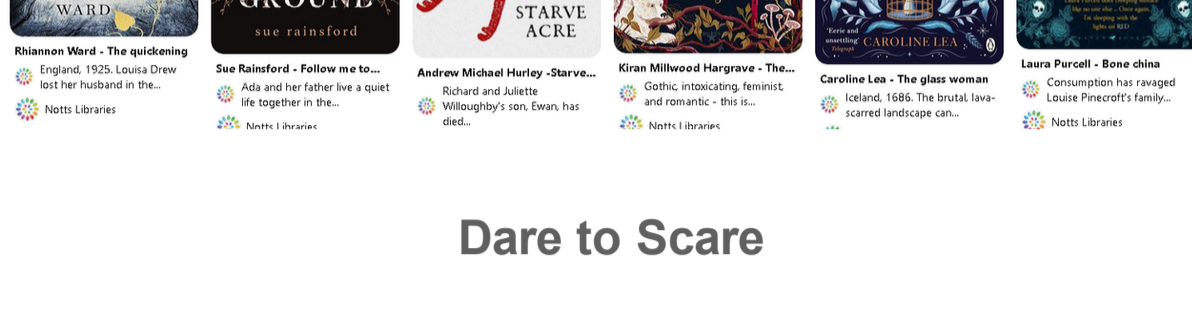
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## Autumn Reading

Ah, autumn. Season of mists and . . . wonderful books! As the nights draw in and the air gets chillier, we take a look at why the autumn months are the perfect time for some serious book indulgence . . .

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## Dare to Scare

Click on the book jackets image above if you think you're brave enough. Top tales of terror from our library catalogue.



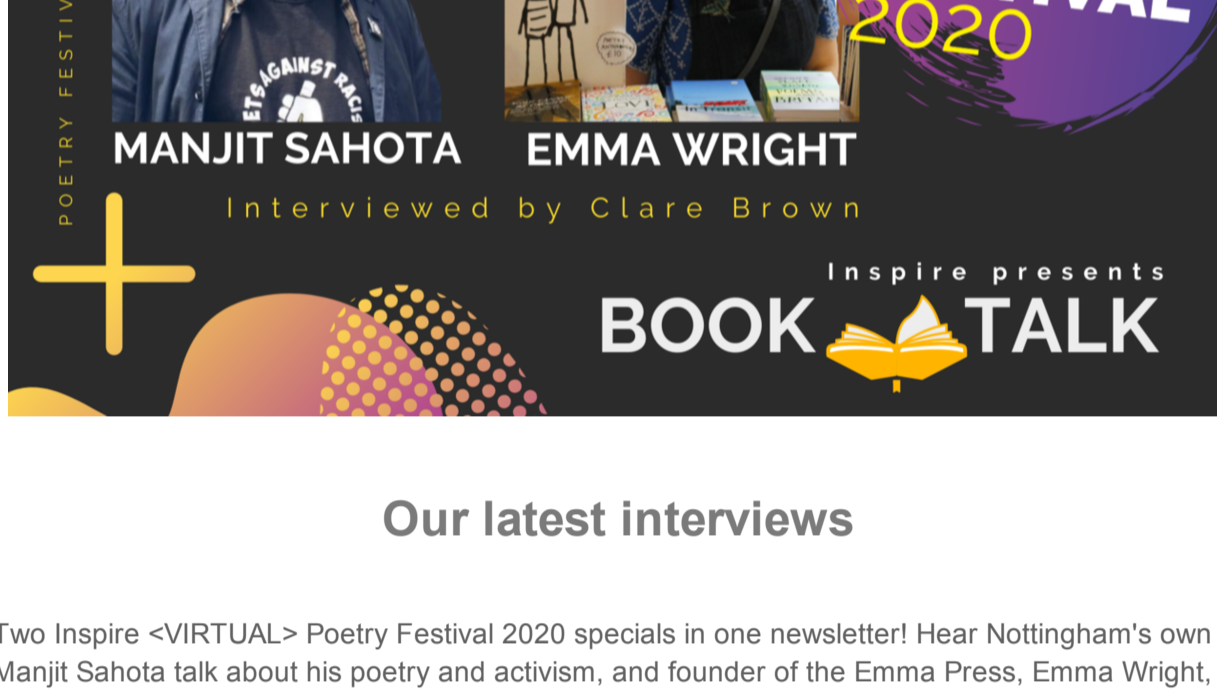
## Inspire Book Club

There's still time to download this month's Inspire Book Club read, the eagerly-anticipated *Night Boat to Tangier* by Booker Prize shortlisted Irish writer Kevin Barry. Available to borrow on eBook or eAudiobook now.

"Barry is a clairvoyant narrator of the male psyche and a consistent lyrical visionary. But what distinguishes this book beyond its humour, terror and beauty of description is its moral perception." The Guardian

Visit our page to find out more and download, and watch our Book Club Zoom Chat about September's title: *A Thousand Ships* by Natalie Haynes, along with chats from previous months.

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## Our latest interviews

Two Inspire <VIRTUAL> Poetry Festival 2020 specials in one newsletter! Hear Nottingham's own Manjit Sahota talk about his poetry and activism, and founder of the Emma Press, Emma Wright, tells us how she set up her successful Birmingham-based independent press featuring UK and international poetry.

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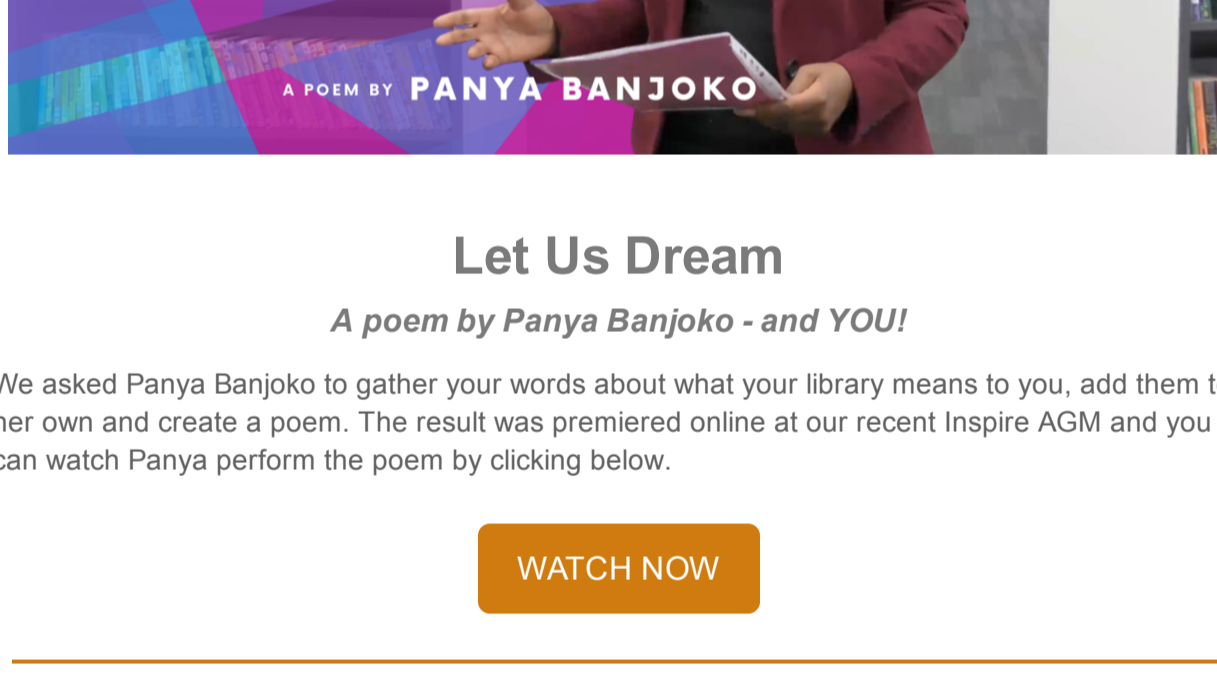


## Día de Muertos: Ghosts and Literary Skills

Ever visited Mexico during autumn? There's a golden tint to the sunsets and the air is filled with the sweet scent of marigolds and warm bread made ahead of Día de Muertos...

Libraries and Culture team member Michelle Osorio shares a fascinating insight into Mexican culture's very different attitude to death, and how this affects its literature.

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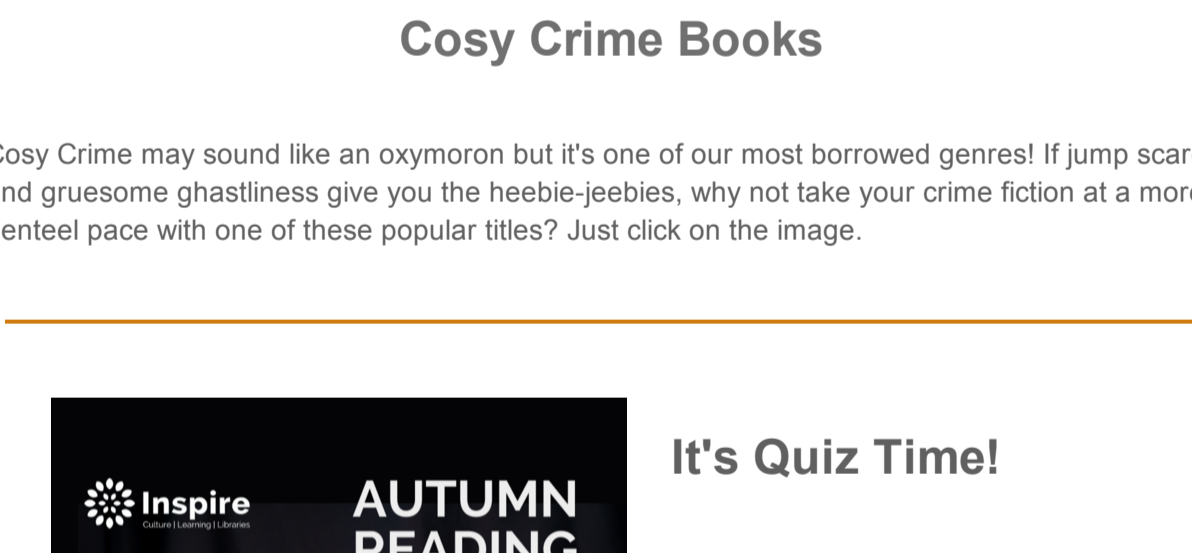


## Let Us Dream

A poem by Panya Banjoko - and YOU!

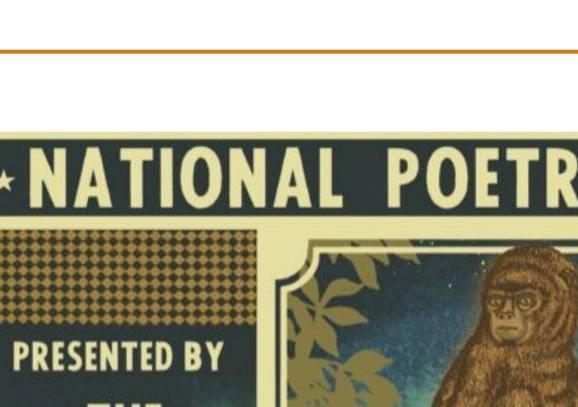
We asked Panya Banjoko to gather your words about what your library means to you, add them to her own and create a poem. The result was premiered online at our recent Inspire AGM and you can watch Panya perform the poem by clicking below.

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## Cosy Crime Books

Cosy Crime may sound like an oxymoron but it's one of our most borrowed genres! If a more gruesome ghostliness give you the heebie-jeebies, why not take your crime fix at a more genteel pace with one of these popular titles? Just click on the image.



## It's Quiz Time!

Test your literature knowledge in 10 questions made with love by our Libraries and Culture Team.

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## National Poetry Competition

The National Poetry Competition, run annually by The Poetry Society since 1978, is one of the most prestigious poetry competitions for a single unpublished poem. Open to all poets worldwide aged 18 or over. With a top prize of £5,000, this year's judges include Neil Astley, Karen McCarthy Woolf and Jonathan Edwards. Enter online by midnight on 31 October 2020 at [www.poetrysociety.org.uk/npc](http://www.poetrysociety.org.uk/npc)

## Get in touch and get involved

Let us know what you think of our newsletter, send us ideas for future features, or express your interest in taking part in one of our Inspire Online Book Club Zoom chats.

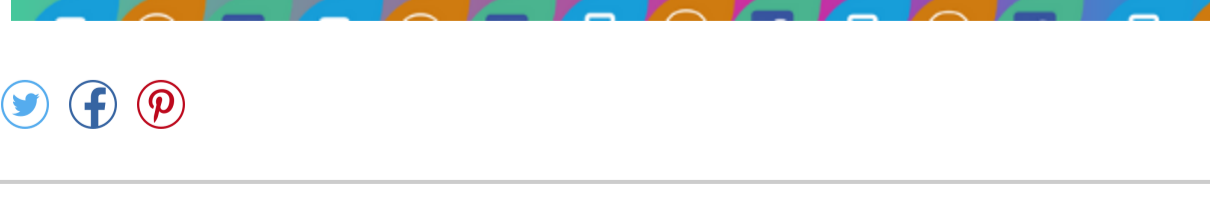
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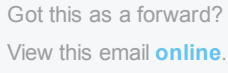
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