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Services for Schools Newsletter

January 2022

Welcome back for the new year and start of a new school term!

There's lots going on in the world of books, with new Best Book lists from our ELS librarians and exciting author events taking place in our libraries, all of which are guaranteed to get pupils reading.

Our Music staff have plenty of concerts, choirs, and classes lined up for 2022, and there's also an exciting opportunity for free teacher training about local heritage at Mansfield Museum.

Read on to find out more!

Education Library Service

The Education Library Service is open for teachers to visit, subject to UK Government guidelines. Teachers will need to book an appointment by phoning the ELS Base and provide their personal telephone number / email for NHS Test and Trace.

For ELS staff to make up collections, please continue to submit project requests on our [project order form](#) or [contact us](#).

Call us: 0115 804 4499

Email: elsg@inspireculture.org.uk

Our Opening hours are:

Term time: Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 6pm, Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm

School Holidays: Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 5pm, Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm

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Inspire Education Library Service Best Book Lists

Are you looking for some new books to recommend to your students? Or looking to freshen up your Library or Classroom Reading collections?

We have three lists covering all ages, highlighting the best recent books our librarians have read:

- [Recommended Picture Books](#)
- [Best Primary Books](#)
- [Best Secondary Books](#)

Back copies of our previous recommended lists can be found [on our website](#).



Brilliant Book Award update

It's not too late to take part this year! The shortlist is now announced – six 'Brilliant Books' suitable for Key Stage 3 students

Schools that take part in the Award will have the opportunity to watch the authors talk about their shortlisted title.

Voting commences week commencing 28 March.

Find out more [on our website](#) and contact rachel.marshall@inspireculture.org.uk if your school is interested in taking part.

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GUARANTEED PROJECT DATES



Guaranteed Project Service - Beat the Rush!

If you give us half a terms notice, we will guarantee to send your project collections to you by the date required.

If you would like a project to be delivered for the start of Summer 1, we need your project by **Friday 18 February 2022** and we will aim to deliver your project week commencing **21 March 2022**.

If you would like a project to be delivered for the start of Summer 2, we need your project by **Friday 15 April 2022**, and we will aim to deliver your project week commencing **16 May 2022**.

We will of course continue to do our best to provide teachers with collections irrespective of when the request is received.

Education Library Service Project Request Form

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Please note that we will be phasing out sending paper receipts for book collections this academic year. We will email them to school offices as well as to individual customers where we have email addresses.

Schools



Local heritage training day at Mansfield Museum

Are you looking for support to develop your local history curriculum and your role as a curriculum lead? Perhaps you're thinking of ways to make your curriculum relevant and unique to reflect the heritage of the communities that you serve.

Whether you are a Primary or Secondary teacher, local history/ heritage can be a powerful resource to create a bespoke and engaging curriculum.

Join Historic England for a FREE TRAINING DAY at Mansfield Museum.

- Learn how to uncover your locality's unique heritage and story.
- Become part of a network of on-going support.
- Receive free resources (historic maps and aerial photos from Historic England's archive collection).
- Hear about Mansfield's story from the experts.
- Access ongoing opportunities to develop your curriculum.
- Find out about local projects that your school can participate in.

We look forward to welcoming you on the **25 January** (9:30am - 3pm). The training is free and all you need to bring is your participation and enthusiasm. A limited amount of funding is available to pay for staff cover if capacity would be a barrier to participation.

Please email Ismail.Dale@HistoricEngland.org.uk to reserve your place.

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Winter Mini Challenge - last chance!

There's still a few days left for children to complete the 2021 Winter Mini Challenge!

Kids have until 16 January to read three books; don't forget to [sign up online](#) and record what you've read!

More information on the Challenge and how to get involved can be found at wintermini.org.uk or visit [our website](#).

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TROUBLE with Serena Patel

Join Serena Patel, author of the Anisha Accidental Detective series, as she introduces the third book in the series 'Granny Trouble'.

Hear Serena talk about her books and then create your own secret society or granny disguise.

For ages 6 - 10

Saturday 22 January

West Bridgford Library, 10.30am
Beeston Library, 2pm

Children £3 | Accompanying adults FREE
Booking advised
inspireculture.org.uk/serena




PAUL

Join multi-million selling illustrator Korky Paul, as he welcomes you to the wonderful world of Winnie the Witch.



In this fast-paced, fun-filled session Korky will demonstrate how to draw colourful, witty and energetic drawings. He'll also need your help to illustrate Winnie and Wilbur in some extraordinary situations.

Ages 5+

Saturday 5 February

Mansfield Central Library, 10.30am
Worksop Library, 2pm

Children £2 | Accompanying adults FREE
Booking advised
inspireculture.org.uk/korky

Author events in Inspire Libraries

Inspire libraries have some great guest author events coming up for children and young people!

On Saturday 22 January, join Serena Patel, author of the Anisha Accidental Detective series as she introduces the third book in the series, *Granny Trouble*.

Serena will talk about her books and read an extract from *Granny Trouble* before kids get the opportunity to create their own secret society or granny disguise.

For children aged 6 - 10

£3 per child | Accompanying adults free

Book your tickets here

Then on Saturday 5 February Korky Paul, the energetic, multi-million selling illustrator, welcomes you to the wonderful world of Winnie the Witch. In this fast-paced, fun-filled session Korky will demonstrate how to draw colourful, witty and energetic drawings.

He'll also need kids' help to perform a Winnie story. Plus there are chances to win Magical Big Prizes from Korky including some of the wonderful artwork Korky creates.

For children aged 5+

£2 per child | Accompanying adults free

[Book your tickets here](#)

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Inspire Music



The Planets Educational Concert - Thursday 17 March

This March we are offering ten Nottinghamshire county primaries **free** tickets to see a live KS2 educational performance of The Planets, performed at the Albert Hall, Nottingham. This interactive concert (there will be singing!) will be based around the KS2 Earth and Science modules.

Register your school's interest via email nottsmusichub@inspireculture.org.uk



Save the Date - Hallé Schools Concert

The annual Hallé Orchestra Schools Concert 'Now Hear This!' will return to the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham on Friday 17 June. We'd love to pack the venue to the rafters with your talented young musicians and singers!

The Concert Hall's music education team will be mailing out Teacher Information Packs

NYCGB Summer concert – Notts secondary schools register your interest



Do you have a KS3+ choir that would like a **free** opportunity to workshop with National Youth Choir of Great Britain vocal leaders this Spring? We are planning a summer event and are looking to work with Nottinghamshire KS3+ choirs from February.

Email us for further

details nottsmusichub@inspireculture.org.uk

Summer Spectacular SING event for KS2 at Albert Hall Nottingham with Music for Everyone

This Summer term we will be working with the Music for Everyone team on another academy family / family of schools Singing Spectacular in Nottingham. We are seeking registrations of interest from school families who will be able to work with our vocal leaders in the Spring and Summer terms.



Please email us

at nottsmusichub@inspireculture.org.uk



Inspire Music choir offer

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for pupils in years 4 to 8 (**Inspirations**) and in years 9 to 13 (**Inspired Voices**).

If you know any aspiring young singers, music loving boys and girls who are ready for a fresh challenge, signpost their parents to the choir pages here:

Inspirations: www.inspireculture.org.uk/inspirationschoir

Inspired Voices: www.inspireculture.org.uk/inspiredvoices

You can also get further details from our choir leader daniela.smith@inspireculture.org.uk

web: www.inspireculture.org.uk

email: schools@inspireculture.org.uk



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