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Services for Schools Newsletter - July 2021

Welcome to our latest Services for Schools Newsletter!

In this edition, it's the last chance to vote in our InspiREAD 2021 Book Awards, as decided by young readers!

We also have a number of activities and events upcoming ready for the summer holidays, including the annual Summer Reading Challenge, a virtual festival of arts, music and culture, and networking events for teachers.

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



InspiREAD is back!

This year's inspiREAD has launched, and has been a huge success so far.

Our librarians have picked a selection of the best books published this year - we want kids to read them, and then vote for their favourites. It's a great way to get the whole school reading and help build your reading community: and parents, grandparents and carers involved too!

There are books for everyone in three categories: Picture Books, Shorter Books and Longer Novels. The full list is available [on our website](#), and all the books can be borrowed from our ELS service and are available in Inspire libraries across the county.

Last chance to vote is **8 July** - the winners will be announced the following week, so make sure you're following us on [Twitter](#)!

Vote now



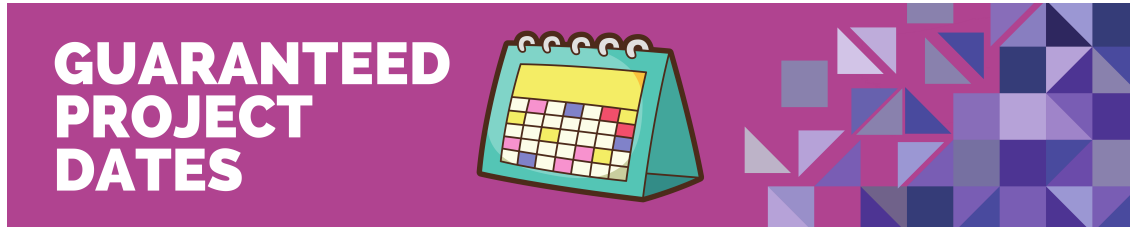
Do you have any ELS topic books or fiction in your school not being used?

If your school borrowed books that ELS have not been able to collect due to government Covid-19 restrictions, we invite you to send back all the books you are not currently using and order new books ready for the next academic year.

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arrange for a van to collect from your school.

To order your new books please use our [Online order form](#).



Guaranteed Project Service - Beat the Rush!

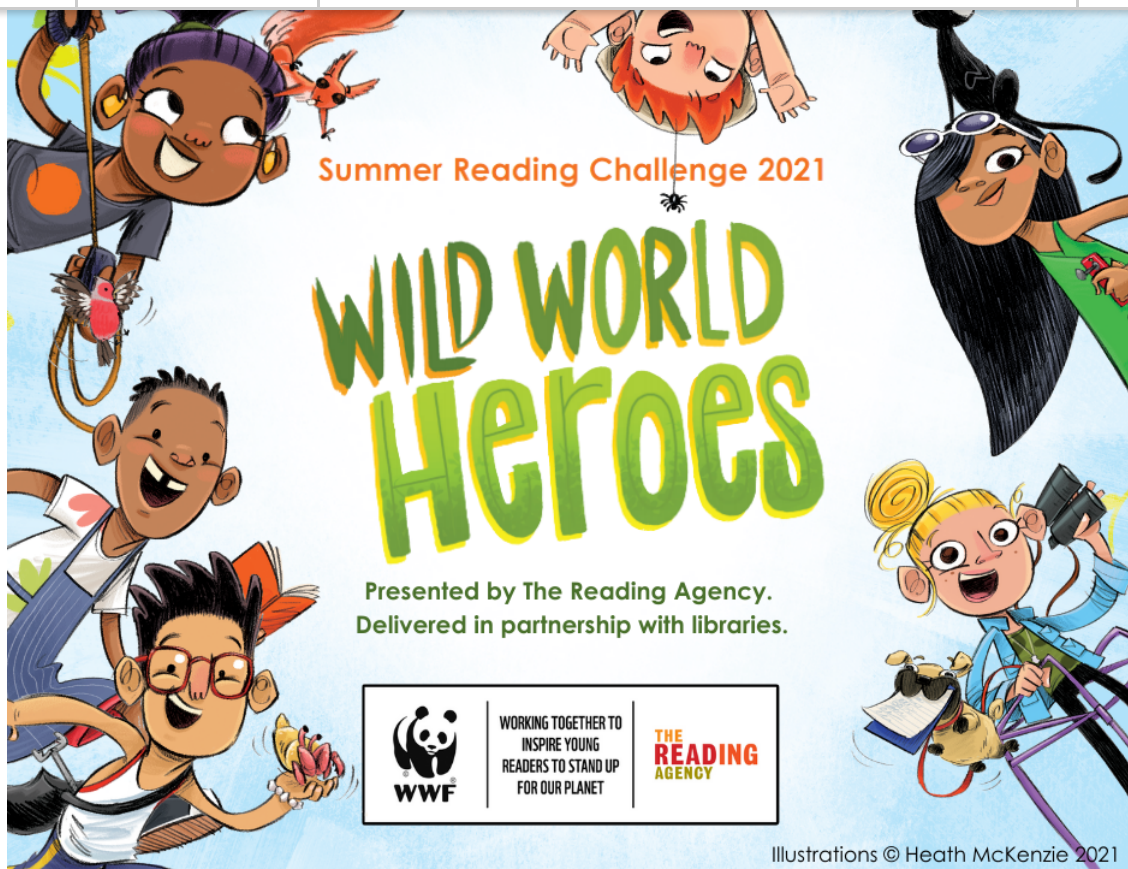
Teachers: are you planning for the autumn term 2021?

If you give us half a term's notice, we will guarantee to send your project collections by the date required. For Autumn 2 we need your project requests by **Friday 27 August 2021**, and we will aim to deliver these out to you on the week commencing 4 October 2021.

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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Introducing Summer Reading Challenge 2021, Wild World Heroes.

The Summer Reading Challenge is back in Inspire libraries for the six-week holidays. This year's challenge has been developed in partnership with the [WWF](#), the world's leading independent conservation organisation. Children aged 4 – 11 are invited to read six library books of their choosing, collecting rewards along the way.

Wild World Heroes will be a celebration of reading, nature and action for the environment, and is a great way to keep children reading over the summer.

We love schools to help us spread the word to encourage children to take part. Download resources, including posters, activity sheets, and more on [our website](#).



Summer Reading Challenge 2021: Virtual Assemblies

To kick off the Summer Reading Challenge, we'll be holding two live virtual assemblies to introduce Wild World Heroes.

The assembly will explain everything you and your pupils need to know about the challenge. We will cover how to join, what the challenge is and showcase the brilliant **FREE** rewards children earn by reading library books. The assemblies will take place on:

[Tuesday 13 July at 10AM](#)

[Thursday 15 July at 2PM](#)

For more information and to book go to
www.inspireculture.org.uk/virtualassemblies

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UPBEAT Festival of Culture, Learning and Wellbeing takes place at an interactive digital park this summer!

On 22 July, Inspire Music and Stream Park have a treat as we present a festival of culture, learning and wellbeing at an interactive digital park. UPBEAT will showcase local artists, community groups, schools, and some of Nottinghamshire's finest arts organisations including the Nottingham Playhouse, Inspire Youth Arts, Inspire Libraries, NTU, University of Nottingham, Community Recording Studio, and more!

One of many highlights will be a live singing event with renowned choral director Mark De-Lisser. Mark has worked with some of today's top vocal talent including Ariana Grande, Jessie J and Beverly Knight and has worked on many TV programmes such as BBC's Our Dementia Choir with Vicky McClure. The festival be a full day of events, running from 10AM to 10PM, all online, and will also showcase music, theatre, dance, comedy, poetry, art, and more.

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Book your FREE tickets

Music Tuition from September 2021

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you have received it and get in touch if you have any queries.

If you are a Nottinghamshire school who would like to receive more details on our teaching packages, including our FREE term of whole class teaching offer, please email the Inspire Music team at imt@inspireculture.org.uk.

FREE *Inspirations* choir - for years 4-8



Our weekly *Inspirations* choir for pupils in years 4 to 8 meet online on Thursdays from 6-6.45PM and are led by Daniela Smith and Liz Heath. If you know any talented singers who are ready for a fresh challenge, please [encourage them to sign up here](#).

Inspirations will perform at the UPBEAT Festival on Thursday 22 July – [tickets are available here](#).



Inspired Voices choir for years 9-13

Our senior choir, Inspired Voices a capella choir, are also recruiting this term.

We'd love to hear from vocalists in years 9 to 13 - get in touch for further details, or read more on [our website](#).

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Inspire Music Resources for Nottinghamshire County Schools

Explore our in-house music curriculum focused videos and downloadable resources for EYFS to KS4, plus tips for instrumental and vocal study.

If you are a county school or have a child at a county school, you can register for free.

[Parents registration for FREE Inspire Music resources](#)

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Inspire Music Ensembles Online

Instrumental and vocal ensembles led by Inspire Music Teachers

FREE for Notts Music Hub area pupils - sign up
www.inspireculture.org.uk/musicensembles



Inspire Music online ensembles - we're recruiting!

Inspire Music's popular instrumental ensembles are currently rehearsing online and are looking to recruit more young musicians. For more details, including rehearsal schedules, go to [our website](#).

Captivate is Nottinghamshire's cultural education partnership.

It's the creative home for children and young people, schools, teachers and cultural enablers to access high-quality arts and cultural experiences across Nottinghamshire, with a current focus on the areas of Ashfield and Mansfield.

Schools can become a member of Captivate for free. Benefits of membership include:

- Engagement in CPD training opportunities
- Receive Captivate's Menu of Opportunities, a free resource highlighting events, training and opportunities
- Support for schools to deliver Arts Award and Artsmark
- Take part in the Creative Schools Network
- Engage in young people's cultural enterprise projects
- Be part of the creation and delivery of cultural programmes
- Receive special offers and opportunities from our arts and cultural members

For more info and to sign up, visit the Captivate website



Captivate Meets for Teachers and Educators

A focus on arts and creative education

Join like-minded teachers for a twilight session of creative networking and knowledge sharing via a series of energetic presentations and workshops.

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The first face-to-face meeting will take place on **Monday 19 July 2021 from 4-5.30PM** (doors open from 3.30PM) and doors open from 3.30pm) at **Mansfield Palace Theatre**. Chip butties will be served, so don't miss it!

[Book online](#)



VOTE FOR YOUR BOARD!

Don't forget to vote for your new Inspire Community Board members. It couldn't be easier. Visit:

inspireculture.org.uk/boardelections2021

Voting closes on Friday 23 July 2021.



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