



Inspire
Education
Library
Service

Culture | Learning | Libraries

Service Guide 2026/27

*Inspiring readers.
Supporting schools.
Sustaining reading cultures.*



inspireculture.org.uk/els



Who we are

Welcome to Inspire's Education Library Service!



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visit our
website.

Inspire is a not-for-profit, community benefit society with charitable status, dedicated to supporting schools and developing strong, sustainable reading cultures. We currently work with more than 250 schools and educational organisations in Nottinghamshire, Nottingham City, Derbyshire and Derby City.

At the Education Library Service (ELS), we understand the pressures schools face. Our service is designed to be part of the solution – not an extra challenge. Everything we offer is focused on helping schools embed positive reading cultures, respond to the curriculum, support reading for pleasure, raise attainment, and reduce staff workload through expert support and high-quality resources.

Investing your funding with us.

Joining ELS is an evidence-informed, cost-effective way to invest your DfE Pupil Premium and LAC funding.

Our offer aligns closely with the EEF's tiered 'menu of approaches' and the DfE Reading Framework, helping schools make choices that are both impactful and compliant with national guidance.

Make fundraising go further.

PTA fundraising can help your school fund or enhance its ELS subscription, turning your money raised into lasting benefits for pupils and staff.



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By the numbers*

Inspiring readers, supporting schools and sustaining reading cultures.

300,000+

*Fiction & non-fiction
quality texts*

165,000
Books loaned

24,500

*Recently published
books added to
the collection!*

(within the last three years).

2,500
*Tailored
collections*

5,000

*Children accessing
live author events*

Either in person or virtual.

*Hours of
teacher time
saved*

17,168

Minimum estimated.

* These are approximate figures
based on our annual averages.

What we do

Your pathway to a stronger reading culture starts here.

Our services work together to strengthen reading, support staff and enrich the curriculum. Take a look at some of the great benefits you get with us.

Reading Resources

A huge section of non-fiction, fiction and poetry books

Diverse, representative, tailored collections

Accessible and inclusive resources

A fantastic selection of bilingual books

Story boxes promoting storytelling and booktalk

Reading Events

InspiREAD Book Award
Primary

Brilliant Book Award and Edge Book Award
Secondary

Live and engaging workshops with authors, illustrators and poets

Exclusive invitations to special guest events delivered by people from the world of literature

Take part in regional and national online quizzes

Reading Communities

Termly network meetings with special guests

ELS OU /UKLA Teachers' Reading Group

Specialist advice and consultations from our team of experts

Outreach events offering additional support to you

FREE meeting spaces

Turn the page to see our selection of great packages.

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Image: Performance Poet
Matt Miller at InspiREAD Live!



The Purple Primary Package

Personalise your book allowance with the quantity and flexibility to suit the needs of your school – £7.90 per additional book loan.



Membership price from

£395

Excluding VAT

Estimated retail value £4,200

Reading Resources

Tailored collections

Supporting the curriculum and reading for pleasure.

50 books (minimum) loaned.

With unlimited exchanges.

FREE delivery and collection.

Access to
300 high-quality
& age-appropriate
books, with expert
recommendations.

When swapped half termly.

Recommended book lists

Updated and shared termly.

Reading Events

InspiREAD Book Awards

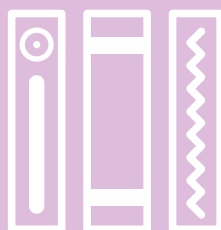
Spring/summer.

Celebrating engaging, diverse and inclusive books. Showcasing talented UK authors and illustrators.

Receive invitations to all of our live online author, illustrator & poet events.

Access to the InspiREAD Book Awards online voting.

Usage of our InspiREAD logo and certificate of participation.



Reading Communities

Termly twilight network meetings

With special guest authors, illustrators, poets & speakers.

These are online 60 minute sessions.

ELS OU/UKLA Teachers' Reading Group

Specialist expertise and consultation

Including invitations to our Books & Babble events.

Outreach events, support and expertise

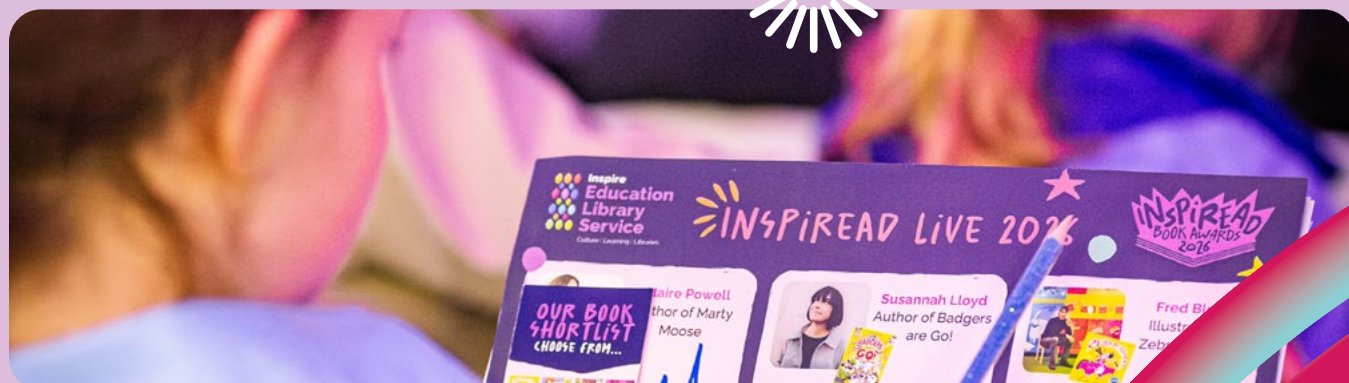
Access to FREE meeting spaces

Save 30% at Peters

The UK's leading specialist supplier of children's books.

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Image: A pupil holding their signed author sheet at InspiREAD Live 2026.



The Pink Primary Package



READ

Reading Resources

The 'Go All In' book taster box

Choice of one: EYFS / Y1-2 / Y3-4 / Y5-6.

Fresh and exciting books, chosen by our team to inspire every young reader.

A selection of 60 books & magazines, exchanged each term.

A total of 180 titles a year.

A wide mix of genres, graphic novels, fiction, non-fiction, poetry.

Receive 8 FREE copies of 'What on Earth!' magazine.

FREE delivery & collection.

Additional 'Go All In' book taster boxes

Receive x3 termly exchanges.

£400

Estimated retail value: £1,900

Reading Events

InspiREAD Premium Book Awards

Spring/summer.

Celebrating engaging, diverse and inclusive books. Showcasing talented UK authors and illustrators.

An opportunity to shortlist books for the award.

Receive 12 shortlisted book titles.

In-person invites to InspiREAD Live.

Available for up to 30 pupils.

Access to the InspiREAD Book Awards online voting.

Usage of our InspiREAD logo and certificate of participation.

Bookmarks & certificates for pupils.

In-school workshops*

Choose from Booktalk Live or Family Reading Café.

Regional and national online quizzes*

Membership
price

£750

Excluding VAT

Estimated retail
value £4,400

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Save 10%

When you buy both the Primary Packages.

Bundle pack price £1,030.50

Excludes additional book loan items.

* See page 10 for more details on this event.

The Green Secondary Package

Personalise your book allowance with the quantity and flexibility to suit the needs of your school – £7.90 per additional book loan.

Membership
price from

£869

Excluding VAT

Estimated retail
value £6,400



Reading Resources

Tailored collections

*Supporting the curriculum
and reading for pleasure.*

110 books (minimum) loaned.

With unlimited exchanges.

FREE delivery and collection.

Access to
330 high-quality
& age-appropriate
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Image: Author Dan Smith signing books at the Brilliant Book Award event.



ENGAGE

Reading Events

Brilliant Book Award Y7/Y8/Y9

Autumn/spring.

*Celebrating engaging,
diverse and inclusive books.
Showcasing talented UK
authors and illustrators.*

An opportunity to shortlist
books for the award.

Invitations to all of our live online
author, illustrator & poet events.

Access to book reviews
and online voting.

Usage of the BBA Award logo
and certificate of participation.

Bookmarks for students.

Reading Communities

Termly network meetings

*With special guest authors,
illustrators, poets & speakers.*

Hybrid meetings for up to 2
members of staff per school.

These are half-day sessions.

Key updates & sharing best practice

Book recommendations

ELS OU/UKLA Teachers' Reading Group

Specialist expertise and consultation

Outreach events, support and projects

Access to FREE meeting spaces

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The Blue Secondary Package

ASPIRE

Membership
price

£695

Excluding VAT

Estimated retail
value £3,900

Reading Resources



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£400

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Reading Events



Edge Book Award Y9/Y10/Y11

Autumn.

*Celebrating engaging,
diverse and inclusive books.
Showcasing talented UK
authors and illustrators.*

An opportunity to shortlist
books for the award.

In-person invites to author,
poet and illustrator events.

Access to book reviews
and online voting.

Usage of the Edge Book Award
logo and certificate of participation.

Bookmarks for students.

Regional and national online quizzes*

Reading Communities

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and consultation

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Bundle pack price **£1,407.60**

Excludes additional book loan items.

* See page 10 for more details on this event.

Events explained

Take a closer look at our workshops and quizzes.

In-school workshops

Choose from one of the following live events.

Booktalk Live

Invite our team of book experts to lead pupils and staff through an engaging exploration of the newest and most exciting children's literature. A dynamic way to strengthen reading culture and keep your children and staff up to date with current recommendations.

Family Reading Café

A practical parent-focused workshop celebrating the lifelong benefits of reading for pleasure. Includes strategies to support reading at home, followed by dedicated time for families to browse and enjoy titles from the Go All In Book Taster Box.

*Only available with
The Pink Package*

See page 7 for more details.

Online quizzes

Test your knowledge in these 2 great quizzes.

ELS Exclusive Quiz

Join ELS Member schools across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire for a fun, competitive online regional quiz inspired by *What on Earth!* magazine.

National Schools Quiz

Join schools across the UK in the *What on Earth!* nationwide quiz, with online heats based on content from the magazines (digital access). Top-scoring teams will qualify for the live London final, with travel expenses covered – and plenty of exciting book prizes to be won.

*Only available with
The Pink & The Blue Packages*

See page 7 (The Pink) and page 9 (The Blue) for more details.

Image: Author Illustrator Fred Blunt
leading a school workshop.

MEET



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Opening Hours

Pop in for a visit!

Monday	8.30am – 5pm
Tuesday	8.30am – 5pm
Wednesday	8.30am – 5pm
Thursday	8.30am – 5pm
Friday	8.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

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BOOKS

Image: A member of our distribution team with an ELS book package.