

the reading room...

Reading Calendar

September Roald Dahl Day	March World Book Day
October National Poetry Day	April Lancashire Book of the Year
November Biographies & National Non-Fiction Day	May Carnegie Medal Award
December 'Please Santa' Books for your stocking	June Magazine Month
January Readathon	July Lancashire Libraries Reading Challenge
February National Story Telling Month	August Lancashire Libraries Reading Challenge

Let's celebrate reading...

The Reading Room is the place to visit if you like to read books, magazines or newspapers.

If there is a book you would like that is not in stock, or if there is a book you would like to recommend to others, then why not join the Purple Sticker Club?

Purple Sticker Club

Q: How do I join?

A: By requesting a book for the Reading Room

When the book arrives:

A purple sticker is added to the front cover displaying your name and you are given the opportunity to be the first to borrow it.



I have joined the Purple Sticker Club



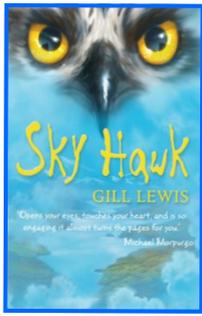
Children who read for pleasure are more likely to get better GCSE results than those who rarely read.

Institute of Education, University of London. 2013

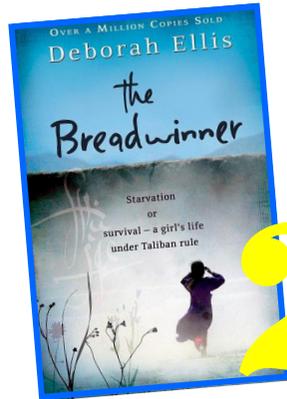


12 BOOKS TO READ

1 Sky Hawk by Gill Lewis
When Callum and his friends find Iona on Callum's farm, they try to chase her but Iona runs from them up into the hills. She is guarding a secret hidden in the forest above the dark waters of the loch. Callum and Iona form a deep bond of friendship and make a promise to keep their secret safe . . .



Shortlisted for the Red House Children's Book Award & UKLA Children's Book of the Year



2 The Breadwinner

by Deborah Ellis
Afghanistan: Parvana's father is arrested and taken away by Taliban soldiers. Under Taliban law, women and girls are not allowed to leave the house on their own. Parvana must pretend to be a boy to save her family...

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3 Small Steps by Louis Sachar

Armpit and X-Ray are living in Austin, Texas. It is three years since they left the confines of Camp Green Lake Detention Centre and Armpit is taking small steps to turn his life around by working for a landscape gardener; he is good at digging holes. Armpit is going to school and enjoying his first proper romance, but is he going to be able to stay out of trouble?

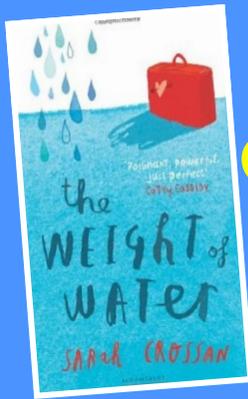
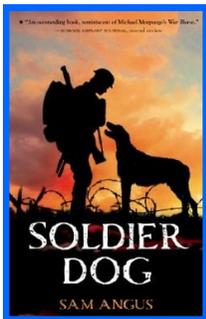


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4 Soldier Dog by Sam Neill

Angry with his father, Stanley runs away to train as a messenger dog handler, and he's soon heading to France with a great Dane called Bones by his side. As Stanley experiences the horrors of war, he comes to realise that the loyalty of his dog is the one thing he can rely on.

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5 The Weight of Water

by Sarah Crossan
Armed with a suitcase and an old laundry bag filled with clothes, Kasienska and her mother head for England. Life is lonely for Kasienska but when someone special swims into her life, Kasienska learns that there might be more than one way for her to stay afloat.

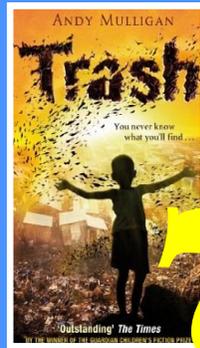
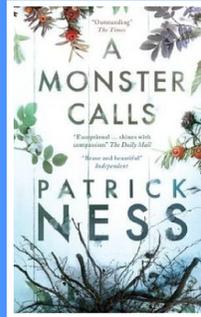
Winner of the WeRead Prize 2013

6 A Monster Calls

by Patrick Ness
Conor has had the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the

treatments that don't quite seem to work. Tonight is different - when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's ancient, elemental, a force of nature. And it wants the truth. A heartbreaking tale of mischief, healing and the courage to survive.

Winner of the Carnegie Medal



7 Trash by Andy Mulligan

Raphael is a dumpsite boy. He spends his days wading through mountains of steaming trash, sifting it, sorting it, breathing it, sleeping next to it. Then, one unlucky-lucky day, a small leather bag falls into his hands. It's a bag that will change everything. Soon Raphael and his friends Gardo and Rat are running for their lives.

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8 Born to Run

by Michael Morpurgo
Patrick saves a litter of greyhound puppies from the canal but he can't bear to hand them all over to the RSPCA. Nothing will convince his

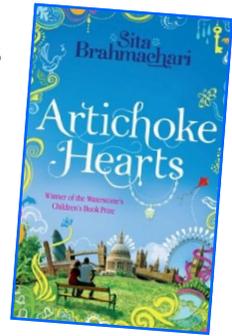
parents to keep one - Patrick cries himself to sleep only to be woken by a greyhound puppy licking his face! **Winner of the Lancashire SLS Fantastic Book Award**



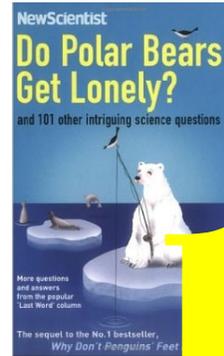
9 Artichoke Hearts

by Sita Brahmachari
As twelve-year old Mira's Nana Josie's health declines, Mira begins to discover the secrets of those around her. She is drawn to mysterious Jide, a boy who is clearly hiding a troubled past and has grown hardened layers - like those of an artichoke - around his heart.

Winner of the 2011 Waterstone's Children's Book Prize



10 Do Polar Bears Get Lonely?



New Scientist
This is the third compilation of readers' answers to the questions in the 'Last Word' column of New Scientist, the world's best-selling science weekly. This latest collection includes a bumper crop of wise and wonderful answers never before seen in book form.

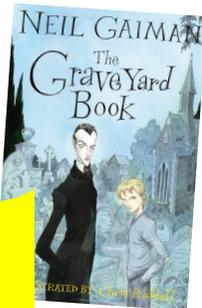
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11 The Grave Yard Book

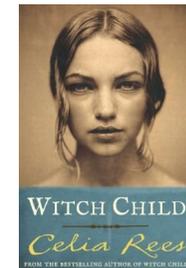
by Neil Gaiman
When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety and security in the local graveyard? Brought up by the resident ghosts, ghouls and spectres, Bod has an eccentric childhood. But there is also the danger of the murderer still looking for him.

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12 Witch Child by Celia Rees.



When Mary sees her grandmother accused of witchcraft and hung for the crime, she is silently hurried to safety by an unknown woman and taken to a boat which sets sail to America where they settle in a Puritan community. But old superstitions die hard...

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Shortlisted Guardian Children's Fiction Prize