

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



12 BOOKS TO READ

Reading for pleasure has the strongest effect on children's vocabulary development.

Institute of Education, University of London. 2013

1 Moon Bear by Gill Lewis

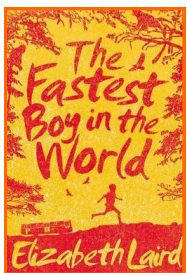
When twelve-year-old Tam is sent to work at a bear farm in the city, he has never felt so alone. He hates seeing the cruel way the bears are treated, but speaking up will mean losing his job. And if he can't send money home, how will his family survive? When a sick cub arrives at the farm, Tam secretly nurses it back to health and they develop an unbreakable bond.



The Fastest Boy In The World

by Elizabeth Laird

Eleven-year-old Solomon loves to run! When his grandfather announces that he's going to take Solomon to Addis Ababa, Solomon cannot believe his ears. When grandfather collapses, Solomon knows that getting help from his village is up to him. It's a twenty-mile run from the city to home, and grandfather's life hangs in the balance. Can the small bare-footed runner with the big heart do it?

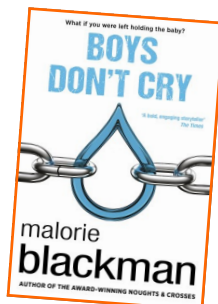


3 Boys Don't Cry

by Malorie Blackman

You're waiting for the postman - he's bringing your A level results.

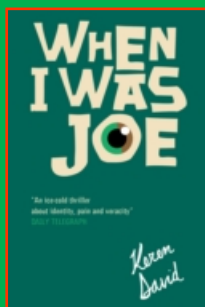
University, a career as a journalist - a glittering future lies ahead. But when the doorbell rings it's your old girlfriend; and she's carrying a baby. Your baby. You're happy to look after it, just for an hour or two. But then she doesn't come back - and your future suddenly looks very different.



The White Giraffe

by Lauren St. John

Martine is orphaned and sent to live with her grandmother on a game reserve in South Africa. Her grandmother seems strangely unwelcoming and Martine has a difficult time settling in at her new school. One night Martine, lonely and feeling slightly rebellious too, looks out of her window and sees a young albino giraffe. This is the beginning of her mysterious and magical adventures.



5 When I Was Joe

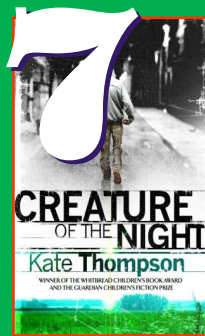
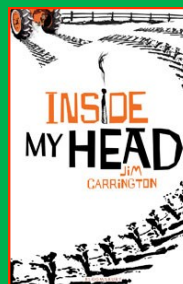
by Keren David

When Ty witnesses a stabbing, his own life is in danger from the criminals he's named, and he and his mum have to go into police protection. Ty has a new name, a new look and a cool new image, life as Joe is good. But his mum can't cope with her new life, and the gangsters will stop at nothing to flush them from hiding. Joe's cracking under extreme pressure, and then he meets a girl with dark secrets of her own.

6 Inside My Head

by J Carrington

Gary reveals the painful and often unsuccessful attempts by a young man to control his anger under great provocation - and his inability to communicate. David is someone who is uncomfortable with the bullying but doesn't dare to do anything about it - until the end.



7 Creature of the Night

by Kate Thompson

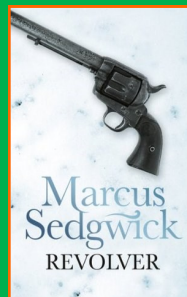
Bobby doesn't care. All he wants is to get back to Dublin and to resume his wild life there, stealing from the crowded shopping streets and racing stolen cars at night. But the longer he spends in the old cottage, the more convinced he becomes that something very strange is going on there. Was there really a murder? And if so, was it the one he has been told about?

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Revolver

by Marcus Sedgwick

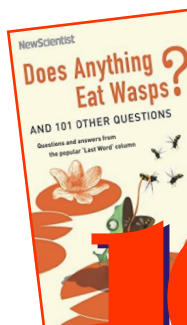
Sig Andersson is alone. Alone, except for the corpse of his father, who died earlier that day after falling through a weak spot on the ice-covered lake. Then comes a knock at the door. It's a man, the flash of a revolver's butt at his hip, and a mean glare in his eyes. As Sig gradually learns the awful truth about Wolff's connection to his father, his thoughts are drawn to a certain box hidden on a shelf in the storeroom, in which lies his father's prized possession - a revolver. Should he use the gun, or not?



9 Parvana's Journey

by Deborah Ellis

Parvana is alone. Her father is dead. A refugee in a land full of dangers, she must travel across Afghanistan to find her mother and sisters. As she travels, Parvana finds friends-a starving, orphaned baby; a strange, hostile boy; a solitary girl who darts in and out of the minefields to find food. Perhaps, with their help, she may one day be reunited with her family



10 Does Anything Eat Wasps?

New Scientist

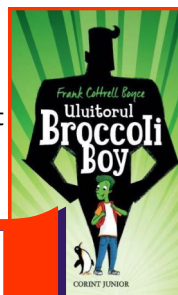
Why do airliners suddenly plummet? Does a compass work in space? Why do all the local dogs howl at emergency sirens? How can a tree grow out of a chimney stack?

Why do bruises go through a range of colours? And why is the sea blue inside caves? Many seemingly simple questions are actually very complex to answer. This is science at its most popular.

11 Broccoli Boy

by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Stuck in an isolation ward in a hospital far from home with two other remarkably green children, Rory's as confused by his new condition as the medics seem to be. But what if it's not in their genes, or a virus, or something they ate? What if turning green actually means you've turned into a superhero? Rory can't wait to make it past hospital security and discover exactly what his superpower might be...



12 The Card Turner

by Louis Sachar

When Alton's ageing, blind uncle asks him to attend bridge games with him, he agrees. After all, it's better than a rubbish summer job in the local shopping mall, and Alton's mother thinks it might secure their way to a good inheritance sometime in the future. As his relationship with his uncle develops, and he meets the very attractive Toni, deeply buried secrets are uncovered and Alton's mother is in for a surprise!