



The April edition of TLM is now here (and only a little bit late!). Before we start in with the articles I would like to ask if anyone would like to send any articles in for next month's anniversary edition. The May issue marks nine years of TLM so if you have used any of the suggestions contained in one or more of the past issues can you let me know how it went or if you have any ideas or suggestions for other librarians to try out those would also be welcome!

We kick off this issue looking at Celebrating Teen Literature Day which is part of the US National Library Week and follow swiftly on with something that all librarians and people who believe in libraries can do in the run up to the election – ambush election candidates about public libraries when they come knocking. Taylor & Francis Online has made a collection of articles on comics freely available online until the end of August, there are a number of incredibly interesting articles if you enjoy comics or would like to know more about them.

Penguin Random House UK has launched Penguin Platform, a new online community for 16-19 year olds. I have been working on a single-player game called *Reading is Magic* that Librarians can play in their libraries with students that should be focusing on reading, it is just a bit of fun.

The Sunday Times is running a creative writing competition for girls that closes at the beginning of July.

The 4th May brings two things this year, the obligatory Star Wars Celebration and also Badass Librarians day which is a new day for me, I am not remotely bad-ass but I am a Librarian so I will be celebrating. There is also Free Comic Book Day on the 2nd may, so if you love comics you may already know but if you would like the opportunity to get into reading comics then visit your local comic shop for the opportunity of getting a free comic or two.

Library Week USA: Celebrating Teen Literature Day

In the United States Librarians all across the country are encouraged to participate in *Celebrate Teen Literature Day* on April 16, 2015 by hosting events in their library or through their web site on that day.

The purpose of this celebration is to raise awareness among the general public that young adult literature is a vibrant, growing genre with much to offer today's teens. Support Teen Literature Day also seeks to showcase some award-winning authors and books in the genre as well as highlight librarians' expertise in connecting teens with books and other reading materials.

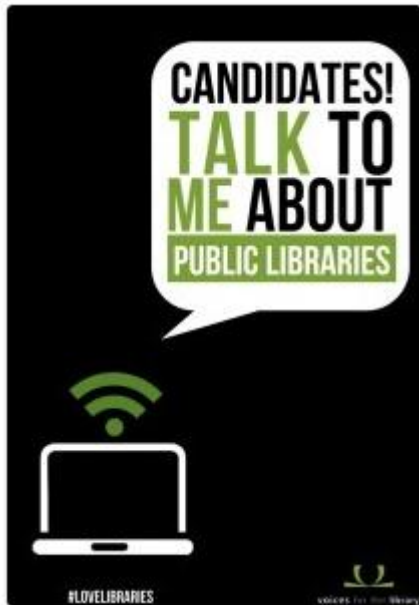
Find out full details here:

[Celebrate Teen Literature Day](#)

Where are there more nobles than in the royal court?

In the library. All the books have titles.

General Election 2015 – Vote Libraries!



We all know how badly our libraries have been hit over the past five years, the extent to which cuts from central government have hurt our public library service. This election is vital on so many levels and, of course, it provides an opportunity to hold our elected politicians to account for their actions over the course of the last parliament.

Candidates will be going door-to-door over the next few weeks and we think the cuts to public libraries should be one of the issues that canvassers are confronted with on the door step. It is for this reason that we have created two posters for you to post in your windows to highlight the importance of public libraries both to the politicians out canvassing for your vote and to your friends and neighbours.

For full details and to download a poster, follow this link:

<http://www.voicesforthelibrary.org.uk/2015/04/general-election-2015-vote-libraries/>

Routledge comic book and graphic novel collection

Taylor & Francis Online is making the Routledge comic book and graphic novel collection articles freely available until the end of August.

Take a look here:

[Comic & Graphic Novel Collection](#)



Penguin Random House UK has launched Penguin Platform, a new online community for 16-19 year olds to call their own where they can share and discover the stories that they love, including 'Young Adult', cross-over and adult books. Based on extensive research with young people and named by readers themselves, Penguin Platform is a place for Penguin Random House UK to talk directly to teens about the books they're reading, deliver exciting experiences around authors, and build on the phenomenal success of its 'Young Adult' publishing.

Through branded spaces on Tumblr, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram, Penguin Platform gives readers access to an unrivalled list of authors and an 'inside look' into the publishing process; the story behind the story. Bespoke book-related content and experiences, shaped by the tastes and preferences of the teen

audience, will include author interviews and Q&A, beginning with Owen Jones and Sally Green; home tours with authors including David Hofmeyr; writing advice; an Easter Reads campaign; playlists and book recommendations from authors.

The company will advertise its own products on Twitter and YouTube but there will be no advertising space. It will also link to the books pages on company websites.

The content will be linked together across the different platforms through the hashtag #PenguinPlatform.

Links:

Tumblr: <http://bit.ly/1Myem1N>

Twitter: <http://bit.ly/1aAenUP>

YouTube: <http://bit.ly/1F8U9gL>

Instagram: <http://bit.ly/1GMVeN9>

Reading is Magic



A Library Live Action Role Playing (LARP) Game for one player (the Librarian) and a group of students

Stories are magic, and as all readers of magic and fantasy know that magic is

capricious and that not all spells will work on all people.

In this game the Librarian plays a magic user (wizard/witch/warlock/mage/other magic user) that must get all the children in the library under his or her power. This is accomplished by getting all students reading quietly.

AIM:

The aim of the game is to get all students to be entranced by what they are reading.

The books or magazines do not need to be fantasy or magic-based, any genre will do.

The goal of every student reading does not to be accomplished in one lesson (if you can though that is great).

Over the weeks get to know the students in the Library lesson, their likes and dislikes and using this information get them reading.

Once all the students are reading you must keep them engaged with what they are reading form week to week.

The end goal is to imbue all students with a love of reading.

SCORING

One point per student that enjoys reading.

Five points per student that struggles to focus on their reading material once they are reading.

One point per every minute all students are focusing on what they are reading.

The game can be played alone or against librarians in other libraries, each player is expected to tally their points honestly.



The Sunday Times in partnership with international best-selling novelist Barbara Taylor Bradford is asking girls to write a short, fictional story with a central theme of 'friendship'.

Barbara Taylor Bradford, international bestselling novelist:

"Friendships are hugely exciting but also can be complicated, and sometimes difficult.

All sorts of things can happen between friends – from rivalry, jealousy and competitiveness right through to someone undertaking an amazing act of kindness that helps a friend in a time of need. Whatever the scenario, there must always be a resolution to the story to satisfy the reader. If you don't have trouble or a problem, you have no drama and you don't pull in the reader. The theme can be quite dramatic in a personal way. It has to have emotions and real feelings."

Barbara Taylor Bradford and *The Sunday Times* are asking girls to write a short, fictional story with a central theme of 'friendship'.

It should run to a maximum of 1,000 words, not including the title and be submitted online by Friday 3 July 2015.

For full details of the competition and to enter, follow this link: [The Write Stuff](#)

Badass Librarian Day

It's like Hug a Librarian Day, but with attitude and chances of emergency room visits...for someone...and there's a full moon that day...here's your chance to be your badass self...in the library or not...and we all rock! All library advocates are welcome!

<http://on.fb.me/1CP627r>

May the Fourth

As long time readers of TLM may know I am a fan of this day celebrating Star Wars, I will not write too much but instead point at posts on teen Librarian from previous years that you can use to promote reading with Star Wars.

<http://teenlibrarian.co.uk/2013/04/29/star-wars-comics-sci-fi-this-weekend/>



<http://www.freecomicbookday.com/>

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