

Teen Librarian

Monthly Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the now completely misnamed Teen Librarian Monthly! This is now the issue for March, April and possibly May if current trends continue! The delays in publication have been caused by me taking on a rather large project at school to combine the Senior and Junior Libraries – this is something that I have been fighting to do for the past five years, and, all going to plan will be complete by September this year. Once it is complete I will post a complete report on TeenLibrarian about how it was accomplished with regular updates as to how the blended library is working.

This month's issue contains a request from CILIP Past President Dawn Finch with regard to CILIP's ethical principles as they undergo scrutiny and a general kicking of tyres to make sure they are fit for purpose and as many members are aware of them as possible.

Last week *Authorfy* was launched, dedicated to creating a revolution in literacy aimed at primary school students it is worth examining especially if you work with younger students and readers.

This month I have included the basic information from my talk on *Freeconomics and the Library* that I recently gave at the SLG SE training day in Eltham, if you would like to find out how to access free resources and get your hands on free stuff for your library this may be for you!

Another month sometimes means another poster designed by yours truly! This time it is a piece inspired by blue Öyster Cult and is called Don't Fear the Reader – a black & white piece it can be put up in glorious monochrome or used as a competition for students or librarians to colour themselves.

Three Requests:

I am currently compiling useful information for the upcoming snap general election, if you have any useful links and would like to share them please get in touch!

If you or colleagues have been working with teens in libraries and would like to share the work you have done via this newsletter or the main site I would be interested in hearing from you about the work you are doing or have done. Similarly if you know of or have discovered any amazing resources that can be used by school or youth librarians, please do share that as well!

Finally, I have a huge favour to ask! After many years delay, I have recently embarked on the CILIP Chartership process, if you have read the newsletter for any length of time, used any of the resources on the site or I have aided you in any way in librarianship or working with teens would you be able to send me a short e-mail about it so I can add it to my portfolio. Thank you in advance for your help in this regard and I hope that you continue to use and enjoy Teen Librarian!

The Big Conversation: CILIP and Ethics

CILIP Past President Dawn Finch is currently chairing the Ethics Committee as they undergo a review of CILIP's ethical principles. It is important that all members are actively aware of these principles and so it is hoped that a profession-wide conversation will make all members and those interested in libraries within the UK aware of these.

The end result of all this will be a refreshed set of principles that can be used by all library workers in all sectors, and that library workers, library users and service providers are fully aware of the EPs and how they relate to all areas of library and information work.

As part of the conversation Dawn is hoping to hear from everyone who has an interest in Libraries, as many workers within libraries are gagged full confidentiality is assured and all responses will be anonymised. If anyone is interested in making their views known you may contact Dawn directly at Dawn.Finch@cilip.org.uk

It will be helpful if all respondents could state if they are CILIP members or not, if they are full or part-time, what sector they work in, and what county. This information will only be seen by the Ethics Committee and won't be published in the end results, although some anonymous quotes may be used.

CILIP's Ethical Principles: <https://www.cilip.org.uk/about/ethics/ethical-principles>

Authorfy: be part of the Literacy Revolution

Supported by some of the biggest publishers in the UK, Authorfy is a team dedicated to working with authors to create videos that allow authors to share their creative processes and share their love of literacy.

Along with the videos, Authorfy has created learning resources to inspire students to engage with the authors' styles of writing. Students will also be able to enter exclusive competitions and students' work will be read and reviewed by the authors themselves.

How can Authorfy help your school?

Save time with easy access to resources that make reading and writing more appealing, without failing to meet academic targets.

Nurture creativity by connecting students to their favourite authors in your classroom.

Boost confidence amongst students of all abilities, from reluctant readers to aspiring authors.

Inspire students by providing innovative approaches that can be adapted to suit curriculum targets and individual class needs.

Increase literacy rates with our award winning teaching techniques and unique approach to literacy lessons.

Find out more about Authorfy and sign up for a free trial here:

<https://www.authorfy.com/>

Freeconomics

I recently participated in two training sessions for the London & South East branch of the SLG, my part of the day was called *Freeconomics and the Library* (informally known as the gift of the grab). I discussed various ways that librarians can (legally) get their hands on free stuff, including books, information and help.

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- Heart of the School - <https://heartoftheschool.edublogs.org/>
- Teen Librarian – www.teenlibrarian.co.uk

Bloggers & Blogging

Make friends with local book bloggers as they often look to give away excess books to local schools and libraries.

Why not start your own review blog or work with students in your reading groups to review books and post reviews on an in-house book/reader blog. Publishers are looking for perspectives from teenagers about the books they publish.

Blog platforms

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- Wordpress www.wordpress.com
- Tumblr www.tumblr.com
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Social Media Competitions

www.Twitter.com (if you do not have an account sign up now!) Follow authors, publishers & publicists search for “books” + “win”

Alternatively this is a list of publishers and publicists that I follow; they often run competitions in their feeds: <https://twitter.com/mattlibrarian/lists/publishers>

www.Instagram.com as above follow authors, publishes & publicists

Teen Librarian Resources:

Posters

I have been making my own posters for a good few years now, the latest one is called: Don't Fear the Reader



This poster and all the others are available to download here:

<http://teenlibrarian.co.uk/category/posters/>