

Editorial

Welcome to Teen Librarian Monthly for May! Today TLM is 11 years old! To celebrate this minor milestone I have a competition over on page 5 to celebrate so head there now to find out more, unless you are the type for whom anticipation is a wonderful thing then you can read through the articles in this issue before you get there!

With less than a month to go until the general Election in the UK there is a lot Libraries can do to make library users aware of the policies of the parties standing; this can help an unsure electorate to make the decision about which party to support. CILIP has been pushing the #FactsMatter campaign, targeting parties across the UK and encouraging them to sign up to the #FactsMatter pledge in the run up to the election. Imagine how different politics would be if politicians focused on facts rather than party political rhetoric.

My daughter is a firm fan of libraries – and this is at 18 months. She cries each time we walk past our local library if we do not go in – even if we are on the way to the park to kick a ball around she will make a bee-line to the library because it is her happy place. I have always been aware of the importance of libraries but my daughter has given me a new appreciation of them because it is a love that we both share. This has made me want to become more active in campaigning to save public libraries for my daughter and everyone. I am not totally sure where I am going with this story except to say that if you are suffering from library campaign burn-out, take a small child (if you have one) to your local library and the sheer joy they experience will reenergise the weariest library fighter.

Before I sign off I would just like to say that TLM is still accepting article idea submissions from readers.

Have a great month!

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Write for Teen Librarian!

All submissions of articles, reviews & ideas are welcome and can be sent to teenlibraryservice@gmail.com

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Art Books Free to Download

As part of an initiative to make its vast archives available to the public, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum has made transformed over 200 art books into PDFs and ePubs that can be downloaded completely free of charge.

<https://archive.org/details/guggenheimmuseum>

School Librarians' Summer Mini-Camp/UnConference

On Wednesday 14th June at the Bristol Brunel Academy there will be an afternoon of networking and sharing good practice and/or useful ideas with colleagues. As is the practice at Unconferences attendees are encouraged to offer an idea they would be happy to share/present to others when booking this however is optional so please do not feel pressured. Each session could be anything from 5-15 mins allowing for Q&A. Alternatively, you may have a burning question/topic that you'd like to pick brains about!

Very informal setting in a school library. With cake, of course.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/school-librarians-summer-mini-campunconference-tickets-34101079246>

#UKLibChat: Fake news: the role of libraries and staff in supporting information literacy'

The next #uklibchat will take place on 6th June and we'll be discussing fake news, the value judgments we as librarians make about different sources, and how we enable our users to evaluate sources more effectively.

<https://uklibchat.wordpress.com/2017/05/10/uklibchat-6th-june-18-30-20-30-fake-news-the-role-of-libraries-and-staff-in-supporting-information-literacy/>

Phil Bradley Training Coming to Yorkshire

Following on from two excellent days in Scotland (Dundee and Glasgow) where I trained over 50 delegates I will be delivering my new training courses in Yorkshire in June 2017.

On Thursday 22nd June, I will be at Leeds College of Building, North Street, Leeds LS2 7QT.

On Friday 23rd June, I will be at: National STEM Learning Centre, University of York, York YO10 5DD

What's on offer?

- Two courses available on the day
 - o Apps for Librarians (10:00 – 12:30)
 - o Advanced Search for Librarians (13:30 – 16:00)
- Choose one or both, morning or afternoon
- From the moment you book, access to at least 45 training videos, each covering a tool, a technique or a process
- Videos will be constantly updated and enhanced and new videos added as tools change and new ideas/products develop

Each course will cost £99, including 'lifetime' access to the videos.

No VAT is charged.

For more information including details on how to book, visit this webpage

<http://philbradleytraining.weebly.com/yorkshire-training.html>

Thinking about 13 Reasons Why: Teens, Mental Health and Media

In the wake of the release of Netflix's adaptation of 13 Reasons Why by Jay Asher I stumbled across an interesting article on TeenLibrarianToolbox about the book and the television show:

<http://www.teenlibrariantoolbox.com/2017/04/thinking-about-13-reasons-why-teens-mental-health-and-media/>

"In my view, you can't call yourself a school if you don't have a library"

On the 27th February, Children's Laureate Chris Riddell and CILIP CEO Nick Poole visited the Department for Education to meet with Schools Minister Nick Gibb MP and discuss the vital role of school libraries and librarians across the full spectrum of formal and informal learning and support in schools.

<https://www.cilip.org.uk/news/my-view-you-can-t-call-yourself-school-if-you-don-t-have-library>

You're not going to believe what I am going to tell you

A phenomenal (classroom friendly) comic about the backfire effect created by Matt Inman of the Oatmeal: http://theoatmeal.com/comics/believe_clean

It is not just a comic strip there are also a number of links to articles and podcasts for people that would like to find out more

The backfire effect is a name for the finding that, given evidence against their beliefs, people can reject the evidence and believe even more strongly.

Book Award Winners

Awesome librarian Caroline Roche has compiled a list of national and local book award winners. Fantastic if you want to check something on the fly:

<http://heartoftheschool.edublogs.org/book-awards/book-award-winners/>

Chartership help request

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.

#LibraryPicProject

Over on Twitter I am trying to get as many people as possible to tweet me a picture of their library, so if you are on twitter and would like to participate please send a photo of your library my way:

<https://twitter.com/mattlibrarian/status/862674360783560704>

Page45 Comics Sale

Page 45 is an independent comic shop in Nottingham, they are currently having a large 50% off graphic novel sale, on over 2000 titles:

<http://www.page45.com/store/page-45-special-offers.html>

Booktrust Scotland: Young Programmers Fund

For the first time this year we are able to offer a Young Programmers fund for Book Week Scotland. The idea behind this fund is to provide some funding and support for young people who wish to develop a career in the literature sector to enable them to programme an event for Book Week Scotland that will be of interest to other young people. We want to increase the range of events aimed at the 18-26 age group in Book Week Scotland and it is really important that whatever they look like, young people have the opportunity to lead the programming.

The offer:

- Support to create a unique literary event especially for young adults like you
- £325 to use to put on a Book Week Scotland event
- Opportunities to meet with other young programmers and to hear from people working in the sector – once at the start of the programme and once at the end. Young programmers will be invited to come to BWS partners All-In Day on 5 July at Our Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh
- Support and guidance from Scottish Book Trust
- Opportunities to get involved with the promotion of BWS in press and social media

For full details and information on how to apply please follow this link:

<http://scottishbooktrust.com/reading/book-week-scotland/about-book-week-scotland/book-week-scotland-young-programmers-fund>

Competition

Win a copy of The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen: Century 1910 signed by Alan Moore & Kevin O'Neill – if you would like to add this comic to your personal collection send me a tweet (I am @matlibrarian on twitter) saying something along the lines of “I would like to win Century!” including the tag #TeenLibrarianMonthly11YearsOld

