

TEEN LIBRARIAN

Monthly

Editorial

This is the 122nd issue of Teen Librarian Monthly since the first was released way back on the 15th May 2006. It also means that this issue marks TLM's 13th birthday! My little newsletter is now a teenager!

When I first launched Teen Librarian (the blog and newsletter), I hoped that it would become a platform for sharing ideas and examples of best practice in developing and running library services for teens and young library users; I think (hope) that it has been mostly successful in this regard.

The library world is now more connected than it has ever been, enabling library workers to share ideas and information via e-mail discussion lists and social media sites faster than ever before. I think that TLM in its current incarnation has reached its natural conclusion. After this issue, TLM will go on hiatus and I will look into new newsletter services that have arisen and will test some out to see how they work.

In the meantime I highly recommend Lucas Maxwell's excellent newsletter for Librarians and Teachers, ***The Portable Magic Dispenser*** – back issues can be read here:

<http://glenthornelrc.blogspot.com/search/label/portable%20magic%20dispenser>

If you would like to subscribe to the PMD please e-mail Lucas directly at:

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A lot has changed over the past 13 years and not all of it for the better! 100s of public libraries have been closed or been forced into the hands of community volunteers, thousands of library staff members have been made redundant, the damage to the Public Library Service is incalculable.

However, we know what Library Workers say to the god of library cuts – “Not today!”

One of the positives that I have seen developing over the years is the increased interest in library services for teens. Through Teen Librarian I have spoken to, and provided advice and guidance where required to colleagues in the UK and internationally.

As always if anyone is keen to share the work they have been doing in their libraries with colleagues, I am always happy to host guest posts on the blog, please do reach out to me at editor@teenlibrarian.co.uk

In closing I would like to say thank you to everyone that has subscribed and contributed to Teen Librarian Monthly over the years, I hope that it has been useful or at least interesting and entertaining!

All issues are available on the TLM archive site here:

<https://teenlibrarianmonthly.wordpress.com/>

Interactive Display Ideas:

Let fate decide!

A simple idea using origami fortune-tellers (also known as cootie catchers, chatterboxes or whirlybirds) as an interactive display activity for library patrons to choose books or authors that may be different from their usual tastes.

A practical craft element for patrons that wish to learn how to make their own fortune-tellers to take away can also form part of the display, just make simple instructions and paper squares available for casual browsers.

Instructions on how to make and use fortune-tellers can be found here:

<http://teenlibrarian.co.uk/2019/05/04/passive-display-idea-let-fate-decide/>

Jokes in a Mug

One of the most popular passive programs I have run is the joke in a mug, it is extremely simple – just put a mug or other receptacle out on the desk and fill it with simple one liners and short jokes that patrons can take, enjoy and share.

I have several collections of jokes appropriate for library patrons of all ages that can be downloaded here: <http://teenlibrarian.co.uk/2019/04/05/passive-programming-idea-jokes-in-a-mug/>

Pen&inc.

Pen&inc. is the title of CILIP's new magazine celebrating diversity & inclusion in publishing for children and young people. So, if you feel that your knowledge of diverse titles needs some updating or would like to learn more about the latest inclusive books then *Pen&inc.* is the publication for you!

Pen&inc. wants to make it as easy as possible for you to identify books that can be part of your library, ensuring shelves are stocked with great books that feature a range of characters, from diverse creators.

To download and read a digital copy of *Pen&inc.* follow this link:

<https://www.cilip.org.uk/page/penandinc>

CILIP & The Everylibrary Institute

Everylibrary is a non-profit American Political Action Committee (PAC) dedicated to local political action around creating, renewing and protecting public funding for Libraries. The Everylibrary Institute is a companion organization dedicated to building voter support for libraries. They are chartered “to promote public, school, and college libraries, including by advocating in support of public funding for libraries and building public awareness of public funding initiatives”.

CILIP and the Everylibrary Institute have entered into a partnership that will harness the skills and networks of both organisations to transform the ability of public libraries to engage and demonstrate public support.

- Read about the partnership here: <https://www.cilip.org.uk/news/news.asp?id=448816>
- Find out more about CILIP here: <https://www.cilip.org.uk/>
- Learn about Everylibrary here: <http://everylibrary.org/>
- Learn about the Everylibrary Institute here: <http://everylibrary.org/the-everylibrary-institute/>

This partnership is exciting and will merit watching as it develops and plans are made public. Since the demise of Voices for the Library there has been no national coordinated response to the decimation of the British Public Library Service.

Sensory Story-time resource list

Several months ago, I started researching how to offer multi-sensory story-times in my library. Mid-way through my preparations I changed library services and now this work is on hold for a few months while I find my feet again in a new position. In the interim I am making the resources I have been collating available, on the off-chance that they will assist others with an interest in extending their library services and story-times.

- The magic of sensory story-times:
https://www.demco.com/webprd_demco/html/landing_pages/vrrp_yourtime/TheMagicOfSensoryStorytimes_June15.pdf
- Sensory Story-time 101: where to start and how to make it amazing:
<https://floridalibrarywebinars.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/2.1.18-Sensory-Storytime-101.pdf>
- Story-time for the Spectrum (American Libraries Magazine):
<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2016/03/01/sensory-storytime-spectrum-libraries-add-services-for-children-with-autism/>
- Sensory Storytime: Roadmap, Tools & Ideas Summary & Bibliography | Laura Baldassari-Hackstaff & Laura Olson
https://infopeople.org/sites/default/files/webinar/2015/02-11-2015/SensoryStorytime_Handout.pdf
- Begin your sensory story-time today:
<https://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2016/04/begin-your-sensory-storytime-today/>
- Programming for Children with Special Needs:
<https://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2009/06/programming-for-children-with-special-needs-part-one/>
- Sensory Story-time – a brief how-to guide:
<https://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2012/03/sensory-storytime-a-brief-how-to-guide/>
- SenseSational Storytime Manual: <https://www.eldoradolibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/SenseSational-Storytime-Manual.pdf>
- Tips and tricks for a successful story-time:
<https://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2018/08/sensory-storytime-tips-and-tricks-for-a-successful-program/>
- Books to read during sensory story-time: <https://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2013/09/too-many-choices-books-to-read-during-sensory-storytimes/>
- Books and props:
https://www.vla.org/assets/Conference_Session_Docs_Slideshows/2017_VLAAnnual/PresenterMaterials/vla%20kaleidoscope%20sensory%20storytimes%20books%20handout%20-%20renee%20edwards.pdf
- Advice and ideas for creating sensory story-times:
<http://systems.mykansalibrary.org/disabilities-resource/sensory-storytime-information/>
- Transforming story-time: <https://www.paulsimeone.com/blog-articles/transforming-storytime-create-a-multi-sensory-story>
- Making Object Books:
<http://www.pathstoliteracy.org/sites/pathstoliteracy.perkinsdev1.org/files/uploaded-files/makingobjectbooks.pdf>
- How to Make Tactile Books:
http://www.cultureforall.info/doc/guides/guide_about_how_to_make_tactile_books.pdf

The Library 100

What makes a novel “great”? At OCLC, they believe literary greatness can be measured by how many libraries have a copy on their shelves.

The OCLC has compiled a list of the 100 most commonly held novels in Libraries using data from WorldCat.

Follow this link for resources and to find out more:

<https://www.oclc.org/en/worldcat/library100.html>

What management system do the Maesters use to run the Citadel Library in Old Town?

CerseiDynix

Upcoming Dates to Diarise

20th May

World Bee Day

The purpose of the international day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators for the ecosystem.

22nd May

World Goth Day

World Goth Day is exactly what it says on the wrapper—a day where the goth scene gets to celebrate its own being, and an opportunity to make its presence known to the rest of the world. This day falls on 22nd May of every year.

<http://www.worldgothday.com/index.html>

25th May:

Towel Day

Celebrate Douglas Adams (as all hoopy froods do) by carrying a towel and rereading *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*.

<http://www.towelday.org/>

The People's Revolution of the Glorious Twenty-Fifth of May (Discworld)

Truth, Justice, Freedom, Reasonably Priced Love, and a Hard-Boiled Egg!

The People's Revolution of the Glorious Twenty-Fifth of May ended the increasingly tough reign of Lord Winder. Tension had been rising, and while the nobility arranged a quiet succession by Lord Snapcase in the background, the people on the streets started a revolution and attacked Watch Houses all over the city.

https://wiki.lspace.org/mediawiki/Glorious_Revolution

Geek Pride Day

An initiative to promote geek culture, celebrated annually on May 25.

<https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/geek-pride-day/>

To keep track of these and other celebratory days and events, be sure to check out the Events calendar: <http://teenlibrarian.co.uk/2018/12/03/event-calendar/>

Services for all: diverse and inclusive provision - a CILIP Webinar

When: Wednesday 22nd May 12:30pm GMT

Where: Online webinar

As CILIP launches Pen & inc., a new bi-annual magazine and listings guide to promote diversity and inclusion in children's publishing, Jake Hope, reading development and children's book consultant is joined by Samantha Williams, founder of Book Love, and John Vincent of The Network to discuss ways of increasing diversity, inclusion, engagement and participation.

With short presentations and opportunities for questions, this expert panel will provide insights, examples and guidance on best practice in providing services for all.

For full details and how to register, follow this link:

<https://www.cilip.org.uk/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1229274&group=>

Space-related Activity Ideas for Libraries

If you are still putting together space-based activities for the Summer Reading Programme, I have a list of resources that can be accessed here:

<http://teenlibrarian.co.uk/2019/05/08/space-related-ideas-for-libraries/>

Newsletters

I have already mentioned Lucas Maxwell's Portable Magic Dispenser in the editorial, but here it is again: <https://glenthorneirc.blogspot.com/search/label/portable%20magic%20dispenser> – you can subscribe by emailing Lucas at lmi@glenthorne.sutton.sch.uk and asking to be added to the mailing list

Other newsletters that I subscribe to (and highly recommend) are:

- *Orbital Operations* by author Warren Ellis: <http://orbitaloperations.com/>
- *Year of the Meteor* by author Robin Sloan <https://desert.glass/>
- *Cat Hellisen's Newsletter* by author Cat Hellisen https://tinyletter.com/cat_hellisen
- *Dom Conlon's Newsletter* by poet & author Dom Conlon: <https://us7.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=5bb84364120be0df452ad8831&id=615bfacef6>

The newsletters are news, updates and articles of interest to and by the authors, if you would like to recommend newsletters that you currently subscribe to, please drop me an e-mail!

Podcasts

Much like the newsletters above, these are a few podcasts that enjoy on a personal and professional level:

- Librarians with Lives, from Librarian Jo Wood <https://librarianswithlives.wordpress.com/>
- Did you hear? From Johnson County Library <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/jocolibrary/did-you-hear>
- This America Life – journalism and stories from America: <https://www.thisamericanlife.org/>

Lastly, not really a recommendation but I run the irregular (and amateur) The Pod(y) in the Library podcast: <https://anchor.fm/mattlibrarian/>

There will now follow a brief intermission...