

Library News



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Library News

Welcome to the sixth edition of Library News. This termly newsletter will keep you up to date with all the news, reviews and events associated with the library. It has been a busy term in the library. In this last edition for the 2021/2022 school year, we look back at the activities that have been going, as well as look forward to the summer holidays.



Stephanie Vann
Librarian

Have you tried ebooks ?


As well as the physical books in the school library, Crown Hills students also have access to ebooks in the school elibrary. Ebooks are electronic books which can be read on a smartphone, tablet or computer. They can be accessed from anywhere and at any time.



To get started:

1. On your smartphone, computer or tablet at home, download the ePlatform by Wheelers app from the app store of your device or go to the website: <https://eplatform.co.uk>
2. Go to Find Libraries and search for Crown Hills Community College. Select Crown Hills Community College from the results and it will take you to our e-Library.
3. Sign in with your Crown Hills username and password – this is the same one you use to login to the school computers. You can now browse, borrow and read!

For help
with
ebooks
Please
visit the
school
library



Student Librarians

This school year it has been possible to have student librarians back in the library at breaks and lunchtimes to assist their fellow students. You will have seen them at the library desk issuing and returning books, as well as putting returned books back on to the shelves and helping other students to find something to read. They have also helped with events such as World Book Day, as well as with this library newsletter.

Do come and ask them for help if you need it. They can be identified by the blue librarian badges pinned to their school blazer. They are all keen readers themselves and can make suggestions and recommendations if you are looking for something new to read.

The student librarians are role models for their fellow students; many of them are preparing their portfolios as part of SSAT's Student Leadership Accreditation Scheme, which many student leaders at CHCC are participating in. This award recognises student leadership activities and offers a formal way to champion and celebrate the leadership skills our students develop in and out of school.

If you are thinking about applying to become a student librarian yourself next school year, why not come in to the library and chat to the current student librarians to find out more about the role.

Here, one of them introduces herself in her own words:

"Hello, my name is Hadiya and I am one of the student librarians here at Crown Hills. I have been a student librarian for a year now and it is a wonderful way to communicate with unknown faces. I wanted to be a student librarian because when I was little, I would go to my local library and ask if I could scan and stamp the books. My favorite books are long horror books or dystopian world books".

CHCC Top 10 Current Most Borrowed Books



1. The Soul Hunters by Chris Bradford
2. The Kid Who Came From Space by Ross Welford
3. The Invasion of Crooked Oak by Dan Smith
4. Class Act by Jerry Craft
5. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules by Jeff Kinney
6. TrooFriend by Kirsty Applebaum
7. Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by JK Rowling
8. Mic Drop by Sharna Jackson
9. When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle
10. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson

CHCC Most Active Form Groups by Number of Students Reading



Yr 7 – 7C and 7N (joint)

Yr 8 – 8O

Yr 9 – 9O

Yr 10 – 10S

Yr 11 – 11H

CHCC Most Active Readers by Number of Books Borrowed (Physical and E-Books)



Yr 7 Hamza Manjothi 7S

Yr 8 Sara Karolia 8O

Yr 9 Humayra Sattar 9N

Yr 10 Muhammed Osman Mohamed Hafeez 10H

Yr 11 Samiha Pathan 11R

Student Reading Rampage Book Reviews

Since January, students in year 7 and 8 have been reading twelve shortlisted books for the Reading Rampage challenge. As the challenge comes to an end, below are a selection of some of the reviews they have written about some of these books.



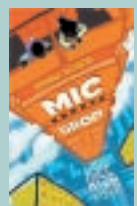
'Evernight' by Ross Mackenzie
It was absolutely amazing. The only thing wrong with it was that I couldn't put it down because I had to find out what happened to Lara. I've probably read it two times because I enjoyed it so much.
Book Review by Sara 7H



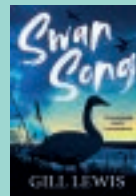
'How To Be Me' by Cath Howe
I really enjoyed this book. It is one of my favourite books. It is about a boy who is shy and his friends make him start talking and expressing himself. To be able to play on the piano in front of a crowd and his parents rather than playing alone. It made me want to express my talents.
Book Review by Safiyyah 7I



'Lost' by Ele Fountain
A thrilling story about a 13-year-old girl called Lola who lives with her younger brother and father who owns his own factory. After awhile the father doesn't return, forcing the kids to leave their comfy home to live in the streets of the city alone.
Book Review by Maariya 8I



'Mic Drop' by Sharna Jackson
I really liked this book and I think that this book is an excellent mystery story. It kept me guessing until the end and once the book was finished, I was a little sad that I'll have to be without these books for awhile.
Book Review by Salma 8R



'Swan Song' by Gill Lewis
I enjoyed this book a lot. It shows how mental health issues (like anxiety, depression etc) can affect people and their general performance and how they feel angry, frustrated or upset all of the time. It is a very calming and happy book, and it also shows how endangered animals are with pollution and their habitats gone. I enjoyed this book and would rate it 9/10.
Book Review by Zia 7C



'The Invasion of Crooked Oak' by Dan Smith
I really like this book because it starts to mention the mystery at the beginning of the story and it builds up rapidly. I really enjoyed it and it kept me intrigued. I would definitely recommend the book to people who like monsters, mystery and fantasy.
Book Review by Shahana 7U



'The Kid Who Came From Space' by Ross Welford
This is one of my favourite books. I found it exciting and I had so much fun reading it. I would definitely recommend it to someone who loved sci-fi and adventure. He is a great author. So I would recommend anyone to read it.
Book Review by Hawwaa 8S

Library Lessons

In conjunction with the English, Humanities and Science faculties, all students in years 7, 8 and 9 have come to the library once a term as part of a new programme of library lessons intended to promote a whole school reading culture. During these lessons, students were introduced to books and authors that they might not otherwise have been familiar with across a wide range of genres and styles. These included science fiction, fantasy, horror, historical, contemporary, adventure and mystery. Students were encouraged to dig deeper into these stories, considering questions about genre, time period and location.

Students were also given an opportunity at the end of each library lesson to browse the library shelves and to borrow books. It was wonderful to see how many students took advantage of this opportunity, many borrowing books featured in the lessons, as well as exploring others upon the shelves.



Carnegie Shadowing Scheme

Since the end of March and June 2022, twenty-nine year 9 students have been participating in this year's Carnegie Shadowing Scheme. Participating students shadow the judging process for the CILIP Carnegie Medal; they have been reading the shortlisted books (which they have been able to borrow from the school library), and shortly will get together to discuss the books with one another and vote for their favourite to win the Shadowers' Choice Awards.

Crown Hills Community College students' votes will be combined with those of other students from across the UK to determine the winner of the 2022 Carnegie Shadowers' Choice Award. This will be announced alongside the Judges' Choice for the 2022 Carnegie Medal on 16th June 2022. We hope to give our participating students an opportunity to discuss these results with the East Midlands Regional Judge, Elle Codling, later in June.

Friendships come to the fore in several titles across the Carnegie shortlist from the angry boy and the gruff zookeeper during the Second World War in 'When the Sky Falls' by Phil Earle; to the two teenagers from opposite worlds brought together by the refugee crisis in the Costa Children's Book Award-winning 'The Crossing' from Manjeet Mann. Mann was the 2021 Carnegie Shadowers' Choice winner for her previous novel 'Run, Rebel'. Whilst, in her debut, 'Guard Your Heart', which was joint winner of the Irish Novel Fair, Sue Divin uses the experience of her day job in peacebuilding in Derry to chart the relationship between two teenagers born on the day of the Northern Ireland peace deal – Aidan, Catholic, Irish and republican, and Iona, Protestant and British – as they navigate their differences.

Real-life events are the inspiration for many of the shortlisted novels, including 'Cane Warriors' by Alex Wheatle, which follows the slave rebellion known as Tacky's War in 18th century Jamaica from the perspective of 14-year-old Moa. 'Punching the Air' by New York Times-best-selling author Ibi Zoboi and poet and activist Dr Yusef Salaam, a member of 'The Exonerated Five', is a novel in verse based on Salaam's experience that looks at the reality of the criminal justice system for young people of colour in America. The 2011 Japanese earthquake and tsunami is at the heart of 'Tsunami Girl', a part-prose, part-manga coming-of-age story, illustrated by Chie Kutsuwada and written by Julian Sedgwick, the 2020 Carnegie-shortlisted co-author of 'Voyages in the Underworld of Orpheus Black'.

Another illustrated title on the Carnegie shortlist is 'October, October', the story of a girl whose wild life in the woods changes dramatically the year she turns 11. Accompanied by drawings from Angela Harding, it is the second novel from Katya Balen, author and co-director of Mainspring Arts, an organisation which runs creative workshops for neurodivergent people. A rural setting and strong sense of place is also captured in the final shortlisted title, 'Everyone Dies Famous in a Small Town', which follows the interlinked stories of teenage secrets, rage and love across the American West. It is also the second novel from Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock, who was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal in 2017 for 'The Smell of Other People's Houses'.

Summer Reading



It is only a few weeks until the end of the school year and then the summer holidays will be upon us. If you would like to keep reading whilst the school is closed, here are a few suggestions:

- Borrow e-books from the school e-library: this is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, even during school holidays.
- Visit your local public library. If you are not yet a member, why not sign up? It is free to join with no identification needed if you are under 16 years. Membership will allow you to:
 - Borrow and Reserve Books
 - Download eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines
 - Use library computers
 - Access online information and reference materials
 - Drop in to Homework Help/Study Support Sessions

You can find out more at the Leicester City Council Libraries Website: <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-community/libraries-and-community-centres/libraries/>

Younger members of the family can also take part in the Summer Reading Challenge run through the public library which is open to all children aged 4 to 11 years. This year, the Summer Reading Challenge will launch on Saturday 25th June 2022 and you can join the Gadgeteers to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you. To take part, you can drop into your local public library and let them know that you would like to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. They will get you signed up for Gadgeteers, help you find books to borrow, and provide you with fun reading activities to get you started. Gadgeteers will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for cool experiments and activities to discover the science all around you.



This Months Recommended Reads....

Year
7



Ella on the Outside – Cath Howe

Ella is the new girl at school. She doesn't know anyone and she doesn't have any friends. And she has a terrible secret. Ella can't believe her luck when Lydia, the most popular girl in school, decides to be her new best friend - but what does Lydia really want? And what does it all have to do with Molly, the quiet, shy girl who won't talk to anyone?

Available from the school library and e-library.

Year
8



Boy 87 – Ele Fountain

Shif is just an ordinary boy who likes chess, maths and racing his best friend home from school. But one day, soldiers with guns come to his door - and he knows that he is no longer safe. Shif is forced to leave his mother and little sister, and embark on a dangerous journey; a journey through imprisonment and escape, new lands and strange voices, and a perilous crossing by land and sea.

Available from the school library and e-library.

Year
9



Pet – Akwaeke Emezi

There are no more monsters anymore, or so the children in the city of Lucille are taught. With doting parents and a best friend named Redemption, Jam has grown up with this lesson all her life. But when she meets Pet, a creature made of horns and colours and claws, who emerges from one of her mother's paintings and a drop of Jam's blood, she must reconsider what she's been told. Pet has come to hunt a monster, and the shadow of something grim lurks in Redemption's house. Jam must fight not only to protect her best friend, but also to uncover the truth.

Available from the e-library.

Year
10



Patron Saints of Nothing – Randy Ribay

When Jay Reguero hears of his cousin Jun's death, everything changes. Although years have passed since they were last in contact, the stories about Jun just don't fit with the boy Jay knew. Hoping to uncover the truth, Jay travels to Jun's home in the Philippines - but the shocking realities of life there lead to even more questions. Can Jay find the answers he seeks?

Available from the e-library.

Year
11



Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury

Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day to his wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television "family." But when he meets an eccentric young neighbour, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn't live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books instead of the mindless chatter of television, Montag begins to question everything he has ever known.

Available from the e-library.

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