

Library News

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Welcome to the new 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 is the start of a new school year and we have got off to a busy start. We have lots of events and reading challenges planned for all year groups to participate in over the rest of the school year so do keep an eye open for them. News of some can be found within these pages. I hope this will be a great year for reading at CHCC.



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

Year 7 and Year 8 Accelerated Reader

To access Accelerated Reader at home, go to:

<http://ukhosted104.renlearn.co.uk/1896617>

On the blue screen:

Click – I am a Student

Log on with your college username

The password is: crown

Using the Library for Accelerated Reader:

Year 7 have access to the library on Mondays during break and lunchtime. Year 8 have access to the library on Wednesdays during break and lunchtime. Students are welcome to borrow and return books during this time, they can also complete Accelerated Reader quizzes. There is an optional Homework club on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the library until 3.45pm if students would like to complete their reading quizzes then.

Students should read books from the library/e-library based on their ZPD range. These books are all colour-coded.

0.0 – 1.9 = GREEN

2.0 – 2.9 = ORANGE

3.0 – 3.9 = PURPLE

4.0 – 4.9 = YELLOW

5.0 – 5.9 = RED



Introducing our Student Librarians

It is a new school year and that means new student librarians in the library. I would like to thank those former student librarians who are now in year 11 for all their support of the library last school year. They all did an amazing job.

Seven student librarians from years 9 and 10 will be continuing in the role. In addition, eleven new student librarians are joining them from years 7, 8 and 9. These student librarians will be in the library at breaks and lunchtimes. You will see 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 will also be helping 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.

National Poetry Day



National Poetry Day is the annual mass celebration on the first Thursday of October that encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends in order to encourage a love of language and celebrate poetry's power to bring people together. At CHCC, we held a Poetry Reading Challenge in the library at lunchtime on Thursday 6th October 2022. This was open to students from all year groups.

Many chose to perform one of our selected poems which fitted in with the theme as announced by the National Poetry Day organisers; this year, this was The Environment, and poems included 'Being True to Yourself' by Rachel Plummer, 'Names' by Michaela Morgan, and 'Going, Going' by Philip Larkin. A couple of our older students, however, recited very personal poems which they had written themselves.

All of the students did really well and are to be applauded for their hard work, enthusiasm and courage in standing up before an audience to speak out loud, something which not everyone finds easy. They have all received merits for their efforts.

CHCC Top 10 Current Most Borrowed Books



1. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson
2. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway by Jeff Kinney
3. Do You Speak Chocolate? by Cas Lester
4. The Last Paper Crane by Kerry Drewery
5. The Switching Hour by Damaris Young
6. The Royal Rebel by Bali Rai
7. Girl Next Door by Karen Moncrieffe
8. Swan Song by Gill Lewis
9. Crater Lake: Evolution by Jennifer Killick
10. The Gilded Ones by Namina Forna

CHCC Most Active Form Groups by Number of Students Reading



- Yr 7 – 7H and 7S (joint)
- Yr 8 – 8C, 8H and 8A (joint)
- Yr 9 – 9C, 9R, 9O and 9S (joint)
- Yr 10 – 10S
- Yr 11 – 11O

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



Yr 7 Muhammad Bukera 70

Yr 8 Zayn Ismail 8N

Yr 9 Samia Awadh 9N, Mahira Begum 9H and Caitlin Relf 9I (joint)

Yr 10 Humayra Sattar 10N

Yr 11 Shimaza Mohamed 11C

Reading Rampage 2022

The most borrowed book of Reading Rampage 2022 at Crown Hills was 'The Kid Who Came From Space' by Ross Welford, but which book was the most popular with our students? To find out, at the end of the last school year we asked our year 7 and 8 form groups to list them in their order of preference from 1 to 12. These lists were handed in to Miss Vann and they were combined to create the CHCC Top 12 for Reading Rampage 2022.

We take great pleasure in announcing that the most popular book of Reading Rampage 2022 for Year 7 was 'Lost' by Ele Fountain, whilst the year 8 joint favourites were 'Swan Song' by Gill Lewis and 'Boy, Everywhere' by A.M. Dassu. When the results for the two year groups were combined, the most popular overall was 'Lost' by Ele Fountain.

These results were submitted to the Reading Rampage 2022 organisers and combined with those from other participating schools to determine the overall winners.

These were:

Most Borrowed Book: Kirsty Applebaum, 'Troofriend'

Most Highly Rated Book: Jerry Craft, 'Class Act'

All Crown Hills students who read at least one Reading Rampage book and submitted a short review of it to Miss Vann has received a participation certification.

Reading Rampage 2023 will be starting in the New Year and will be open to all students in year 8, so keen an eye open for more details.

Where did your favourite come in our Top 12?

'Lost' by Ele Fountain

'Swan Song' by Gill Lewis

'Boy, Everywhere' by A.M. Dassu

'The Soul Hunters' by Chris Bradford

'The Kid Who Came From Space' by Ross Welford

'How To Be Me' by Cath Howe

'A Kind of Spark' by Elle McNicoll

'Mic Drop' by Sharna Jackson

'Evernight' by Ross Mackenzie

'Troofriend' by Kirsty Applebaum

'Class Act' by Jerry Craft

'The Invasion of Crooked Oak' by Dan Smith



Library Lessons

In conjunction with the Humanities faculty, all students in years 7, 8 and 9 have come to the library this term as part of a programme of library lessons intended to promote a whole school reading culture. During these lessons, students were introduced to a mixture of fiction and non-fiction books linked to topics they are studying in Humanities during this school year that would help them broaden their knowledge and understanding.

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

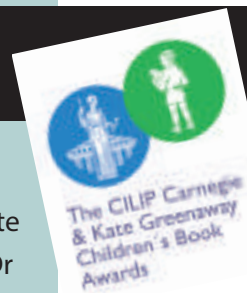
At the end of the last school year, year 9 students participating in the Carnegie Shadowing Scheme got together to debate which of the eight shortlisted books to vote for. Their favourite was 'Punching the Air' by New York Times-bestselling author Ibi Zoboi and poet and activist Dr Yusef Salaam, a member of 'The Exonerated Five', 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.

Their vote was combined with those from students at other participating schools around the country to determine the Shadows Choice for 2022. The 2022 medal winners were:

Judges Choice: 'October, October' by Katya Balen

Shadows Choice: 'October, October' by Katya Balen

These books are available to borrow from the school library, so come in and check them out for yourself. We look forward to shadowing the next shortlist with more CHCC students in March 2023; keep an eye open for more details later in the school year if you are interested in taking part.



After School Book Club

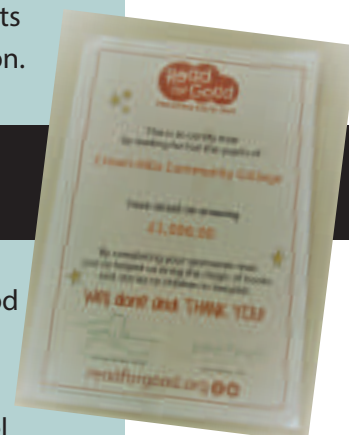
An after-school book club has been added this year to the CHCC programme of extra-curricular activities. This meets on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 pm in the school library.

Our student members take an active role in choosing which books they want to read and discuss. So far this term, they have explored 'The Gilded Ones' by Namina Forna, as well as dipping into 'Noughts and Crosses' by Malorie Blackman, 'You'll Be The Death of Me' by Karen M. McManus, and 'Little Women' by Louisa May Alcott.

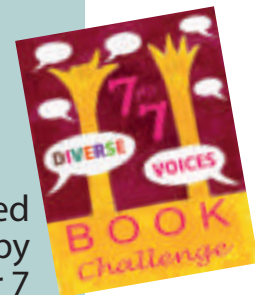
The book club is open to all year groups and new members are always welcome. Students who are interested in joining should contact Miss Vann in the library for more information.

Readathon 2022

Last school year our students raised an amazing £1,096 by taking part in the Read for Good Readathon. This sponsored read supports the charity in their goal to provide brand-new, carefully chosen books and regular professional storyteller sessions to the UK's 30 major children's hospitals. Read for Good's specially made, colourful mobile bookcases can travel right up to a child's bedside, offering an enticing display of lovely new books to read and often keep for ever. Our service supports seriously ill children's disrupted learning, and gives them and their families precious distraction and comfort at a time when it's needed the most. This year's Readathon is planned for January 2023, so keep an eye out for further details in the coming weeks.



7 for 7



Between November and January, Year 7 students at Crown Hills Community College are taking part in the 7 for 7 Book Challenge organised by Creative Learning Services. The shortlisted books have been selected by librarians at Creative Learning Services specifically for their appeal to Year 7 students. They include a variety of genres and styles from adventure and thrillers to contemporary and historical, and tackle a number of themes including prejudice, identity, family conflict, neurodiversity and health. We hope these books will inspire our students, encourage empathy and develop their awareness of different authors and genres.

Copies of all of the books are available to borrow from the school library. They will be exclusively available to year 7 students during the challenge. All CHCC students who read and review at least one 7 for 7 book will receive a participation certification.



Book Talking

As part of our collaboration with Creative Learning Services, our Morning Mastery students from years 7 to 11 have all had a session with CLS Librarian Cassie Kemp where they were introduced to a selection of books appropriate for their age and ability. Students were then able to borrow any of those books which caught their eye, which are on temporary loan to CHCC from CLS. It was lovely to see the students' enthusiasm – in some of the sessions, there was quite a stampede to make sure that they managed to get a hold of their favourites.

We will be running further sessions in the new year with other CHCC students from across the year groups to give more of our students the opportunity to try something new.

DID YOU KNOW?

As well as books, the library also had magazines? A selection of popular magazines catering to a variety of interests – including BBC History, National Geographic Traveller, Horrible Histories, Top Gear, PC Gamer, Empire, How It Works and All About Space – are available for students to read in the library.

This Months Recommended Reads....

Year
7



Agatha Oddly and the Secret Key – Lena Jones

Agatha Oddlow has been a detective for as long as she can remember – she's just been waiting for her first big case. And nothing gets bigger than saving the city of London from a strange red slime. With a home in the middle of Hyde Park, a room full of beloved sleuthing novels, and a secret key that gives her access to a whole hidden side of London, Agatha is perfectly poised to solve this mystery. But just who can she trust when no one is quite who they seem....

Available from the school library.

Year
8



The Ivory Key – Akshaya Raman

Vira is desperate to establish her legacy as a revered Maharani of Ashoka. But with the country's only quarry running out of magic, she can no longer protect her citizens from the looming threat of war. Her only hope is to find a legendary artefact: the Ivory Key. But in order to retrieve it, she must reunite with her estranged siblings who have taken very different paths.

Available from the school library and e-library.

Year
9



The Songs You've Never Heard – Becky Jerams & Ellie Wyatt

Meg McCarthy seems to be everything Alana Howard is not: rich, glamorous and a social media influencer that every brand wants to sponsor. But whilst Meg is feeling trapped by the McCarthy brand, songwriter Alana doesn't seem to be scared of standing out. When Meg and Alana's worlds collide, they quickly learn that appearances can be deceiving.

Available from the school library.

Year
10



Skin of the Sea – Natasha Bowen

Simidele is one of the Mami Wata, mermaids duty-bound to collect the souls of those who die at sea and bless their journeys back home to the Supreme Creator. But when a living boy is thrown overboard a slave ship, Simi saves his life, going against an ancient decree and bringing terrible danger to the mami wata. Now Simi must journey to the Supreme Creator to make amends - a journey of vengeful gods, treacherous lands and legendary creatures. If she fails, she risks not just the fate of all Mami Wata, but also the world as she knows it.

Available from the school library.

Year
11



Fire Keeper's Daughter – Angeline Boulley

Daunis has always felt like an outsider with her mixed heritage, both in town and on the Ojibwe reservation. When she witnesses a murder, she reluctantly agrees to go undercover, tracking down the culprits with her knowledge of traditional medicine. As the bodies pile up, Daunis finds herself caught in a web of deceit that threatens the people she loves the most.

Available from the school library.

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