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Find out what is happening in our
School Library Community

December 2021

Dear Library Friends,

Thank you to everyone who has supported our busy School Library this year, especially our helpful Student Librarians and Mrs Leach, without whom I would simply have disappeared under mountains of books (new and old).

My reading has drastically reduced over the last twelve months but I anticipate I will hit the 100 by Christmas (this number excludes a of books abandoned partway through).

As this Library letter goes off for publication, I am delighted to announce that our Christmas Craft Fayre has raised £334.60. It was lovely to see our students selling, browsing and buying and achieving triple target is an added bonus. See the back page of this article and watch out for the arrival of new Non-Fiction and Fiction books.

Regrettably, my Library article in the School newsletter does not mention individuals by name but as you read on you will see I have rectified this where parental consent has been received. A team of 42 has proved challenging to meld but we are 'nearly there' and I promise our Christmas Party with Awards, Certificates and Secret Santa has merely been postponed, not cancelled. In the meantime, how fabulous to see so many of our talented Library team performing in 'The Corbet School's 'Christmas Extravaganza'.

With best wishes to all for an enjoyable
Christmas and a safe and healthy
New Year.

Mrs Brett
Library Co-Ordinator



Library Noticeboard



STATISTICS for the month of DECEMBER 2021*

Books shelved 335

Overdue books 77

Although this high number of overdue books is largely attributable to recent pupil absence due to Covid, 25 books are more than three weeks overdue and sadly, replacement fee notes will be sent out in the New Year.

Pupil loans 90

Topic Loans 50

*Mrs Brett's absence and closure during the last week of term has impacted on our figures.

Books returned and shelved
Sept to Dec 2021 **1,596**

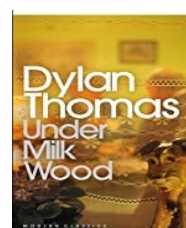
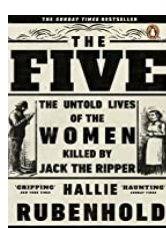
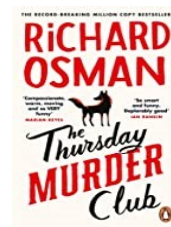
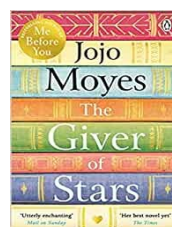
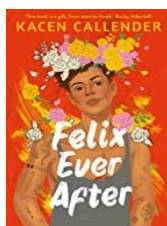


AMELIA BRIEN (11th)
LILY TROW (22nd)



Student Librarians, I still don't have a complete birthday list, please see me to record your date. There is cake to be had.

MRS BRETT'S 'FAVE' READS FOR 2021



ANNUAL LIBRARY REPORT

Well... looking back on 2021, our School Library has gone from strength to strength in spite of - or maybe because of - changes brought about by the Pandemic.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

1. **HMD Memorial Day**, lighting candles in our windows at home.
2. **Click-and-Drop** service (Over 1,200 books delivered to Tutor rooms by Mrs Brett and in September, a record 478 books were returned, many borrowed for Summer Holiday reading).
3. **Manga** explosion (permission slips now available for Teen+)
4. **Donated books** (lots, thank you, especially Mrs Brien)
5. **Our Biggest Librarian Team Ever**
 - i. Zooming enabled Year 8 pupils (who had never even been inside our Library) to join our team as fast-trackers.
 - ii. By mid October, over 60 pupils had expressed an interest in training to become Student Librarians.
 - iii. Our Tuesday lunchtime meetings now cater for 42 pupils at various stages in our Student Librarian Awards programme. A special mention for Student Librarians Beth Stimson and Joe Williams, now in Year 11, who have found time to support us.



Library Team Successes since September 2021

- I. **Eight pupils have achieved blue badge trainee status** and are now able to put books away without supervision
- II. **Two pupils have been promoted from blue to yellow badge.**
- III. **One pupil has been promoted to senior red badge status** (Amy Brough, this was well overdue).
- IV. **Five pupils have been trained to use the Eclipse database** and can work behind the Issues Desk.
- V. It is anticipated that by the end of term, our Library Team will have put away in excess of 1,500 books borrowed by staff and pupils. Thank you everyone for your hard work.
6. **Debate Club** began at the end of September with some 'overly' enthusiastic pupils and so we went back to basics to develop our debating skills (listening, projecting, research and note making).



Our first debate in December, **'This House believes School uniform should be scrapped'** saw an established team of 20 debating. Chaired by **Katherine Oldham**, with **Ansel Chaloner-Hughes** as wingman, Mrs Brett's involvement was not required. Super, measured debating. Well done. Mrs Brett was very proud.

7. Our **Chess Club** is now so popular that on Wednesday lunchtimes, we are using Room 9 as well as the Library. Thanks to Nigel for helping us out here. Many Congratulations to our second Tournament winner, **Cameron Emerton-Maka** who is just 12years old. He defeated Dylan (Year 9) in round one, Emily (Year 7) in round two and Sebastian (KS4) in the final. This went to three games with a decisive checkmate at the end. Our chess players are super competitive and our third tournament is underway. This really is down to our enthusiastic chess tutor, Mr Evans.



8. Fund raising

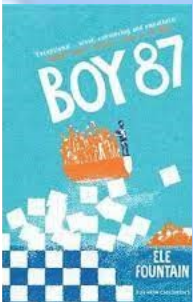
Summer quiz and raffle sponsored Asda £192

Hope Hospice board games extravaganza £55

Christmas Craft Fayre* **£334.60**

*Thanks to our Student Librarians (especially Freya Stevenson, Holly & Lily Trow and Francesca Widdon), Mrs Bridgewood, Mrs Clewlow, Mrs Leach, Mrs Parker, Mrs Selman and Georgina Wright Ceramics for craft contributions.

9. READING (saving the best to the end)



Staff Book Club Mrs Frank and Miss Williams have done a great job keeping us going but it is tricky finding time to meet up. We have enjoyed our Library Group reads and are favourites for 2021 are 'Boy 87' and 'The House With Chicken Legs', copies available to loan.



Our **Jammy Dodgers Reading Group** got off to a slow start as pupils have so many lunchtime commitments and we are trying to keep the Library open too. We do, however, have some really **SUPER READERS**. A shout out here for just a few: **Amy Brough, J Ford, Raluca Leoveanu, Denim Myers, Jennifer Real, Dylan Rees, Emily Reynolds, Anastasia Serdyuk, Dominik Michael-Tomiak and Tilly Wright.**

Please see our top book recommendations from our 2021 reading...

LIBRARY SUPER READERS : TOP SERIES 2021

Crime took the top three spots...

1. Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens
2. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson
3. Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson
4. My Hero Academia by Kōhei Horikoshi (Manga)
5. Shatter Me by Tahreh Mafi (Dystopia)
6. Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz (Thriller)
7. Rule Of One by Ashley (Dystopia)
8. Maze Runner by James Dashner (Dystopia)
9. Warrior Cats by Erin Hunter (Fantasy)
10. The Scythe Trilogy by Neal Shusterman (Dystopia)
11. Broken Sky by L.A. Weatherly (Dystopia)
12. Diary Of A Wimpy Kid (Humour)



Can you read 21 books by the end of 2021?

I have set myself this additional challenge (to read one book for each of the following categories). If you would like to attempt this, please message Mrs Brett via Satchel.One for further details and an entry form.

I almost completed this challenge I set myself at the beginning of the year but sadly, I cannot find a funny book that keeps me sufficiently engaged to finish! Congratulations to those pupils who did succeed and read 21 books, one for each category. A well deserved mention here for two of our Super Readers, **Dylan Rees (9B)** and **Anastasia Serdyuk (8T)**.

LIBRARY SUPER READERS : TOP BOOKS 2021

We disagreed when it came to listing our favourites in order so this list is alphabetical by genre...

Echo Mountain (Adventure)

Ant Middleton (Biography)

The Only Woman In The Room (Biography)

One Of Us Lying (Crime)

Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley (Discrimination)

The Bees (Dystopia)

Fearless (Fantasy)

Loki (Fantasy, Graphic Novel)

The Ickabog (Fantasy)

Orphan, Monster, Spy (Historical Fiction, WWII)

The Stolen Ones (Historical Fiction, WWII)

Dark Room (Horror, Red Eye)

Frozen Charlotte (Horror, Red Eye)

Felix Ever After (lgbtqi+)

Heartstoppers (lgbtqi+, Graphic Novel)

All Our Hidden Gifts (Teen)

Being Miss Nobody (Teen)

If I Was Your Girl (Teen)

One of Us (Teen)

Paper Avalanche (Teen)

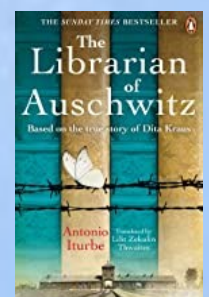
Paper Butterflies (Teen)

Tattooist of Auschwitz (True Story, Holocaust)

The Librarian of Auschwitz (True Story, Holocaust)

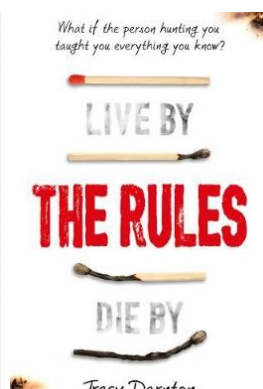
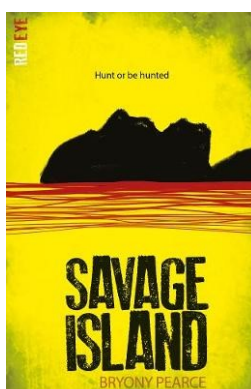
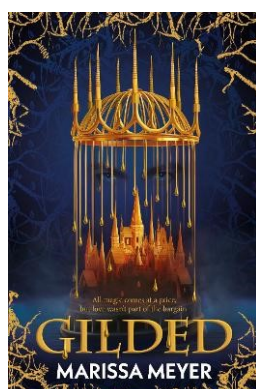
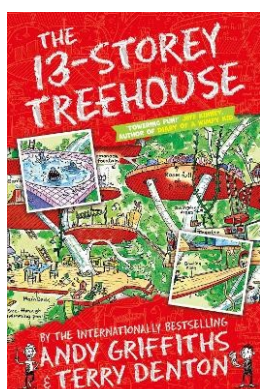
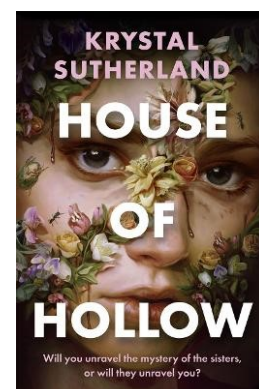
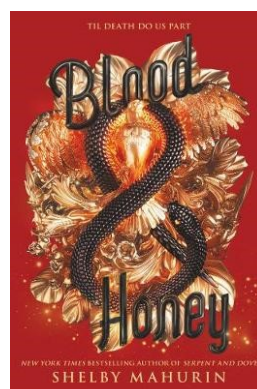
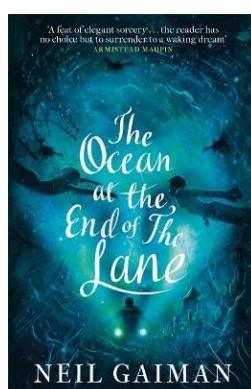
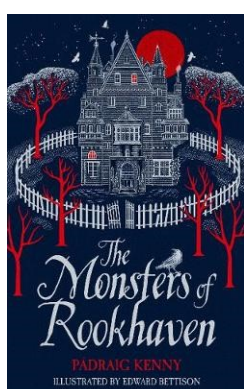
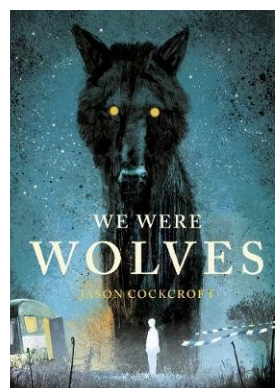
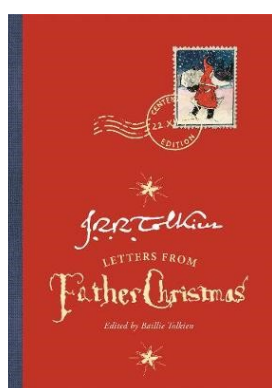
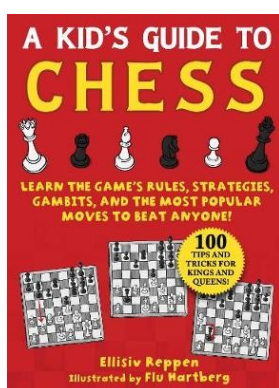
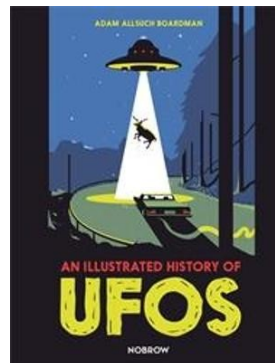
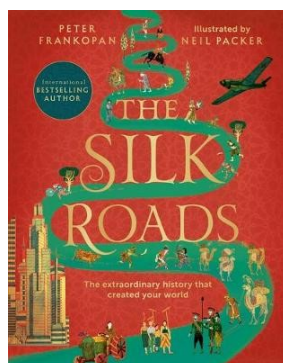
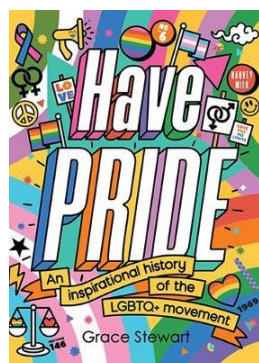
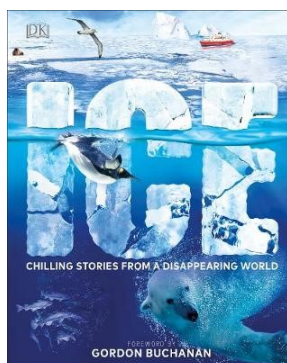
No Time For Goodbye (Young Adult)

The Silent Sisters (Young Adult)



New books arriving January 2022

As a result of our Library Christmas Craft Fayre, we have been able to place this book order, the first of many...



Thanks to Neil Gaiman and Chris Riddell for this...

FICTION IS THE LIE THAT TELLS
THE TRUTH.

WE ALL HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO DAYDREAM.
WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
IMAGINE.

IT IS EASY TO PRETEND THAT NOBODY CAN
CHANGE ANYTHING, THAT SOCIETY IS HUGE
AND THE INDIVIDUAL IS LESS THAN NOTHING.

BUT THE TRUTH IS
INDIVIDUALS MAKE THE FUTURE,
AND THEY DO IT BY IMAGINING
THAT
THINGS CAN BE DIFFERENT.



Happy Christmas to staff and pupils.
For holidays, we usually offer as many books
as you can carry. This time, if you would like
a book, please respond to the Library message
on satchel:one and Mrs Brett will endeavour
to deliver to your Tutor Room.