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Bring. On. The. Books.

Find out what is
happening in our School
Library Community

November 2021

Dear Library Friends,

The weeks are flying by and soon it will be Christmas. There has been lots going on, as always, and I am afraid I have still not finished the new shelf signage. This is proving particularly taxing for our trainee Student Librarians but on the upside, they are really having to think about the alphabetical order for those tricky author surnames.

I have been working on the Library article for the School's December newsletter and was able to give our team a little summary of all we have achieved since September; we gave ourselves a well deserved round of applause.

The focus for next month will be our **Christmas Craft Fayre** to raise funds to buy sets of the 2022 Carnegie Medal shortlisted books. Thanks to Mr Bridgewood, Mrs Clewlow, Mrs Leach and Mrs Parker for their help so far and to **Georgina Wright Ceramics** for donating some lovely badges for us to sell.

If anyone would like to contribute an article or some artwork for next month's edition, please email me at jackie.brett@corbetschool.net.

Best wishes

Mrs Brett



Library Co-Ordinator

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Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report

1. STATISTICS for the month of NOVEMBER 2021

Books shelved	518
Overdue books	47
Pupil loans*	227
Staff loans	31
Department Loans	89

*dipped due to closure for Access Arrangements

2. Assisting with Year 11 Access Arrangements.
3. Library newsletter.
4. Library article for the School Christmas newsletter.
5. Display boards for Remembrance and COP 26.
6. Hope Hospice Board Games Extravaganza.
7. Chasing overdue Library books (70+ at the start of November).
8. Debate Club (see page 8).
9. Reading Group and Carnegie Shadowing (see pages 4 and 5)
10. Librarian Training is continuing with a new mentoring structure as our Year 10 and Year 11 Senior Student Librarians try to squeeze the Library into their busy lunchtime schedules. We are looking at a 2022 Team comprising of potentially 40 pupils.
11. Processing new books (covering, date plating and data entry).
12. Processing more donated books (thank you).
13. Processing and issuing new KS3 Science Revision Guides to Year 8.

Library Noticeboard

Cake consumed during Librarian training for Library Team members with November Birthdays:

Amy Brough, Phoebe Quinn and Erin Williams



Hope House Children's Hospice
is looking to raise £500,000 in
just 36 hours in a huge appeal



and we can help HopeHouse

Mr. Evans, our resident expert, is hosting a
Board Games Extravaganza

Date : **Monday 22nd November**

Location : **Our School Library**

Time : **1.30pm to 2.15pm**

(early lunch passes available from Mrs Brett)



for just

£1

Thank you everyone for your support,
we raised £55 and discovered just how
much interest there is in playing board
games; another lunchtime club maybe?

we have already entered into our
CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

Please support generously ALL PROCEEDS to
Hope House Children's Hospice.

Library Reading Groups



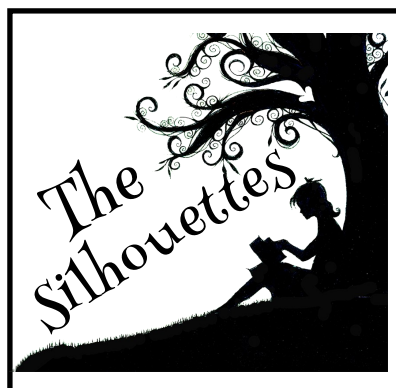
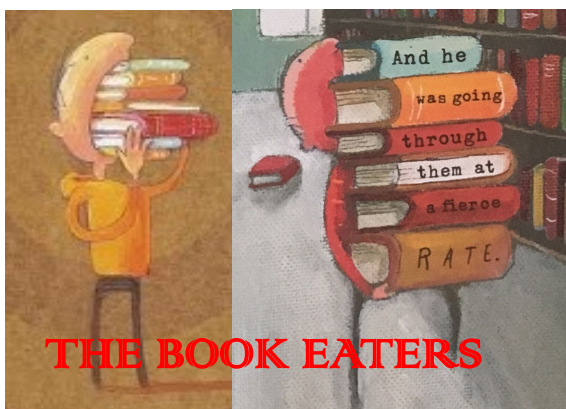
Whilst our little book club is meeting up during Monday lunchtimes, the Library is remaining open for everyone to use so it does get a little noisy!

We have been looking at neglected books on our Library shelves, deciding which to withdraw and which to save. We have also challenged ourselves to read **'Black Brother Black Brother'** by Jewell Parker Rhodes, ready to discuss after Christmas. This title was one of the free book sets from BookTrust and is described as 'a powerful coming-of-age story about two brothers - one who presents as white, the other as Black - and the ways they are forced to navigate a world that doesn't treat them equally'.



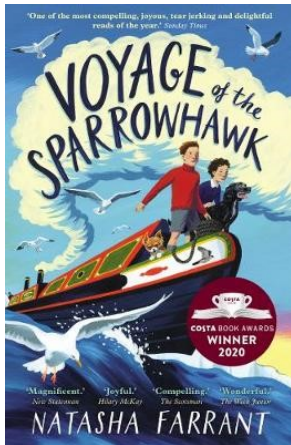
We will be writing mini reviews for all the Library books we read, giving them jammy dodger or Carnegie star ratings. For example, 1 jammy dodger or 1 star = disappointing; 5 jammy dodgers or 5 stars = unputdownable. These mini reviews will be placed inside the front covers to help our readers with their book selections.

We do need more readers to join us to form a **Carnegie Shadowing group**. Shadowing gives pupils across the UK the opportunity to vote for their favourite Carnegie shortlisted book. This is a great way of making pupils feel involved as they do not always agree with the adult judges! We are currently deciding on a name for our Shadowing group, below you will see some of the ideas but clearly they need a little more work. If you would like to join us, please see Mrs Brett.



Carnegie Medal 2022

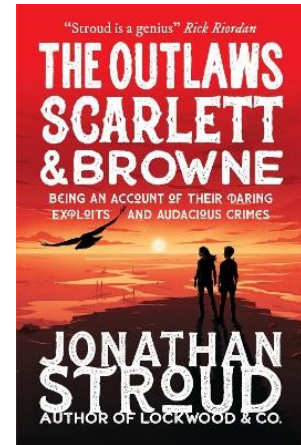
There are over 70 books on the Carnegie long list and these are the ones we currently have in our School Library:



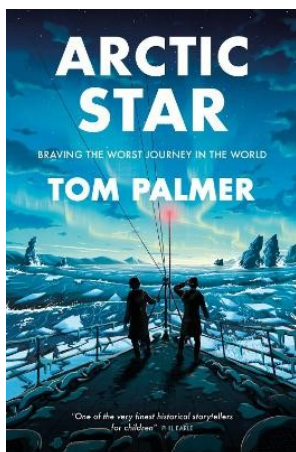
ADVENTURE
Farrant, Natasha
Voyage of the Sparrowhawk



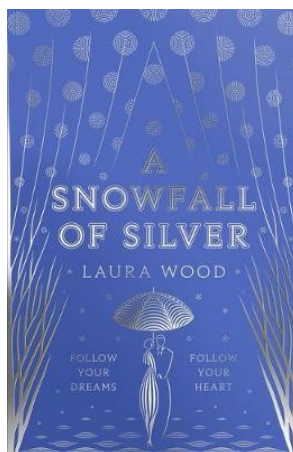
ADVENTURE
Montgomery, Ross
The Midnight Guardians



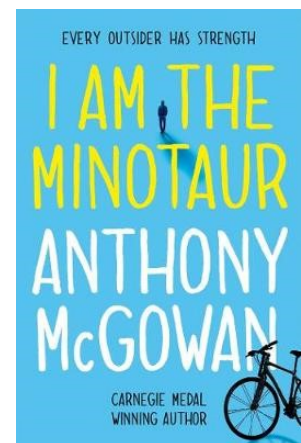
DYSTOPIA (?!)*
Stroud, Jonathan
The Outlaws Scarlett & Browne



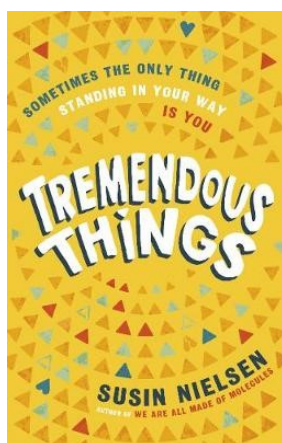
RELUCTANT READERS
Palmer, Tom
Arctic Star



ROMANCE
Wood, Laura
Snowfall of Silver



TEEN
McGowan, Anthony
I Am The Minotaur



TEEN
Nielsen, Susin
Tremendous Things

Personally, I like **Jonathan Stroud's** writing, but very few Corbet pupils engage with this author. I have yet to read his latest book but I think the plot for this new book is on trend and could be a winner.

In a catastrophe-ravaged future England, two teenagers defy the rigid rules and they begin to acquire a legendary status.

I am in the exclusive **Laura Wood** fan club but am surprised this one has been selected as being a suitable read for Year 7s...

I am looking forward to reading the **Susin Nielson** if no one else grabs it first

*Our Library Christmas Crafters
have been very busy...*

If you are looking for some stocking fillers,
please come and buy from our...

Library Christmas Craft Fayre

Tuesday lunchtime 7th December

We are fundraising to buy sets of
Carnegie Medal shortlisted
books so that our reading group
can participate in the voting
for this award in 2022.

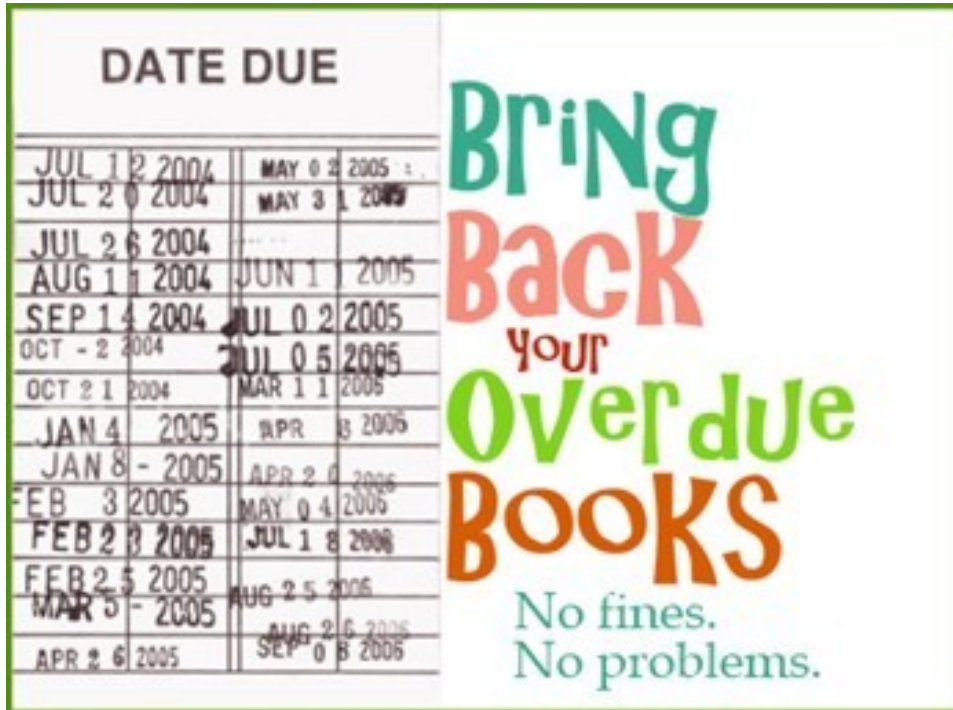
Prices ranging from 20p to £7

Please support and promote

Many thanks



Overdue Library Books

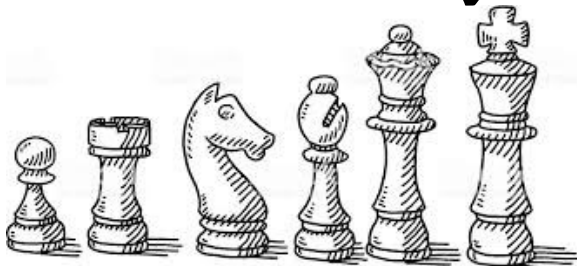


It would be a real pity if any of our Fundraiser monies had to go towards replacing books rather than buying new titles. Please double check at home and if you locate any forgotten Library books please return them through our Library letterbox, no questions asked!!

CHESS CLUB

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME

in our School Library



Congratulations to our very worthy Tournament winner, **Cameron Emerton-Maka** who is just 12 years old. Cameron defeated Dylan (Year 9) in round one, Emily (Year 7) in round two and Sebastian (Year 10) in the final. This went to three games with a decisive checkmate at the end. Our chess players are very competitive; watch out for details of our next Tournament.

The Corbet Staff **BOOKCLUB**



We have already raved about Boy 87 (see last month's newsletter) so most of the discussion at our November meeting centred on 'One Day'. This really had mixed reviews. Mrs Brett couldn't get past the cover in spite of this online review

'If unrequited love is one of the saddest feelings we can ever experience, then imagine how much of a tragedy it is when both equally feel that their love for the other may not be felt as strongly in return, and the risk of losing what you have if you reveal all, is too great to risk. David Nicholls provides a very enthralling approach to this scenario by visiting Dex and Emma over a period of 20 years but always on the 15th July'.

Go figure, the World would be a boring place if we all liked the same 'stuff'

For our Christmas reading we have chosen:

From Shrewsbury Library Book Club Service:

Alberto's Lost Birthday by Diana Rosie

Our School Library Group Read:

Where the World Turns Wild by Nicola Penfold



Thanks to
Katherine Oldham
for our new Club logo

We have a lively group of pupils ranging from Years 7 to 11 who are regularly turning up on Friday lunchtimes to hone their debating skills. Recently we have had fun with Mrs Brett's version of alley debates. These encourages participants to listen, quickly marshal their argument and project their statement to the audience. One of our quick fire motions caused so much controversy that we have decided this will be our next formal debate. Please come along to listen and have your say too!

Lunchtime in the Library : Friday 3rd December

'This House believes that School uniform should be scrapped'

PANDEMIC EXPERIENCE : Mum's Diary

Before we all get too complacent, one of our School Mums has agreed to share her first-hand experience of the family catching Covid.

Day One

We have just finished the first full week of a new school term and to celebrate this return to normality, we've invited a school friend for the first sleepover since the end of 2019. Before collecting them, the whole family complete a lateral flow. Who' would have ever thought we'd think about testing for a virus before having friends over? It's 5pm and negative all round. The sleep over goes ahead, a late night is had.

Day Two

Our teenager is a bit grumpy, tired and then mentions 'I can't seem to catch my breath'. It's now 11am, just 18 hours since the negative result. We all do another test and those strips of plastic we are now so accustomed to might as well have had flashing lights; an immediate positive. Everyone is confined to their rooms.

Day Eight

Our teenager has remained isolated in their room. All meals delivered to the door, fresh towels and bedding every day, masks at every medication drop, masks at topping up of water. We are timetabling use of the bathroom, wiping down every single surface as we go time after time after time!

Observations

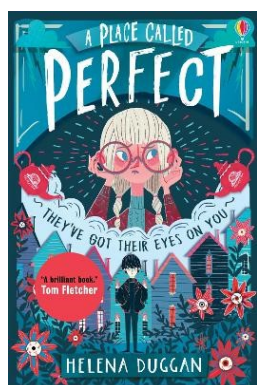
It's very hard to remain so distant from your child for such a long period of time. They are not particularly communicative but can be heard complaining 'I'm just so fed up of being cooped up in this room!'. so very lethargic but amazingly hungry! There are not and have never been the classic symptoms. There is no clue how, when and where they contracted it. The friend who slept over and the wider friendship group all remain well. It is clear already that despite this being a mild case in comparison to what we hear on the news or read in the media, recovery will take some weeks. It is a nasty virus and yet we did everything right to avoid it.



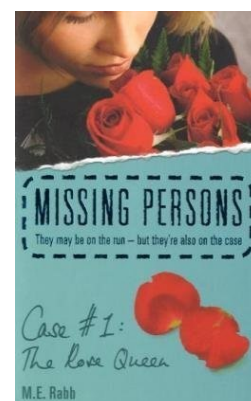
Mrs Brett's Reading

Oh dear, my November reading has not fared much better than last month, probably because I have been working on a Christmas decoration for one of the trees in St. Chads and the Montford panto poster as well as just taking delivery of my first ever kiln. I have a long list of neglected Library books which I have part-read this month and then abandoned (most have now been withdrawn from stock).

One of these neglected books has turned out to be a little gem and I have already started the next in the series. I am going to loan these out to one of our crime readers to recommend on. Pity about the covers but you know the old saying..!



One of our Student Librarians lent me their own copy of this one which I took home to read. I had low expectations, partly because of the cover but also the plot outline. 'A young girl and boy set out to rescue their town from the power of the Archer twins, whose drugged tea and doctored glasses control the behaviour of all the inhabitants This is actually a very clever book and a copy is now on order.



Mrs Brett's TOP 12 READS FOR 2021 (the list is getting longer...)

1. Fearless by Tim Lott
2. The Killer's Cousin by Nancy Werlin
3. Max by Sarah Cohen-Scali
4. Felix Ever After by Kacen Callendar
5. As Good As Dead by Holly Jackson
6. On Midnight Beach by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick
7. Arc of a Scythe
8. The Ickabog by J.K. Rowling
9. The Stolen Ones by Vanessa Curtis
10. Being Miss Nobody by Tamsin Winter
11. One of Us by Jeannie Waudby
12. Missing Persons : Case 1, The Rose Queen by M.E. Rab
13. A Place Called Perfect by Helena Duggan

Please Support our School Library
Christmas Craft Fayre
Tuesday 7th December

Looking For stocking Fillers,? Please dig deep, we need Funds to buy sets of books From the 2022 Carnegie Medal Shortlist.



ADMISSION FREE
Prize Crafts raffle, 50p to enter