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Happy reading! – Miss Mullins, Miss Walker, and Miss Henry



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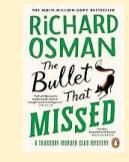
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"The beginning is always today." – Short Stories of Mary Shelley

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The Bullet That Missed #3 by Richard Osman

It is an ordinary Thursday, and things should finally be returning to normal. Except trouble is never far away where the Thursday Murder Club are concerned. A decade-old cold case—their favourite kind—leads them to a local news legend and a murder with no body and no answers. Then a new foe pays Elizabeth a visit. Her mission? Kill or be killed. Suddenly the cold case has become red hot.

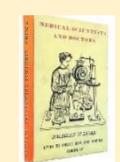


Blindness by P. G. Wodehouse

Join Lord Emsworth as he witnesses the triumph of his pre-eminent sow, the Empress of Blinders, in the Fat Pigs Class at the eighty-seventh annual Shropshire Agricultural Show. Discover whether a gravel path will ever make it through the Castle's famous Yew Valley; who will win the after-dinner dog fight in the drawing room; and how Clarence will deal with the appearance of an alleged old flame.

The Little Book of Going Green by Harriet Dyer

'The Little Book of Going Green' aims to shed light on the ways humans are harming the environment, from pollution and deforestation to industrial production and farming methods. Filled with facts, theories and tips on how we can do our bit for the planet, this is your one-stop guide to making every aspect of your life earth-friendly.

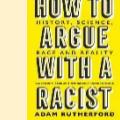


Medical Scientists and Doctors (Lives of Great Men and Women) by Norman Wymer

A look at the work of significant scientists and doctors in the history of medicine throughout history and the development of modern practices.

A Latin Grammar by James Morwood

This text offers: clearly written explanations of key Latin grammar points in an easily navigable layout; example sentences; a vocabulary list; coverage of all the Latin words found in the text; a glossary of grammatical terms; extra support for beginners, and a handy refresher reference for more advanced students; information about the Roman world—special appendices on Roman dates, money, weights, measures, and names; an explanation of literary terms and a list of helpful study tips give students useful advice on learning the language; and a guide to pronunciation.

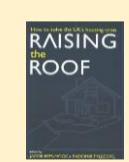


How to Argue with a Racist by Adam Rutherford

Race is real because we perceive it. Racism is real because we enact it. But the appeal to science to strengthen racist ideologies is on the rise – and increasingly part of the public discourse on politics, migration, education, sport and intelligence. Stereotypes and myths about race are expressed not just by overt racists, but also by well-intentioned people whose experience and cultural baggage steer them towards views that are not supported by the modern study of human genetics. Even some scientists are uncomfortable expressing opinions deriving from their research where it relates to race.

Raising the Roof: How to Solve the UK's Housing Crisis by Jacob Rees-Mogg

Raising the Roof addresses one of the key issues of our era – the UK's housing crisis. Housing costs in the United Kingdom are among the highest on the planet, with London virtually the most expensive major city in the world for renting or buying a home. At the core of this is one of the most centralised planning systems in the democratic world – a system that plainly doesn't work. A system that has resulted in too few houses, which are too small, which people do not like and which are in the wrong places, a system that stifles movement and breeds Nimbyism.

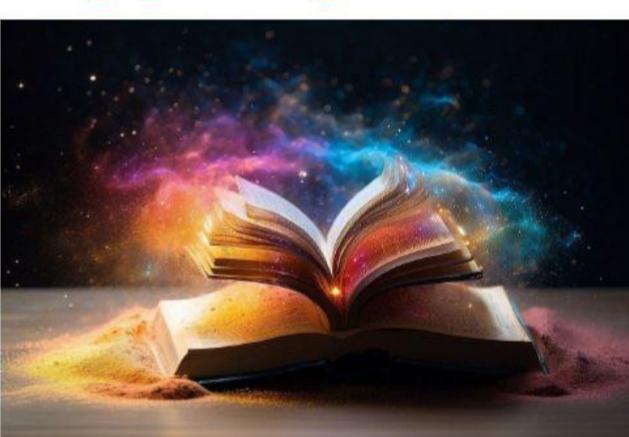


The Expanding World of Data by Tom Jackson

Data is an integral part of our lives. It helps us to unlock hidden mysteries and even predict the future. The Expanding World of Data uncovers the world of data in a way that is accessible, engaging and thought-provoking, using colourful artwork, illustrations, comic strips, 'speak like a scientist' and data hero sections. This book is the perfect resource for those curious minds who want to know more about data, what it is and what it does. Data can even help us to make the planet a better place.

Orpington Library's Younger Teens Reading Group

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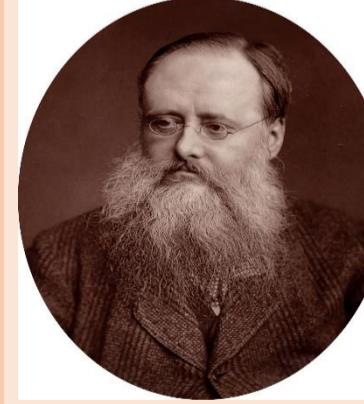
If you would like to join, please contact us by email: orpington.library@gll.org

Meetings are once a month on a Monday from 5:30-6:30pm, during term time, for ages 11-14 years

We look forward to seeing you!

On This Day... Wilkie Collins was born 8th January 1824

Wilkie Collins, born in London on January 8th, 1824, was an important English writer who became one of the earliest masters of mystery and detective fiction. The son of a landscape painter, Collins showed a talent for storytelling from a young age, inventing stories while at boarding school. His first published work was a memoir about his father, but he soon turned to fiction, writing novels such as *Antonia* and *Basil*, which stood out for their realistic characters and dramatic plots. A key moment in his career came when he formed a close professional friendship with Charles Dickens in the early 1850s, an influence that helped Collins develop strong characters, humour, and suspenseful storytelling, while Collins himself influenced Dickens's use of complex plots. Collins gained major fame with *The Woman in White* (1860), a highly successful novel known for its suspense, multiple narrators, and memorable villains, which helped define the sensation novel and later detective fiction. He continued to build his reputation with popular works like *No Name*, *Armadale*, and *The Moonstone*, the latter often considered one of the first true detective novels in English. Later in his career, Collins used fiction to explore social issues, such as unfair marriage laws and animal experimentation. By the time of his death in 1889, Wilkie Collins was widely recognised as a pioneering author whose innovative storytelling had a lasting influence on mystery and crime literature.



The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins

*This novel distinctively blends melodrama and comedy with realism; and in part from the power of its story. Yet *The Woman in White* is more than just a classic thriller, and contemporary critics have found in it a feminist parable for our times.*

The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins

The Moonstone, a yellow diamond looted from an Indian temple and believed to bring bad luck to its owner, is bequeathed to Rachel Verinder on her eighteenth birthday. That very night the priceless stone is stolen again and when Sergeant Cuff is brought in to investigate the crime, he soon realizes that no one in Rachel's household is above suspicion.

Drood by Dan Simmons

In 1865 Charles Dickens, the world's most famous writer, narrowly escapes death in the Staplehurst Rail Disaster. He will never be the same again. A public hero for rescuing survivors, he slowly descends into madness as he hunts the individual he believes to be responsible for the carriage: a spectral figure known only as Drood.

National Word Nerd Day on the 9th January

Humans have communicated since the earliest days of our existence, but early language was very simple compared to the complex systems of words we use today. As humans evolved and their lifestyles became more advanced, they needed better ways to name objects, share ideas, and express thoughts, which led to the development of richer language. For many centuries, however, words were mostly shared through speech because reading and writing were considered luxuries during the medieval period and were usually limited to the wealthy or powerful. Storytelling and theatre allowed people to enjoy language, and writers like William Shakespeare expanded English by inventing hundreds of new words. By the mid-1700s, education became more widespread, making reading and writing accessible to more people and creating the need to

organise and define the English language. This led Dr. Samuel Johnson to publish his famous dictionary in 1755 after seven years of work, a book that remains one of the most influential in English history. Today, National Word Nerd Day celebrates the long and important role words have played in shaping human communication, culture, and civilisation.

The Art of Language Invention: The Words Behind World-Building by David J. Peterson

From master language creator David J. Peterson comes a creative guide to language construction for sci-fi and fantasy fans, writers, game creators, and language lovers. Peterson offers a captivating overview of language creation, covering its history from Tolkien's creations and Klingon to today's thriving global community of conlangers. He provides the essential tools necessary for inventing and evolving new languages, using examples from a variety of languages including his own creations, punctuated with references to everything from Star Wars to Michael Jackson.

Away With Words by Sophie Cameron

Set in a world where words appear physically when people speak, AWAY WITH WORDS explores the importance of communication and being there for those we love.

The Oxford Dictionary of New Words by Elizabeth Knowles

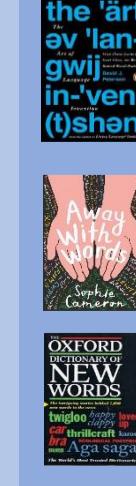
New words are the footprints of time. To recite some of the phrases that have become popular in the 1990s—Generation X, Prozac, road rage, shock-jock, voice mail—is to fast-forward through our recent history. Now, in the second edition of The Oxford Dictionary of New Words, readers can savor a smorgasbord of new words and phrases that have been coined—or popularized—in the last ten years.



Get 2026 Started with National Vision Board Day on the 10th of January!

National Vision Board Day was created to encourage people to act toward their goals by visually representing their dreams, helping them imagine and work toward the life they want. Initiated by Kellan Lutz and Ryan Daly and made official in June 2015, the day grew out of a goal setting gathering where friends created boards filled with images and words representing their future hopes. Celebrated each year on the second Saturday in January, the day is based on the "Law of Attraction," which suggests that focusing on positive goals helps draw those outcomes into your life. Vision boards, also called dream boards, are used to break big dreams into smaller, achievable goals and can cover many areas of life, such as relationships, careers, travel, art, and personal growth. They are often made using magazine cut-outs,

photographs, drawings, and other creative materials, allowing people to clearly choose and visualise what they want. The founders believed that seeing these goals every day would help people stay motivated and make better decisions to turn their dreams into reality, a practice that has been supported and popularized through examples from writers, public figures, and documentaries over the years. Have a go at creating yours this weekend to celebrate Vision Board Day!



Banish Your Self-Esteem Thief by Kate Collins-Donnelly

Look out – the Self-Esteem Thief is on the prowl! He's the crafty character who keeps stealing your positive self-esteem from your Self-Esteem Vault, leaving only negative thoughts and feelings about you behind. But the good news is you can banish him for good and this workbook will show you how! Packed with activities and real-life stories, this imaginative workbook will show you what self-esteem is, how it develops, the impact it can have and how all this applies to your own self-esteem.

Exam Attack: A Practical, Positive Guide to Exam Success and Beating Stress by Nicola Morgan

Exams are stressful and most people don't love them! This book can't remove all your exam nerves and, anyway, a certain level of stress can help you perform well. Instead this book aims to help you avoid bad stress and have the greatest chance of doing your best when exams arrive. It will give you the tools to control your body and mind during this challenging phase. And the tools will help you at many other stressful times of life.

