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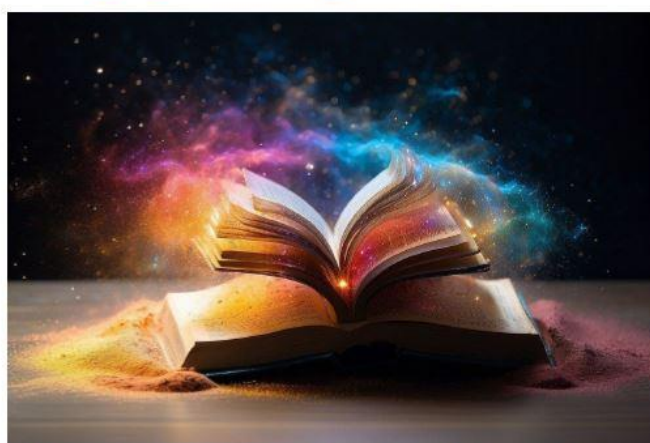
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Orpington Library's Younger Teens Reading Group

Do you enjoy reading?
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Would you like to join the
Younger Teens Reading
Group at Orpington Library?

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!



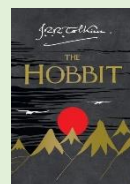
Hobbit Day- 22nd September 2025

National Hobbit Day is celebrated on September 22nd to honour the birthdays of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins, two of the most beloved characters from J.R.R. Tolkien's stories. J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy bring the magical world of Middle-Earth to life, with characters like Bilbo and Frodo Baggins, who were born in the Shire during the Third Age—Bilbo in 2890 and Frodo in 2968. Hobbits are small, shy, and love peace and quiet, but they also show incredible bravery and a love for adventure. These unique qualities have made Hobbits favourites among readers for generations. Tolkien saw them as a separate race, like Elves or Dwarfs, which is why "Hobbit" is always capitalised. This fall, pick up one of Tolkien's books and journey with Frodo and Bilbo—you might discover that adventure is just around the corner.



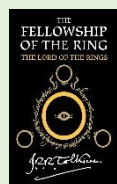
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely travelling further than the pantry of his hobbit-hole in Bag End. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of 13 dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on a journey 'there and back again'. They have a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon....



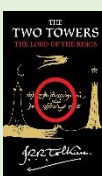
The Fellowship of the Ring #1 by J.R.R. Tolkien

Sauron, the Dark Lord, has gathered to him all the Rings of Power – how he intends to rule Middle-earth. All he lacks in his plans for dominion is the One Ring – the ring that rules them all – which has fallen into the hands of the hobbit, Bilbo Baggins. In a sleepy village in the Shire, young Frodo Baggins finds himself faced with an immense task, as his elderly cousin Bilbo entrusts the Ring to his care. Frodo must leave his home and make a perilous journey across Middle-earth to the Cracks of Doom, there to destroy the Ring and foil the Dark Lord in his evil purpose.



The Two Towers #2 by J.R.R. Tolkien

Frodo and the Companions of the Ring have been beset by danger during their quest to prevent the Ruling Ring from falling into the hands of the Dark Lord by destroying it in the Cracks of Doom. They have lost the wizard, Gandalf, in the battle with an evil spirit in the Mines of Moria; and at the Falls of Rauros, Boromir, seduced by the power of the Ring, tried to seize it by force. While Frodo and Sam made their escape the rest of the company were attacked by Orcs. Now they continue their journey alone down the great River Anduin – alone, that is, save for the mysterious creeping figure that follows wherever they go.

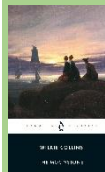


On This Day We Remember Wilkie Collins 8 January 1824- 23 September 1889

Wilkie Collins was a famous English writer in the 1800s known for creating exciting and suspenseful stories. Born in London in 1824, he was the son of a painter and began writing while still in school. He became close friends with Charles Dickens, who helped shape his writing style. Collins is best known for his mystery and detective novels, especially *The Woman in White* and *The Moonstone*. *The Woman in White* is a dramatic story involving secrets, a mysterious woman, and a villainous plot, while *The Moonstone* is considered one of the first modern detective novels, full of twists and multiple suspects. Collins was known for his clever plots, strong characters, and for using his stories to talk about serious issues like unfair marriage laws and animal cruelty.



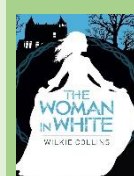
The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins



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.

The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins (recommended for older readers)

Wilkie Collins' novel took the fashionable world by storm on its appearance in 1860 when everything from dances to dresses was named after the 'woman in white'. Its continuing power to fascinate stems in part from a distinctive blend of melodrama, comedy and 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.



Star Borrowers of the Month

Year 7:

Erin B. 7F
Sia C. 7F
Chandani D. 7F
Grace P. 7F
Arpita S. 7F
Shinaya J. 7G
Advika D. 7N
Manasvi M. 7N
Prisha S. 7N
Grace Gu 7P
Sanya N. 7P
Anaya T. 7P
Asmi B. 7S
Emma L. 7S
Sahasra L. 7S
Zariah Y. 7S
Khadijah B. 7W
Jasveen B. 7W
Diya J. 7W
Erika K. 7W
Emily Lu 7W
Prishni M. 7W
Sridharshini P. 7W
Yasmin S. 7W
Elsie Yi 7W

Year 8:

Aadya D. 8F
Magathy T. 8F
Rosie D. 8G
Shreya S. 8G
Anyia B.M. 8N
Hashikha C. 8N
Myrah M. 8N
Zara V. 8N
Cynthia V. 8N
Ishita A. 8P
Nyra K. 8P
Bade B. 8S
Elana B. 8S
Shreya J. 8S
Kayley K. 8S
Saaya R. 8W
Avisha R. 8W
Deetya R. 8W
Bhavya 8W
Wenjun Z. 8W

Year 9:

Dia M. 9F
Neev 9N
Florence I. 9N
Sophia B. 9P
Elizabeth B. 9P

Year 10:

Avni 10F
Sara S. 10F
Maya M. 10N
Diyansa 10S
Erin D. 10S
Charlotte Li 10S
Reika Lim 10S
Nmesoma O. 10S
Aamna S. 10S
Tia S.P. 10S
Senui 10S
Erin W. 10S

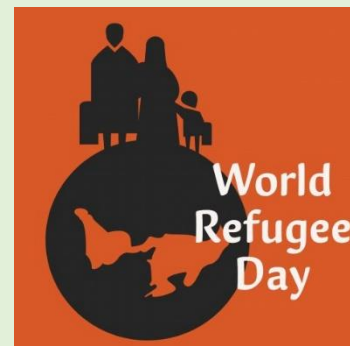
Year 11:

Debbi C. 11P

Year 13:

Zahra A. 13B
Vyshally R. 13B
Medha V. 13F
Kartik S. 13P
Archaya S. 13P
Aadam N. 13S

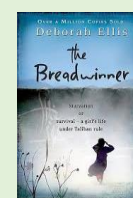
World Migrant and Refugees Day



World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed each year on September 26 or the last Sunday of September to honour people who have been forced to leave their homes due to war, persecution, or hardship. It's a day to recognize their courage and raise awareness about the challenges they face in starting over in new countries. This tradition began in 1914, when Pope Pius X called for prayers and support for Italian migrants. Since then, it has grown into a global event supported by the United Nations. Many migrants leave in search of safety, education, or better job opportunities but often face struggles like poor living conditions and limited resources. This day encourages people to show compassion, support, and understanding for migrants and refugees around the world.

The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis

Afghanistan: Parvana's father is arrested and taken away by Taliban soldiers. Under Taliban law, women and girls are not allowed to leave the house on their own. Parvana, her mother, and sisters are prisoners in their own home. With no man to go out to buy food, they face starvation. So Parvana must pretend to be a boy to save her family. It is a dangerous plan, but their only chance. In fear, she goes out - and witnesses the horror of landmines, the brutality of the Taliban, and the desperation of a country trying to survive.



International Migration: A Very Short Introduction by Khalid Koser

This Very Short Introduction looks at the global phenomenon of human migration—both legal and illegal—revealing how migration presents opportunities that must be taken advantage of in light of the current economic climate. The author debunks myths such as the claim that migrants take jobs away from local workers, or that they take advantage of health care systems. He reveals why society as we now know it could not function without them.

