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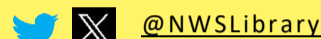
Happy reading! – Miss Mullins, Miss Walker, and Miss Henry



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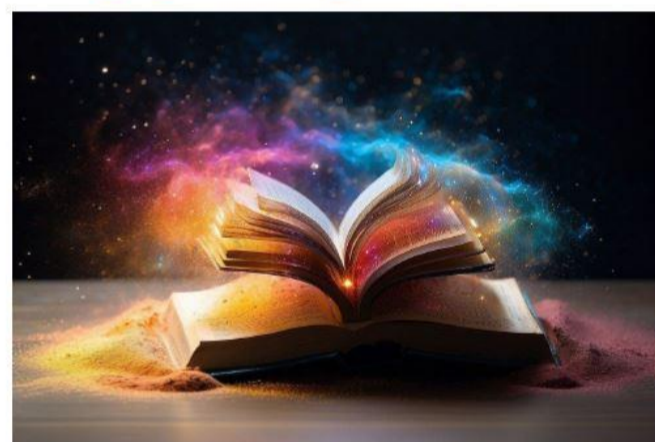
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## Orpington Library's Younger Teens Reading Group

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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](mailto: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!



## "Green was the silence, wet was the light/ The month of June trembled like a butterfly." – Pablo Neruda, 100 Love Sonnets

NEW

### Seraphina #1 by Rachel Hartman

Four decades of peace have done little to ease the mistrust between humans and dragons in the kingdom of Goredd. Folding themselves into human shape, dragons attend court as ambassadors, and lend their rational, mathematical minds to universities as scholars and teachers. As the treaty's anniversary draws near, however, tensions are high. Seraphina Dombegh has reason to fear both sides. An unusually gifted musician, she joins the court just as a member of the royal family is murdered—in suspiciously draconian fashion. Seraphina is drawn into the investigation, partnering with the captain of the Queen's Guard, the dangerously perceptive Prince Lucian Kiggs. While they begin to uncover hints of a sinister plot to destroy the peace, Seraphina struggles to protect her own secret, the secret behind her musical gift, one so terrible that its discovery could mean her very life.



### Lord Loss #1 by Darren Shan

When Grubbs Grady first encounters Lord Loss and his evil minions, he learns three things: the world is vicious, magic is possible, demons are real. He thinks that he will never again witness such a terrible night of death and darkness. He is wrong.



### Demon Thief #2 by Darren Shan

Kernel Fleck has always known he's weird. He sees lights. Strange, multi-coloured patches of light, swirling through the air. But it's not until a window opens into a demon world, with horrific consequences, that Kernel discovers his powers. As a Disciple, his mission is to hunt vicious, powerful demons to the death...



### Bec #4 by Darren Shan

As the demonic Fomorii ravage their land, Bec and her warrior companions leave the devastated area not only to answer a call for help but also to find information that will enable Bec to unlock the secrets of her past.



### Blood Beast #5 by Darren Shan

When he begins experiencing alarming symptoms at the onset of the full moon, Grubbs Grady, who has so far escaped his family curse, fears that he is turning into a werewolf.



## 14th June is National Cancer Thriver Day

National Cancer Thriver Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of June each year, and in 2026 it falls on June 14. The day recognizes not only people who have survived cancer but also those who continue to live fulfilling and meaningful lives despite the challenges the disease can bring. Founded by Connect4Cancer, a nonprofit cancer advocacy organization in Los Angeles, the day encourages people to move beyond simply surviving and focus on thriving through resilience, determination, and support from others. Cancer has affected humanity for thousands of years, with the oldest known descriptions dating back to around 3000 B.C. in Ancient Egypt, where evidence of the disease was found in



mummies and medical writings. Later, the Greek physician Hippocrates, often called the "Father of Medicine," used the terms that eventually led to the modern word "cancer." Over time, scientists such as Rudolf Virchow and Johannes Muller greatly improved our understanding of the disease, helping to shape modern cancer research and treatment. National Cancer Thriver Day also raises awareness about the importance of supporting patients and their families, learning about cancer prevention and treatment, and promoting regular health screenings. The day highlights that while cancer remains one of the leading causes of death worldwide, many cases can be prevented or detected early through healthy lifestyle choices and routine medical tests. Most importantly, it celebrates the courage of cancer patients, survivors, and thrivers, reminding everyone that with support, hope, and determination, people can continue to lead active and rewarding lives even after facing one of the toughest challenges imaginable. To find out more, click [here](#).

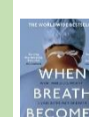
### Stories about Surviving Cancer by Jane Bingham

This book relates true life stories about cancer. From being diagnosed to fighting cancer, determination, living with cancer, life after cancer, cancer in the family and losing a family member to cancer.



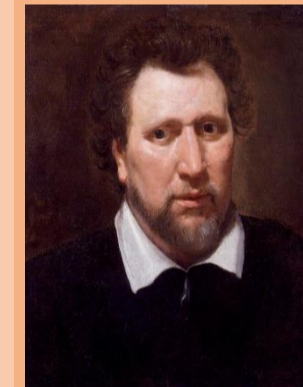
### When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, the next he was a patient struggling to live. This book chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a medical student asking what makes a virtuous and meaningful life into a neurosurgeon working in the core of human identity – the brain – and finally into a patient and a new father. What makes life worth living in the face of death?



## On This Day... Ben Jonson was born 11th June 1572

Ben Jonson was one of the most important writers of the English Renaissance and is widely regarded as the second greatest English playwright after William Shakespeare. Born in London in 1572, Jonson had a difficult early life, working as a bricklayer and serving as a soldier before becoming an actor and playwright. His breakthrough came in 1598 with the successful comedy Every Man in His Humour, which established his reputation as a leading dramatist. Throughout his career, he wrote many influential plays, including Volpone, The Alchemist, Epicoene; or, The Silent Woman, and Bartholomew Fair. His works were known for their sharp humour, clever plots, memorable characters, and criticism of greed, dishonesty, and human foolishness. Jonson was highly educated and drew inspiration from classical Greek and Roman literature, using the idea of "humours" to create characters whose personalities were dominated by a



particular trait. In addition to writing plays, he was a respected poet, literary critic, and creator of elaborate court entertainments known as masques, which were performed for the royal courts of James I and Charles I. Jonson became one of the most celebrated writers of his time, earning honours from universities and influencing generations of playwrights who followed him. Although some of his later works were less successful, his reputation remained strong, and he was buried in Westminster Abbey after his death in 1637. Today, Ben Jonson is remembered for helping shape English comedy, advancing dramatic writing, and leaving a lasting impact on English literature through his wit, creativity, and masterful understanding of human nature. To find out more, click [here](#).

### The Alchemist by Ben Jonson

The comedy transported a classical drama into contemporary London, resulting in a fully modernized depiction of human folly, vice and foolishness. The Alchemist is generally considered one of Jonson's most vivid and characteristic works, and was recognized by Samuel Taylor Coleridge as one of the three most perfect plots in literature. It remains one of Jonson's most revived plays.



## On This Day... Anne Frank was born 12th June 1929

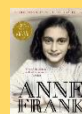
Anne Frank was a young Jewish girl whose diary became one of the most powerful and widely read accounts of the Holocaust during World War II. Born on June 12, 1929, in Frankfurt am Main, Anne moved with her family to Amsterdam to escape the growing persecution of Jews under Adolf Hitler and the Nazi regime. On her 13th birthday in 1942, she received a diary and began recording her thoughts, experiences, and dreams. Shortly afterward, Anne, her family, and four other Jewish people went into hiding in a secret annex above her father's business to avoid being captured by the Nazis. For more than two years, Anne documented daily life in hiding, describing the fear of discovery, the challenges of living in a confined space, and her hopes of becoming a writer. Despite the difficult circumstances, her diary reveals her intelligence, maturity, and belief in the goodness of people. In August 1944, the hiding place was discovered, and the occupants were arrested and sent to concentration camps. Anne and her sister Margot were



eventually transferred to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where they died of illness in early 1945, only weeks before the camp was liberated. Anne's father, Otto Frank, was the only family member to survive the war. After the war, Anne's diary was recovered and published as The Diary of a Young Girl, becoming an international bestseller translated into dozens of languages. Today, Anne Frank's story continues to educate people about the horrors of the Holocaust, the dangers of prejudice and discrimination, and the importance of hope, courage, and resilience in the face of injustice. To find out more, click [here](#).

### Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

In July 1942 thirteen-year-old Anne Frank and her family, fleeing the horrors of Nazi occupation, went into hiding in an Amsterdam warehouse. Over the next two years Anne vividly describes in her diary the frustrations of living in such confined quarters. This unabridged, definitive text reveals Anne's innermost thoughts and feelings as she grows up and provides a deeply moving true-life story that comes to an abrupt and tragic end.



### The Life of Anne Frank by Menno Metselaar

On a summer day in 1942, Anne Frank and her family went into hiding from the Nazis. Until the day they arrested her, more than two years later, she kept a diary. ANNE FRANK is the indispensable visual guide to her tragic, but inspiring story. Produced in association with The Anne Frank House and filled with never-before-published snapshots, school pictures, and photos of the diary and the Secret Annex, this elegantly designed album is both a stand-alone introduction to Anne's life and a photographic companion to a classic of Holocaust literature.



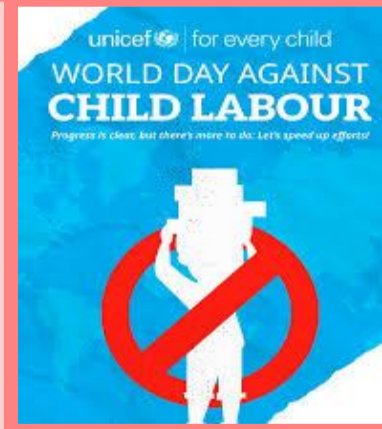
### The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank by Willy Landwehr

Here six women whose lives touched Anne Frank's in her final months tell their story – of the terrible journey east to Auschwitz, of the daily privations and terror of the death camps, and of the friendships and courage that transcended even the most vile conditions. Anne Frank's story did not end with the last words in her diary; it ended alone on a filthy floor at Bergen-Belsen. These women were the lucky ones who lived.



## 12th June is World Day Against Child Labour

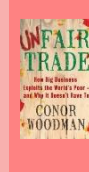
World Day Against Child Labour is observed every year on June 12 to raise awareness about the millions of children around the world who are forced to work instead of enjoying their childhood, receiving an education, and developing in a safe and healthy environment. Established in 2002 by the International Labour Organization (ILO), a global organization founded in 1919 to promote social justice and workers' rights, the day encourages governments, organizations, and individuals to take action against all forms of child labour. The ILO defines child labour as work that harms a child's physical or mental development, deprives them of their dignity, or prevents them from attending school. In its worst forms, child labour can involve dangerous working conditions, exploitation, separation from families, human trafficking,



or living on the streets. To combat this issue, the ILO has introduced international labour standards, including minimum employment ages, and has worked with world leaders through initiatives such as the Sustainable Development Goals, which aim to eliminate child labour globally. The day also highlights the importance of supporting vulnerable children through education, healthcare, legal protection, and community programs. While significant progress has been made in reducing child labour over the years, millions of children, particularly in developing countries, continue to face exploitation. World Day Against Child Labour serves as an important reminder that every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and build a brighter future free from harmful work, and it encourages people everywhere to spread awareness and support efforts to end child labour once and for all.

### This Immoral Trade: Slavery in the 21st Century by Carolin Cox

Based on her compelling and convincing report to the British House of Lords, this high-profile advocate for the world's poorest victims offers an urgent call to action for Christians worldwide. **Unfair Trade: How Big Business Exploits the World's Poor – and Why it Doesn't Have to by Conor Woodman** In Unfair Trade Conor Woodman traces a range of products back to their source to uncover who precisely is benefitting and who is losing out. He goes diving with lobster fishermen in Nicaragua who are dying in their hundreds to keep the restaurant tables of the US well stocked. He ventures into war-torn Congo to find out what the developed world's insatiable demand for tin means for local miners. And he risks falling foul of the authorities in Laos as he covertly visits the country's burgeoning rubber plantations, established to supply Chinese factories that in turn supply the West with consumer goods. In the process, he tests accepted economic wisdom on the best way to create a fairer world – and suggests a simpler but potentially far more radical solution.



## 8th June is National Best Friends Day

National Best Friends Day is celebrated every year on June 8 and is a special occasion dedicated to appreciating the important role that best friends play in our lives. Friends provide support during difficult times, such as illness, family problems, loss, or other personal challenges, and they can also encourage positive habits and healthy choices. The holiday began in 1935 when the U.S. Congress set aside June 8 as a day to honour close friendships, and it has since spread to many other countries around the world. Today, people celebrate by spending quality time with their friends, sharing memories, exchanging gifts, posting photos on social media, or simply enjoying each other's company. The traditions are different for everyone, ranging from relaxing at home watching movies to



going out for meals, shopping trips, or special adventures together. National Best Friends Day highlights how meaningful friendships can be and reminds us that friends often become a chosen family. Research shows that strong friendships can have a positive impact on health, happiness, and even productivity. People with close friends may live longer, cope better with stress, and find it easier to make positive lifestyle changes. The day also reflects how friendships continue to evolve in the digital age, with many people connecting and celebrating through social media platforms. Overall, National Best Friends Day is a celebration of loyalty, trust, support, and the special bonds that help people grow, overcome challenges, and create lasting memories throughout their lives. To find out more, click [here](#).

### Best Friends by Jacqueline Wilson

Gemma and Alice were born on the same day and have been devoted best friends ever since. Despite Gemma's larger-than-life personality and Alice's quieter, calmer character, the two are inseparable – until Alice has to move house, all the way to Scotland. Gemma is utterly distraught, particularly at the thought that Alice might find a new best friend. Is there anything Gem's brothers, or perhaps her grandad, can do to help?



### A Year Without Autumn by Liz Kessler

On her way to visit her best friend, Autumn, Jenni Green suddenly finds she's been transported exactly one year forward in time. Now she discovers that in the year that's gone by, tragedy has struck and her friendship with Autumn will never be the same again. But what caused the tragedy?

