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



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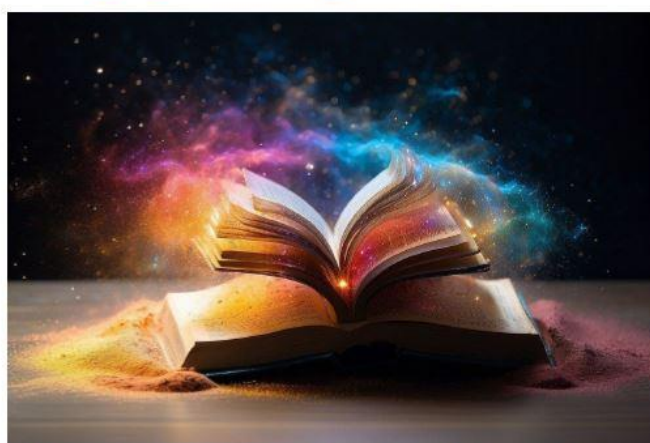
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Orpington Library's Younger Teens Reading Group

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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

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!



Trail of Tears Commemoration Day

Trail of Tears Commemoration Day takes place on September 16th to remember the tragic and painful time in American history where thousands of Native Americans, especially the Cherokee, were forced to leave their homelands due to the Indian Removal Act of 1830 by President Andrew Jackson. The U.S. government wanted Native lands and forced many tribes to move west of the Mississippi River. Although some tribes left peacefully, the Cherokee resisted. Eventually, some leaders agreed to the removal, but it was not supported by the majority of the tribe. In 1837, the U.S. government began removing the Cherokee people by force. Around 18,000 Cherokees, along with thousands from other tribes, were made to walk hundreds of miles without proper food, supplies, or shelter. Many died from starvation, disease, exhaustion, and harsh conditions. It is believed that no children under the age of six or elders over sixty survived the journey. This forced march became known as the Trail of Tears because of the suffering and loss involved. Today, this day helps us remember and honour the Native Americans who lost their lives and were treated unjustly during this dark chapter in U.S. history. If you would like to find out more, [click here](#).



Ceremony by Leslie Marmon Silko

Tayo, a young Second World War veteran of mixed ancestry, is coming home. But, returning to the Laguna Pueblo Reservation, he finds himself scarred by his experiences as a prisoner of war, and further wounded by the rejection he finds among his own people. Only by rediscovering the traditions, stories and ceremonies of his ancestors can he start to heal and find peace.



The Only Good Indians by Stephen Graham Jones

Ricky, Gabe, Lewis and Cassidy are men bound to their heritage, bound by society, and trapped in the endless expanses of the landscape. Now, ten years after a fateful elk hunt, which remains a closely guarded secret between them, these men - and their children - must face a ferocious spirit that is coming for them, one at a time. A spirit which wears the faces of the ones they love, tearing a path into their homes, their families and their most sacred moments of faith. Ten years after that fateful hunt, these men are being stalked themselves. Soaked with a powerful gothic atmosphere, the endless expanses of the landscape press down on these men - and their children - as the ferocious spirit comes for them one at a time.



Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom and Scientific Knowledge by Robin Wall Kimmerer
Drawing on her life as an indigenous scientist, a mother, and a woman, Kimmerer shows how other living beings - asters and goldenrod, strawberries and squash, salamanders, algae, and sweetgrass - offer us gifts and lessons, even if we've forgotten how to hear their voices. In a rich braid of reflections that range from the creation of Turtle Island to the forces that threaten its flourishing today, she circles toward a central argument: that the awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world. For only when we can hear the languages of other beings will we be capable of understanding the generosity of the earth, and learn to give our own gifts in return.

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.” – Albert Camus

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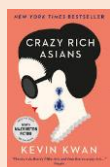
Keeper of the Lost Cities #8.5 by Shannon Messenger

After the battle in Loanmore, devastating discoveries have come to light, threatening to destroy everything she's been fighting for. Impossible choices lie ahead. So do necessary sacrifices -- if Sophie and her friends are willing to make them... Told through the perspectives of both Sophie and Keefe, this newest chapter in the series is packed full of hard truths, new powers and game-changing twists -- and that's not all! Unlocked also offers a comprehensive guide to the world of Lost Cities, including art, a map of the Lost Cities, character and world details and activities.



Crazy Rich Asians #1 by Kevin Kwan

When Rachel Chu agrees to spend the summer in Singapore with her boyfriend, Nicholas Young, she envisions a humble family home, long drives to explore the island, and quality time with the man she might one day marry. What she doesn't know is that Nick's family home happens to look like a palace, that she'll ride in more private planes than cars, and that with one of Asia's most eligible bachelors on her arm.



Jane Eyre by Sherri Browning Erwin and Charlotte Bronte

A rewrite of Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre" so that Jane is a vampire slayer and Rochester's wife is a werewolf. After learning of her parents' history as slayers, Jane must follow her true calling while trying to remain true to her heart.



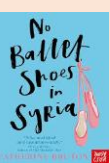
The Undetectables by Courtney Smyth

1956. Freddy and Polly are used to helping their father with his experiments. So, they don't mind being put into cryonic suspension - having their hearts frozen until their father wakes them up again. They know it will only be for an hour or two, so there's nothing to worry about. . . Present day. Ben and Rachel have resigned themselves to a long, boring summer. Then they find a hidden underground vault in the garden containing two frozen figures, a boy and a girl. And when Rachel accidentally presses a button, something unbelievable happens. . . Can Polly and Freddy adapt to the twenty-first century? Will their bodies survive having been in suspension for so long? And most important of all, what happened to their father - and why did he leave them frozen in time?



No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton

Aya is eleven years old and has just arrived in Britain with her mum and baby brother, seeking asylum from war in Syria. When Aya stumbles across a local ballet class, the formidable dance teacher spots her exceptional talent and believes that Aya has the potential to earn a prestigious ballet scholarship. But at the same time, Aya and her family must fight to be allowed to remain in the country, to make a home for themselves, and to find Aya's father - separated from the rest of the family during the journey from Syria.



Human Sustainability Awareness Day

Human Sustainability Awareness Day is celebrated every September 16th and was created by Blueprint Global to raise awareness about the growing Human Sustainability Crisis, a serious global issue affecting people's well-being, financial stability, and future opportunities. This crisis is made up of three major challenges: the Crisis of Mobility, where traditional career paths no longer guarantee success or security; the Crisis of Insecurity, where many people live with constant worry about money, and rising costs; and the Crisis of Uncertainty, where fast and unpredictable changes make life feel unstable. The day encourages individuals, schools and businesses to learn about these issues, share helpful information, and take action to create a more secure and sustainable future for all. For more information on how you can get involved in Human Sustainability Awareness Day, please [click here](#).

The Ecology of Wisdom by Arne Naess

Modern environmentalism owes a great debt to philosopher, professor, and writer Arne Naess, cofounder of the Deep Ecology movement. Here, editors Alan Drengson and Bill Devall provide a comprehensive yet accessible volume of Naess's most groundbreaking and seminal essays, which have remained influential among environmentalists to this day. Drawing from influences as diverse as Eastern religious practices, Gandhian nonviolent direct action, and Spinozan unity systems, Naess's writing calls for cooperative action to protect the earth on which we dwell, encouraging individuals and communities to develop their own distinctive "ecosophies."



100 Things to Know About Saving the Planet by Rose Hall



How could plastic-eating bacteria help reduce waste? Can a river be given human rights? Could we generate all the power we need from the sun and the wind? How do woolly sweaters help penguins in peril? Would building a giant sunshade in space stop the world from overheating? Find the answers to these questions and more in this book, full of big, small and unexpected ways to save the planet. Covers a wide range of topics from everyday ways individuals can help save the planet, to massive international missions and ambitious plans. Includes links to websites to discover more about the dangers facing our planet and how to help protect it.

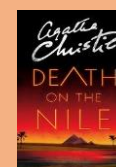
On This Day... Agatha Christie Was Born 15th September 1890

Agatha Christie, born 15th September, was a famous English writer known for her detective novels and plays. She wrote over 80 books, and her stories have sold more than 2 billion copies worldwide, making her one of the best-selling authors in history. Christie began writing during World War I while working as a nurse, and her first novel, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, introduced the detective Hercule Poirot. Another popular character she created was Miss Marple, an elderly woman who solved crimes in her small village. Some of her most famous books include *And Then There Were None* and *The Murder on the Orient Express*. In 1926, Christie made headlines when she mysteriously disappeared for 11 days after her husband asked for a divorce; she was later found in a hotel under a false name. In 1930, she married archaeologist Max Mallowan and often travelled with him, which inspired some of her stories. She also wrote romance novels under the name Mary Westmacott. In 1971, she was honoured with the title of Dame by Queen Elizabeth II for her contributions to literature. Christie died in 1976 at the age of 85, but her books and plays remain popular and continue to be adapted for film and television loved by all murder mystery fans.



Death on the Nile by Agatha Christie

The tranquillity of a cruise along the Nile is shattered by the discovery that Linnet Ridgeway has been shot through the head. She was young, stylish and beautiful, a girl who had everything - until she lost her life. Hercule Poirot recalls an earlier outburst by a fellow passenger: 'I'd like to put my dear little pistol against her head and just press the trigger.' Yet in this exotic setting nothing is ever quite what it seems...



Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, detective Hercule Poirot must identify the murderer - in case he or she decides to strike again.



The ABC Murders by Agatha Christie

There's a serial killer on the loose, bent on working his way through the alphabet. And as a macabre calling card he leaves beside each victim's corpse the ABC Railway Guide open at the name of the town where the murder has taken place. Having begun with Andover, Bexhill and then Churston, there seems little chance of the murderer being caught - until he makes the crucial and vain mistake of challenging Hercule Poirot to frustrate his plans...



Denmark Slashing Tax on Books

Denmark is removing its 25% tax on books, the highest in the world, to fight a growing literacy crisis among teenagers. Recent data shows that one in four 15-year-olds in Denmark can't understand a simple text, which has raised serious concerns. The Danish government hopes that making books cheaper will encourage more reading, especially among young people. The change will cost the country about €44 million a year, but officials see it as an important investment in education and culture. Other Nordic countries like Sweden, Finland, and Norway already have lower or no taxes on books making reading easier and cheaper for citizens. As young people get more distracted with social media, Denmark is making the move for a larger



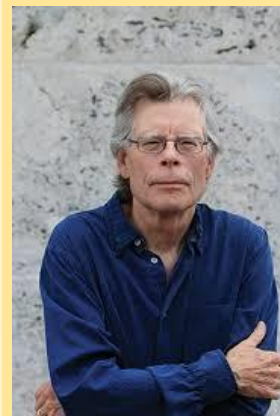
effort to improve reading in the digital age. Making books more accessible allows the Danish government to explore other ways to support Danish literature and help authors.

Termush by Sven Holm and Sylvia Clayton

Welcome to Termush: a luxury coastal resort like no other. All the wealthy guests are survivors: preppers who reserved rooms long before the Disaster. Inside, they embrace exclusive radiation shelters, ambient music and lavish provisions; outside, radioactive dust falls on the sculpture park, security men step over dead birds, and a reconnaissance party embarks. Despite weathering a nuclear apocalypse, their problems are only just beginning. Soon, the Management begins censoring news; disruptive guests are sedated; initial generosity towards Strangers ceases as fears of contamination and limited resources grow. But as the numbers - and desperation - of external survivors increase, they must decide what it means to forge a new moral code at the end (or beginning?) of the world...

On This Day... Stephen King Was Born 21st September 1947

Stephen King is a best-selling American author, known for writing horror, supernatural, and thriller novels. He was born on September 21, 1947, in Portland, Maine. Although King faced financial struggles growing up, he developed an early interest in scary stories, writing his own by age 7 and reading horror books and watching creepy movies. He attended Lisbon Falls High School and then studied English at the University of Maine, where he also began publishing short stories. After graduation, he worked in various jobs, including as a janitor and teacher, while writing in his spare time. In 1973, King sold his first novel, *Carrie*, which launched his career after throwing it in the bin. His wife, Tabitha King, fishing it out and influencing King to continue writing. He followed up with hits such as *Salem's Lot*, *The Shining*, *Pet Semetary*, and *IT*. Over the years, he's written more than 65 novels and 200 short stories, many of which have been turned into popular films and TV shows, such as *Misery*, *The Shawshank Redemption*, and *IT*. King has also written under



the pen name Richard Bachman to publish more books and not overwhelm his readers and publisher. King's work blends real-life themes with the supernatural, often exploring fear, isolation, and survival. King has received many honours, including the National Medal of Arts, and remains one of the most influential and widely read authors in the world.



Pet Semetary by Stephen King

The house looks right, feels right to Dr Louis Creed. Rambling, old and comfortable. A place where the family can settle; the children grow and play and explore. The rolling hills and meadows of Maine seem a world away from the fume-choked dangers of the city. It's only those big trucks on the road outside which growl out unnerving threats. Behind the house there's a carefully cleared path up into the woods to a place where generations of local children have walked in procession with the solemn innocence of the young, taking with them their dear departed pets for burial.

The Shining #1 by Stephen King (recommended for older readers)

Jack Torrance's new job at the Overlook Hotel is the perfect chance for a fresh start. As the off-season caretaker at the atmospheric old hotel, he'll have plenty of time to spend reconnecting with his family and working on his writing. But as the harsh winter weather sets in, the idyllic location feels ever more remote...and more sinister. And the only one to notice the strange and terrible forces gathering around the Overlook is Danny Torrance, a uniquely gifted five-year-old.

