



HITCHCOCK LIBRARY SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2022

And so we reach the end of another school year—one in which we have managed to complete entirely in school.

It has been a pleasure to see the library back being used to its full potential with the Year 7s and 8s completing reading quests and research projects during timetabled library lessons; many students using the library resources to study and complete homework during their free time; hosting visiting authors Christ Bradford, Kev F Sutherland and Chris Priestley; and being a designated study space allowing our exam students to revise in a silent environment.

We continue to update our library with many new fiction and non-fiction books, magazines and journals, plus lots of study guides and wider reading opportunities.

Many of you have asked about our library dog Cooper. He should be returning in the new term following a short sabbatical and we know he is eager to sit with you and share your love of reading.

If you are ever stuck for something to read, or want to find that next great book, you can either visit the librarian's desk and see the librarian's recommendation sheets or, in the new term, you can ask for one of the recommendation bookmarks which are categorised by genre or year group.

Don't forget that if you think there is a book you think we should have in the library please come and tell one of us and we will try to add it to our ever increasing collection.

We hope you all have a well deserved break and look forward to welcoming you back to the Hitchcock library in September.

In this issue:

p2	New summer reads Online language courses Reading achievement award
p3	Pride month event LGBTQ+ Books
p4	Competition winners Things to do this holiday
p5	Upcoming author visits New ARB information
p6	Apiary information Summer recipe
p7	Crossword Librarian's recommendations



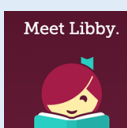
Library Services

The Reading Agency - This is an opportunity for 13 - 24 year olds to be more involved with their Library Service.



Borrow Box - Access thousands of e-books and e-audio completely free of charge. Download the app onto your Apple, Android and Kindle Fire device.

Libby - Access thousands of e-audio, e-magazine and e-comic titles free of charge



Download the app



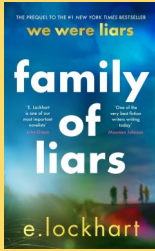
In my younger and more vulnerable years, my father gave me some advice that I've been turning over in my mind ever since. "Whenever you feel like criticizing anyone," he told me, "just remember that all the people in this world haven't had the advantages that you've had".

- . Scott Fitzgerald (*The Great Gatsby*)

I READ FOR PLEASURE AND THAT IS THE MOMENT I LEARN THE MOST.

... MARGARET ATWOOD ...

New Releases for Summer Reading



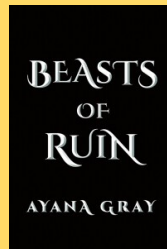
The thrilling prequel to the TikTok phenomenon and #1 *New York Times* bestseller *We Were Liars* takes readers back to the story of another summer, another generation, and the secrets that will haunt them for decades to come.



In a “ripped-from-the-headlines” story, nineteen-year-old Blair’s passion for fighting fires lands her a spot with the Forest Service and sets her on a wilderness adventure that quickly turns catastrophic. How far would you go to save yourself?
Available June 21st



An emotional coming-of-age graphic novel for fans of Bloom and Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me about one young artist’s life-changing summer—with a magical twist. How do you move on when you don’t want to let go? Available June 7th



In this much anticipated follow up to *New York Times* bestselling *Beasts of Prey*, Koffi’s powers grow stronger and Ekon’s secrets turn darker as they face the god of death.
Available July 26th



Debut novel from Andrew Joseph White about embracing the monster within and unleashing its power. Perfect for fans of *Gideon the Ninth* and *Annihilation*, in this post-apocalyptic thriller, trans boy Benji teams up with an LGBTQ+ youth centre to take down the fundamentalist cult who turned him into a monster. Available June 14th

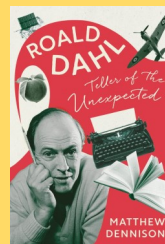


The Haunting of Hill House meets *Knives Out* in a bid for an inheritance that will leave Helen Vaughan either rich...or dead.
Available August 9th



For *Dracula* lovers and fans of Diana Urban’s *All Your Twisted Secrets*, this spine-tingling thriller follows seven horror buffs as their dream trip to a remote Romanian castle turns into a nightmare when they begin to be killed one by one.

Available June 21st



A multi-faceted biography of a complex creative maverick, Dennison's concise life of Roald Dahl examines many sources anew to create the definitive portrait of the beloved children's author.

Available August 4th



HOLA

Cześć!

Ciao!

Fancy learning a new language over the holidays? Or just want to improve the one you’re already studying? Have a look at this website to find lots of online language learning resources:

<https://www.openculture.com/freelanguagelessons>



BUNĀ!

Reading Award

Don’t forget that, starting from September, you can work towards achieving a Reading Award from the Hitchcock Library.

Read 12 or more books each term to receive a termly certificate.

Receive a certificate each term to receive a Reading Award lapel badge.

All you have to do is upload a short book review each time you finish reading a book on “Forms” on RM Unify.



Pride Month



June is Pride month - a month dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ communities all around the world.

As part of Pride's 50th anniversary, the Hitchcock Library was the venue for a celebration event, run by Dr Frost and some members of the school community. There was a cake sale; display of LGBTQ+ books; and a timeline of how the LGBTQ+ community has developed and changed over time. It was a well attended event, and interesting and open discussions were had.

Intimate sexual relationships between men and youths were an accepted part of life in several ancient Greek city states, particularly in Athens during the 6–4th century BC.

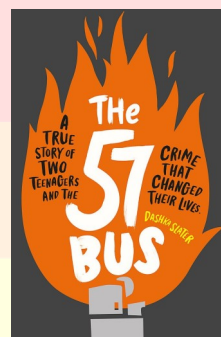
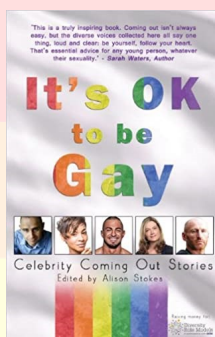
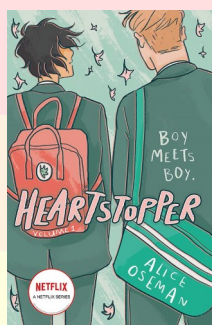
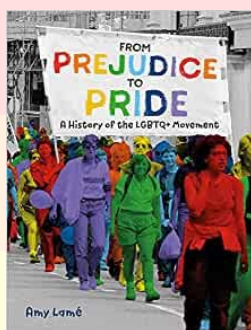
The church sanctified gay marriages in the so-called Dark Ages, with one being the Byzantine Emperor Basil 1 (867-886) and his partner John.

Carmilla, a story of a lesbian vampire that preyed on young women, was written 25 years before Dracula.

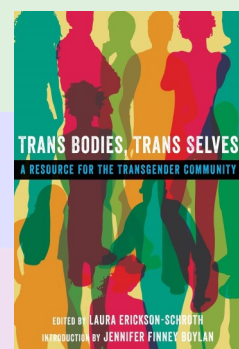
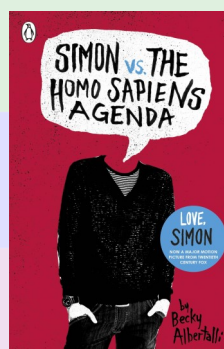
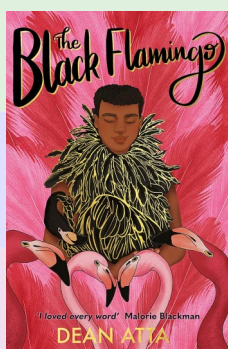
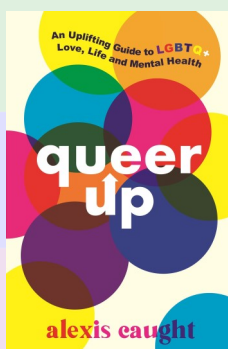
The pink triangle was co-opted from the Nazis and reclaimed as a badge of pride.

There are 69 countries that have laws that criminalise homosexuality, and nearly half of these are in Africa.

Pride is a celebration of people coming together in love and friendship, to show how far LGBTQ+ rights have come, and how in some places there's still work to be done.



LGBTQ+ books you can find in the Hitchcock Library



Competition Winners

Back in April, the Hitchcock Library ran a book review competition. We were delighted with all our entries and are so pleased that reading is loved and celebrated here at SHSB.

Here are our winners with their giant chocolatey prize:



Things to do this Summer



Many free and ticketed events at the Natural History Museum/ British museum/ Science museum



Wild Forest obstacle fun sessions or bushcraft activities — Brentwood



Ingrebourn Forest Family Fun Day — Hornchurch



Inflatable fun days at Chalkwell park; Raphael's Park, Romford; Priory Park, Southend



Competitions

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/all-ages/showcase-22?view=ind>

<https://young.rspca.org.uk/ypa/about>

<https://hiddengallery.co.uk/competition/>

<https://www.imeche.org/industry-sectors/power-energy/power-industries-division-how-we-are-governed/nuclear-power-committee/vision-of-the-future-competition>



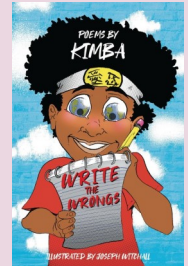
Kimba is a poet who has worked with many schools, community groups and has also released two hip hop albums.

He wrote his first piece of poetry aged 11, which expressed his discontent with issues at home - this is how he discovered the power of the written word.

He has released a book: Write the Wrongs

"It's a poetry book that explores the upbringing of an inner city youth who loves arts, sports, culture, and

who desires fulfilment in life. There are very imaginative pieces, humorous, solemn, reflective pieces, a bit of everything in there really. I rap, sing, produce and play sports. So you'll find a lot of rhythm in my writing and love for linguistic twisting."



in-
a

Kimba will be visiting the school to provide talks and workshops on 11th October 2022.

Seth Burkett is an author, ghost-writer and social media specialist who visits schools and businesses to share the power of literacy.

Brought up in Stamford, Lincolnshire, much of Seth's childhood was devoted to football and writing. Now, at the age of 30, much of Seth's time is dedicated to football and writing. After being spotted by a scout, he went on to play professional football in Brazil. After returning, Seth graduated from Loughborough University with a BA in English & Sports Science and an MA in English.

He went into advertising, working for clients such as Nike and Jaguar Land Rover in copywriting and social media management.. He has now written eleven books, including collaborations with footballers and world famous YouTubers, as well as fiction and non-fiction books for children.



Seth will be visiting the school to provide talks and workshops on World Book Day 2nd March 2023

SHSB's newest development: The ARB (Autism Resource Base)

To welcome and support pupils with additional challenges in their educational lives is central to our school ethos and it is with great excitement that we share the construction of the Autism Resource Base (ARB).

The ARB will provide the transitional environment that gives pupils direct access to a mainstream curriculum, but delivered in a specialist setting. The exact balance of time spent in the mainstream part of the school and the ARB will vary depending upon a pupil's specific needs, but we expect most pupils to spend between 25% and 75% of their time in the ARB, with the aim of reducing dependence on the ARB as pupils move up through the school and prepare for the next stage of their education. As the ARB will be an entirely new provision, it has provided the opportunity to design and develop a resource that is tailor-made to support pupils on the autistic spectrum and will provide a unique combination of environment, resources, specialist teaching and support that will give pupils the opportunity to explore and develop their strengths and interests, gain confidence and understanding of their individual needs and manage their difficulties with an increasing degree of independence as they progress through the school.

We hope that the library becomes an integral part of their learning journey and look forward to welcoming new students into our space.

SHSBeezzz



In the Spring Term of this year, Mr Brooks and Mr Cass established the first ever bee society and apiary in the school's long and illustrious history. The society is called *SHSBeezzz* and boasts approximately 30 pupil members ranging from Year 7 to Year 12 - and more members are always welcome! Judging by the popularity of *SHSBeezzz* at the recent Open Evening, it looks as though September 2022 will bring a good number of enthusiastic new Year 7s to boost the society.

Thanks to the support of Dr Bevan and Mr Oxenham, a brand new apiary was constructed at the front of the school (adjacent to the bike shed) with space for up to 10 hives and is neatly and securely fenced to provide a safe home for both bees and pupils! Also, Mrs Higgs was instrumental in designing a wild flower meadow located immediately opposite the entrance to the hives such that the school bees do not have to travel too far for tasty forage. We are hopeful that the wild flowers will lend a light and fragrant quality to our new school honey.



Members of *SHSBeezzz* have attended a series of lunchtime lectures on many crucial aspects of effective beekeeping (including the life cycle of bees and design of different hive types) and, as the spring afternoons began to warm up, apiary patrol groups started weekly inspections of the new hives - looking for new eggs and signs of honey. At the time of writing, two hives are operating very successfully and Mr Brooks and Mr Cass plan to create a new (third) hive before the end of the Summer Term.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The most used adjective in the English language is **GOOD**.
- English is spoken by 952 million people around the world.
- The Busuu language is spoken by eight people in the world!
- There is no official language in the US.
- The bible is the most translated document followed closely by Pinocchio.
- Asia has more than 2300 languages spoken .
- There are over 200 fake languages.
- Japanese speakers speak faster compared to any other language while Mandarin speakers speak slower.

STRAWBERRY MOCKTAIL



Ingredients:

You can add soda water or sparkling water, or even a little fruit juice.

Step 1: Combine the strawberries, lime juice, basil, and honey into a bowl/jug and muddle* well (or use a blender to puree).

Step 2: Optionally, strain the mixture through a fine-mesh strainer. Alternatively, simply add large ice cubes to the glass/glasses and top up with soda water. Stir well.

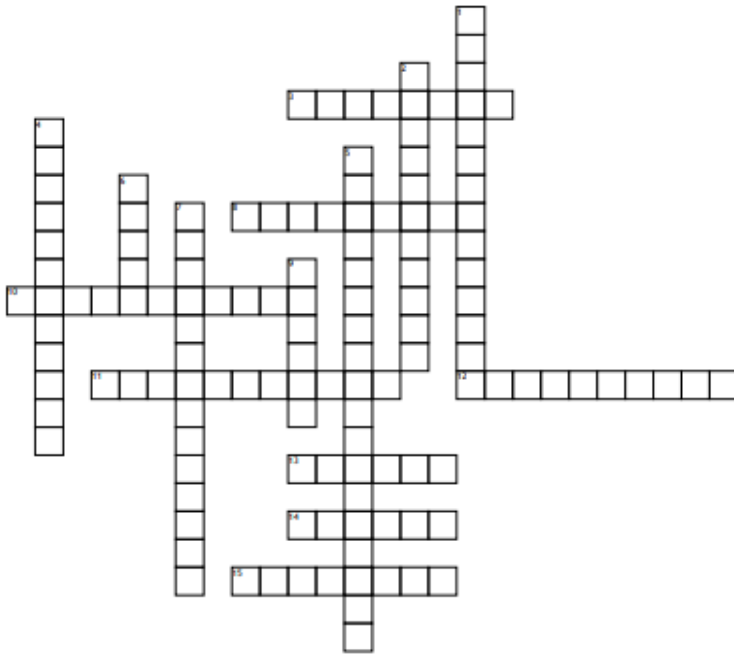
Garnish with strawberries, lime or even cucumber.



* a drinks muddler



YA Books



Across

- 3. Edward and Bella's book
- 8. Septimus Heap author
- 10. He has a lightning shaped scar
- 11. Mortal Instruments book 1
- 12. Throne of Glass and A Court of Thorns and Roses Author

- 13. Harry's Feathered Friend
 - 14. Winged lizard
 - 15. Blood sucking villains
- Down**
- 1. Suzanne Collins series
 - 2. Twisted Beauty and the Beast author
 - 4. Shadow and Bone and King of Scars author

- 5. Meg Cabot's royal YA series
- 6. Rick Riordan's _____ Jackson
- 7. D.M. Page's take on Wizard of Oz
- 9. Christopher Paolini's dragonrider

Want to write an article for the next newsletter?

Have you read a book you just want to tell everyone about?

Is there a screen adaptation of a book you think everybody should watch?

Have you discovered the best hobby you think everyone should participate in?

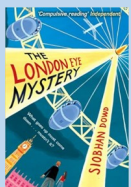
Do you want to tell everyone the best things about the Hitchcock Library?

Whatever you choose to write about, send your article, in document form including your name and form, to us at

librarian@shsb.org, and you could find your work in the next newsletter.



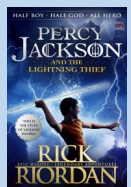
Daniel Selden, another of our incredible Library helpers, brings you his recommendations for interesting, exciting and engaging reads. All of these books can be found either in the Hitchcock Library or on one of our online libraries.



Interesting, though provoking and a very funny read. My favourite genre of book is mystery and this is by far one of the best I have read.



When I first read Shadow I was only in Year 5 and didn't really enjoy it, so I wouldn't recommend it for younger readers. I reread it again recently and it was incredible. The story is emotional, touching and moving throughout, especially interesting for those who enjoy stories about wartime.



While I don't claim to have read much of the Percy Jackson series, I have read the first and it is amazing. Thrilling, mysterious and very well written.

A survey of 2,000 British adults found that 35 per cent of them were using well know sayings incorrectly. Known as **eggcorns**, the misused phrases often carry entirely different, nonsensical meanings.

How many are you guilty of using?

- Damp squid (instead of damp squib)
- To be pacific (instead of to be specific)
- Nipped it in the butt (instead of nipped in the bud)
- An escape goat (instead of a scapegoat)
- A doggie-dog world (instead of dog-eat-dog world)
- Social leopard (instead of social leper)
- Pass mustard (instead of pass muster)
- Curled up in the feeble position (instead of curled up in the foetal position)

