

The Education Library Service - Inspiring Reading for Pleasure

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For consideration in the Egmont RfP Award: Reading Champion



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Context

- The Education Library Service (ELS) began serving schools in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City in 1929.
- The service catchment has since grown and now also serves Derbyshire and Derby City.
- The service has been a part of Inspire: Culture, Learning and Libraries since April 2016. Inspire is a community benefit society with charity status established by Nottinghamshire County Council to deliver a range of cultural services. Inspire's mission is *"To inspire people to read, learn and enjoy culture."*
- As a School Library Service ELS aims to offer schools a cost effective way of supporting Reading for Pleasure and the Curriculum. We aim to broaden the range of material available to schools and save schools' money and teachers' time.



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OU Research Inspiration and Rationale

ELS is based on the core principles of; offering extensive knowledge of children's literature, children's reading practices, and loaning resources to schools. We believe this reflects all aspects of the OU rationale based on their research (Cremin et al., 2014);

1. Considerable knowledge of children's literature & other texts
2. Knowledge of children's reading practices
3. A reading for pleasure pedagogy which includes;
 - Social reading environments
 - Reading aloud
 - Independent reading
 - Informal book talk, inside text-talk and recommendations
4. As Reading Teachers: teachers who read and readers who teach
5. Reading communities that are reciprocal and interactive

Aims

- We are pleased to support local OU/UKLA Teachers Reading Groups, and wholeheartedly welcome this research and initiative
- Our aim is to develop everyone's appetite for reading for pleasure – pupils and teachers alike
- Our librarians have an in depth knowledge of children's literature & want to use this to help teachers & pupils to Read for Pleasure
- Teachers and pupils have preferences as readers, and ask for suggestions and help in finding titles
- We aim to offer and suggest a wide range of books for our customers, promote Reading Aloud and Reading for Pleasure
- Our aim is to provide books to engage and stimulate everyone, which encourages Reading for Pleasure with its benefits of enjoyment, empathy, mental well-being and more. This encourages reading communities inside and outside schools



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Outline

1 Project collections

ELS Librarians make up each collection individually to fulfil teacher's specific needs. These can be on anything related to Reading for Pleasure, the Curriculum, or a mixture of both.



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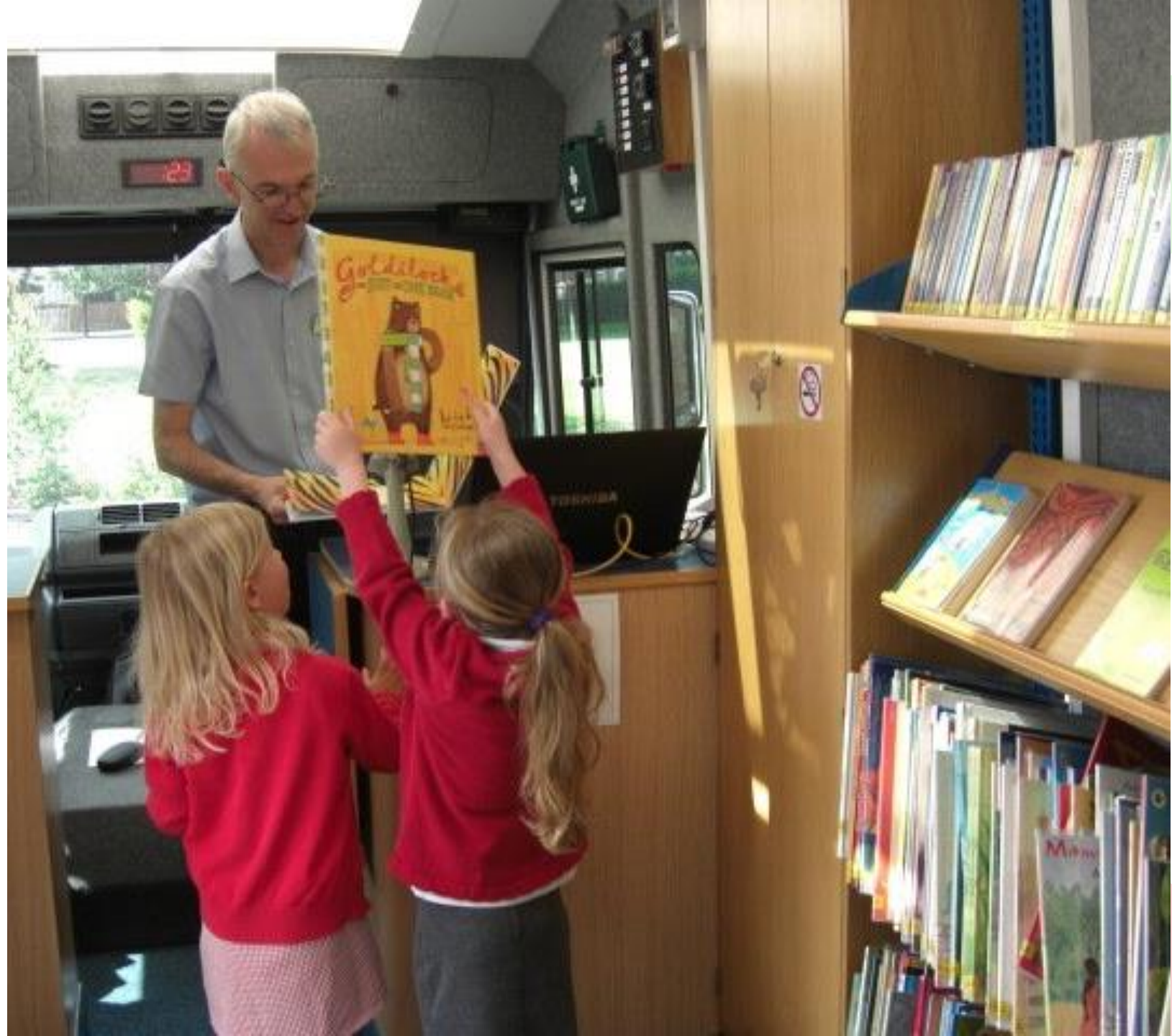


2 ELS Mobile

- The ELS mobile library is a great way to help promote Reading for Pleasure in schools, stocking a wide range of fiction and non-fiction leisure reading for 3-11 year olds. It also contains books suited to older readers in Special Schools.
- Visits can last from 1 hour to a full day.
- The mobile library is accessible to children and young people with mobility issues as it has a lift.



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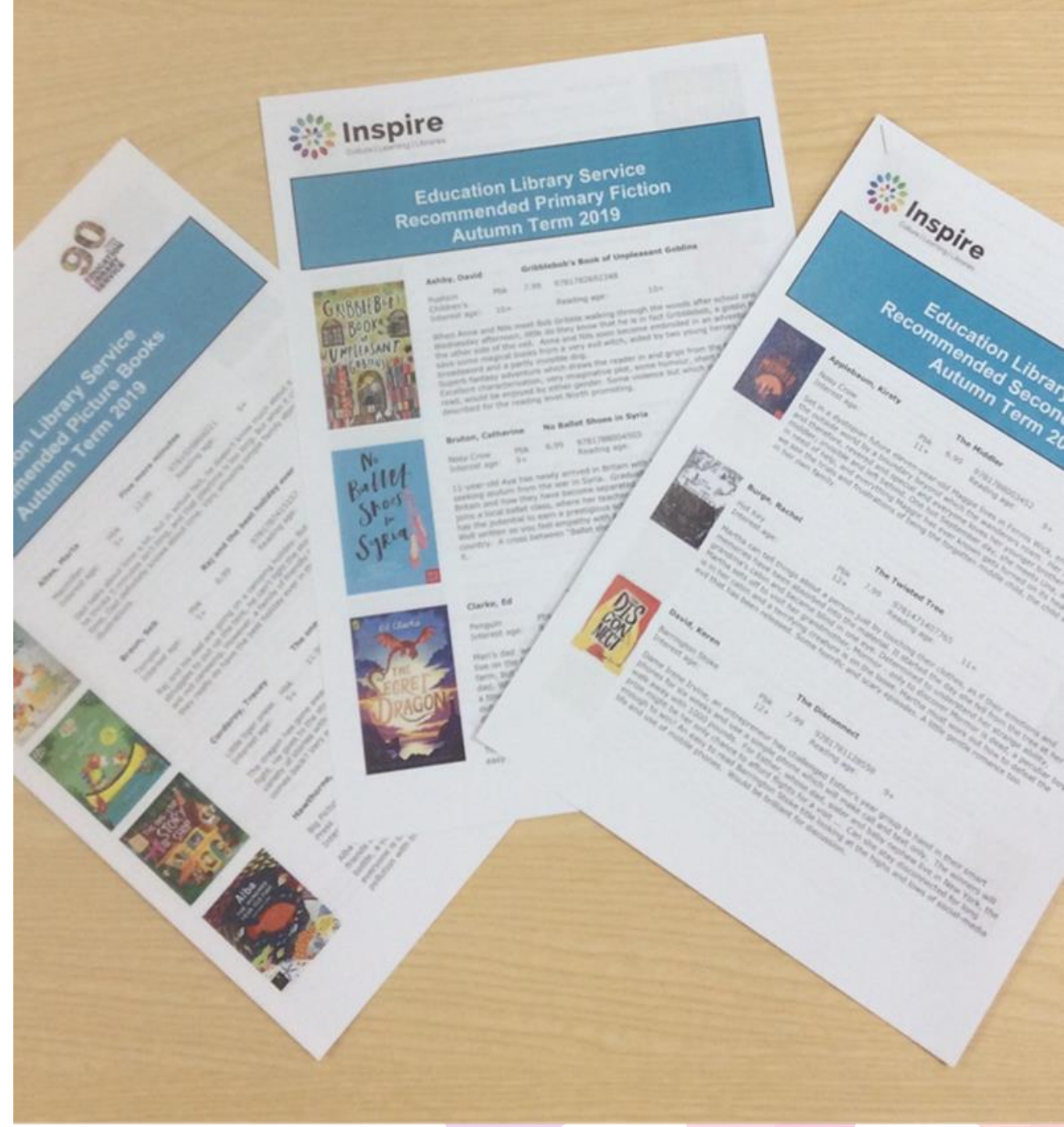


3 Best fiction lists

- Lists of the best fiction ELS has seen and reviewed during the previous term, for teachers to keep up to date with new titles;
 - Picture books
 - Primary fiction
 - Secondary fiction
- Emailed out on our mailing list and available on Inspire's website

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/services-schools/els/what-we-offer/best-fiction-lists/>

- Schools can forward these emails to;
 - Parents
 - Staff
 - Use as they wish
- We also created a top 90+ booklist, in order to celebrate 90 years of ELS

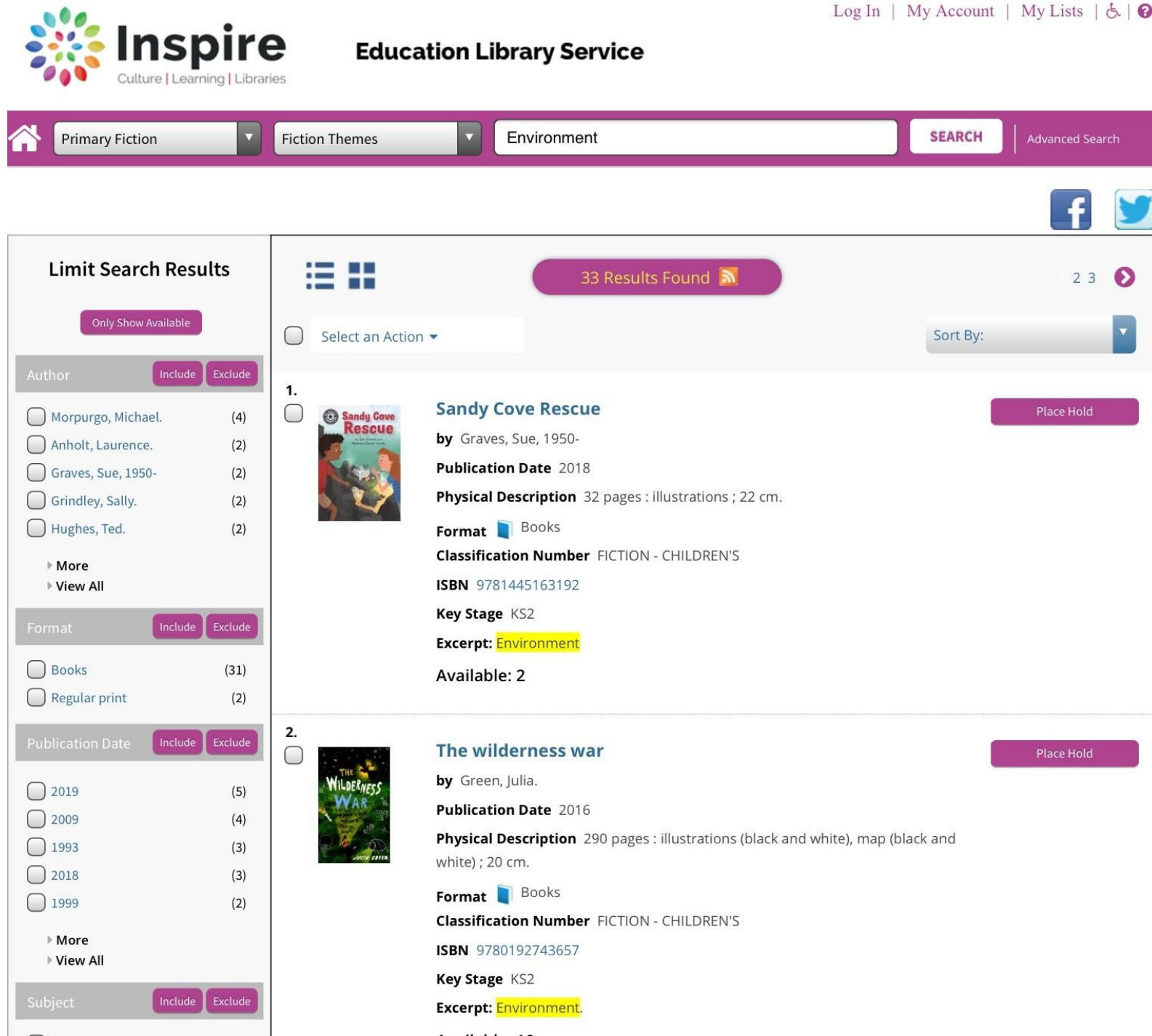


4 On-line catalogue

- Teachers, parents and anyone can use our on-line catalogue (you don't need to log in) at

https://emlib.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/client/en_GB/els

- Search for picture books/primary fiction or secondary fiction on a specific theme by choosing from the drop down menu and typing your theme e.g. environment



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Primary Fiction Fiction Themes Environment **SEARCH** Advanced Search

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Limit Search Results

Only Show Available

Author Include Exclude

- ☐ Morpurgo, Michael. (4)
- ☐ Anholt, Laurence. (2)
- ☐ Graves, Sue, 1950- (2)
- ☐ Grindley, Sally. (2)
- ☐ Hughes, Ted. (2)

► More
► View All

Format Include Exclude

- ☐ Books (31)
- ☐ Regular print (2)

Publication Date Include Exclude

- ☐ 2019 (5)
- ☐ 2009 (4)
- ☐ 1993 (3)
- ☐ 2018 (3)
- ☐ 1999 (2)

► More
► View All

Subject Include Exclude

33 Results Found

Select an Action Sort By:

1. **Sandy Cove Rescue** **Place Hold**

by Graves, Sue, 1950-
Publication Date 2018
Physical Description 32 pages : illustrations ; 22 cm.
Format Books
Classification Number FICTION - CHILDREN'S
ISBN 9781445163192
Key Stage KS2
Excerpt: Environment
Available: 2

2. **The wilderness war** **Place Hold**

by Green, Julia.
Publication Date 2016
Physical Description 290 pages : illustrations (black and white), map (black and white) ; 20 cm.
Format Books
Classification Number FICTION - CHILDREN'S
ISBN 9780192743657
Key Stage KS2
Excerpt: Environment

5 Book talks to pupils

These are to promote Reading for Pleasure, and can be delivered to pupils by librarians in school, or on our mobile library.



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6 Support for reading groups

ELS librarians provide regular collections of books for schools' individual reading groups, for the teachers and pupils to enjoy reading and sharing books together.



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7 Involvement with authors & work with schools

ELS works with authors to promote reading .

- Authors have supported celebrations held at our base
- Authors contact us for help with promoting visits to school, offers , skype sessions
- We email author information to schools and incorporate this in our newsletter & Twitter

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8 Support for School Librarians

ELS supports secondary School Librarians by;

- Management meetings – full day meetings 4 times per year
- Professional development – including an annual inset day
- “Bulletin” – a fortnightly newsletter on relevant issues
- Book lists
- Individual support when needed




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9 The Brilliant Book Award

- This is an annual award voted for by students at Key Stage 3 in schools across Nottinghamshire, Nottingham City and Derbyshire.
- The Brilliant Book Award aims to promote reading to key stage 3 pupils
- ELS organises author visits to schools by the shortlisted authors (these may be shared by several schools)
- It is run in partnership with a local independent bookshop

<https://bba.inspireculture.org.uk/>




The Brilliant Book Award

The Award **The Books** **The Winners** **The Authors** **The Schools**

The Award

[Overview](#) [Aims](#) [Criteria](#) [Timetable](#)

- To promote reading to KS3 pupils
- To raise awareness of children's literature
- To give a voice to pupils through reading for pleasure
- To recognise excellence as well as popularity



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Website by Rock Kitchen Harris

10 Support for local OU/UKLA Teachers' Reading Groups

The team of ELS librarians aims to support and participate in the local OU/UKLA groups

(and they jointly lead the group at Coddington)

We also support the Reading for Pleasure development initiative in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City

We support the following OU/UKLA RfP groups;

- Coddington
- Derby, St Joseph's
- Heanor, Loscoe
- Hucknall, Holgate
- Mansfield, Wainwright
- Nottingham, Sneinton
- Nottingham, Stanhope
- Sturton–Le-Steeple



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Facts and figures

- Currently serves over 328 schools (primary, secondary and special)
- 98.5% customer satisfaction rating (January – December 2019)
- Has a stock of over 300,000 books



Book knowledge



We are enthusiastic about Reading for Pleasure, and book knowledge underpins everything we do.

All of our book stock has been reviewed by our librarians.

Through both the service we offer and our committed, passionate staff we aim to encourage teachers and pupils to share our love for reading.



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Impact and reflections

School Library Services support schools with their Reading for Pleasure and Curricular needs.

The OU/UKLA's Reading for Pleasure research, website, newsletter and groups provide a structure, cite research and share case studies nationally, as well as highlighting this issue to schools, teachers and Ofsted.

ELS is proud to support and promote the OU/ UKLA Groups in our region and RfP issues

It has enabled us to have an opportunity to develop links and have good conversations with more teachers and promote the service.

It has enabled us to adapt our service accordingly.



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