

### Spring has sprung...

It's been a busy term in the Library so we're using this newsletter to catch you up in case you missed any of the action! We've delved into the depths of myths and legends, celebrated the world of books with a World Book Day event and been listening to your requests, adding to the library collection. Needless to say, we're ready for the Easter break before we launch into the summer term!

### Myths, Legends and Folklore

Last term we explored the start of many people's reading journey by looking at fairy tales and tried to encourage you to reconnect with the joy of reading with our 'retell a fairy tale' competition. Well done to everyone who entered and the winners, the standard was extremely high!

This term we wanted to branch into the more 'grown up' side of stories and dived into the realm of myths, legends and folklore with a few underwater style installations. Where did these stories come from? What is a Selkie? Are mermaids real?

Long before the invention of TV and smartphones, stories of myths and legends were often a popular form of entertainment and a way of passing traditions, morals and history from generation to generation. The storyteller was often a revered and respected member of the community. Not only are myths and legends still incredibly popular (I'm sure the search for Nessie is still ongoing) and a source of inspiration, the art of storytelling itself is still relevant in today's society. Films, TV programmes, music, advertising and even social media platforms rely on the traditional techniques of storytelling to promote their messages.

If you missed the installations, you can find all the archived information and further reading links of this and other topics the Library has covered so far, on the Library [Hot Topics](#) page. Happy reading!



### World Book Day

I think we can safely say, World Book Day is the equivalent to the Library's Christmas; it's one of the highlights of our year! Last year we brought you a carnival, this year we stuck with our storytelling theme and tried to immerse you in a book to celebrate the love of reading with us. Participants could explore new worlds in the Sci-Fi genre using VR headsets, go on an adventure around the Library to find other literary guests, venture into vocabulary with our fantastical 'Lexi Cograpther' or find their perfect reading match by having a date with a book in Romance. By far the most popular genre was Graphics, where students became very competitive with the 'draw the title' game, in order to win our retro colour swap pens. Thank you to everyone who, dressed up, joined in and made it a memorable event!



### Reading makes you Blossom

It may still be a bit chilly, but spring has definitely sprung around College and in the Library. Even the digital [reading tree](#) has started to flower. Don't forget to visit the [Reading for Pleasure](#) page on the website to view all the latest reading suggestions and reserve your Easter holiday read!



Thank you for your continued requests, the library fiction collection is gradually growing.

If there is a book you want that we don't have, either as a physical copy or on Libby, please feel free to drop us a suggestion:

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### What's New?



### Meet

A One-tap Reading App from the Library



### Libby.

OPEN 24 HOURS

A state-of-the-art reading experience.

An intuitive and beautiful audiobook player.

Browse, search, and discover.



Use this QR code to get started

If you have any book suggestions so we can grow our collection, please get in touch: [curve@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:curve@barnsley.ac.uk)

### Library Rules

It is lovely to see so many students using the Library but to help keep it a clean, quiet and welcoming environment for all, we would appreciate it if you could refrain from bringing and eating your lunch and snacks in the Library. Library staff have noticed an alarming increase in the amount of rubbish being left and accidental spills happening in the communal study spaces.

Also, please be considerate of those around you and do not congregate in large groups during 'lesson' hours. We love that so many of you feel comfortable in the space but it can get a little loud and disruptive to other students who are trying to use the Library as intended, as a place of study.

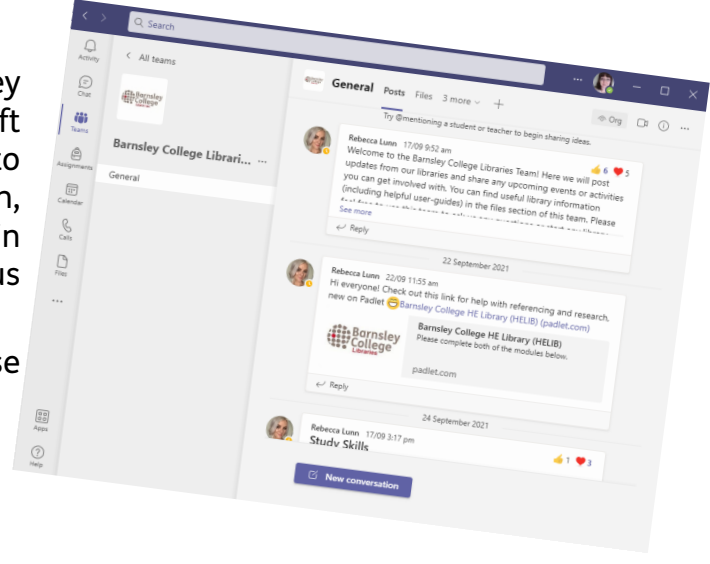
Thank you for your cooperation and, as ever, if you need any assistance or have any problems, please don't hesitate to approach a member of library staff, who will be happy to help you.

### Keep up to date

Make sure you join the Barnsley College Libraries Team on Microsoft Teams to ensure you keep up to date with all the latest information, displays and events happening in your Library! You can also find us on Twitter and Facebook.

If you have any enquiries, please email us:

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### STUDY SKILLS

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