

LIBRARY NEWS



T H O R N D E N S C H O O L



WELCOME

Welcome to the April Newsletter. We're back to school after the Spring Break and hope you all had a relaxing happy time.

GCSE Exams begin in May and the library will again be utilised by students and invigilators.

I wish all Year 11 students the very best in their exams!



THIS MONTH

Collection Focus

Science

Fiction/Dystopia

Featured Author

Featured Books

EBOOKS – SORA

Don't forget to check out this resource!

All students (and members of staff) have access to the Thornden Sora to borrow ebooks, emagazines and eaudiobooks. There's a huge selection with new titles being added regularly.



Apple



Android



OPENING HOURS

Normal times

Monday to Thursday

8:00am to 4:00pm

Friday

8:20am to 3:30pm

GCSE EXAMS

The Library will be closed from 8am for exam set-up, break, lunch times and after school as exams will still be in progress.

If we are able to open at a break/lunch time I'll put a notice on the Library door.

KING CHARLES III CORONATION

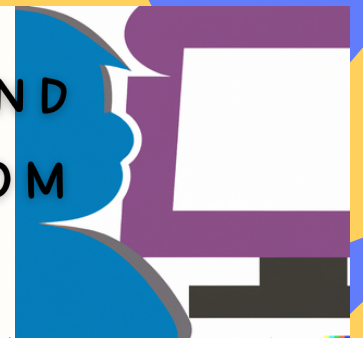


The coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla, as king and queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 6 May 2023, at Westminster Abbey. Charles acceded to the throne on 8 September 2022, upon the death of his mother, Elizabeth II.

To celebrate this event I have created a display in the library, purchased a book about our New King and we have new United Kingdom flag patterned cushion covers too.

GOD SAVE OUR KING!

COMPUTER GAMES ROOM AND ALTERNATIVE LIBRARY ROOM



C1 are still be available for students at lunch times to play games on the computers. There are also tables available for students to play board games on. This room will remain available for students during the GCSE Exams.

There will be another room made available for students to use as an alternative library during the GCSE Exams. I will put a notice on the Library door stating the Room number when it is allocated.

DISPLAYS

The cut-out figure displays purchased by FOTS (Friends of Thornden) for the library continue to be enjoyed by the students.

The white display unit along with newly themed cushion covers continue to encourage students (some who aren't regular readers) to enter the library to see what the displays are about and gives me a chance to engage with them and show them what we have to offer.

The swivel long arm has been attached to the TV during the spring break and connected to a computer where we can access BBC iplayer and is now a regular feature of the school day enabling students to watch the morning BBC News and future major events. The Craft Club students are going to watch tutorials on YouTube and see what new skills we can learn. Thank you again FOTS for your continued support of the library.



DISPLAYS





COLLECTION FOCUS
SCIENCE FICTION /
DYSTOPIA



Science fiction often explores dystopian themes in far-flung worlds that ultimately bear striking similarities to the philosophical questions and moral quandaries that we deal with in the real world. The point is often to raise the question of how different the sci-fi world is from our own. The Hunger Games Trilogy, Maze Runner Series, Angel Trilogy and many more books by noted authors such as Michael Grant, Alexandra Bracken, Ally Condie and Alex Scarrow can all be found in our Thornden Library.

Come in and explore new worlds and societies!



FEATURED AUTHOR

MALORIE BLACKMAN

Malorie Blackman OBE is a British writer who held the position of Children's Laureate from 2013 to 2015. She primarily writes literature and television drama for children and young adults. She has used science fiction to explore social and ethical issues. Her critically acclaimed Noughts and Crosses series uses the setting of a fictional dystopia to explore racism.

FEATURED BOOKS

'HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE DARK' KATHLEEN GLASGOW

'Breathtaking and heartbreaking, and I loved it with all my heart.' Jennifer Niven

'A rare and powerful novel...dives deep into the heart of grief and healing with honesty, empathy, and grace.' Karen M. McManus

'Magnificent. A beautiful, heartbreaking alleluia to survival.' Brendan Kiely

I thought I was done with death, at least a little bit, but death wasn't done with me.

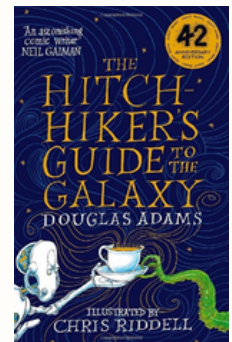
It's always been Tiger and her mother against the world. Then, on a day like any other, Tiger's mother dies. Now it's Tiger, alone.

And she must learn to make friends with the dark.



'THE HITCH-HIKERS GUIDE TO THE GALAXY BY DOUGLAS ADAMS

Arthur Dent is already having a really bad day, even before the Earth gets demolished to make way for a new hyperspace express route. After that things get much, much worse. With just a towel, a small yellow fish and a book, Arthur has to navigate through a very hostile universe in the company of a gang of unreliable aliens. Luckily the fish is quite good at languages.

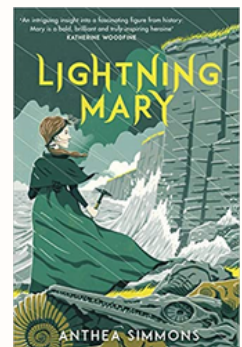


'LIGHTNING MARY BY ANTHEA SIMMONS

Ordinary is what most people are and I am not. I am not ordinary at all. I am a scientist.

One stormy night, a group of villagers are struck by lightning. The only survivor is a baby - Mary Anning. From that moment on, a spark is lit within her.

Growing up poor but proud on the windswept Dorset coast, Mary follows after her father, hunting for fossils uncovered by waves and landslips: ancient creatures, turned to stone. Ignoring other people's taunts, Mary faces danger to bring back valuable treasures to help feed her family. But tragedy and despair is never far away. Mary must depend upon her unique courage and knowledge to fulfil her dream of becoming a scientist in a time when girls have no opportunities for such ambitions. What will happen when she makes her greatest discovery of all...?



With a factual section about Mary Anning, her life, and the discoveries she made.