

THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



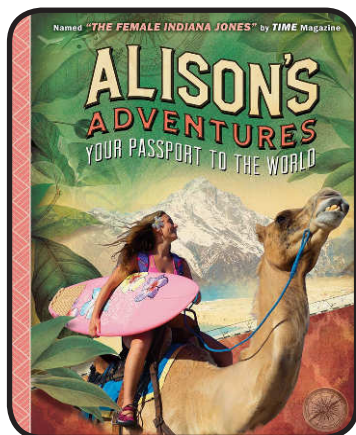
ST. ANNE'S
CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2025

Cover artwork by Aaliyah 8-5

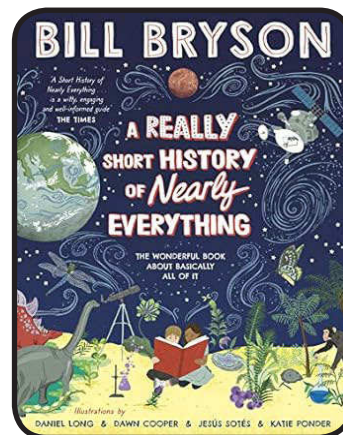
Librarian Recommendations Non-Fiction Month

Inspiring Stories!



Alison's Adventures: Your Passport to the World is a fun and inspiring book by Alison Teal, an explorer and filmmaker. In it, she shares exciting stories from her travels around the world; from surfing in Hawaii to exploring hidden caves and ancient cultures. Along the way, she teaches important lessons about protecting the planet and following your dreams. Not only is this book a fascinating and fun read, but its conservationist focus makes it an important book too.

All Around the World

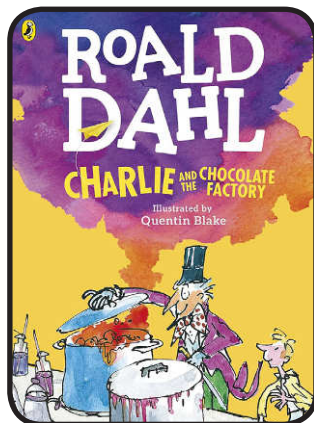


A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson is fascinating. It takes big science ideas, like how the Earth was formed, what atoms are and how life began, and explains them in simple, funny and easy-to-understand ways. Bryson makes learning about space, nature and scientists exciting and enjoyable, helping us all better understand the world we live in and how it came to be. The incredible illustrations are a good bonus too.

New Books available in the Library

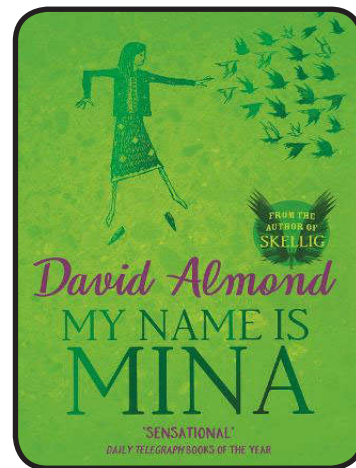
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake (Colour Edition)

There is no question that every school library should have a bit of Roald Dahl in it. Dahl's timeless stories have been read and enjoyed by many people, mainly because he had a knack for creating fun and fantastic worlds and characters. However, this newly acquired 'Colour Edition' of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* proves itself to be even more of an immersive experience. The addition of more colour, more illustrations and more fun makes you feel like this is exactly how this story is supposed to be read, bringing to life the bright and slightly chaotic world of Charlie Bucket and Willy Wonka.



My Name is Mina by David Almond

This book is a beautifully written companion novel to *Skellig*, told through the unique voice of Mina, a curious and imaginative girl who sees the world differently from other people. The book takes the form of Mina's journal, filled with thoughts, poems, and "extraordinary activities" that celebrate creativity, language and wonder. Through her eyes, readers explore themes of freedom, grief, learning and self-expression. *My Name is Mina* reminds us to embrace our individuality, question the ordinary and find magic in everyday life. Almond's poetic writing makes Mina's world both inspiring and unforgettable.



What We Have On at the Library!

Clubs

Debate Club

Thursday Lunchtime (Week A)

Learn how to confidently voice your opinions at Debate Club! Each session, students will be discussing a different question based on a debate topic. Over the past year we have debated: *Should homework be allowed? Is it OK to use AI? Should social media be banned?*



Creative Writing Club

Friday Lunchtime (every week)

Unleash your creativity and imagination at Creative Writing Club where we work on our stories through world building, character development and descriptive writing. Previous activities have included map making, character creation and world generation.



Thank You

Thank you to our **Library Ambassadors** who have done an absolutely amazing job at making the Library neat, tidy and a good environment for everyone!

Huge thanks to **Olivia 9-3** and **Aaliyah 8-5** for creating such beautiful front covers for the Library Newsletter!

Last but not least, thank you to **everyone at St. Anne's** for showing such love and respect for the Library!

Activities

Here at the Enfield Campus Library, we have a range of activities with a range of rewards!

Tier One - 1 Achievement Point

- Crosswords
- Word Searches
- Sudoku
- Logic Games
- Display Board
- Word of the Week

Tier Two - 2 Achievement Points

- Bunting
- Bible Challenge
- Maths Challenge

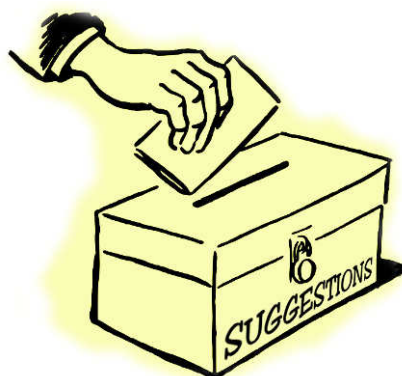
Tier Three - 3 Achievement Points

- Build-a-Newspaper
- Build-a-Book
- Book Review
- Poem Challenge

Just for Fun!

- Mindful Colouring
- Make a Bookmark
- Read a Newspaper

Suggestion Box



Remember everyone...

We have a suggestion box at the Library!

Please use it to let us know about anything new you may want at the Library.

New books? New Challenges? An event?



Ms Subramanian

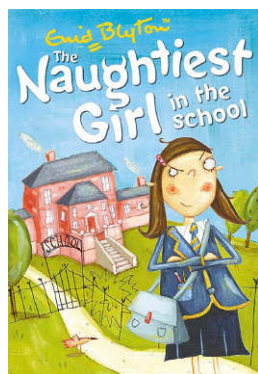
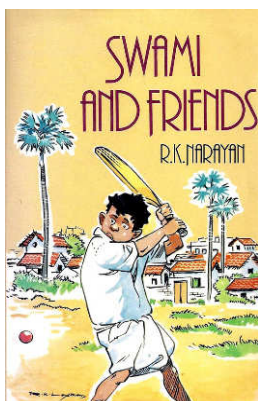


• What is your name?

My name's Sowmya Subramanian (I tell the students it's easier to remember my last name if they think of it as 'super minion').

• What book is your favourite and why?

My favourite book is **Swami and Friends** by R. K. Narayan because it was one of the first ones my father read to me every night when I started reading. It is a 1935 novel that marks the author's debut as an English-language novelist from India and is the first of three books set in the fictional South India town of Malgudi during the British Raj, a time when India was occupied and ruled by the British. **Swami and Friends** is followed by **The Bachelor of Arts** and **The English Teacher**, which completes the trilogy.



• Why do you like being a librarian?

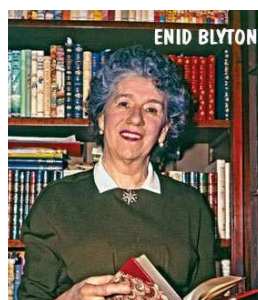
I have always loved books, and it makes me so happy to just be in a room full of them all day and to be able to help students and staff find what they want.

• What do you love about St. Anne's and its library?

I love how warm everyone is here at St. Anne's and I think it is wonderful how efficiently this space is used and well-liked it is by everyone here.

• If you could be one fictional character for a day, which would it be?

Elizabeth Allen from Enid Blyton's **The Naughtiest Girl** series. This is because when I was younger, I wanted to experience for myself that all the excitement and adventures that Elizabeth had at Whyteleafe boarding school with all her friends — it all sounded so much fun!!

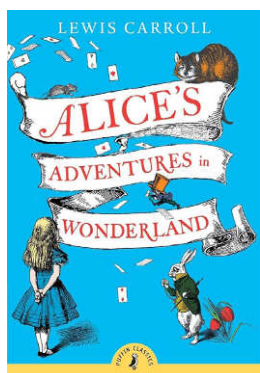


Q&A

Special Feature: Part Two

It's time to get to know your Librarians a little better!

Ms Jazuk



- **What is your name?**

My name is Ms Jazuk which, in case you were wondering, is pronounced 'Jay-Zuk'.

- **What book is your favourite and why?**

My absolute favourite book would have to be **Howl's Moving Castle**, a fantasy novel by British author Diana Wynne Jones. It's just so magical and whimsical. I especially love the writing style — it's so fun, enjoyable and easy to read. Every time I pick this book up to read it, I simply don't stop until I've finished it! **Howl's Moving Castle** is the first novel in a series of books called the **Howl** series. This series also includes **Castle in the Air** and **House of Many Ways**.

- **Why do you like being a librarian?**

There is nothing better to me than being able to work surrounded by books. I love both reading and collecting them, so becoming a librarian really felt like a no brainer to me!

- **What do you love about St. Anne's and its library?**

I love St. Anne's because of the wonderful people here: the students and the teachers. It has been such a great, warm and welcoming school and it is a great library which is definitely a bonus!

- **If you could be one fictional character for a day, which would it be?**

If I could be one character for the day, I would definitely choose Alice from Lewis Carroll's timeless fantasy novel **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland**, written in 1865. Getting to spend the day just walking around and talking to crazy creatures sounds like it would be so much fun.

Events at the Library

Book Sale

During the first half of this term, the Library hosted a book sale!

It was an extremely successful event and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who either bought a book or just came along to see what was happening!

The book sale was so much fun and we raised enough money to purchase many more new books for the Library!



Hot Chocolate

As a show of thanks to our wonderful Library Ambassadors and those who completed ten book reviews in a term, we had our Hot Chocolate at the Library with the Headteacher and Alfie, our school dog. The hot chocolate was so yummy and decadent - and don't forget you can check out [Alfie's Instagram page](#). He's a star!

Anti-Bullying Week

For this year's [Anti-Bullying Week](#), we used our *Power for Good* to produce an interactive display that was displayed from November 10th to 14th. Students added their own experiences onto the board and created poems based on bullying, anti-bullying and using your *Power for Good*.

Non-Fiction Month

The month of November is [Non-Fiction Month](#)! While we all love a bit of fiction, it is also important to give non-fiction a bit of love, which is why we have a whole month dedicated to it! At the Library, we will be celebrating with our [Encyclopaedia Challenge](#) and our [Biography Challenge](#), so stay tuned for that!

Jubilee Year



The late Pope Francis declared 2025 the year of the [Jubilee](#), with the theme being [Pilgrims of Hope](#).

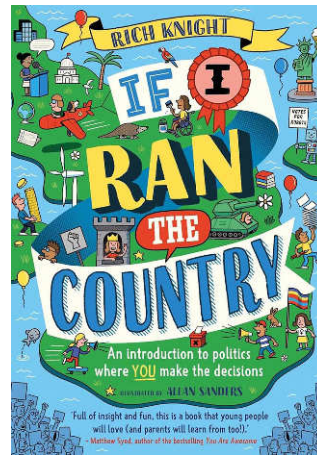
To commemorate the Jubilee, we have purchased an absolutely beautiful new bible for the Library with the money we have raised from the book sale.

Students will be able to use it for study and competing tasks.

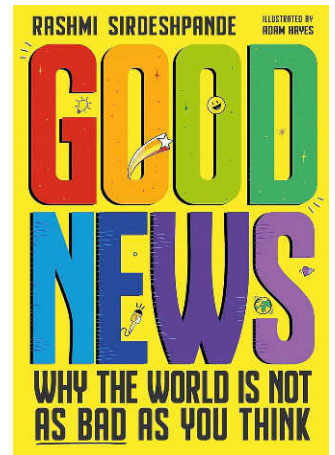
Non-Fiction Month Book List

In honour of Non-Fiction Month, we here at St. Anne's have been thinking about how there are so many wonderful non-fiction books out there in the world!

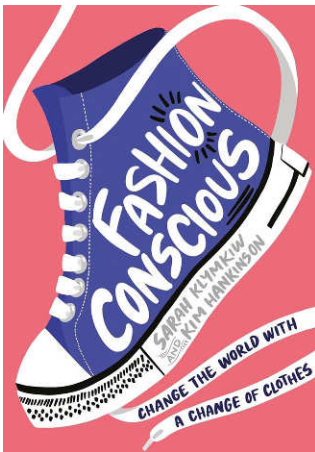
While our collection at the Library is already comprehensive, interesting and fun, there are definitely some additions we would love to welcome to our collection:



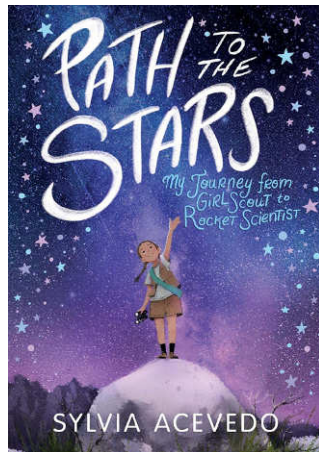
If I Ran the Country
by Rich Knight



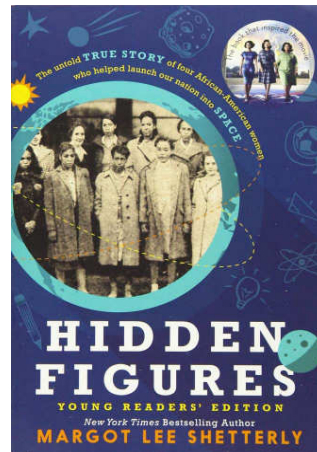
Good News
by Rashmi Sirdeshpande



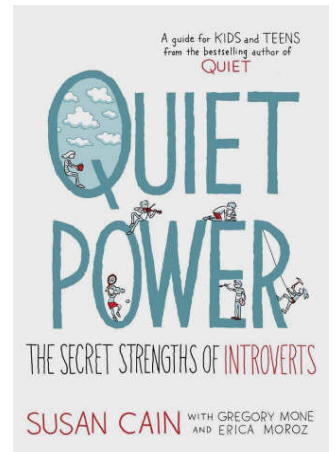
Fashion Conscious
by Sarah Klymkiw



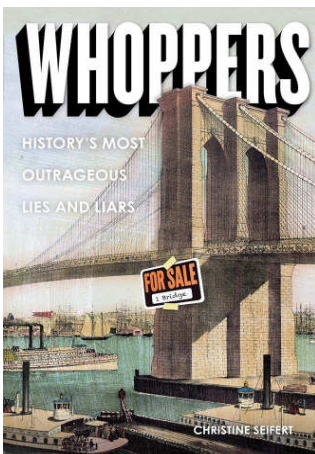
Path to the Stars
by Sylvia Acevedo



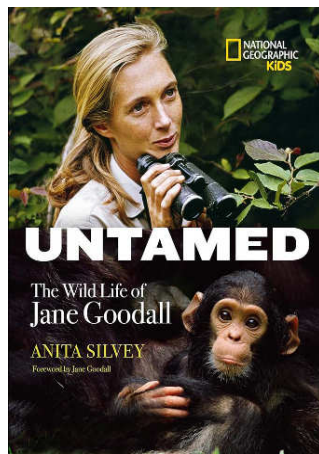
Hidden Figures
(Young Readers Edition)
by Margot Lee Shetterly



Quiet Power:
The Secret Strengths of Introverts
by Susan Cain



Whoppers: History's Most Outrageous Lies and Liars
by Christine Seifert



Untamed:
The Wild Life of Jane Goodall
by Anita Silvey



Finding Wonders:
Three Girls Who Changed Science
by Jeannine Atkins

Book donations are always warmly welcomed here at the Library. Be they books that have been loved and used at home, or completely new books from our suggestion lists, we will always be delighted to give them a home here at the Enfield Campus Library.

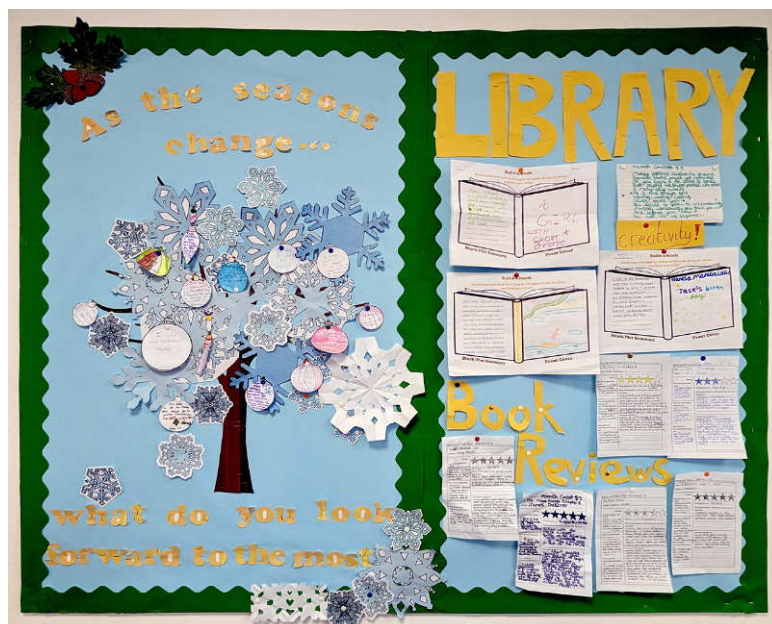
The Gallery



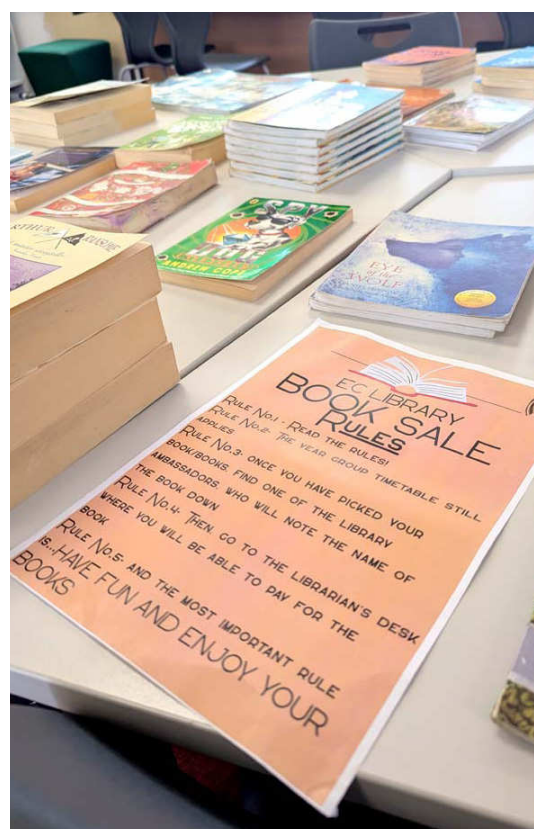
NEW! The Library's Anti-Bullying Week Display



Hot Chocolate with the Head and Alfie!



NEW! Display Board that changes with the seasons!
Created with the help of our wonderful Library Ambassadors and those who come to the Library!



Enfield Campus Library Book Sale

Important Upcoming Dates

for St. Anne's and the rest of the country!



November

Non-Fiction Month

Non-fiction month is the perfect time to appreciate all things fact and fun. Here is a link to a list of recommended non-fiction books for this month.

www.waterstones.com/blog/the-non-fiction-you-need-to-read-in-2025

10-14 November

Anti-Bullying Week

Run by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, this was a week in which we all were extra mindful of efforts towards anti-bullying initiatives and using Our Power for Good (this year's initiative) - for more information click the link below.

anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2025/anti-bullying-week-2025

30 November

St. Andrew's Day

St. Andrew's Day, celebrated on November 30, honours Scotland's patron saint and marks the beginning of the winter festival season in Scotland.

Week commencing 8 December

Computer Science Education Week and Bodhi Day

Bodhi Day is celebrated on 8 December and commemorates the day when Siddhartha Gautama attained enlightenment under the Bodhi tree in Bodh Gaya, India, more than 2,500 years ago.

10 December

Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is observed on 10 December each year to commemorate the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948. This day serves to promote and protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of all individuals globally. Click the link below for more information and resources.

www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day

19 December

Last Day of School!

18 January

World Religions Day

World Religion Day takes place each January, aiming to promote understanding and peace between all religions as well as mutual understanding and tolerance between peoples from different backgrounds. See below for further details about this day.

www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/zs6fsk7

