

Kent Libraries, Registration and Archives – update for schools from Canterbury District Libraries– April 2019

I hope you had a good Easter break and best wishes for the forthcoming term.

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



This term the libraries in Kent will be gearing up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge – Space Chase – which runs in all Kent libraries from Saturday 13 July until Saturday 14 September and ties in with the 50th anniversary of the first landing on the Moon. As always, the aim of the Challenge is for children to read six library books during the summer holidays, collecting stickers and rewards along the way. All children completing the Challenge will receive a medal and certificate.

We hope that this year's challenge with its space-age theme will prove popular and that all local schools will support us in encouraging their students to take part in the Challenge; last year it was a close race with Westmeads narrowly beating Barham and winning the Canterbury District Libraries Schools Cup. So there is all to play for this year as we will again be awarding a cup to the winning school.

If you would like to bring your class along to your nearest library to hear more about the Challenge or about using the library, please contact Whitstable Library at whitstablelibrary@kent.gov.uk

Subject to availability library staff can also visit your school in June or July to talk to the children at assembly about the Challenge. Again, if you would like someone to visit you, please contact your nearest library as soon as possible so we can arrange this.

We also have a limited number of Space Chase bookmark invitations to give away so if you would like some for your school please let us know as soon as possible as these will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



Did you know that your school can have its own library ticket, to borrow up to 50 books or spoken word items at a time for classroom use? These items can be borrowed for up to eight weeks. There is no charge for a school ticket although overdue items are subject to fines at the adult rate and there is also a charge for reserving specific titles. If you would like your school to have a library ticket, please call at your

nearest library with some form of identification to show that you work at the school (e.g. a School ID badge). The library will then prepare your ticket for you and provide further information about it.



Saturday 25 May is Elmer Day and Canterbury, Herne Bay and Whitstable Libraries will all be holding story and craft activities that day. Check out Canterbury Libraries Facebook page for more details of these events. All are welcome to come along and celebrate everyone's favourite patchwork elephant who celebrates his 30th birthday this year.



Canterbury Library's CoderDojo club for ages 7 to 17 starts again on Thursday 25 April and takes place every two weeks until the end of the summer term, from 5pm to 7pm. Children should bring a laptop with them if possible and can practise and develop their computer coding skills in an informal environment, helped by our bunch of friendly and knowledgeable volunteers who assist at the sessions. For more information please contact canterburylibrary@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 31 31.



Canterbury Library is planning to start a Lego club for children soon. The details will be advertised on Canterbury Libraries Facebook page. For more information please contact canterburylibrary@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 31 31.



Finally, for any questions about libraries, to arrange a class visit or to talk about how we can support your curriculum and promote reading – please contact your local library on whitstablelibrary@kent.gov.uk

We look forward to hearing from you soon.