



## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2024

**Welcome** to our “summer season” newsletter which will update you on all the happenings since the Spring newsletter and tell you about future events in the pipeline. Just a reminder that many of the usual groups do not meet during school holidays so also no school visits take place. If you have any forthcoming events/news which you would like included in the autumn newsletter my email address and deadline for submission prior to publication will be given at the end of this newsletter and every following issue.

### Review

The usual children’s activity groups have continued to be popular and well attended during term times (Stay & Play, Lego Club and Quiet Lego). Settle Primary School classes 1,2, 3 and 4 have also visited with a total of 115 children, unfortunately the arranged class 5 visit had to be cancelled. Additionally the SELFA Youth Group (Skipton Extended Learning for All) came to explore the Library and Freda’s Nursery (Giggleswick) also visited to have a look around the library. There was an Elmer Day on 30<sup>th</sup> May which was attended by 12 children and seven adults so plenty happening in our Library.

Knit and Natter group continue to meet in the Library on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. On 4<sup>th</sup> July they held a coffee morning for Breast Cancer organised by Hazel Richardson and Debi Burrige with lots of delectable cakes, scones and biscuits. There was also a raffle and a ‘Guess the Weight’ of a delicious looking Dundee cake kindly made by Karen Allsopp to her grandmother’s recipe. A total of £100 was raised for the charity, so thank you to all who were able to support the event.

The Asthma and Lung UK support group meet once a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday afternoon.

Settle Area Refugee Support week took place between 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the Library provided the venue. This year the theme was ‘Our Home’ which was included in the Friday Lego club and Stay and Play sessions. The week was rounded off in the Library on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June with poetry and prose readings followed by tea and cakes, a very enjoyable afternoon.

Household Support Vouchers scheme is running again. The Library is able to assist with these as necessary.

Summer Reading Challenge for ages 7 – 11 years started on 13<sup>th</sup> July and runs through until September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Buzzy Bees scheme for under 5s has been relaunched. Most of the children signing up to this year’s reading challenge heard about it at school and have been very enthusiastic about signing up to it.



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Marvellous Makers August events (see table for dates and times) have been organised in the Library for children between the ages of 7 and 11 this summer. Please note that children aged **7 – 12** are included in the Lego Animation session which is also the only activity which **must** be prebooked as numbers are limited to 10 children. THIS SESSION IS NOW FULL WITH A WAITING LIST. Whilst all these fun events are free donations are invited and are always more than welcome as all the materials are provided.

### Marvellous Makers Activities

| Day       | Date                    | Time             | Age Range     | Activity                       |
|-----------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Thursday  | 8 <sup>th</sup> August  | 10.30am–12 Noon  | 7 - 11        | Storyweaving & Teddy Capes     |
| Wednesday | 14 <sup>th</sup> August | 10.30am–12.30 pm | <b>7 - 12</b> | Lego Animation Workshop        |
| Tuesday   | 20 <sup>th</sup> August | 10.30am–12 Noon  | 7 - 11        | Stickmen & Lift-the-Flap books |
| Friday    | 30 <sup>th</sup> August | 10.30am–12.30pm  | 7 - 11        | Tech Makers, incl. Sound Beam  |

### News

NYCC recently introduced a new email reminder service to borrowers who have registered an email address. This automatically sends an email to the borrower five days before their loan expires and tells them how they can renew or return their loans. A further improvement to the Library's service is that customers can now select to have an email sent to them when they borrow items through the self-checkout machine instead of a printout.

The annual AGM of Settle Community Library took place in the library on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June in the evening. There were 16 attendees including trustees plus three Zoom participants. Sue Fischer retired as Secretary on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Marie Pearson had taken over this role. Debi Burridge is Chairperson and Geraldine Reardon has taken over from Cedric Broady as Treasurer.

Jenny Geere has taken over responsibility for the Books Display, currently showcasing the Olympics and this is also in the children's display section. Grateful thanks to Carole Binns for all her hard work on the earlier displays.

Our Key Performance Indicators show that Library usage is almost back to pre-Covid levels with only computer usage being noticeably lower.



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Mid October for our **Autumn newsletter** so notice required for inclusions by end of 1<sup>st</sup> week in October please. My name is Wendy, and my email address is:

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