

Teen Librarian

Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to the November edition of TLM! A lot has happened since the last edition, first (and to me the most important) my wife and I welcomed our beautiful daughter into the world at the end of October. It is entirely likely that reviews on picture books as well as information on working with babies, toddlers and other small (pre)readers will start making an appearance in Teen Librarian the blog as well as the newsletter.

We begin the articles this month with information on a display I put together in the wake of the Paris Attacks on the off-chance that anyone would like to use what I have to add to displays they have already set up or put up a new display. Following on from that, Librarian Jessamyn West has created a Facebook page to assist librarians and libraries that may find themselves in the midst of a crisis.

It is not all doom and gloom in the world with news that the BBC will be championing reading in a big way in 2016 with the Get Reading Programme.

CILIP is looking for librarians to get involved with Shape the Future, planning for the next four years on the development of CILIP. I have also included an excerpt of CILIP CEO's speech from the Speak Up For Libraries Conference containing information on a forthcoming campaign of support and solidarity for library and information professions.

Publisher Barrington Stoke has released an app called Tint to assist readers with dyslexia and visual stress when using tablets.

I have included a book list on child soldiers for potential future displays, if anyone has titles they would like to suggest for inclusion please do let me know!

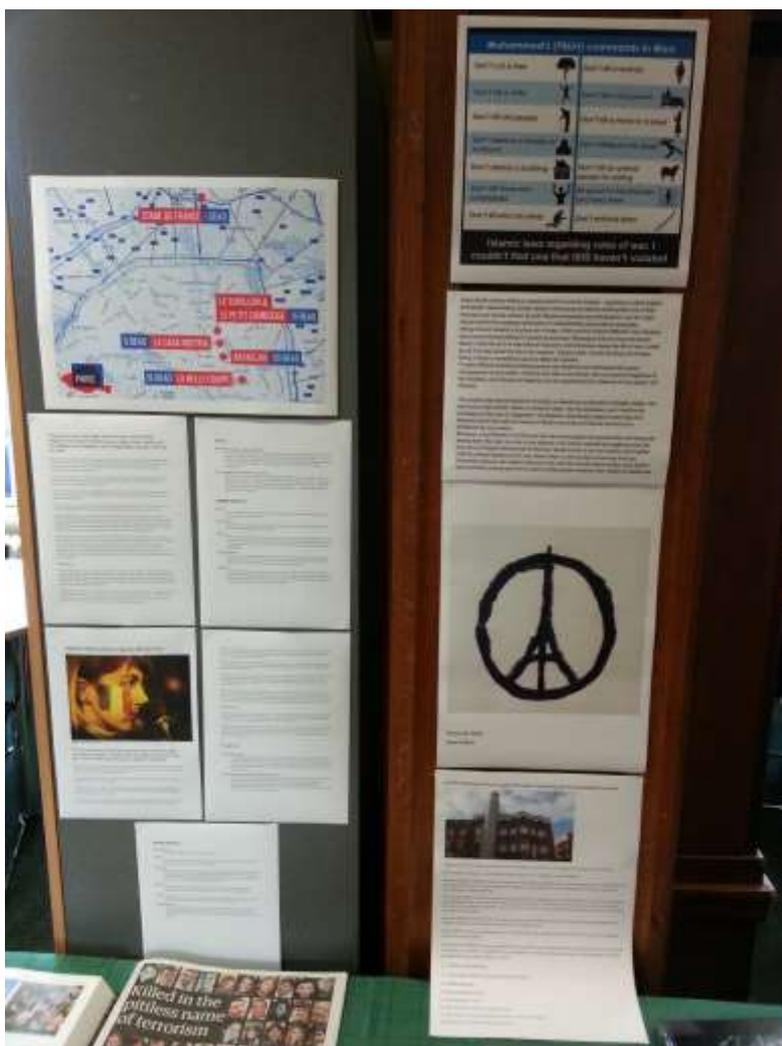
There is a new Reading Hack website courtesy of the Reading Agency, if you are not sure what Reading Hack is I have included a bit of information.

I have also added some links to interesting websites and online articles, including a brilliant series of articles on the School Library Journal relating to working with teens, courtesy of the brilliant. John Vincent

Reading is Radical!



#ParisAttacks Display



I started planning a display on the Paris Attacks the day after they happened. Initially I was planning on using reports from the various news agencies around the world to give an international perspective on what was happening in Paris. This idea did not last long as there was so much information being generated that I could have papered the library with everything that was available.

Another area of concern was the fact that as a boarding school, I work with a large number of students that have English as a second language and I wanted one display for everyone. Fortunately The Day has created a [report on the attacks](#) that they have made free to use

I also used the sketch by French artist Jean Jullien,



the teachings of Islam from a tweet by Khaled AL Homsy, you can view them here:

<https://twitter.com/PalmyraPioneer/status/665397983706488832> to show that what the terrorists do is not in the name of the faith they profess and the [joint statement from the London Mosques](#) denouncing this crime against humanity.



friends from the whole world,
thank you for #prayforPARIS,
but we don't need more
religion! our faith goes
to music! Kisses! Life!
champagne and joy!
#PARISisaboutLife

I included a travel guide on Paris, the World Book Encyclopedia entry on Paris as well as a book on being Muslim, The Times and The Guardian newspapers from today, [an explanation of why Da'esh is being used by a growing number of people and organisations instead of ISIS & ISIL](#) and three general information books on terrorism.

Lastly, I added a sketch from French cartoonist & film-maker [Joann Sfar](#) to stimulate conversation about religion and secularism

Libraries Step Up (In Times of Crisis)

Librarian Jessamyn West has set up a Fb page to assist librarians and libraries that find themselves in the midst of a crisis.

The nominal purpose of this group is to

1. Centrally store documents and links that will help libraries in times of crisis.
2. Offer a location to offer direct aid, assistance with organizing and a voice for libraries and librarians in specific crisis times.
3. Raise awareness for ongoing library issues that are the result of some sort of political or natural disaster.

Please note that this group is not for general advocacy or fundraising on crisis topics or general non-crisis fundraising or appeals. There are many wonderful Facebook groups that serve those purposes. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/libcrisis/>

Get Reading

Working with the BookTrust, The National Literacy Trust, The Reading Agency, The Society of Chief Librarians & the Scottish Library and Information Council the BBC wants to encourage everyone to Get Reading.

Beginning with the BBC Shakespeare Festival in the spring of 2016, as well as a season on the Brontë Sisters across BBC Two and BBC Four and programming on Rudyard Kipling and Jeanette Winterson. In the summer, the focus will on Children's Books, celebrating Roald Dahl's centenary and many of the greatest living children's authors.

Highlights of Get Reading

- A children's books season will feature a major BBC Two documentary celebrating the life and work of Roald Dahl; accompanying BBC Four programmes include a film following a group of primary school children as they learn to read. Radio 4 will offer dramatisations of Roald Dahl's autobiographies *Boy* and *Going Solo*. CBBC is planning an Awesome Authors Live event to complement their storytelling season, whilst 500 Words on the Chris Evans Breakfast Show on Radio 2, a short story competition for children, returns for a sixth year.
- BBC Two's season and a nationwide online campaign *The Book That Inspired Me* (W/T), led by BBC Learning, will get the nation sharing the books that inspired them and build a picture of the books that matter most to 21st Century Britons, culminating in a major gala celebration.
- Get Reading Weekend. Working with key organisations across the country including BookTrust, the National Literacy Trust, the Reading Agency, the Society Of Chief Librarians and the Scottish Library and Information Council, the BBC will aim to inspire the nation to read something new across one weekend in November.
- Programmes across TV and Radio will celebrate great writers. BBC One, BBC Two and BBC Four will celebrate the Brontës, Radio 4 will explore the work of Alex Garland, Toni Morrison, Jeanette Winterson, while BBC Two will feature a new documentary on Rudyard Kipling. A major BBC Four series *The Secrets Of The Books We Love* will reveal the workings of British genre fiction. Simon Mayo will be one of the BBC's Book Ambassadors for 2016 as his Radio 2 Book Club continues to go from strength to strength and the BBC Nations and Regions will be finding out the books that define the different parts of Britain.
- BBC Shakespeare Festival 2016 will mark 400 years since Shakespeare's death with programmes including a BBC Two live broadcast of the RSC's Shakespeare Show (W/T) with David Tennant, and

the next instalment of *The Hollow Crown: The Wars Of The Roses*, starring Benedict Cumberbatch, and Russell T Davies' adaptation of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will feature on BBC One.

- BBC Arts Online will enhance Books On The BBC, personalised with blogs and tips from many of our best-loved faces like Simon Mayo and Mariella Frostrup - providing a one-stop shop for book lovers across the country.

For full details on Get Reading take a look at these sites:

<http://www.thebookseller.com/news/bbc-launches-year-long-campaign-get-nation-reading-316569>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2015/get-reading>



The current CILIP Business Plan comes to an end in December 2015. This gives us an opportunity to look ahead to the next 4 years and decide as a community how we want CILIP to develop.

Shape the Future is an open, collaborative project to develop CILIP's Strategic Plan 2016-2020. We want to ensure that as many people as possible have a chance to contribute to this plan including members and non-members, external parties, staff and partners in all 4 nations of the UK and internationally.

Shape the Future is an open consultation that runs between the 25th September and the 16th December 2015.

The main channel for responding to the consultation is via the dedicated [online questionnaire](#). This takes about 20 minutes to complete and asks a series of questions based on the consultation document as well as providing an opportunity for more open responses.

For full details and to get involved, follow these links:

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/blog/help-us-shape-cilip-s-future>

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/about/projects-reviews/strategic-plan-2016-2020> .

Excerpt from CILIP CEO Nicholas Poole's Speech at the Speak Up for Libraries Conference

On the 25th November, we will launch a campaign of support and solidarity for the library and information professions. Our aim with this campaign is to raise national awareness of the value and impact of library and information professionals and to lobby for policy to protect and promote their interests.

The key elements of this campaign will include:

- A visible campaign of PR, media and promotional activity to raise the profile of our members and their skills while also raising awareness of the huge threats they face. A much more vocal campaign – although always operating constructively, independently and with respect;
- A proactive campaign – which we have already begun – of writing directly to portfolio holders and local MP's calling on them to abide by their statutory and civic duty toward their library services and the people who use them;
- A suite of supporting materials, evidence, information and statistics for use by our members when articulating the value and impact of their services for the public;
- Direct support for our members who find themselves at risk of redundancy – including an advice line, financial support through the benevolent fund, access to careers information and CV clinics;
- Direct engagement with English Ministers across Whitehall as well as support for colleagues in CILIPS and CILIP in Wales and Northern Ireland in their political advocacy;
- Published legal advice from a leading human rights Barrister clarifying the definition of 'comprehensive and efficient' under the 1964 Act and the duty of improvement it places on the Secretary of State;
- Support for a national SUFL lobby to bring these messages directly to elected members and officials in Westminster;
- Engagement with the Leadership for Libraries Taskforce to push for large-scale solutions and supporting policies endorsed by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport;
- Direct support, advice and help for members who find themselves making a career transition

This campaign will launch on the 25th November to coincide with the announcement of the initial 2015 Spending Review for England, and will continue throughout 2016 as departmental budgets and budgets in devolved nations are released.

Read the full speech here:

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/news/speak-libraries-speech-nick-poole>

For more details on the Speak Up For Libraries Conference, take a look at Ian Anstice's notes over at Public Library News:

<http://www.publiclibrariesnews.com/library-closing/conferences/speak-up-for-libraries-conference-november-14th-2015>

Tints

Publisher Barrington Stoke has released an app to make reading on tablets easier for readers with dyslexia and visual stress. Currently the app is only available for OSX but an Android version will be forthcoming soon.

Find out more here: <http://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/tints.html>



A list of novels, comics and non-fiction about children and teenagers that through necessity, trickery or coercion become soldiers

Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz
A Long Way Gone – Ishmael Beah
Attack on Titan (manga) – Hajime Isayama
Boy Soldier – Andy McNab
Buffalo Soldier – Tanya Landman
Charley's War (graphic novel) – Pat Mills & drawn by Joe Colquhoun
CHERUB series – Robert Muchamore
Child Soldier – Jessica Dee Humphreys & Claudia Davila
Chronicles of Narnia – C.S. Lewis
Code Name Verity – Elizabeth Wein
Ender's Game – Orson Scott Card
Fullmetal Alchemist (manga) – Hiromu Arakawa
Harry Potter series – J.K. Rowling
How I Live Now – Meg Rosoff
Leviathan trilogy – Scott Westerfeld
Little Soldier – Bernard Ashley
Percy Jackson series – Rick Riordan
Refugee Boy – Benjamin Zephaniah
Rose Under Fire – Elizabeth Wein
The Hero and the Crown & The Blue Sword – Robin McKinley
The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins
Tomorrow When the War Began – John Marsden
Warchild – Emmanuel Jal

Reading Hack

Reading Hack is a programme started by the Reading Agency, it is led by young people aged 13 to 24, who do reading activities and volunteering called hacks to gain skills and experience.

Reading Hack turns reading on its head and enables young people to create their own hacks, meet new people, build their skills and inspire others to read.

After a £1 million gift from The Paul Hamlyn Foundation to develop our work with young people (aged 13 to 24) to build on the success of Reading Activists, with a new vision to inspire young people to read, encourage them to share their love of reading with others and let them celebrate the benefits of reading.

Check out the new Reading Hack website and find out ways to get involved:

<http://readinghack.readingagency.org.uk/>

Links of Interest

The School Library Journal Teen Issue

<http://www.slj.com/features/the-teen-issue-slj-2015/#>

Browns Books for Students is offering bundles of the 2016 WBD titles on preorder at £5 per 50 on their site: <http://www.brownsbfs.co.uk/Pages/world-book-day>

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