



Shortlisting for the Hampshire Book Award 2018

'When last year's HBA participants excitedly asked if they could do it again in Year 9 I was keen to capitalise on their enthusiasm. Thinking on my feet I casually suggested they could look at the longlist for 2018. In fact, having been asked by my SLS adviser to join the shortlisting panel, I was secretly grateful for their help in tackling the 80 odd books that needed to be read and evaluated!

My band of 14 judges met once a week over drinks and biscuits from November to February. Between us we read 74 of the books on the shortlist; those that were in serious contention were read by 3 or 4 students to get a range of viewpoints. I devised a simple scoring sheet whereby students graded a book from 0 to 5 in answer to brief questions. E.g. Question: 'Would you recommend this book to a friend? Answer on a scale of 0 to 5 from 'I wouldn't make my worst enemy read this book' to 'I think everyone should read this book'. This process wasn't too onerous and off-putting, and produced quantifiable data to put forward to the shortlisting panel. After lots of enjoyable discussion, we drew up a list of three 'must have' and 10 'best of the rest' titles.

I wholeheartedly recommend trying this exercise with Year 9 students. Saying "I need your help to assess this book" is empowering and gives keen readers a chance to really shine; they thrive on the responsibility. Seeing their excitement as I set off to the shortlisting meeting, and revealing that 5 of their recommendations had made it on to the shortlist, has definitely been a career highlight.'

By Michelle Holmes, Librarian, The Vyne School.

More information about the Hampshire Book Award can be found [here](#).



Hampshire Literature Quiz 2018

The 5th Hampshire School Library Service Literature Quiz took place during the month of March. 26 Secondary schools from across Hampshire took part in regional events at the beginning of the month and 6 progressed to the County Final on the 28th March at the Winchester Discovery Centre.

Competition was very fierce but the winning team were the 4 boys from Thornden School in Chandlers Ford. They won by 1 ½ points after 10 rounds, with Calthorpe Park second and The Hamble School third.

Questions ranged from Classics to Books on Film, from Around the World to Opening Lines. Congratulations to Thornden who were awarded book tokens as well as the winning shield.



The other finalists were from Wavell School, The Vyne School and The Clere school.

Using Fiction to Support British Values: SLS Annual Secondary Seminar

'Fernhill School's librarian Sue Murdoch, EAL Coordinator Rosie Cayless and myself, Beci Hudson Poet in Residence, attended this year's Secondary Seminar at the Winchester Discovery Centre. The theme this year was Using Fiction to Support British Values and Amnesty International UK were invited to attend.

The speaker, Rowena Seabrook, spoke to us passionately about the importance of students understanding human rights, and how literacy could be used to teach and explore human rights.

We were given a variety of resources, including an illustrated poster for human rights, the 'Little Pink Passport' of human rights, book-marks, and several stories from Amnesty's short-story collection 'Here I Stand', which contains stories from well known writers such as Malorie Blackman and Sabrina Mahfouz. We also looked at texts such as 'Alpha' by Barroux Bessora among others. The library has already ordered some of the books Rowena recommended and our students have expressed an interest in several of these texts. We hope to continue building on this by bringing some of these texts and ideas into library lessons.'

By Beci Hudson, Fernhill School

Further information about the Secondary Seminar and Amnesty's International's Presentation can be found [here](#).



The Red Ribbon: cross-curricular Holocaust education at The Romsey School

'This year, The Romsey School are fortunate enough to be one of 19 schools across the country to be selected to work with the University College London (UCL) as a Beacon School for Holocaust education. This means that the school are working closely with the Centre for Holocaust Education at UCL and other local schools to create and share outstanding lessons and educational opportunities for pupils both in Romsey and across Hampshire in order to increase their understanding of the Holocaust.

Like most school librarians I am keen to promote the library and find opportunities to make links with departments. One of these opportunities came along last term, which also fitted in with the above aims, when I heard from The Reading Agency that I had won a set of ten copies of newly-published historical novel, The

Red Ribbon by Lucy Adlington. The proviso for receiving the books was that pupils should review the book. I had thought that this was something for keen readers in my pupil reading club to do. I received ten beautiful hardback copies of the book, complete with a pack of classroom resources. The story is set during the Second World War and takes place in Auschwitz-Birkenau or Birchwood as it is referred to. However, it concerned an aspect of Auschwitz about which I previously knew nothing. The main character in the story is Ella, a Jewish teenager, who has been taught to sew by her grandmother. She manages to gain a place working in the sewing room at the camp. This was a sought-after job, where young women with tailoring skills spent their days, in the midst of all the horrors of the camp, sewing beautiful couture clothes for the female guards and officer's wives. '



By Fiona Crowther, Librarian, The Romsey School *Full article is available [here](#).*

@RedRibbonGroup2

Upcoming Events...

- Transition Book Lists Available**
Please contact your local base
- Creative Displays (SLIB0182)**
19th June, Fareham Library
- Hampshire Book Award Voting day**
Thursday 28th June
- Support Group Forums**
Taking place between 22nd May and 13th June

To book your place at one of our forums please click [here](#) or visit the training area of our Moodle [here](#)

World Book Day Doors at The Costello School

'Having started as School Librarian in January, I thought entering the national World Book Day Award competition would be a great way to raise the profile of reading throughout the school, not just in the LRC itself. Our head of English came up with the idea of getting tutor groups to turn their doors into book-inspired displays. The prize for students taking part came in the form of house points, chocolates for the winning tutor group in each year, plus lots of fun along the way!

The result was around a dozen fantastic door displays and it created a real buzz about reading around the school. '

By Sam Lomax, Librarian, The Costello School

The Full article is available [here](#).



Reminder GDPR Coming into Effect May 2018

The new General Data Protection Regulations come in to effect May 25th 2018, as a result data handling practices will change. There is more information around cloud based services and the changes to current legislation available in the IT section on our Moodle [here](#).

Update: LMS Suppliers Showcase

The next LMS Suppliers Showcase will be held Wednesday 31st October 09:00– 12:30, Ashburton Hall, Ell Court, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ . Ref: **SLIB0183-18AB**

Please book via the Learning Zone [here](#).

The event is free to our subscribing schools, but booking is essential and priority will be given to those who did not attend the event in March.

For more information, please contact Hampshire School Library Service:

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