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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



As I write this the leaves are falling, the nights are drawing in and we head into that least liked Winter season. I always take it as my signal that I can take more time for reading – there is less to do outside, and nothing quite as nice as snuggling down beside an open fire with a good book! I hope you get chance to do something similar as time and school business allows.

Regardless SLA business continues! Nominations for the SLA School Librarian of the Year are open now – think about taking part, or nominating someone you know who is doing excellent current work in their school.

Don't we have another wonderful cover for *The School Librarian*? Chris Riddell is keen that the original of each of the illustrations used for the cover then finds a home in a school library. To

give you all a chance – please send an email to me (tricia.adams@sla.org.uk) with a subject line 'School Librarian Covers' giving your name and address details – we will put all the entries into a hat and draw out one winner.

The winner of the Autumn draw is Lawri Bourne at the Mary Webb School and Science College, Shrewsbury – and a very special parcel is on its way to them! Good luck everyone!

The Information Book Award will be announced on 22 November – too late for our print deadline, but do watch out for the results on the website and social media.

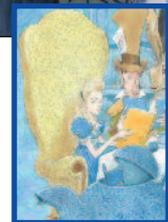
Planning is going well for the 2018 Course in Glasgow – see the main journal for dates, venue and a few teasers!

Wishing you a happy and peaceful holiday!

Season's Greetings

Tricia Adams

P.S. Read about our new online course below and look out for updates to our regional course training programme on the back page.



NEW ONLINE CPD COURSE!

The SLA has launched a brand new online course to complement our successful range of online CPD training.

Work Smarter is designed to help you to make a positive impact and valuable contribution to your school and at the same time show you how to gain better control of your workload. You will learn communication skills and understand how to be more assertive with both students and other adults in your school community. On completion, you will have more confidence and ideas for making your job more enjoyable and to take a strategic rather than merely operational role in your school.

The course consists of six modules and on completion you will gain a certificate from the School Library Association which can be used as evidence of continuing professional development (CPD).

Visit our online CPD training pages for more information:

www.sla.org.uk/online-cpd



WORK SMARTER

Exclusive Member Benefits

The Day

Improve whole-school literacy and introduce students to the exciting world of current affairs with this exclusive offer from *The Day* and *The Day Explorer*. These online resources for primary and secondary schools are designed to make librarians' and teachers' lives easier, engage students in current events and build their critical literacy skills.



The Day is suitable for:

- Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 students aged 11–19 years
- EAL or SEN students.

The Day Explorer is suitable for:

- Key Stage 2 students aged 7–11 years
- Key Stage 3 students who are reluctant readers, or have a lower predicted reading age
- EAL or SEN students.

At *The Day* and *The Day Explorer*, we love facts. That is why everything written by our team of trained journalists supports teachers wanting to ignite curiosity in their classrooms. Articles are published daily and weekly on the most relevant and stimulating world issues, allowing students of all ages and abilities to truly engage with the world around them.

Use our extensive archive of material in curriculum lessons, guided reading sessions, form time and whole-school assemblies. Improve students' literacy and critical thinking skills by relating current events to the national curriculum. Stimulate discussion and debate in the classroom using our interactive activities and assignments.

Visit theday.co.uk or thedayexplorer.co.uk to sign up for a free, no obligation trial. SLA members who subscribe to either service by 31 December 2017 will receive 3 months of free usage in their first year. To find out more about subscribing to *The Day* and/or *The Day Explorer* on behalf of your school, call 0207 300 7316 or email enquiries@theday.co.uk.

Wheelers ePlatform

Wheelers Books are pleased to offer all SLA members free access to **ePlatform One**, a schools eBook and Audiobook solution. Schools will have instant access to over 1,100 eBooks and 500 Audiobooks, over £32,000 worth of popular, award winning fiction content. ePlatform is cost efficient for schools to afford, and convenient for students to access with simple annual memberships, no credits or publisher restrictions to factor in, and 24/7 access via your internet browser and the ePlatform mobile app downloadable to personal devices. There are collections specific to primary or secondary students, with collections designed to keep students engaged and excited



and regularly updated with new releases, trending titles or user requests on demand.

Wheelers are offering all schools free trials so to experience ePlatform for yourself or for more information, please call James Richmond on 01242 801852, E-Mail on jamesr@eplatform.co – or take a look online at <https://eplatform.co/uk/eplatform-one/> and sign up for a free demo.

European Schoolbooks

The SLA has partnered with European Schoolbooks Ltd to give you a 10% discount on all European books bought through the European Bookshop website. Books are available in many languages including French, Spanish, Italian, German and Russian. Children's books, dictionaries, National Curriculum set texts, games, magazines and coursebooks are all available.



Simply visit <http://bit.ly/2zkiTrk> or select 'School Library Association' on the Partners page at www.europeanbookshop.com

AMAZING! Magazine

DISCOUNT FOR SLA MEMBERS

Looking for new and exciting ways to engage reluctant readers? Then look no further than *Amazing!* Magazine.

Each issue is 36 pages long and covers core curriculum subjects, including maths, English, history, geography, science, art, languages and PSHE subjects. However, unlike stiff and boring text books, *Amazing!* brings education to life with beautifully designed pages and brilliantly written articles full of WOW facts and lots of laughs! The magazine is aimed at children aged 6–11 and is so much fun they don't even realise they're learning while they're reading it!



Put together by a talented and experienced group of educational and publishing experts, *Amazing!* Magazine is a quality product designed for children of all academic abilities. It has been given the stamp of approval by the National Numeracy Trust, and *Amazing!* also works together with Childline on their Life Skills page.

Amazing! Magazine offers lots of fantastic school subscription deals and is giving a 10% discount to all School Library Association Members. For more information and to subscribe visit amazing.org.uk and type in the Library10 code when you checkout your order.

Resources

Posters

Follow up on National Non-fiction November, celebrate non-fiction and encourage children to get out and explore the world around them with these bright posters, available to download from Hachette.



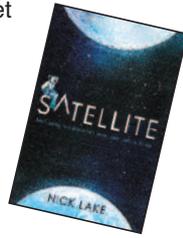
“Look and Wonder” (<http://bit.ly/2zCE2xc>) and

“Fascinating Fact and Figures” (<http://bit.ly/2zqL8nw>)

Follow Hachette Schools on Twitter @HachetteSchools for author videos, blogs and giveaways to celebrate non-fiction this month!

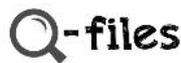
Satellite by Nick Lake

Calling all sci-fi fans! Does your school have a science book club? Would you like to start one? We've got free copies of fantastic YA book *Satellite* to give away to get you started! Hachette have got 5 sets of 3 books to give away plus free posters. Email education@hachettechildrens.co.uk to enter the giveaway and request a free poster.



Q-Files

Q-files.com is an online encyclopedia specially designed for children aged broadly between 8 and 13. The site contains around 1,500 pages, arranged under nine major subject headings: Science, Technology, Life, Earth, Prehistory, Space, History, Geography and Culture (think Wikipedia for children, but one created and curated by experts). With additions, improvements and updates, Q-files is growing by the week.



Each page contains both in-depth text and bite-size facts (“Q-facts”), along with thousands of images, including illustrations, photos and diagrams. Many pages have animations and videos too. Q-files is aligned with KS2 and KS3, but as a general encyclopedia it goes well beyond the scope of the curriculum.

Q-files has been created by Orpheus Books Ltd., children's reference book specialists of more than 25 years' standing. The text is written by experienced authors skilled at writing for children. Every page has been verified by academic experts. The site is completely safe for young readers to browse, with no ads or links to inappropriate sites. Q-files ensure that information is accurate and up-to-date, that the text reading level is suitable for young readers, that search and navigation functions are simple and effective, and that the “look” is fresh and engaging. In short, Q-files aims to be everything a modern digital reference work should be.

SLA Members can use the code **SLA2017** (expires at Christmas) to get a 20% discount off the annual subscription. For more information, go to: www.Q-filesEducation.com

Product Update

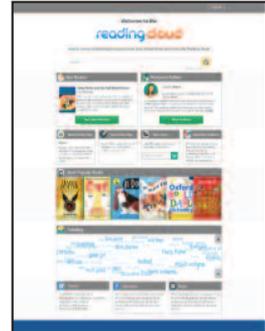
New from MLS!

Reading Cloud V2 is here!

MLS's imminent V2 Reading Cloud release adds colour, interactivity and simplicity to the user experience. The vibrant new look has already been an instant hit with existing Reading Cloud users with the smooth, intuitive interface taking Reading Cloud to a whole new level.



Primary



Secondary

Why Reading Cloud?

Today students have access to our digital world at home, in school and on the move. It's within this space The Reading Cloud resonates with new and existing readers. No longer does your library need to be those four walls, Reading Cloud puts your library into our readers world. Wouldn't it be great, if you could personalise book recommendations to students and push this into their digital world? Share a constant live stream of the most popular books, share fantastic book reviews by your students with the whole school at the click of a button, or recommend a great author to all of your readers. With Reading Cloud, it's all possible.

What else?

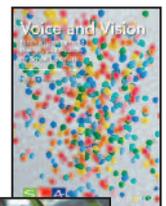
Order Reading Cloud before 1 January 2018 and receive a £50 book credit for the unique MLS bookshop powered by Peters Books!

New from SLA

Check out our extensive range of publications and bring your professional library up-to-date with our latest titles: *New Beginnings: A Practical Guide to Taking Charge of a Secondary School Library* by Laura Taylor and *Voice and Vision: Essential Issues around Diversity and Inclusion for School Libraries* by Jake Hope.

Full details at:

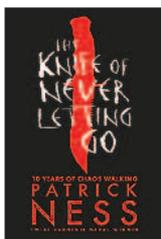
www.sla.org.uk/publications



Poster Offer

CHAOS WALKING 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Prentisstown isn't like other towns. Everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming Noise. There is no privacy. There are no secrets. Then Todd Hewitt unexpectedly stumbles on a spot of complete silence. Which is impossible. And now he's going to have to run...



To celebrate the 10th anniversary of Patrick Ness's award-winning modern classic *Knife of Never Letting Go*, the *Chaos Walking* trilogy will be available this Spring with a striking new cover design – perfect for fans of Patrick. For your **free** *Chaos Walking* 10th Anniversary poster, simply contact jo.humphreys-davies@walker.co.uk

The first *Chaos Walking* film is soon to be a major motion picture slated for release in 2019, starring Tom Holland, Daisy Ridley and Mads Mikelsen.

SLA Training

Regional Courses for Spring and Summer 2018

<i>Help, I'm in Charge of the Secondary School Library</i>	Redbridge – 30 January
<i>Bringing it Alive! Storytelling to Boost Literacy and RfP</i>	Sutton – 7 February
<i>Help, I'm in Charge of the Primary School Library</i>	Salford – 15 February
<i>Help, I'm in Charge of the Primary School Library</i>	Worcester – 27 February
<i>Teaching Skills for School Library Staff</i>	Witham – 28 February
<i>Copy and Paste Generation</i>	London – 6 March
<i>Promoting Reading in the Digital Age</i>	Taunton – 7 March
<i>Picture and Comic Books for All</i>	Stafford – 14 March
<i>Teaching Skills for School Library Staff</i>	Weybridge – 14 March
<i>Beyond Behaviour Management: An Introduction to Effective Engagement for Learning in the Secondary School Library</i>	Penrith – 26 April
<i>Beyond Behaviour Management</i>	Oakham – 17 May
<i>Teaching Skills for School Library Staff</i>	Warwick – 6 June

For full details and online booking, see www.sla.org.uk/training



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SLA People

SLA BOARD VACANCIES



Have you thought of contributing to the future of the SLA? We are looking for members with enthusiasm and commitment to stand for election to the SLA Board for the three-year term beginning at the next AGM in June 2018.

The Board is responsible for the strategic planning and decision-making which take the Association forward. Being elected by your peers to serve on the Board carries lots of benefits and most headteachers recognise the enhancement of your professional status that this brings.

Three places on the SLA Board will become available next year. If you, or someone you know, would like to stand for election you can find further information and a nomination form on the SLA website at www.sla.org.uk/board-details or contact the SLA office. All nominations must be received at the SLA office by **1 February 2018**.

SLA Awards

NOMINATE A STAR LIBRARIAN!

SCHOOL LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR 2018

Please consider nominating a librarian in a primary or secondary school who demonstrates outstanding professional qualities and deserves to be recognised for the work that they do. Closing date for nominations is 19 January 2018.

The 2018 nomination form is available online at www.sla.org.uk/slya



INFORMATION BOOKS

The SLA is partnering with Hachette Children's Group to announce the first **Hachette Children's Group Award for Outstanding Contribution to Information Books**.

Looking at a whole body of work rather than any one title, the criteria for this award is intended to highlight authors and illustrators who offer consistent quality and a significant contribution to information books, working across a range of topics. In this first year the prize has been voted for by a panel of school librarians and the judges of the Information Book Award. In the future, interested organisations will be invited to submit nominations to the panel, and then take part in a voting process to determine the winners. The award will be presented at the 2017 Information Book Award celebration in London.

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