

LIBRARIES WEEK

Libraries Week takes place between the 8-13 October to celebrate our nation's much-loved libraries.

This year, with a focus on wellbeing, libraries across the country will showcase how they bring communities together, combat loneliness, provide a space for reading and creativity and support people with their mental health.

It's not just public libraries – libraries of all kinds in schools, workplaces and universities have amazing services that improve our wellbeing.

To celebrate our wonderful school library we will be organising fun events and competitions, so do look out for them!

TOP 10 BOOKS AT LA RETRAITE LIBRARY

Here are the 10 most popular books in the past last year at La Retraite Library:

- 1.Wonder
- 2.Noughts and Crosses
- 3.One
- 4.Little Darlings
- 5.Summer's Dream
- 6.Geek Girl
- 7.The Fault in Our Stars
- 8.The Graveyard Book
- 9.The Hate U Give
- 10.Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

OCTOBER'S COMPETITION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - WHO AM I?

Write the answer on a piece of paper and pop it in the library for the chance to

WIN A BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE



Thank you for your participation.

LA RETRAITE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

Every year, I am extremely fortunate to have students who want to work in the library helping me to run it smoothly. I always rely on their help during break, lunch and after school.

Their assistance is invaluable.

They help other students by recommending books, they make nice library displays, they created the newsletter, and they talk to their peers about all the events happening in the library. All of this enriches not only the library but adds to the students' own personal development, too.

Gosh, how time flies! My first group of trained Library Assistants are now in Year 11! Polly, Vanessa, Tecia and Emilia did a pretty good job. The following year they were joined by Bianca, Audrey, Asia, Stella and quite a few more. The next year Keisha, Marian, Kathryn...

This year 25 students applied and 14 of them have already been trained. Week after week they all support the library through their effort and by giving up their free time.

So if you see them around, do not be afraid to congratulate them on a very well done job or ask for any help or suggestions!

Mrs Fernandez, the Librarian.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Among little-known Black History Month facts is the real age of this celebration. Black History Month dates back to 1926, at which time it was known as Negro History Week. At this time, the celebration lasted only a week, and began on February 12. The reception from the general public at first wasn't as good as the initiators had hoped. However, Negro History Week eventually gained popularity, and in the 1930s, the celebration was observed in almost every state which had a large African-American population.

These are some more interesting facts:

Observing Countries: USA, Canada, UK, Germany

Time: February (USA) October (UK)

Start Year: 1926

Year of Federal Recognition: 1976

Initiator: Carter G. Woodson

Cause: Celebration of African history and people

**TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S BHM
GET A BOOKMARK AND ENTER THE COMPETITIONS!**

LIBRARY LUNCHTIME CLUBS

The school library offers a variety of clubs that you can be part of. Check out this year's fabulous up to date timetable!

MONDAY - Games Club

TUESDAY - Cross Stitch Club

WEDNESDAY - Drawing Lunchtime Club

THURSDAY - Book Club Lunchtime Club

FRIDAY - Film Lunchtime Club

THE LIBRARY RECYCLING PROJECT RESPONSIBLE PRINTING

To ensure that we live in a safe, clean and welcoming environment we have to be mindful of the impact our actions have on the planet. It all starts with small, everyday things, from recycling paper and plastic in our classrooms to minimising resource waste at home.

This month's project is about responsible printing and recycling paper. Every year about 6 billion trees are cut around the world, a shocking number considering that trees are a vital element in our lives. They provide us with oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide, and they are also the source to many essential materials, such as wood and paper.

This is why the library has devised a project which includes a limited amount of printing per student, so as to raise awareness about what is being printed. You can do your part by recycling resources and carefully print only the essential to help us save the planet.



QUOTES OF THE MONTH - BLACK ROLE MODELS

'Success is not about how much money you make, it is about the difference you make in people's lives.' (Michelle Obama)

'You are your best thing.' (Toni Morrison)

'May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.' (Nelson Mandela)

'The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall' (Mandela)

'I think of all the bad things people do and try to do the opposite.' (Mike Hutchinson)

REVIEW OF THE MONTH - by Funsho A. Year 13

AMERICANAH - by Chimanda Ngozie Adiche

At a post- 9/11 period, Americanah reflects social and race relations between: America, Britain and Nigeria through two childhood lovers, Ifemelu and Obinze.

This novel is an incredible read that I have read four times. Chimanda powerfully captures the political issues of Nigeria and aligns this with the immigration crisis in the UK and race issues in the US. She does this through a heart-warming and controversial relationship between the main character Ifemelu and her past lover Obinze - who is married when Ifemelu is ready to rekindle their romance.

This novel is guaranteed to make you laugh at many points but also arises many questions about the current society we live in.

WELL BEING BOOKS AREA

The library has now a section called Reading Well - Shelf Help. The books in that section promote the benefits of reading for health and well-being.

Reading well helps you to understand and manage your health and wellbeing and provides you with information about issues like anxiety, stress and difficult experiences like bullying and exams.

The books have been recommended by young people and health professionals, and are available to borrow from this library. Ask the librarian to find the section and... enjoy your reading!

