



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Library Newsletter.

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EBOOK PLATFORM

The Thornden ePlatform has changed this term. We are now using Sora by Overdrive.

All students (and members of staff) have access to the Thornden ePlatform to borrow eBooks , eAudiobooks, graphic novels and magazines. There's a huge selection with new titles being added regularly.

Link: [Sora \(soraapp.com\)](https://soraapp.com)

Click on 'My School is Hampshire School Library Service'. From the dropdown menu select Thornden.

Use your Thornden log in and password to sign in.

Download the Sora app for free from your App Store.



HAMPSHIRE BOOK AWARD

A group of 12 Year 8 students have been taking part in the 2022 Hampshire Book Award which is organized by Hampshire School Library Service. This is an annual award for the best paperback fiction title published in the previous year aimed at 11-14 year olds. The judges of the award are Year 8 students from schools across the county.

The students had to read all six shortlisted books between March and the voting day at the end of June. They had to be critics, not just readers, and were asked to consider what the books offer in terms of enrichment, enjoyment and engagement. The group met regularly to discuss the books.

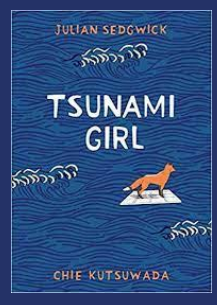
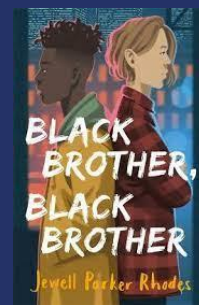
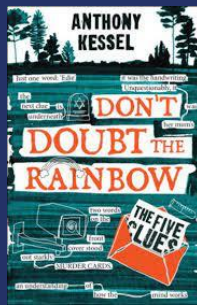
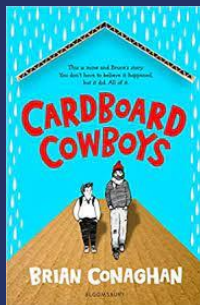
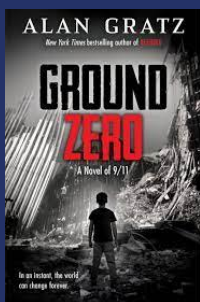
The books on the 2022 shortlist were:

- 'Ground Zero' by Alan Gratz
- 'Cardboard Cowboys' by Brian Conaghan
- 'The Five Clues (Don't Doubt the Rainbow)' by Anthony Kessel
- 'Giften' by Leyla Suzan
- 'Black Brother, Black Brother' by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- 'Tsunami Girl' by Julian Sedgwick

We attended a Discussion/Voting Day at Applemore College (which was one of four locations used throughout Hampshire) along with nine other local schools. Having talked about the books with the other students, votes were cast. When all the votes were counted across Hampshire, the result was announced with 'Ground Zero' by Alan Gratz announced as the winner.



The shortlisted books are all available to borrow from the library or ePlatform.



GENRE FOCUS – FANTASY

Fantasy fiction allows readers to be transported to a completely different world, to settings that are imaginary, often magical in nature and sometimes inspired by mythology and folklore. Characters often have magical abilities or include magical creatures. This covers everything from witches to vampires, dragons to unicorns.

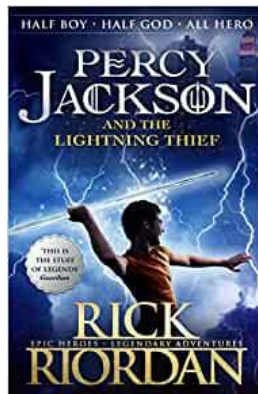
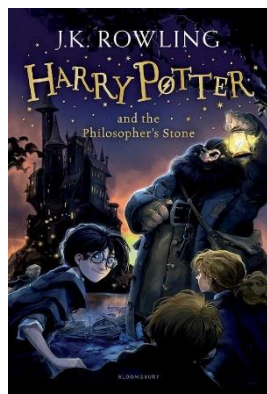
When the fiction section of the library was rearranged to be shelved by genre, the fantasy section is by far the largest.

Popular fantasy series are:

- Lord of the Rings by J J R Tolkein
- Harry Potter by J K Rowling
- Percy Jackson by Rick Riordan
- Mortal Instruments by Cassandra Clare
- The Wardstone Chronicles by Joseph Delaney
- The Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard

Newer fantasy titles include:

- Cinderella is Dead by Kalynn Bayron
- The Betrothed by Keira Cass
- The Gilded Ones by Namina Forna
- Skandar & the Unicorn Thief by A F Steadman



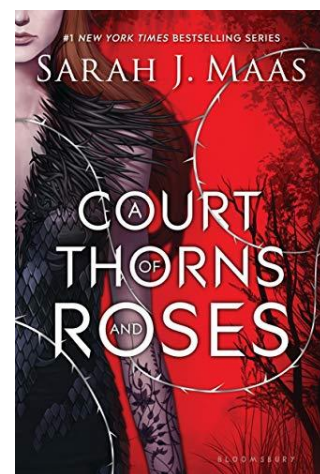


AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

SARAH J MAAS

Sarah is an American fantasy author best known for her debut Throne of Glass series - When magic has gone from the world, and a vicious king rules from his throne of glass, an assassin comes to the castle. She does not come to kill, but to win her freedom. If she can defeat twenty-three killers, thieves, and warriors in a competition to find the greatest assassin in the land, she will become the king's champion and earn her freedom. Her name is Celaena Sardothien – beautiful, deadly, and destined for greatness.

Her other popular series is A Court of Thorns and Roses - Feyre is a huntress. She thinks nothing of slaughtering a wolf to capture its prey. But, like all mortals, she fears what lingers mercilessly beyond the forest. And she will learn that taking the life of a magical creature comes at a high price...



NEW TO THE LIBRARY

'Twin Crowns' by Catherine Doyle & Katherine Webber

An exciting fantasy adventure which follows twin sisters, Princess Rose and Princess Wren, who were separated at birth, and their battle for the kingdom of Eana. As their lives are swapped, who will rise to power to claim the crown?



'The Agathas' by Kathleen Glasgow & Liz Lawson

The most popular girl in school is dead. And everyone's blaming the wrong guy.

After falling from grace last summer, Agatha Christie-obsessed Alice Ogilvie needs to stay out of trouble. While smart and reclusive Iris Adams just wants to get the hell out of Castle Cove.

But now they have a murder to solve. There are clues the police are ignoring, a list of suspects a mile long and some very dangerous cliffs. Amateur detectives Alice and Iris are about to uncover just how many secrets their sleepy seaside town is hiding...



'Heartstopper' Volumes 1-4 by Alice Oseman

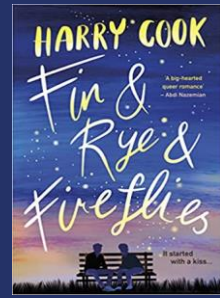
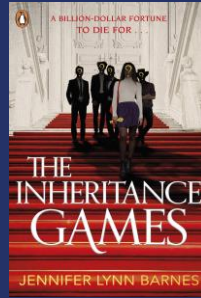
Charlie and Nick are at the same school, but they've never met ... until one day when they're made to sit together. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance. But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is more interested in Charlie than either of them realised. Heartstopper is about love, friendship, loyalty and mental illness. These books have been made into a popular series on Netflix.



OTHER NEWS

RELAX AND READ BOOK LIST

All Year 9 students have been emailed a copy of the Relax and Read book list produced by Hampshire School Library Service. Some great books to read while relaxing over the holidays. Most of the books are available to borrow from the library or as an eBook.



NEW DISPLAY UNIT

Thanks to FOTS the Library has a lovely new display unit. The eye-catching displays produced by Mrs. O'Doherty help to attract students into the Library and to borrow the books on display.

