

Welcome to the Berners Review: Your bi-weekly round up of library and learning news.

This week we celebrate the Year of the Tiger, judge books by their covers, and hear controversial book reviews in the BBC's newest podcast for book lovers. Keep reading to discover what's new in the Berners Library and how you can use the space.



Today (1st February) marks the start of the Lunar New Year! Let's celebrate with the library's best selection of tiger themed books and William Blake's classic poem *The Tyger*.













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Read: Life of Pi by Yann Martel



After the tragic sinking of a cargo ship, one solitary lifeboat remains bobbing on the wild, blue pacific. The only survivors from the wreck are a sixteen-year-old boy names Pi, a hyena, a zebra (with a broken leg), a female orangutan ... and a 450 pound Royal Bengal tiger.

"A terrific book...fresh, original, smart, devious, and crammed with absorbing lore."

Margaret Atwood

Listen: Turn Up for the Books

Do you love books? Need some reading inspo? Look no further than the new <u>Turn Up for the Books</u> <u>podcast</u> brought to you by BBC Sounds. Presenters Dan, Irenosen, and Simon aren't afraid to voice their somewhat controversial opinions, making this a rather entertaining listen.



"Bastille singer Dan Smith, award-winning author Irenosen Okojie and library guru Simon Savidge guide you seamlessly through the sometimes daunting world of book recommendations.

Using the <u>Novels That Shaped Our World</u> list of 100 titles as their starting point, this trio give the low down on what your next book choice could be.

With the help of fellow book lovers such as Skin, Bobby Seagull, Vick Hope and others, let this warm bath of book recommendations bathe you in the delightful world of classics and new titles, libraries and the pleasure of reading. Expect light-hearted and conversational chat which is for book aficionados as well as reading newbies but most importantly never, ever scary."

BBC Sounds 2022



Do: BBC Young Writers Awards

"The BBC Young Writers' Award with Cambridge University invites young people in the UK aged between 14 - 18 years to submit short stories of up to 1,000 words.

First launched as part of the tenth anniversary celebrations for the <u>BBC National Short Story Award</u>, the Young Writers' Award aims to inspire and encourage the next generation of writers."

Like the Tiger, have courage and be brave; submit your short story and you could be the BBC's Young Writer of 2022. Entries close at 9am on Moday 29th March. Find out more <u>here</u>.

Need some inspiration? Take a look at this guide to kick start your short story.

Watch: Would you judge a book by its cover?

Booktuber Jack Edwards breaks the number one reading rule and judges books by their covers... but actually reads them too.



New in the Berners Library



























Karen McManus fan? Find all her fiction on display in the library.







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There's a brand new selection of super-readable books for those of you who may find reading more difficult too.

"Hard-hitting, unflinching, but touched throughout by warmth and soul", 4

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Keith Gray is the real deal – a writer of intelligence, toughness and heart"

Barrington Stoke

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What a magnificent writer Keith Gray is ANTHONY McGOWAN

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Taut and unflinching ... a powerful punch of a book"

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MARCUS SEDGWICK

PATRICK NESS

"The Climbers is a gem of a book" PHIL EARLE

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Using the Library

Open every break and lunchtime, the library is more than just a place to borrow a book.



Read and borrow There is something for everyone to read in the library. Non-fiction is located downstairs and most fiction is upstairs. Recommended and new fiction can be found on display towards the front of the library. Please let me know if you would like help finding something which suits your taste. I'm also keen to know your own recommendations and library requests!

To borrow a book, simply see me on the desk or add your details to the form on the display board.

Study Feel free to use the library as a study space as you please. I would encourage you to use your break and lunch times to pause but, should you want to get in some extra prep and revision time, there are desks here for you. We would also be happy to open before school for anyone wanting to do some early morning revision.

Relax The library is a calm space with comfy sofas and plenty of books, board games, and jigsaw puzzles to help you unwind. Why not visit during the Wednesday Well being period?

Debate Do artists have a duty to be political? Should MPs have second jobs? Every Thursday after school, the Debating Society meets here to discuss current issues like these.

Book Club Book club runs every Friday at 16.15. It's very chilled; there is no expectation to finish your book within a certain time frame and it's a lovely opportunity to chat about our recent reads. We're a friendly bunch and sometimes, if we're lucky, Mr Mézière brings snacks...

Your voice. Your learning. Your library.

The Berners Library has great potential to become a welcoming space for learning and relaxation alike. This step forward starts with you. Fill out <u>this form</u> to let us know what you want to see and do here.

