



Welcome to the Berners Review: your bi-weekly roundup of library and learning news.

There is a lot to celebrate in this week's Berners Review.

Today it's International Women's Day (IWD) and the Library's central display is packed with empowering stories of and by courageous women from around the world. Keep reading to learn about the history of IWD and find a suitable story for the occasion.

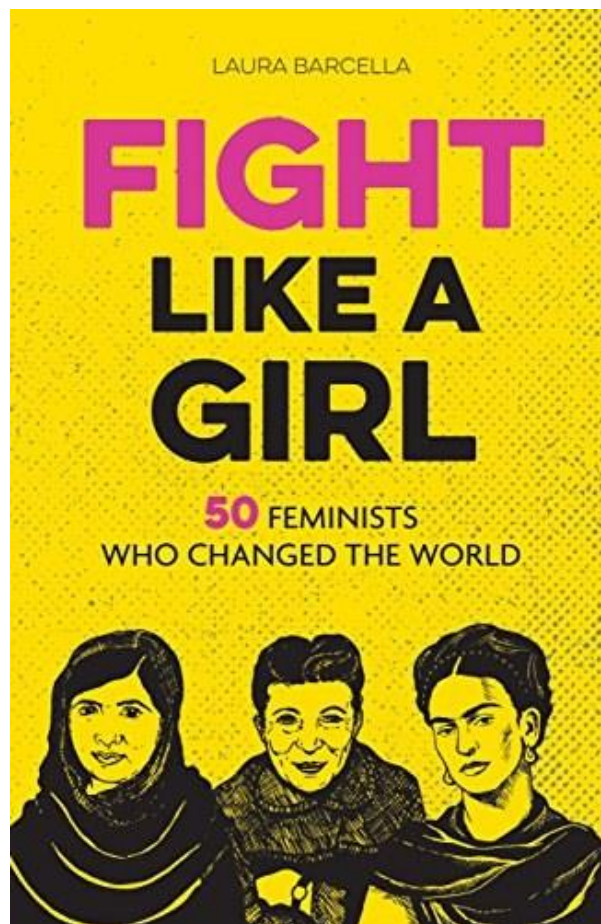
Looking back to last week, we rejoiced in all things World Book Day with short stories, quizzes and lots of chat about our favourite books. Here at the Berners Review, we'd like to continue the jubilation so read on to find some fun bookish activities.

International Women's Day

Let's dive into our collection and celebrate the talent, creativity and ingenuity of female and non-binary authors from across the globe. These stories, real and fictitious, tell of powerful women who are unafraid to be their true selves, make courageous decisions, and fight for what they believe in.



Book of the Week



"Feminism is a hot topic. The battle for gender equality is being fought by everybody from politicians to indie social media campaigners, celebrities to school girls. But how did we get here and who paved the way for today's badass women? Fight Like a Girl profiles 50 fearless women - both the historical icons and the unsung heroes - such as Mary Wollstonecraft, Frida Kahlo and Roxane Gay. Each extraordinary life story is told here with eye-opening details and accompanied by stunning portraits. Be inspired by their stories, arm yourself with their knowledge, get active and fight like a girl."

Laura Barcella

IWD Highlights in our Collection





NOW A
MAJOR
MOTION
PICTURE

THE HATE U GIVE

"STUNNING"
JOHN GREEN

ANGIE THOMAS

No. 1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

MELISSA

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED AS **GEORGE**

ALEX GINO



Manjeet Mann

RUN

REBEL

It's time to start a revolution

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THE UNTOLD STORY OF
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN
WOMEN WHO HELPED
WIN THE SPACE RACE



THE BOOK THAT INSPIRED THE FILM
FROM TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

HIDDEN FIGURES

MARGOT LEE SHETTERLY

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER



WINNER
of the
NOBEL PEACE
PRIZE

LARGE PRINT

I Am Malala

THE GIRL WHO STOOD UP FOR EDUCATION
AND WAS SHOT BY THE TALIBAN

MALALA YOUSAFZAI

with CHRISTINA LAMB

An illustration of a young girl with dark skin and red lips, wearing a yellow turtleneck sweater and a dark skirt. She is holding a white rectangular sign in front of her chest with both hands. The sign contains the title and author's name. The background is a solid teal color.

THINGS A BRIGHT GIRL CAN DO

SALLY NICHOLLS

'Inspiring, utterly captivating and
immensely enjoyable'

LOUISE O'NEILL

Winner of the Booker Prize 2019

Girl,

Winner
The
Booker
Prize
2019

'Exuberant, bursting at the seams in delightful ways . . .
If you want to understand modern day Britain, this is the
writer to read' *New Statesman*

Woman, Other

BERNARDINE EVARISTO



Girl, Woman, Other by Bernardine Evaristo: listen to the audiobook for free [here](#)

Bernardine Evaristo's 2019 Booker Prize-winning novel that follows the lives of twelve extraordinary characters. Abridged by Patricia Cumper and read by Pippa Bennett-Warner.

World Book Day

Challenge me to find your perfect story.

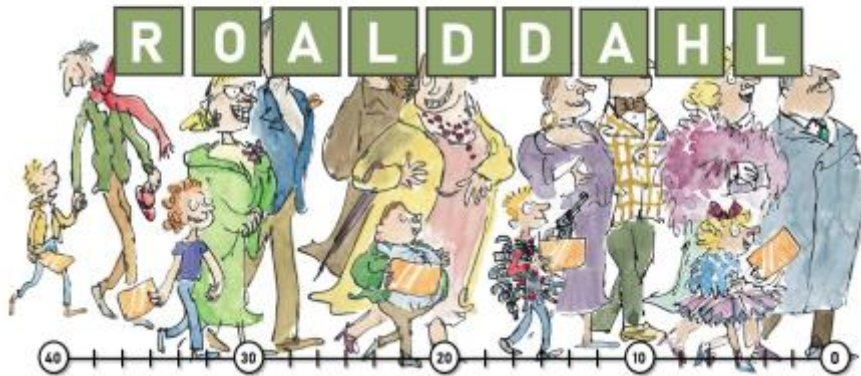
Imagine you are on holiday and you are having some down time. It is your dream holiday destination. Perhaps you are sprawled on a sunbed of the idyllic beaches of Mauritius. Maybe you are curling up by a crackling log fire after a long day of skiing. Or could it be that you are having a duvet day with a mountain of blankets and your favourite snacks in a cosy cabin in the middle of nowhere? You are your most relaxed.

Naturally, you pick up a book – or perhaps you pop in some headphones to listen to an audiobook. In that moment, what do you want to read? What book is going to sink you deeper into that perfect moment? Is it fiction or non-fiction? Is it historical, fantasy, crime, classic, contemporary? Is it a graphic novel, a magazine, a short story, a poem? What does the cover look like? Is it vibrant, bursting with colour and bold lines, or is it more understated? How does it feel in your hand? How does it make you feel emotionally?

Whether you know exactly which book you want to read or it is a mere figment of your imagination, challenge me to find it for you in the Berners Library. **Everyone deserves to get lost in a story.**

Literature Quiz

Bonus Round 3



Love books? Test your knowledge with this [Literature Quiz](#). You can find instructions in the notes section.

Short Story: *The Lottery* by Shirley Jackson

A number of tutor groups across the school had a go at reading Shirley Jackson's classic short story, *The Lottery*. Consider it a chilling precursor to *The Hunger Games*. When first published in 1948 in *The New Yorker*, the story generated more letters than any other work of fiction to appear in the magazine.

Read or listen to the story [here](#) and then have a deeper think about its meaning and themes with the YouTube video below.



Get Creative!

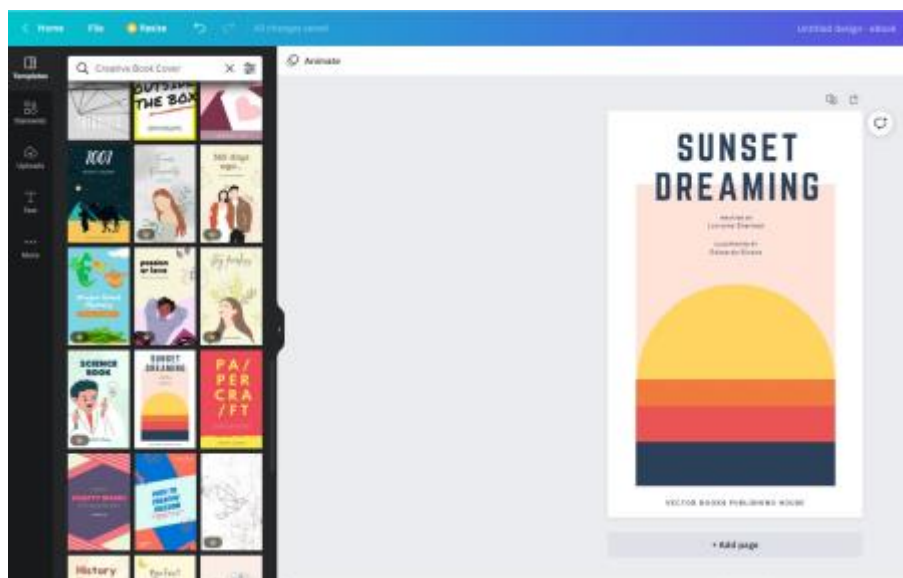
Design a World Book Day Token



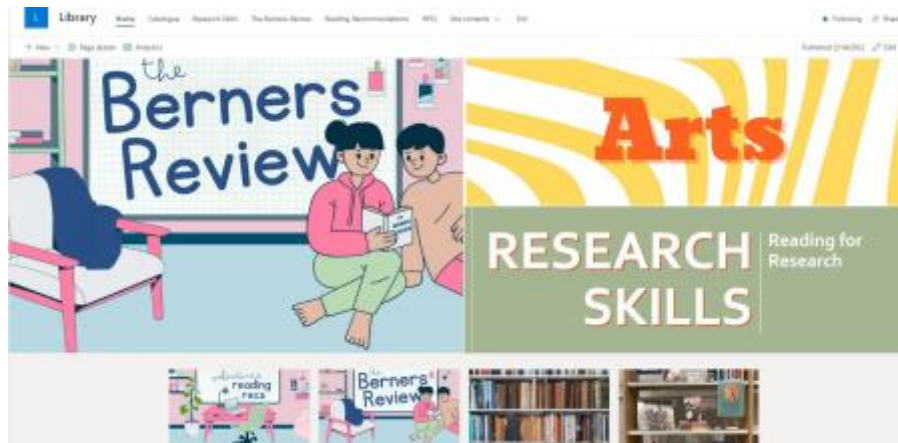
Design your own World Book Day token and you could win £10 book vouchers for all your class. Download the template and find out more information [here](#)!

Create a Book Cover

Put your digital art skills to the test and design a book cover using [this free tool on Canva](#).



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- Improve your research skills
- Inspire your next read
- Read the Berners Review

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 [this form](#) to let us know what you want to see and do here.