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SUMMER READING

As we break up for the summer holidays, you might be looking for some reading inspiration. Here are a selection of books recommended by other students from National that you might want to pick up over the break. There's a whole range of books to choose from so hopefully there will be something for everyone.

Happy Reading!



BOOK

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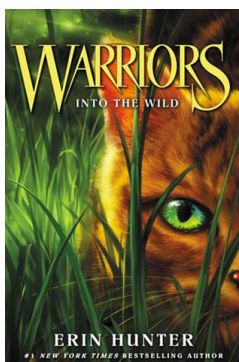
Warriors by Erin Hunter

Entertaining, fast paced with battles, love and secrets.

Year 7 student

This is a great book, if you like tension, adventure, death, battles and cats, then this is the book for you.

Year 8 student



Better Than The Movies by Lynn Painter



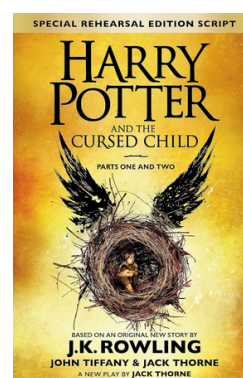
This book is amazing. I like the plot and tension that is portrayed. I would recommend this book as it shows building trusting relationships and romance.

Year 8 student

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child by JK Rowling

This was very good, it had a massive plot twist! I would definitely recommend it to anyone.

Year 8 student



Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

This book has a good plot and good characters. The young teen main characters go on a quest where they learn about themselves and each other.

Farrah - Year 8



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The Naturals by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

The Naturals has twists and turns on every page, you get hooked from the first page and you want to read on. Cassie is a 16 year old girl who can profile people really well. She is recruited by the FBI to be part of the Naturals program.

Lillie-Mae - year 8



How To Make Friends With The Dark by Kathleen Glasgow

I love this book because it highlights loss and how people grieve.

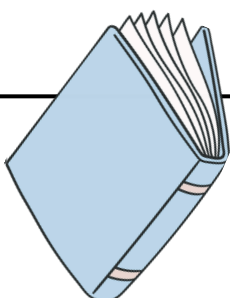
I would recommend this to people who enjoy deep, sad books.

Year 9 student

Once Upon A Broken Heart by Stephanie Garber

This is the first in a fantasy trilogy. There are lots of twists in the plot and the two main characters have 10/10 conversations. I love the world itself and the magic it has. If you like fairytales with lots more heartbreak and a lot less true love, then I definitely recommend!

Beth - Year 8



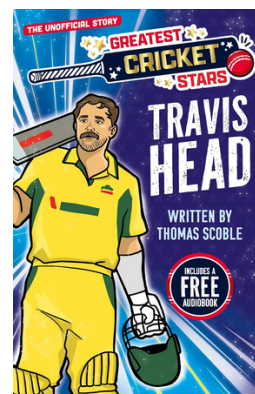
Blitzed Brits by Terry Deary

Epic book, with great art! I chose it because it is the best in the series. It is very funny and very cool - a must buy! 10/10

Year 8 student



Greatest Cricket Stars: Travis Head by Thomas Scoble



I really liked this book, it tells his life story, how he reached his dream, and how he is a really good cricket player.

Japleen - Year 8

BOOK

reviews



The Hunger Games: Sunrise On The Reaping by Suzanne Collins

The fifth book in the Hunger Games series does not disappoint, following the 50th Hunger Games where Haymitch is the winner. Prepare for tears in this unputdownable dystopian adventure.

Read it before the film comes out in November!

Mrs Prestwood - LRC Lead



Harry Potter series by JK Rowling

I love Harry Potter because it is such a magical experience to read. You can feel a connection with each character.

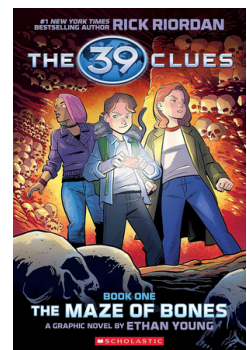
Ayesha - Year 8



The 39 Clues by Rick Riordan

The 39 Clues series is really good. It is like Harry Potter. Its murder mystery with a twist and secrets with amazing illustration. I loved it.

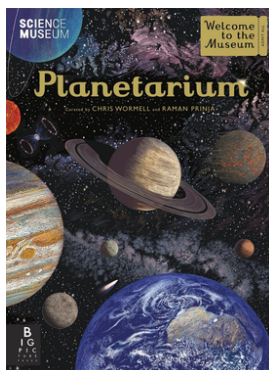
Year 7 student



Planetarium curated by Chris Wormell and Raman Prinja

I loved this book because it is filled with knowledge about space. I love space. The book size is really big with lots of pictures in it. It has vast knowlege about space.

Suryananda - Year 8



Dog Man by Dav Pilkey



This book is the sole reason I started reading other books.

Tavion - Year 8

BOOK reviews

Cat + Crazy Volume 1 by Wataru Nadatani

This manga series follows Fuji Kenzuki's journey to becoming a cat whisperer.

It's funny and the cats are peak!

Year 7 Student



Why not try some award winning books?

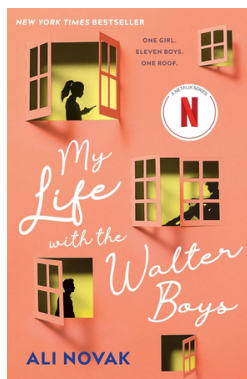
The Carnegie shortlist – pictured below – offers a wide selection of highly recommended books. Including verse novels, and books for younger children as well as young adults.

You could also try the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for more fantastic fiction!

My Life With The Walter Boys by Ali Novak

This is a really good romance book. Its about a girl who moves to Colorado and is in a love triangle with two boys who are the complete opposite.

Isla – Year 8



Most Read Books In The Library This Year

- Heartstopper 1 – 4 by Alice Oseman
- Five Nights at Freddy's Graphic Novels by Scott Cawthon
- The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- Sad Ghost Club by Lize Meddings



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Hucknall Library
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Mon 9AM - 5PM
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Sat 9AM - 4PM
Sun Closed

During the Summer Holidays, you might want to use the public library to borrow books, our local public libraries are run by Inspire, and our closest one is in Hucknall.

Membership is free to everyone.

Children and young people under 15 can join but will need to have parental consent.

People who live in Nottinghamshire and the surrounding authorities including Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire are all able to become members.

If you're a member of Nottinghamshire Libraries, you are able to use any library in Nottinghamshire or Nottingham City.

You can have up to 24 items on loan at any one time.

Most items can be kept for up to three weeks.

You can reserve books from other libraries and have them delivered to your closest library for free if you are under 19 years of age.

No fines for overdue books are charged for under 19s.

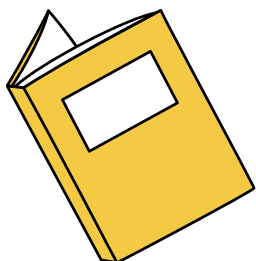
You can also access online resources such as e-magazines, audio books and ebooks.

Book Recommendations

If you are looking for reading inspiration, you could try these websites for ideas.

The Ginger Nuts Of Horror: Horror Book Reviews & Horror Movie Reviews

<https://gnofhorror.com/>



School reading list

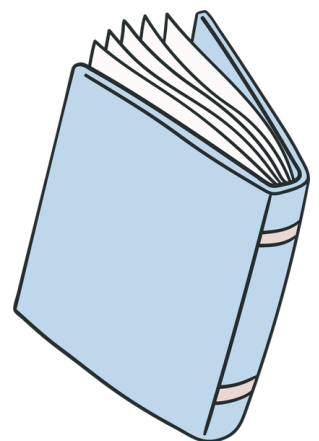
<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

LoveReading4Kids UK

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

BookTrust

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>



Books For Keeps - The Children's Book Magazine Online

<https://booksforkeeps.co.uk/>

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Monday after school



Tuesday after school

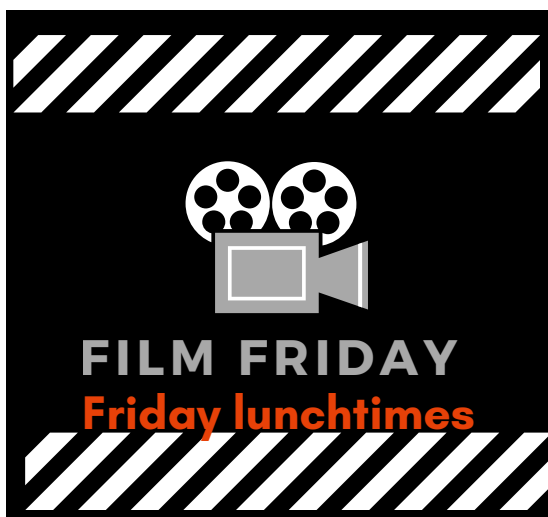
**Dungeons and Dragons
Wednesday
after school**



**Warhammer
Thursday
after school**

Coming in September

**CHESS
CLUB**



**FILM FRIDAY
Friday lunchtimes**