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HENDON SCHOOL

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



Hendon School readers at the 2025 Yoto Carnegie Awards

Our Carnegie group has finally made it to the award ceremony! 🌟

Our fantastic **Year 8** team has been preparing for two months to **shadow the 2025 Yoto Carnegie Award ceremony** on June 13th.

Students have been reading and discussing all of the shortlisted books, and prepared a fun presentation for one of the shortlisted titles:

"Little Bang", written by **Kelly McCaughrain.** 📖

Each student proudly presented their reflections on the book in front of a captivated audience. The day was filled with lively book discussions and opportunities to connect with other readers. The special highlight of the day was meeting **Nathaniel Lessore,** author of **"King of Nothing"** – the **WINNING** title for the 2025 Carnegie Writing Medal. 🏆

Our students were able to ask Nathaniel thoughtful and insightful questions. Our library team sends another huge **congratulations** to our Carnegie group for all of their hard work and dedication preparing for this event. It was a truly **inspiring literary experience** for all involved! 🙌

Check out the students' reviews below:

"My favourite part was when I got to meet Nathaniel Lessore, author of 'King of Nothing.' I was so happy and wish to participate for years to come."
– Nara

"It was really fun! I love books and I can share the feeling with my friends (and others). Also, I could find other opinions by discussing with them, and I could feel the book from different perspectives." – Koto

"It was exciting to see others' presentations and thoughts about the books." – Vlera



The 2025 Carnegie winners:



Refugee Week

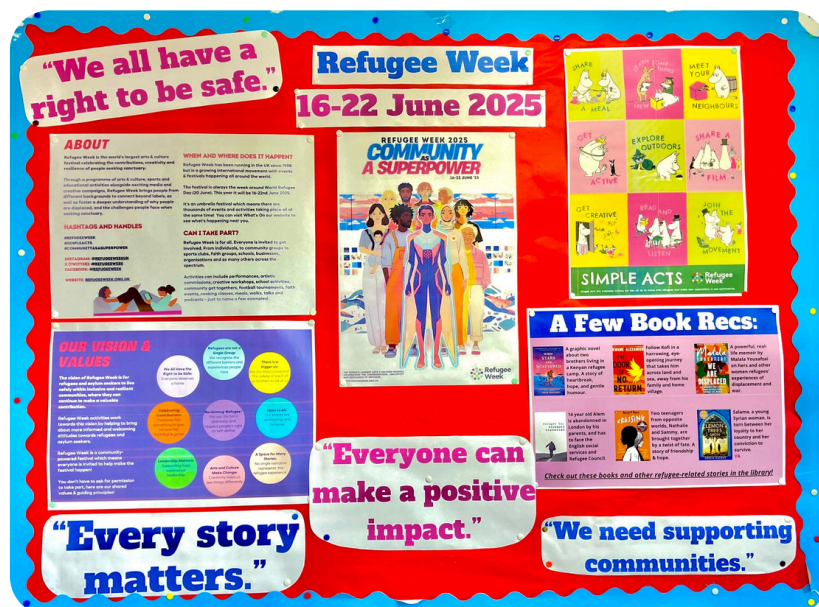
Refugee Week is the **world's largest arts & culture festival** celebrating the creativity, resilience & contributions of refugees and people seeking sanctuary.

The theme for 2025 was:

"Community as a Superpower", emphasizing the strength found in coming together to learn from and support refugees, to create a more inclusive society. 🙌

Our library contributed by lending our space to host a **listening campaign** for students and parents facing migration, so our school can listen to their concerns to offer the best help and support possible.

Additionally, our library provided **reading, informative and well-being resources** for the whole month. ❤️



Pride Month

With June being Pride Month, our library showcased a large range of inclusive books and friendly resources to raise awareness for **LGBTQ+ inclusion at Hendon School.**

We are dedicated to ensure that our library remains a **safe space** for all students all year round! 🌈



Empathy Day

Empathy Day is a nationwide initiative designed to **raise an empathy-educated generation**. This year, it was celebrated on **June 12th** – but events stretched out for two weeks between 2-12 June! 🧡💧

In the library, we contributed **book displays** full of fiction and non-fiction resources that encourage students to step into other peoples' stories.



We also organised an **interactive activity with students** which encouraged them to reflect on their “2025 empathy resolution” what it means to “*be empathetic*” – and got some really lovely feedback! 😊

Citations & Referencing Lessons

In collaboration with the **Science department**, our library team gave lessons on **citations, referencing and information literacy skills** to **Year 12 students**. They are presented with information on plagiarism, practical tips on keeping record of their references and exercises for them to practice writing citations. 🖋️ We aim to best prepare them for their A-Levels, as well as any further studies they might embark on. Due to their success, these sessions will be adapted **next year for all Key Stages!** 🙌



Why Do you need to use Citations and References

To show what you have read and found

To show that you are aware of current developments in your field.

To show that you have acknowledged other people's work and avoid plagiarism

July Book Clubs – KS3



Super Readable Book Club: 7 July

"World on Fire", S. Cole

Carlos and his mother fight to protect the rainforest. When Carlos is kidnapped by the people who want to exploit the forest, he escapes and must run from a massive forest fire – and also from his captors. An inspiring story of bravery, survival and justice.

Book Club: 8 July

"Tsunami Girl", J. Sedgwick

15 year old Yuki experiences the devastating 2011 Japanese earthquake & tsunami. She develops a passion for art and manga drawing that helps her grieve, heal and move forward. A heart-warming book full of beautiful manga illustrations.

Upcoming: Summer Reading Challenge – Years 7 & 8



Hendon School Library

2025 Summer Reading Challenge

Years 7 and 8

1st July - 26th September

Register in the library!

Prizes!

Arts and crafts!

Movie party!

Achievement points!



Summer Reading Challenge: Creative tasks ideas

- Re-design the front cover
- Recreate a scene as a comic strip
- Draw a picture of an exciting event from the story
- Write an interview script between a TV presenter and one of the characters
- Write a diary entry from one of the character's POV
- Write an alternative ending
- Come up with a playlist for the book / one of the characters
- Write a postcard from one character to another
- Come up with a creative writing piece about the book (poem, song, newspaper article...)
- Come up with a practical art project related to the book (craft project, board game, photo shoot...)
- Come up with a sequel idea - challenge yourself to write the first chapter in the same style!

As we say goodbye to June, we welcome **July** and the much anticipated **Summer Reading Challenge** – which starts today! Between now and 26 September, Years 7 and 8 students are encouraged to **read as many books as possible**, and complete **creative projects** related to their reads. 📖

This is a great way for them to foster a love of reading and avoid the summer brain-slump! ☁️

We also have many exciting **prizes** prepared! They will be awarded depending on how many books and creative tasks the student finishes. 🏆

We encourage students to pick up **whichever genre they like**, whether it be fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, comics, super readable or dual language books – the choice is theirs. We're very excited to get the competition started! 🌟

FREE & ONLINE RESOURCES

BBC Bitesize: free revision and learning games and resources.

Book Trust: here, use [Bookfinder](#) to browse through book recommendations, [Writing Tips](#) for advice from well-known authors, and [Bookmark](#) for information on disability representation in children's books.

JSTOR: register for a free account and access up to 100 free articles per month and a wide range of open access resources – indispensable to prepare for uni studies!

Khan Academy: free online courses, instructional videos and practice exercises, as well as a personalised learning dashboard.

Learn Out Loud: free podcast-format cultural and educational resources.

LoveReading4Schools: a great portfolio full of recommendations if you struggle to start reading, as well as mental health resources.

National Literacy Trust's "Zone in": this page contains practical tips on boosting reading, writing, speaking and listening skills for young people.

Oxford Owl: register as a parent and get access to 100 free eBooks, as well as educational videos and games.

Oxplore: made by the university of Oxford, this website presents debate questions that encourage critical thinking and links to further resources.

Physics and Maths Tutor: free revision courses and past papers – great to prep for GCSE and A-Levels!

Project Gutenberg: offers over 42.000 free eBooks.

Reading Zone: free reading resources for families and young people.

Seneca Learning: free homework and revision platform.

Stan Lee Excelsior Award: a nationwide literary award for comic books and graphic novels where your people ages 11-18 can vote online for their favourite. The 2025 shortlists are out – make sure to check it out!

Young Writers: information national writing competition for teens to participate in and free reading resources for parents.

World Book Day: visit the "Families" website page for their "Read Your Way" campaign, which gives resources and activities to encourage your child to read.