

# Northumberland Schools Library Service

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## Welcome to our new customers

We are delighted to welcome several new schools to our Service for the coming school year and are really looking forward to working with the staff and pupils and providing great curriculum resources and inspirational school libraries.



Thanks also to all those schools which continue to subscribe to SLS. It is reassuring to know that even in these difficult economic times, schools appreciate that a subscription to SLS is great value for money.

If you want to know more about our service, contact us at [generalsls@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:generalsls@northumberland.gov.uk)

## Don't forget your topic requests.....

While you are enjoying your well-deserved break over the summer, our team at SLS will be busy putting together your topic requests, so please make sure you've ordered your resources before you head for the beach!

## ....and you can always arrange a day trip to SLS!

We are open every day ( Mon- Fri) during the holidays and we love having visitors. Why not come along and have an hour or two browsing all our fantastic resources? Refreshments are always on offer too!



## More new artefact boxes

Three new artefact boxes will be available for loan from September.

- Transport
- Pirates
- Musical Instruments

Contact us via [generalsls@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:generalsls@northumberland.gov.uk) if you are interested in borrowing these boxes. First come, first served!



## Summer Reading Challenge

Northumberland Libraries are very excited to announce the theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge... **'Ready, Set, Read!'**

This year's Challenge is focused on reading, sport and play and aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer break, empowering young people to forge new connections with others and unleash the power of play, sport and physical activity through reading.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is an annual event aimed at 4 – 11-year-olds. Children are encouraged to read six (or more) books of their choice during the summer holidays with collectable incentives and rewards, plus a medal and certificate for every child who completes the Challenge.

Northumberland Libraries will have lots of brilliant events, competitions and prizes to be won. Full details will appear on our library website [www.mylibrary.co.uk](http://www.mylibrary.co.uk) and social media pages.

'Ready, Set, Read!' launched on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July and runs for the whole of the summer holidays. It is totally free, and children can join in the fun at any of our libraries

Please [share this information](#) with your families.

Thank you for your continued support of our Summer Reading Challenge – let's keep children reading over the long summer holidays!

## 40th Northern Children's Book Festival Author Visits to Schools : November 2023



Once again Northumberland Libraries and Schools Library Service are delighted to offer schools the opportunity of an author visit to school as part of our 40th Northern Children's Book Festival in November

Our authors this year are:

**Mon 20th Nov – Dom Conlon**

<https://domconlon.com/>

KS1&2, 3-7 years

**Wed 22nd Nov - Andy Ruffell**

<https://www.thebentagency.com/andy-ruffell>

Upper KS2 10+ years



## NCBF (cont.)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Marie Basting

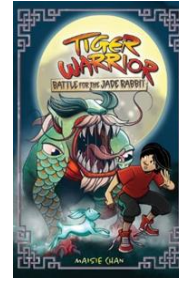
<https://mariebasting.com/>

Upper KS2, 9+ years

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Maisie Chan

<https://www.maisiechan.com/>

KS1, 5-7 years



If you would like to introduce your children to a real live author this November, register your interest now by emailing us at [generalsls@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:generalsls@northumberland.gov.uk)

Our public library colleagues will contact interested schools with further information very soon.

The charge for author visits this year is £120 per session or £350 for a full day.

### Whatever happened to all the red boxes?

Do you remember when the topics used to be delivered in those sturdy red boxes? We've been using the smart blue boxes for a few years now, but still need our old faithful reds!

Please can you return any reds to us if they are languishing in your school?

Martin will happily pick them up when he visits your school in July &/or September.

THANK YOU!

### And finally.....

Have a great summer break. Hopefully the sun will shine and the queues won't be terrible!

We welcome any comments and feedback about our service. Please contact us by email at [generalsls@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:generalsls@northumberland.gov.uk) and keep up to date with all our latest news follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram @NLSandSLS

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