

Library News

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Celebrating with
WORLD
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Library News

Welcome to the latest edition of Library News. This termly newsletter will keep you up to date with all the news, reviews and events associated with the library. Last term was a busy time in the library and we have lots of activities planned for this term too, what with new reading challenges starting, World Book Day and more.



Stephanie Vann
Librarian

Have you tried ebooks ?

As well as the physical books in the school library, Crown Hills students also have access to ebooks in the school elibrary. Ebooks are electronic books which can be read on a smartphone, tablet or computer. They can be accessed from anywhere and at any time.



To get started:

1. On your smartphone, computer or tablet at home, download the ePlatform by Wheelers app from the app store of your device or go to the website: <https://eplatform.co/uk>
2. Go to Find Libraries and search for Crown Hills Community College. Select Crown Hills Community College from the results and it will take you to our e-Library.
3. Sign in with your Crown Hills username and password – this is the same one you use to login to the school computers. You can now browse, borrow and read!

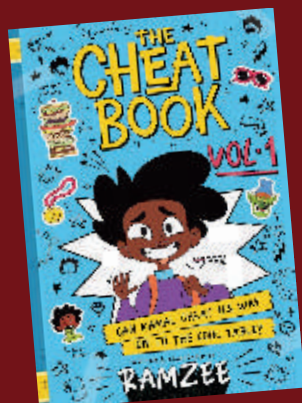
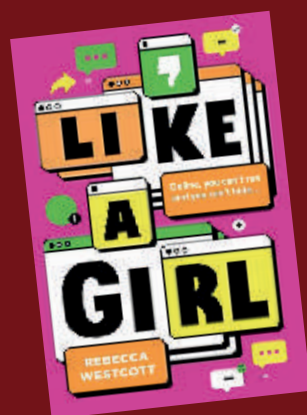
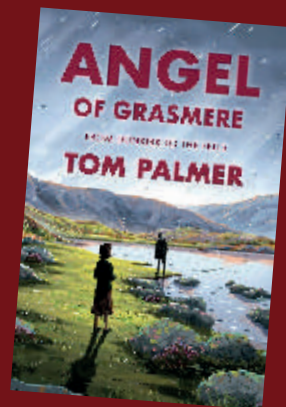
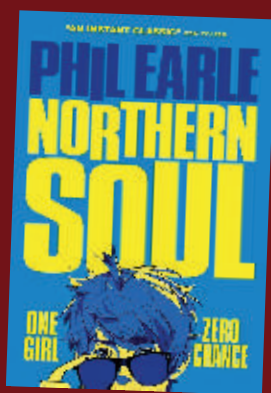


Reading Rampage

Reading Rampage 2025 will begin in February and will continue until the end of May. Students in year 7 have the opportunity to participate in this year's challenge alongside other schools in Leicester and Leicestershire. The eight shortlisted books have been selected by the organisers specifically for their appeal to year 7 students.

They include a variety of genres and styles from action and adventure to humour, horror, history and mystery. We hope our students will be enthusiastic about reading these books, that they will encourage empathy and develop their awareness of different authors and genres.

All Crown Hills year 7 students who read at least one Reading Rampage book and submit a short review of it to Miss Vann will receive a participation certification. In addition, one student who shows particular commitment and enthusiasm will be nominated as the school champion and will receive a certificate and a £10 book voucher.



READING RAMPAGE

CHCC Top 10 Current Most Borrowed Books



1. Catch Your Death by Ravana Guron
2. Boy Everywhere by A.M. Dassu
3. Lightning Strike by Tanya Landman
4. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess by Jeff Kinney
5. Dork Diaries: Sister Showdown by Rachel Renee Russell
6. Girl Next Door by Karen Moncrieffe
7. Where the World Turns Wild by Nicola Penfold
8. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J.K. Rowling
9. Thieves Gambit by Kayvion Lewis
10. I Am Wolf by Alistair Chisholm

CHCC Most Active Readers by Number of Books Borrowed (Physical and E-Books)

CHCC Most Active Form Groups by Number of Students Reading

Yr 7 – 7C
Yr 8 – 8W
Yr 9 – 9H
Yr 10 – 10L
Yr 11 – 11C

Yr 7 Abdullah Bukera 7H

Yr 8 Tayyibah Sameja 8S

Yr 9 Fatimah Zahra Wahab 9N

Yr 10 Shanum Patel 10R &
Hamza Manjothi 10S (joint)

Yr 11 Ahmed Mukardam 11A &
Fatimah Bhana 11C (joint)

Reading Achievement

Students in KS3 who show commitment to their reading homework and Accelerated Reader quizzes have the opportunity to gain acknowledgement for their reading achievement.

So far this school year, we have awarded certificates and badges out to 111 students including:

- 1 Word Multimillionaire
- 14 Word Millionaires
- 28 Word Half-Millionaires
- 52 Bronze Awards for Reading Achievement
- 14 Silver Awards for Reading Achievement

We also recently celebrated our first 3 Reading Ambassadors of the year, year 8 students who became Word Multi-Millionaires in year 7 and have repeated the feat by becoming Word Millionaires again in year 8. This award recognised their continued commitment to reading.

Congratulations to all of them!

We hope to recognise more reading commitment throughout the year.



Literature Loyalty Cards

Students in years 9, 10 and 11 have been given CHCC Literature Loyalty Cards. This new reading initiative began at the start of this school year as a reward scheme for our older students. To participate, students read a book of their own choice this school year, then write a short review of the book, which they hand in to the school librarian. For every review, they receive a stamp on their loyalty card.

The loyalty card is linked to the school Brettow scheme:

5 stamps = 1 Brettow Competition completed

10 stamps = 2 Brettow Competitions completed

So far this school year, 3 students have acquired 5 stamps and a further 5 students have acquired all 10 stamps.

Congratulations!



Paired Reading

This term sees the launch of a new paired reading scheme. As part of this, volunteers from year 10 will be working with students in year 7 to support them with their reading.



This Months Recommended Reads....

Year
7



Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun – Tolá Okogwu

Onyeka has a lot of hair – the kind that makes strangers stop in the street. When she makes the important discovery that she can control her hair with her mind, she's whisked off to the Academy of the Sun, a school in Nigeria where Solari – children with superpowers – are trained. But Onyeka and her new friends at the Academy soon have to put their powers to the test as they find themselves caught up in an epic battle... one that puts the future of all Solari at risk.

Available from the school library.

Year
8



Bite Risk: Caught Dead – S. J. Wills

After Sel Archer and his friends uncovered a conspiracy that turned the whole world upside down, it seems that the residents of Tremorglade are finally free. Adults can Turn at the full moon with no restrictions, no longer locked in cages and left to roam free. But the town's new found fame is at risk as attacks begin to happen on Howl Night. Rumours of a foul, unkillable beast begin to stir... someone or something is plotting to control the Turned once and for all.

Available from the school library and as an e-book.

Year
9



How to Survive a Horror Movie – Scarlett Dunmore

Horror movie enthusiast Charley is determined to keep a low profile when she's enrolled at a girls' boarding school on a remote island. That is, until someone starts killing off her senior class. From elaborate scare tactics to severed heads in fridges, Charley has found herself at the centre of a teen horror movie. And that's not the only alarming thing that's happening – she's now seeing the ghosts of her former classmates!

Available from the school library and as an e-book.

Year
10



Some Like It Cold – Elle McNicoll

Arthur, a budding filmmaker, is turning the town of Lake Pristine into a small town story worthy of the big screen. His plans are disrupted by the arrival of the town's golden girl – the antagonist of his school days; a girl he's never forgotten. Jasper Montgomery is back in Lake Pristine for one reason: to say goodbye. But before long small-town tensions start to rise, and a certain brooding film buff starts to look like a very big reason to stay.

Available from the school library.

Year
11



Klara and the Sun – Kazuo Ishiguro

From her place in the store, Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, watches carefully the behaviour of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass in the street outside. She remains hopeful a customer will soon choose her, but when the possibility emerges that her circumstances may change for ever, Klara is warned not to invest too much in the promises of humans.

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