

June 2026

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Top Borrowing Students

Year 7 Summer W, Gwen S, Natalia T,
Mahir A, Amelia B, Ailsa O, Catelyn P,
Izzy U

Year 8 Lilli C, Connie C

Year 9 Freddie E, Haven K, Michelle O,
Poppy R, Lyra T, Skye W

Top Borrowing Sora e-book & Audio book Students

Red S, Natalia T, Catelyn P

Lexia Legends

Year 7 Lucas O, Ethan T, Tana G

Year 8 Jacob M, Jack F, Menderes M,
Ikramul Islam, Nathaniel N, Ruby S,
Alexis M, Oliver LG, Robbie Y,
Thomas C, Poppy C

Year 9 Harry BS, Amy R, Larissa DS,
Wahidal I

Year 10 Connor G, Alicia G, Luke A,
Nadia D, Loki V

May LRC Quiz Winners

Catelyn P, Felix GR, Hope C, Megan S

Get Caught Reading

We caught an amazing **47** students in some of **May** reading in school during their free time. Every student received achievement points for their efforts.

Prize draw winners:

Joshua J, Hannah S, Caitlin W, Millie O

Vista Book Explorers Award Achievements

Top Achieving Year Groups -
1st Year 7
2nd Year 9
3rd Year 8

Top Achieving Tutor Groups
1st 7JWP
2nd 7SNY
3RD 9GMN

Top Achieving Students
1ST Ailsa O
2ND Catelyn P
3rd Skye W

Top Achieving Teachers
1ST Mrs Richardson
2ND Mrs Burley
3rd Mrs Webb



Vista Book Explorers Award



Here are some reasons why you should pick up a book:

- **Emphasis on empathy.** Reading is the best way to discover how other people think and feel and to understand those whose lives are different from yours.
- **Imagination celebration.** Books invite you into other worlds, real or invented, and prompt you to visualise them for yourself.
- **Page engagement.** Nothing focuses your mind and gets you thinking more than books do. Reading a physical book can boost concentration eight times more than reading digitally.³
- **Mental health wealth.** Books help to make sense of the world and allow you to detach yourself when it becomes stressful.
- **Maximising memory.** Reading helps brain development and strengthens the circuits related to memory.
- **Sizing up spies.** The education secretary Bridget Phillipson says that reading helps critical thinking, which is vital for national security. With enemy powers spreading disinformation, "We need a generation of problem-solvers, equipped to dissect what lands in front of them... In short, we need a generation of readers."⁴

Vista Book Explorers Award Checklist



1. CHOOSE THE RIGHT BOOK FOR YOU. LOOK AT THE GENRE, BLURB AND FIRST PAGE OF A BOOK. USE THE FIVE-FINGER WORD GUIDE.



2. READ A BOOK FROM START TO FINISH. READ A PHYSICAL BOOK, E-BOOK OR LISTEN TO AN AUDIOBOOK. BORROW BOOKS FROM HOME, LRC, PUBLIC LIBRARY OR SORA. YOUR READING PROGRESS WILL BE REVIEWED EVERY LIBRARY LESSON.



3. WRITE A BOOK REVIEW ON THE LIBRARY SYSTEM ACCESSIT OR ON A BOOK REVIEW SHEET FOUND ON THE LIBRARIANS DESK.

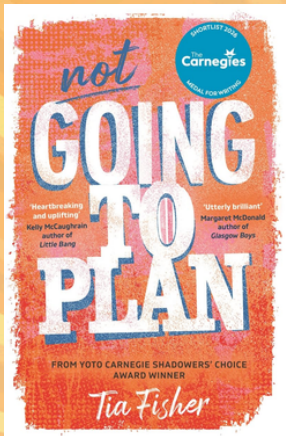


4. GET YOUR BOOKMARK STAMPED, RECEIVE ACHIEVEMENT POINTS AND PRIZES. EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND YOUR VOCABULARY.

The Carnegies



Our Vista Carnegie Shadowing group are reading their way through all 8 shortlisted books.



We enjoyed chatting to Tia Fisher, author of 'Not Going to Plan' during a virtual author visit at lunchtime on 14th May. Students asked questions about her writing career, where her favourite writing spot is and what inspires her to write.

[Virtual Author Visit](#)

[Coming Soon!](#)

Katya Balen – Carnegie shortlisted Author of Ghostlines will be here to chat virtually in the LRC at lunchtime on **Thursday 18th June at 12:15pm. All welcome!**



Our Shadowing group have been voting for their favourite shortlisted book and will be looking forward to seeing which book has won at the 'Carnegie Medal & Shadower's Choice Award Winners Ceremony**' on **Tuesday 23rd June 2026.****

Our group will be able to participate in a lunch time celebration.

[Book Reviews](#)

Once the students finish reading a book they write a book review on the 'Carnegie' webpage. You can see our Shadowing groups book reviews so far by going on this link

<https://carnegies.co.uk/reading-group/vista-academy-littleport/>

Library Clubs

VISTA ACADEMY LIBRARY

BOOK CLUB

BRING YOUR LUNCH
EVERY THURSDAY LUNCH

See Mrs Burley to sign up

We discuss a wide range of topics and recommend books we love.
Biscuits provided!

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BOARD GAMES CLUB

EVERY FRIDAY LUNCH
IN THE LRC

SEE MRS BURLEY FOR MORE DETAILS

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Homework Club

Every day after school
3pm to 4pm in the LRC

See Mrs Burley for more details

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WELLBEING WEDNESDAY LUNCH TIME IN THE LRC

WAYS TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- ENJOYING ART ACTIVITIES
- CATCHING UP WITH FRIENDS
- READING A BOOK
- WRITING A DIARY OR JOURNAL
- WELLBEING LEAFLETS AND BOOK RESOURCES AVAILABLE
- LISTENING TO AN AUDIO BOOK OR PODCAST

SPEAK TO MRS BURLEY FOR MORE INFO

Competitions

BOOK REVIEWER of the Month

Complete a Book Review after every book you read. Either type it on your school Library account or collect and complete a review sheet from Mrs Burley. Achievement points for every great review. An extra reward for Book review of the Month!

READ, GROW & INSPIRE!

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Library Competitions

Top Student Borrowers
At the end of each month one student in each year group will be awarded achievement points for borrowing and reading the most books.

Top Borrowing Tutor Group
Help your Tutor Group win the award for Best Borrowers by taking out and reading books. Termly yummy prizes awarded to winning Tutor Group

Good Luck!

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Get Caught Reading!

It's simple! Every time a member of staff catches you reading a book (other than when you are told to obviously!) they will email Mrs Burley with your details or give you a **GCR ticket** to post in the box in the LRC. You will be awarded achievement points and will be entered into a prize draw. The more you read, the more likely you are to 'get caught' and the more chances you will have to win.

Good luck and Get Caught Reading!

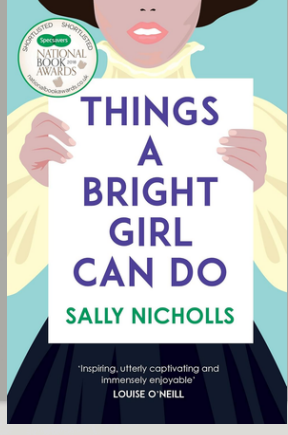
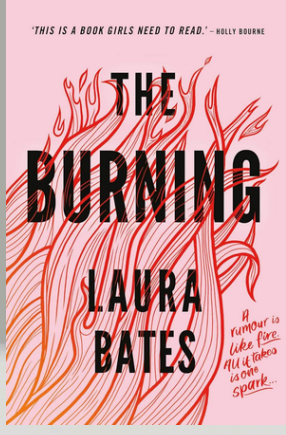
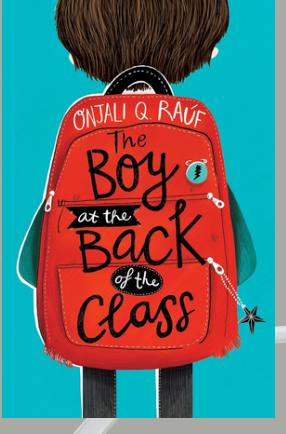
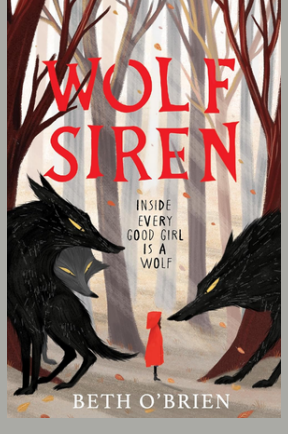
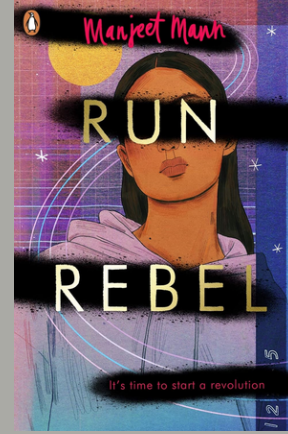
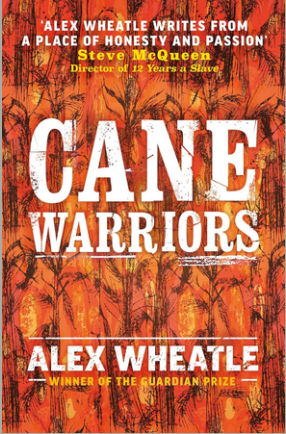
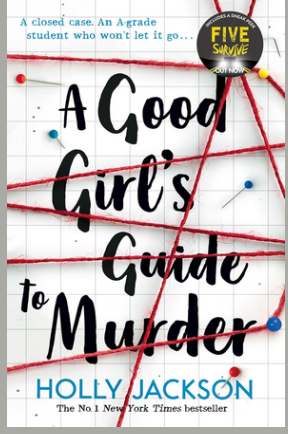
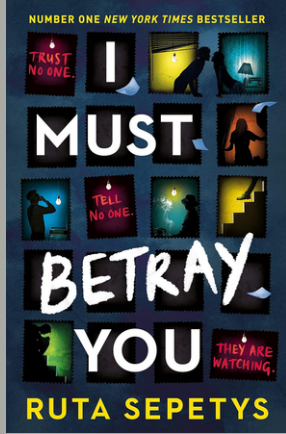
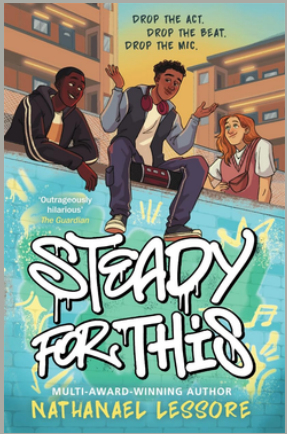
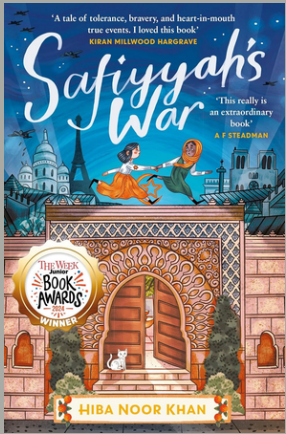
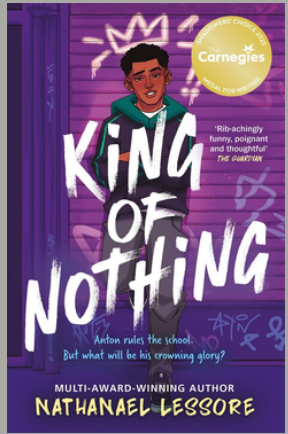
June 2026 Awareness Dates

1-7 Volunteers Week
1 Dinosaur Day
3 World Bicycle Day
4 National Cheese Day
5 World Environment Day
5 Rick Riordan's Birthday
7 Adam Silvera's Birthday
7 Tourettes Awareness Day
8 National Best Friends Day
8 World Oceans Day
8-14 National Carers Week
11 Katya Balen - Virtual Author visit in LRC
12 Anne Frank's Birthday

14 World Blood Donor Day
15-21 Loneliness Awareness Week
15-21 Learning Disability Week
18 Autistic Pride Day
18 Clean Air Day
20 World Refugee Day
21 World Music Day
21 Fathers Day
22 UK Windrush Day
23 Carnegie Choice Award Winners Ceremony
24 National Writing Day
25 George Orwell's Birthday
27 Armed Forces Day

Look out for activities during break and lunch time in the LRC related to the dates above.

Audio Book Appreciation Month

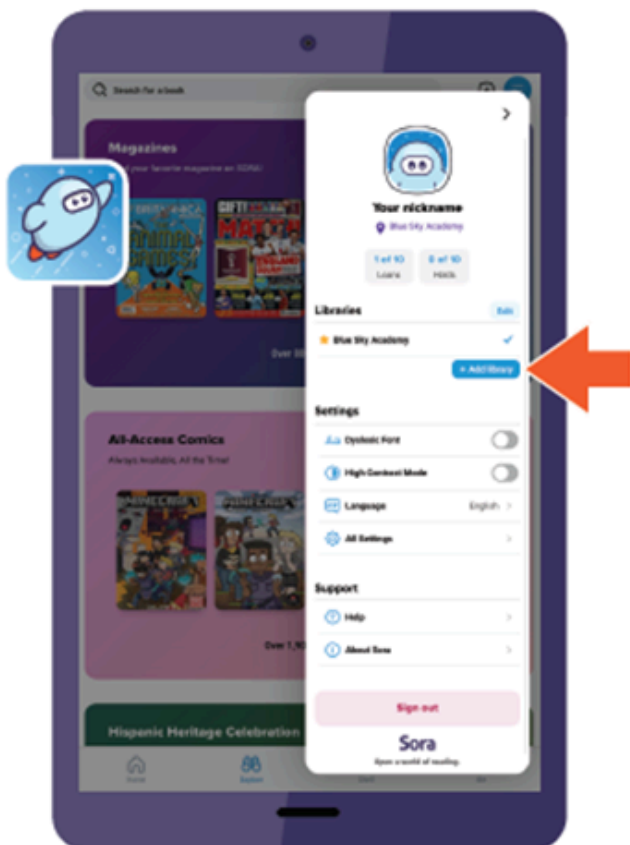


Sora

The student reading app



Sora offers the ability for students to explore age-appropriate digital books from Cambridgeshire County Council

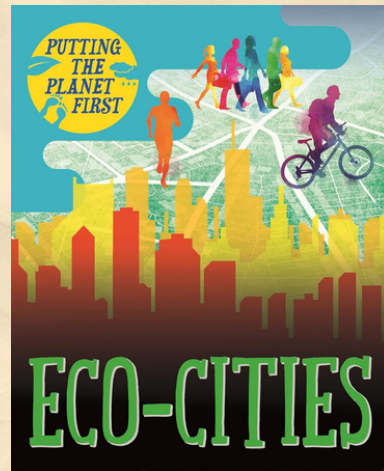


Here's how to access titles from the library through Sora:

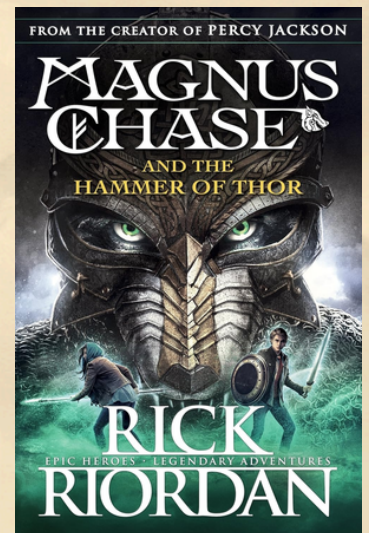
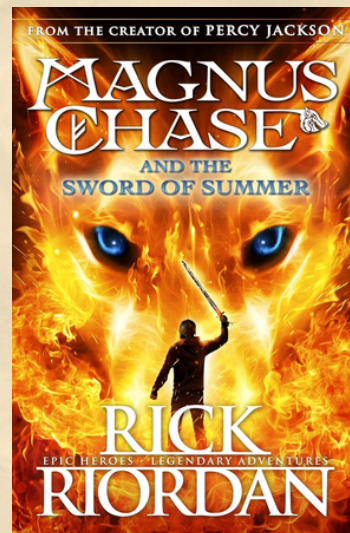
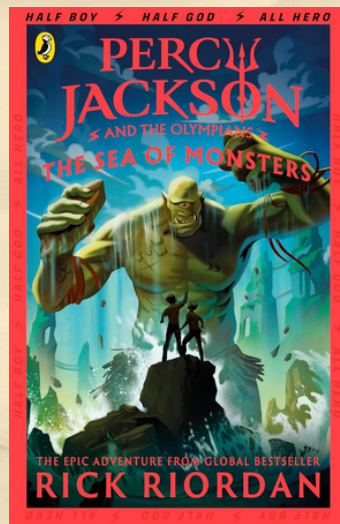
1. In Sora, sign into your school with your school credentials.
2. Click or tap menu icon and select Add library.
3. Use the search box to find and select Cambridgeshire County Council. The library will open in the Explore tab.
4. You will be prompted to sign in when you borrow a book or place a hold. Select your school to continue.
5. Sign in with your school credentials.



5th World Environment Day



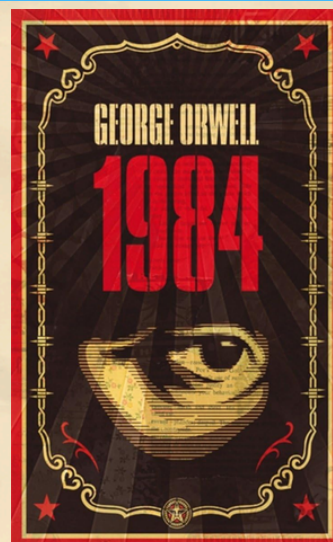
5th Author – Rick Riordan’s Birthday



12th Anne Frank’s Birthday



28th George Orwell’s Birthday



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WORLD CUP

QUIZ



**COME AND HAVE A GO AT OUR QUIZ AT
BREAK OR LUNCH IN THE LRC.
POINTS AND PRIZES TO BE WON!**

Become a Library Ambassador!



Vista Library is looking for Ambassadors
for each Tutor Group



How to sign up:

Ask your Tutor to put your name forward or
speak to Mrs Burley

What will you be doing?



Promote library events, activities and
competitions to your Tutor group. Support your
Tutor to collect overdue books. Represent your
group to help promote reading for fun!



Why volunteer?

Promote reading for fun.

Achievement points to be gained.

Improving your school library.

Being part of a team.

Skills to add to your personal statements and college applications.



Ambassadors will meet with Mrs Burley in the LRC regularly to
collect information to take to your Tutor group.

How to use the Library Webpage



Did you know you can access our library catalogue from your computer, tablet or phone?

You can access it by going to the **VISTA website**



Or typing in the link below in your search bar

uk.accessit.online/ltt03/#!dashboard

The Accessit system is our online 24 hour library catalogue.

By logging in you can do the following:

- Browse the LRC information
- Check your LRC account (borrowing and overdues)
- Browse the catalogue
- Reserve books you would like to read
- Find out about LRC events and competitions

This video will give you information on Accessit and how to use your Library account

