THINK PAIR SHARE: Why is reading important?

Students who read do better at school
And they don't just do better at subjects like English and history. They do better at all subjects and they do better all the way through school.

Reading teaches us about the world around us
Through reading we learn about people, places and events outside our own experience. We are exposed to new ways of life, ideas and beliefs.

Reading improves our vocabulary and leads to more highly-developed language skills
We learn new words as we read but we also unconsciously absorb information about things like how to structure sentences and how to use words and language effectively.

Reading develops our imagination and skills of empathy
When we read our brains translate the descriptions of people, places and things into pictures. When we're engaged in a story, we're also imagining how the characters are feeling. And in turn, we feel what they feel.

Reading allows us to switch off, even if for a short while, from the stresses of the real world.

How to borrow books from the Library

Although the library is closed at the moment, you can still reserve, borrow and return books easily!

Boxes with lids will be placed in each tutor room for returns and will be collected by the Library staff weekly, if not more often. You can also return books by placing them in the large grey box outside the library (opposite GG32).

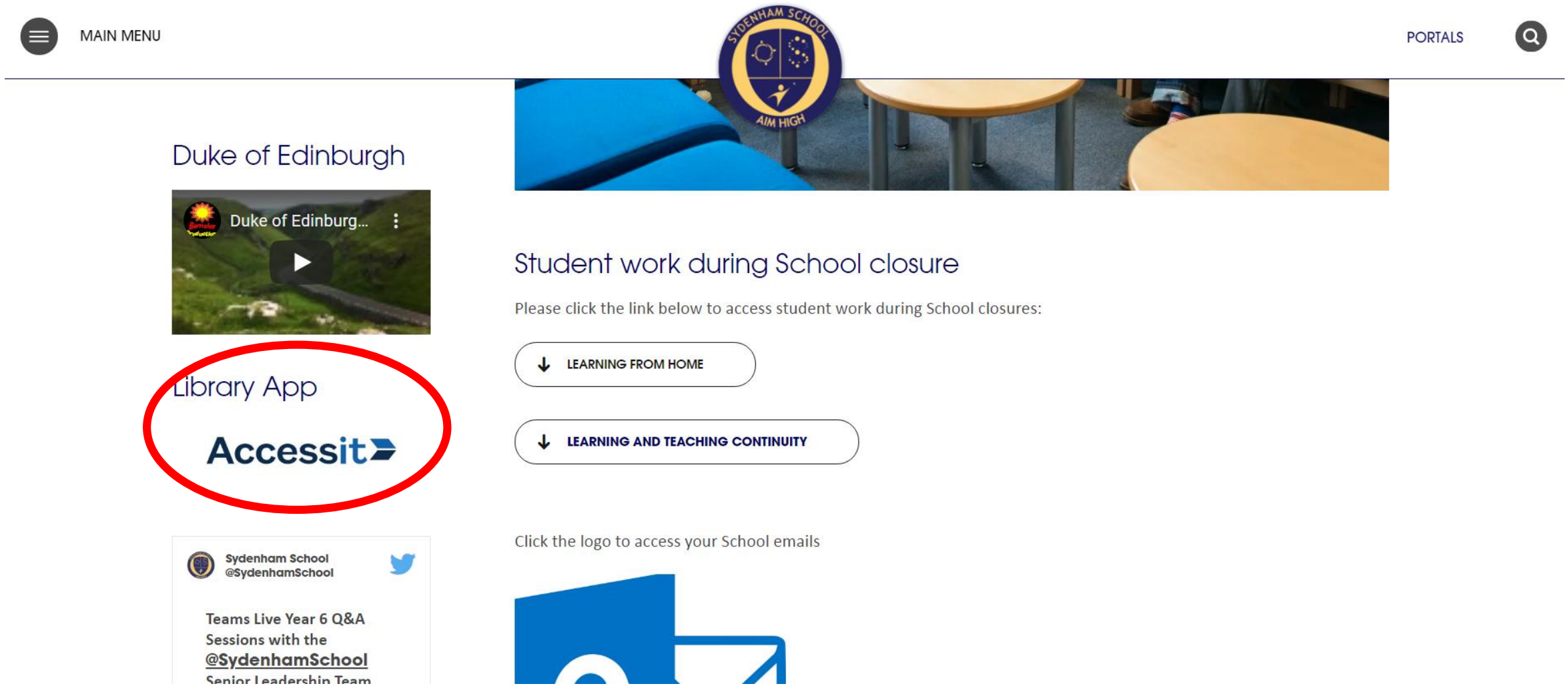
The books are then quarantined for a minimum of 1 week before being returned to the shelves.

Library staff will bring the reserved books when available, to classrooms in labelled paper bags.

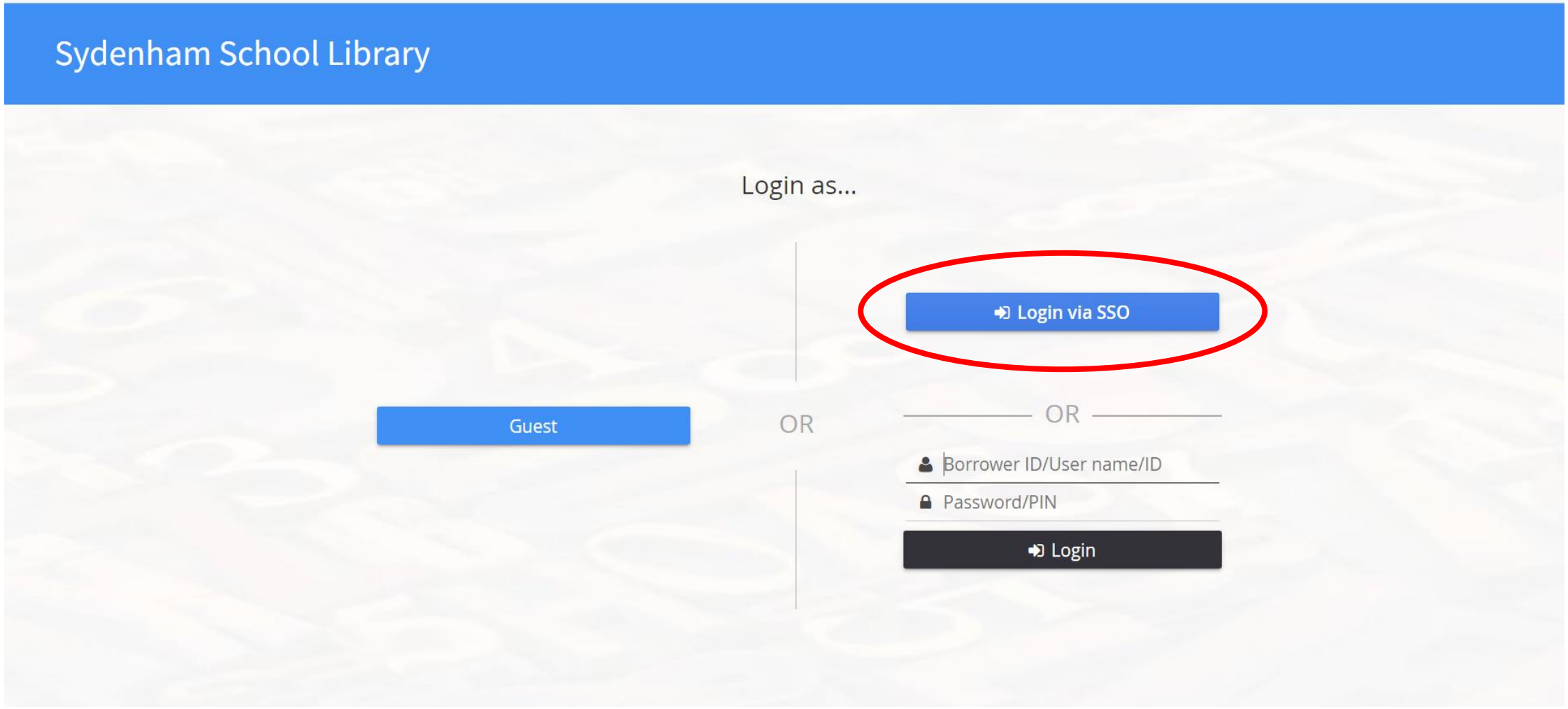
There are a number of overdue books out on loan – make a note in your planner to check at home and return these ASAP so others can borrow them. You need to return these before you can borrow any more.

Go to the school's website. Hover over 'portal' and click 'students.' Then, login using your normal details.

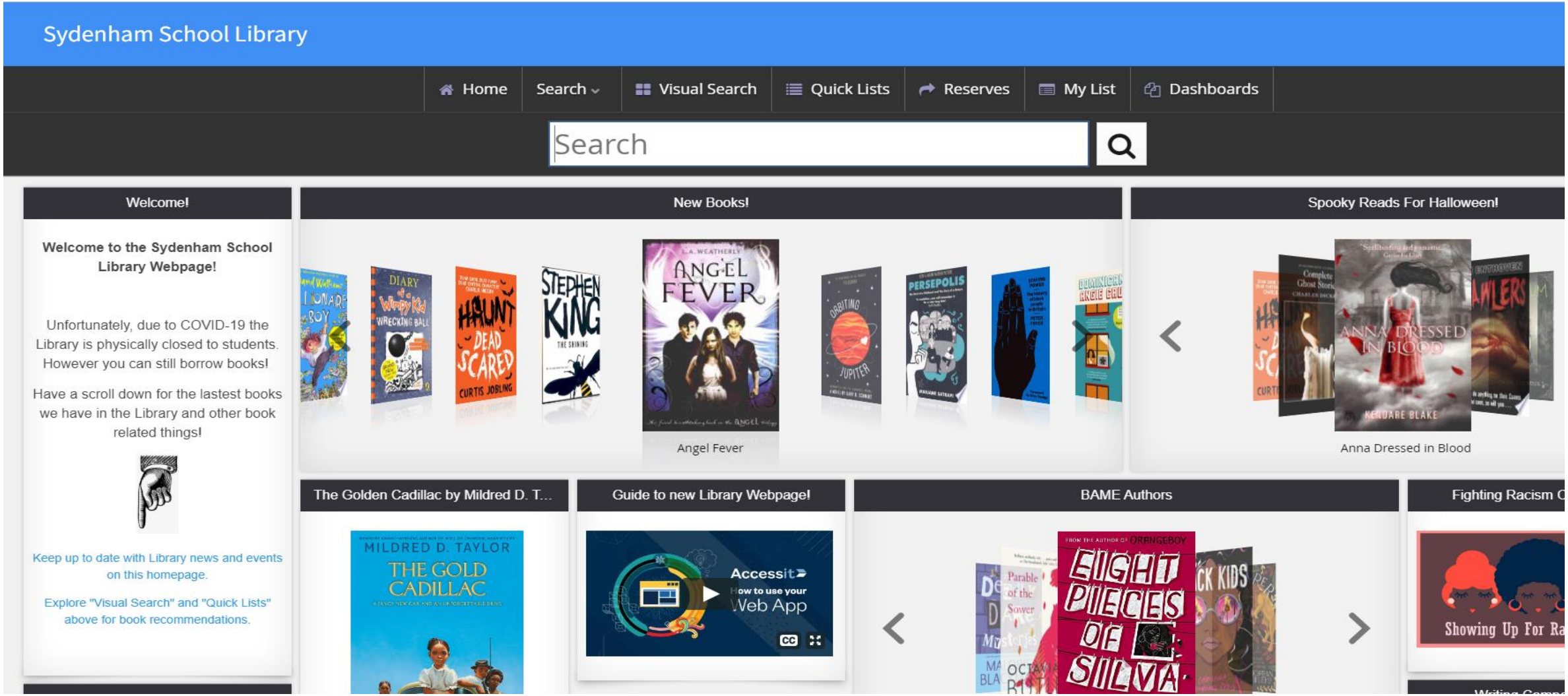
Scroll down and click on ‘Accessit.’



If you are logged onto a school computer, it should automatically take you through to the next screen. If you're at home, it may ask you to enter your login details again. You should always click on 'Login via SSO' and use your normal Office 365 details.

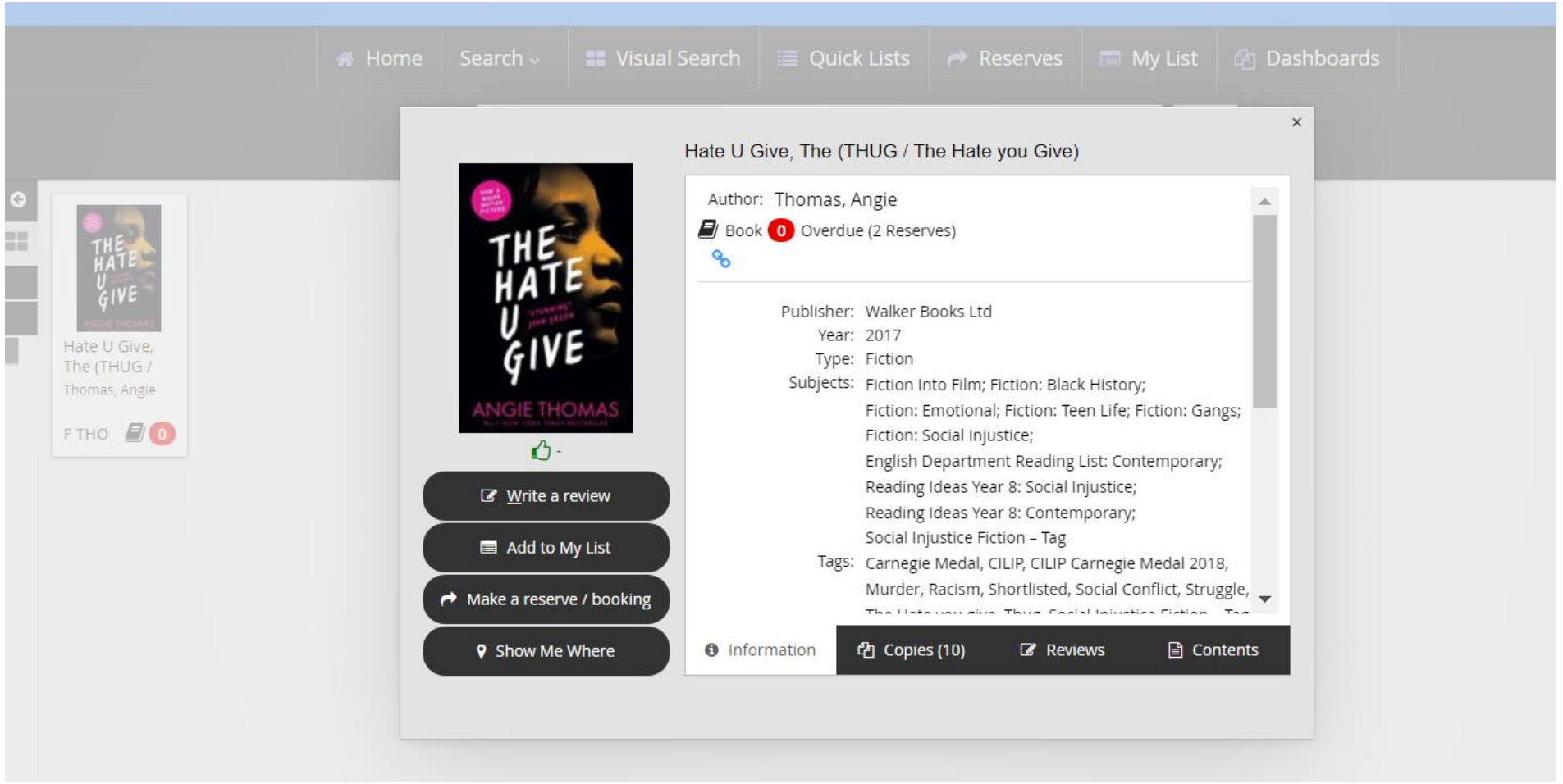


This will bring you to the Sydenham School Library homepage. You can use this screen to browse, borrow and reserve your books.



To reserve a book, you can either:

1. Search for the book, click on it and then select ‘Make a reserve/ booking,’ then click ‘reserve.’



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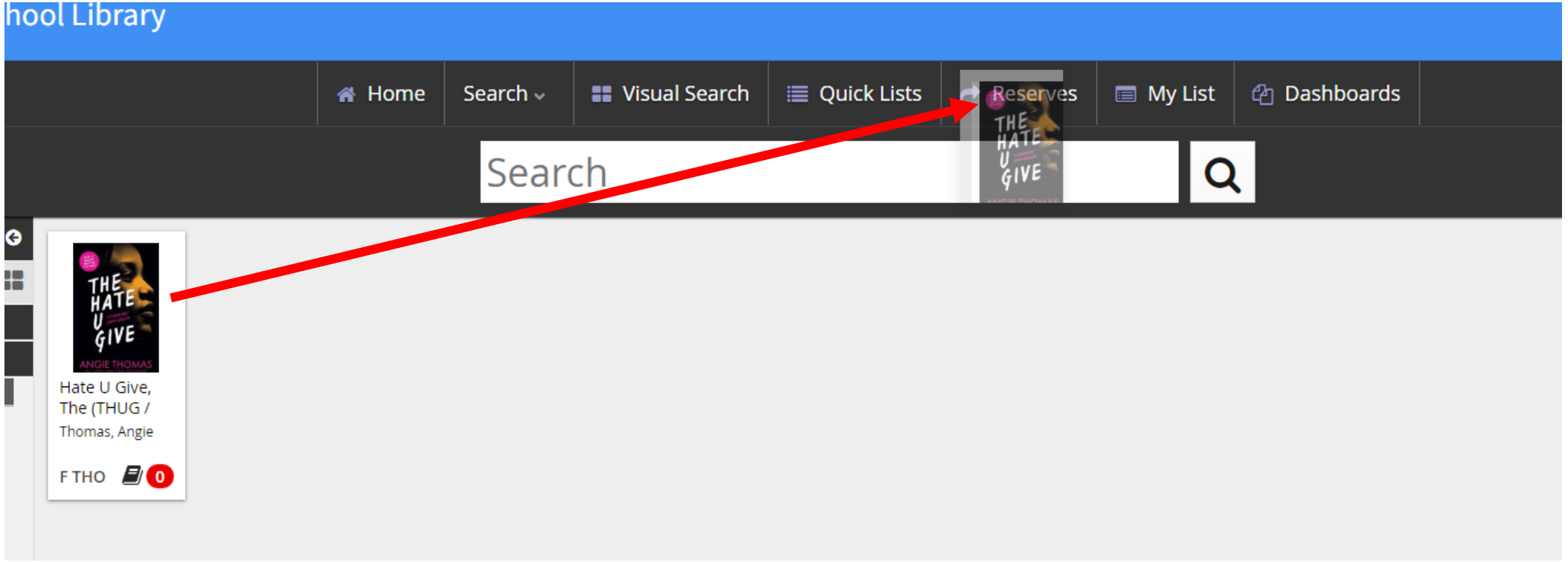
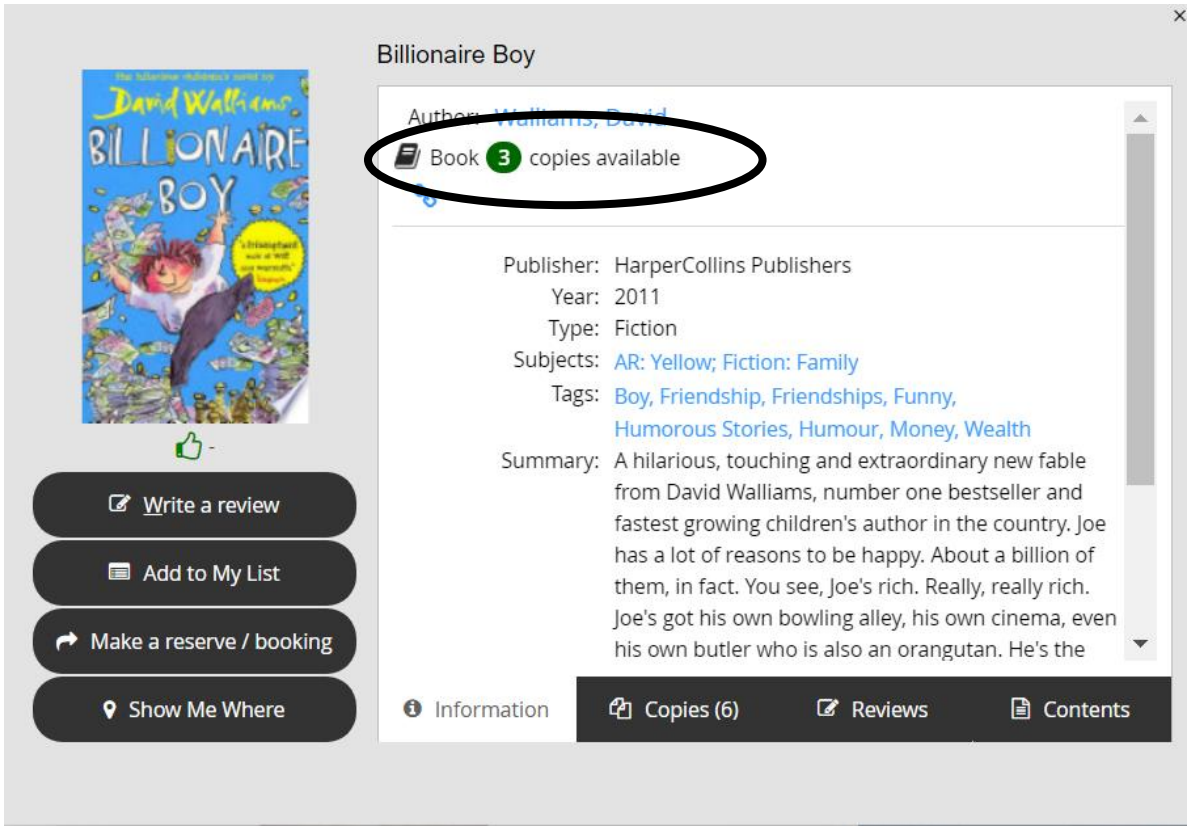
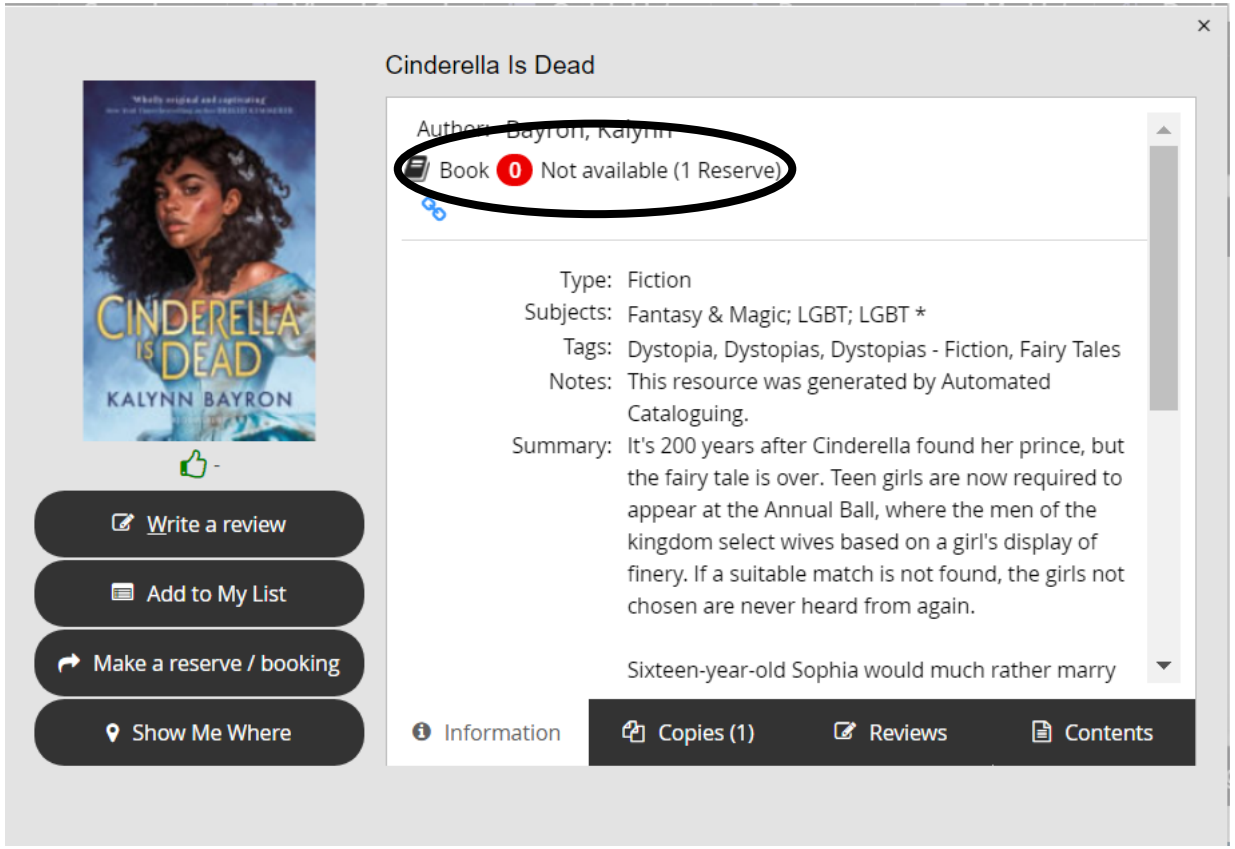
2. Click on the image of the book and drag it up to ‘Reserves.’



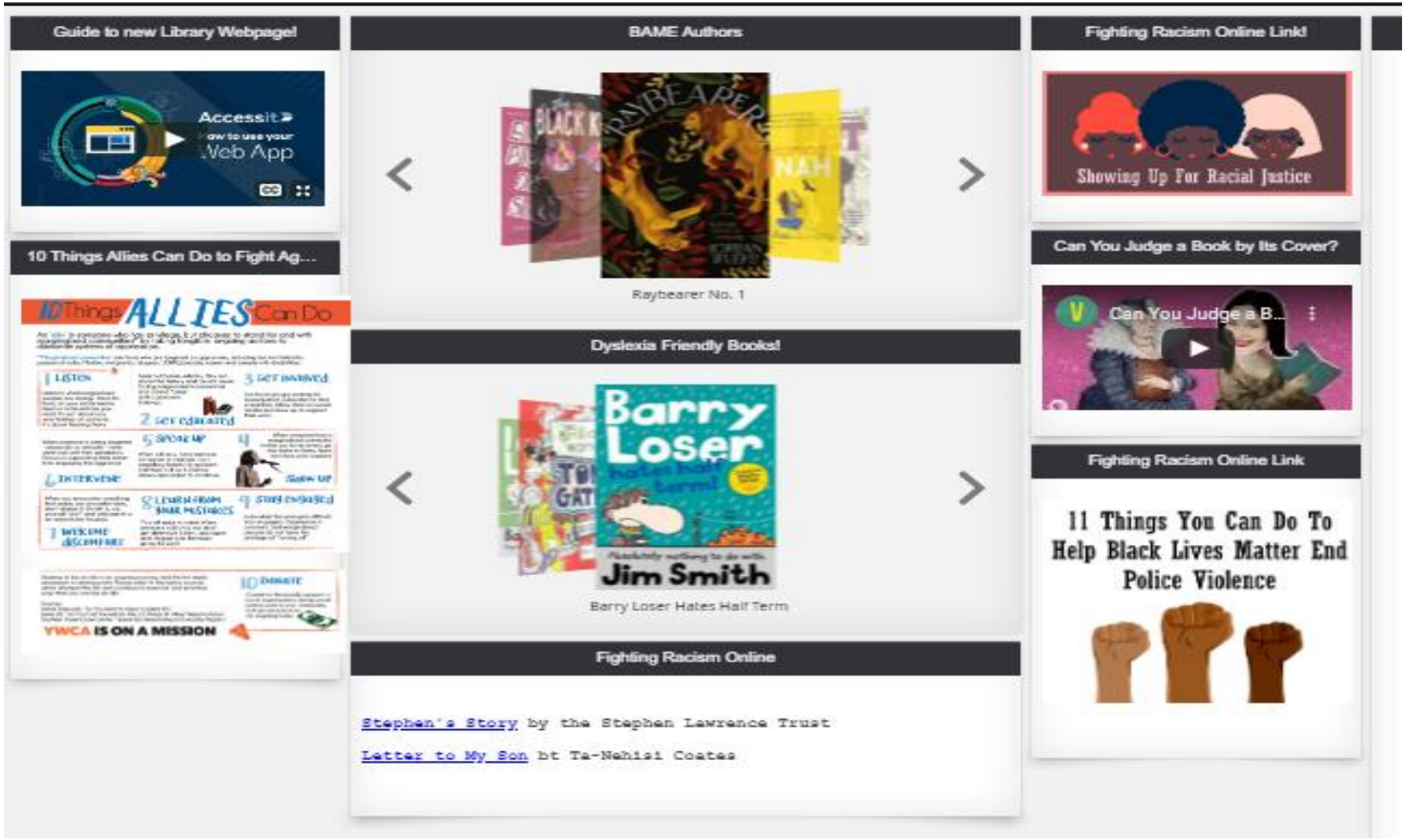
If a book has a green circle next to it, it means that there are copies available.

If a book has a red circle, it means all the copies are out on loan or being quarantined. You can still reserve, but it may take a bit longer before you receive the book.





There are lots of interesting and useful resources available on the library's website – spend some time this week having a look!



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- http://accessitsoftware.com/updates/zoho/Orientation%20booklets/UK%20Secondary.pdf