

# Library Newsletter May '22



## New in the library:

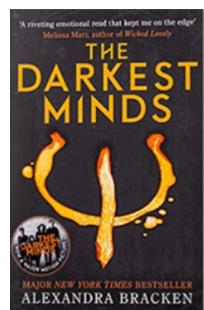


Ruby's new school is supposed to be a fresh start in a new town where nobody knows her darkest secret, but on the first day she finds a note in her locker: 'I know you did it.' When Ruby was only 4 she was responsible for the death of girl in the playground. Now in Y11 she moves school to escape her past, but when one of her new classmates is murdered, and Ruby was the last one to see them alive, the rumours begin to circulate and it seems that Ruby will never be able to start again.

This is a dark teenage thriller, a modern day who-done-it, that will keep you guessing to the ending to keep you engrossed in this entertaining novel.

Drawing on the legend of Robin Hood, who stole from the rich and gave to the poor, the story has been updated and set in modern times.

When his dad is framed for a robbery, Robin and his brother Little John are hounded out of Locksley and must learn to survive in Sherwood forest. But Robin is determined to do more than survive. Small, fast and deadly with a bow, he hatches a plan to join forces with Marion Maid, harness his tech skills and strike a blow against underworld boss Gisborne and the Sheriff of Nottingham.



In an alternate future, a mysterious disease has killed about 90% of all children and teenagers. Survivors have been left with frightening abilities that they cannot control. The government send survivors to brutal rehabilitation camps, where they are tested and divided into groups according to their abilities.

The power that Reds and Oranges have are considered too dangerous for society and they are killed instantly. Ruby Daly is designated orange, and her fight for survival begins ...

A group of teenagers have known each other since birth, their parents are very close friends who organise a huge group holiday every year. This year instead of staying in the same hotel as their parents the teenagers have hired a remote tropical small island to spend a week together learning how to survive. They have a guide to show them how to find food and water and how to build shelter. It was supposed to be the perfect holiday. But when their guide dies of a stroke leaving them stranded, the trip of a lifetime turns into a nightmare.



## League tables:

### Top English Groups

(highest % of students borrowing books)

#### Year 7

- 1) 7BLB 73% (=)
- 2) 7EGB 69% (=)
- 2) 7BEA 69% (up from 4th)

#### Year 8

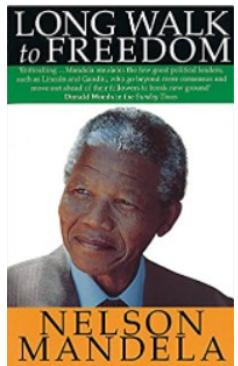
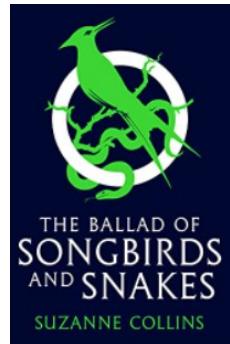
- 1) 8BLA 76% (up from 3rd)
- 2) 8BLB 67% (down from 1st)
- 3) 8SIA 64% (down from 2nd)

### Most Popular Library Books

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| 1) |  | 2) |  |
| 3) |  | 4) |  |
| 5) |  | 6) |  |

## Talking to:

### Mr Roberts



**Q) What book are you reading now? Are you enjoying it?**

'The Ballad of Songs and Snakes' by Suzanne Collins

This is the prequel to the Hunger Games series and it is absolutely AMAZING! I can't decide which is better, the prequel or the actual series.

**Q) Who was your favourite childhood author?**

Roald Dahl—he doesn't shy away from the grisly aspects of life, his books are fun and accessible.

**Q) What is the one title you think everyone should read and why?**

'Long Walk to Freedom' by Nelson Mandela

It's such an important book from an historical point of view but also still relevant. It's the triumph of human spirit and hope over adversity.

**Q) What advice do you have for students?**

Reading is possibly the best thing you can do. Read widely, just read, read, read.

## Author Focus: Alice Oseman

Alice Oseman, born in 1994, published her first novel, 'Solitaire' when she was just 20 years old.

A year later she published her second, 'Radio Silence' which has themes of academic pressures and LGBT+ relationships.

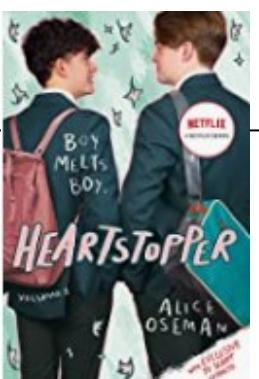
Alice Oseman has explained in interviews that the main character's experiences in Radio Silence were similar to her own school pressures.

'I Was Born For This', Alice's third novel, was published in 2018. The novel is about a band called The Ark and their fans, and the relationship between "Angel" Rahimi and Jimmy Kaga-Ricci. The novel explores themes of teenage fandom and personal individuality.

Alice Oseman is also the author and artist of the graphic novel series, Heartstopper, published in 2018, which follows the romantic relationship between Charlie Spring and Nick Nelson, both characters from 'Solitaire'.

In July 2020, Oseman published her fourth novel, 'Loveless', a young adult novel based on her own experiences in university.

Netflix is currently showing an adaptation of 'Heartstopper'.



(Text/photo adapted from Wikipedia)

### Coming Soon!

More Activities with Lucie, Kelsey & Grace (19th May)

Dystopian Fiction Event