



Every term, we share the latest news from the [Read On Nottingham](#) campaign and other literacy-focused activities across the city.

Read On Nottingham



The Snowman and the Snowdog

Over the festive period Read On Nottingham distributed almost 5,000 *The Snowman and The Snowdog* activity packs and reading tips to families across the city, thanks to a donation from Puffin.

The packs included a copy of the book, an activity book, a poster and some colouring pencils and were handed out at several primary schools and early years settings, community groups, food banks and women's refuge centres.

We also developed tips on making story time special this festive season, which were distributed alongside the books.

[Find out more on the Read On Nottingham website.](#)



Nottingham Panthers book giveaway

Last weekend we hosted a book giveaway at a Nottingham Panthers ice hockey match, in partnership with The Renewal Trust.

Over 400 books, which kindly donated by Penguin, were given away and their mascot Paws even turned up to help children at the game to fall in love with reading.

Nottingham Panthers will hold a book swap at every home match for the rest of the season, encouraging their fans to read for pleasure.

Early years



Literacy Champions

We've reached our target number of Literacy Champions volunteers! There are now more than fifty working in our target wards across the city, taking part in several different literacy-themed activity.

Mum Linzi became a Literacy Champion after supporting at a Read on Nottingham book giveaway event. She said 'I decided to become a Literacy Champion to meet people, interact with others and to help combat loneliness.' Linzi has not only achieved these goals, she's also setting up a book club at her son James' school.

[Find out how you can become a Read On Nottingham Literacy Champion.](#)



Tiny Happy People

The BBC is launching its new Tiny Happy People website, which promotes early literacy and language activities for parents. To celebrate, libraries are hosting three events during the week commencing 16 March to encourage parents to help their child be school ready.

[Find out more about Tiny Happy People.](#)

Schools



Local Annual Literacy Survey

We're running a survey for all primary and secondary schools in Nottingham as part of the Annual Literacy Survey. The questionnaire asks pupils to comment on their reading and writing habits.

Each school receives a personalised feedback form, which includes a comparison to regional and national scores. This could be used to inform your literacy strategy, as evidence to OFSTED and review your current provision.

The survey is open online until late March 2020 and should take longer than 20 minutes to complete. It will help us to determine future Read On Nottingham activity.

[Register here to take part here.](#)



Words For Work and The Nottingham

The National Literacy Trust's Words For Work programme teamed up with national building society, The Nottingham, to host the programme at Nottingham Girls Academy over four weeks last year. Employees mentored Year 9 students to unlock pupils' speaking and listening skills and gain an insight into the world of work.

The volunteers worked with pupils to prepare them for the world of work with mock interviews and brainstorming the importance of the words and body language we should use.

Volunteer, Chris said: "We all agreed afterwards how inspiring we found the project to be and how much the girls had grown in confidence in the space of just four weeks.

"Thanks to the National Literacy Trust's excellent Words for Work project the pupils have a renewed sense of direction and an understanding of the key role words, and how we use them, can play in shaping the future.

"It was an absolute privilege to be part of and I know the other volunteers feel the same."

[Find out more about Words For Work](#)

Literacy for Learning

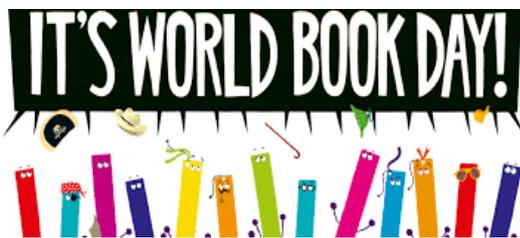
Literacy for Learning is the National Literacy Trust's two-year professional development programme to improve literacy in secondary schools.



Now being delivered in six secondary schools, two special schools and three alternative provision units in Nottingham, the programme is already receiving excellent feedback. One Nottingham teacher said that she didn't know literacy could be so exciting and others have told us that they appreciate the opportunity to learn new, practical strategies to use in the classroom with their pupils.

[Find out more about Literacy For Learning.](#)

Libraries



World Book Day

Preparations for celebrating World Book Day are on the way with events at central library. On the big day, pupils in Year 3 and 4 will hear stories from local storyteller Nicky Rafferty and visit Five Leaves book shop to exchange their World Book Day token. Find out more about this year's World Book Day.



200 million Minute Campaign

Nottingham Libraries have joined the 200 Million Minute campaign, which encourages reading for 10 minutes a day. Families are asked to log any reading they do in the library or online to help us reach the target of 200 million minutes of storytelling and reading.

All regular library groups will be taking part. [Find out more and take part.](#)

Reading Well



Libraries now stock a range of self-help books for children aged 7 – 11 years.

The books have been selected by leading health professionals to help children understand their mental health and wellbeing; dealing with common issues facing them such as worry, bullying and staying safe online.

[Find out more about the collection.](#)

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