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Newsletter

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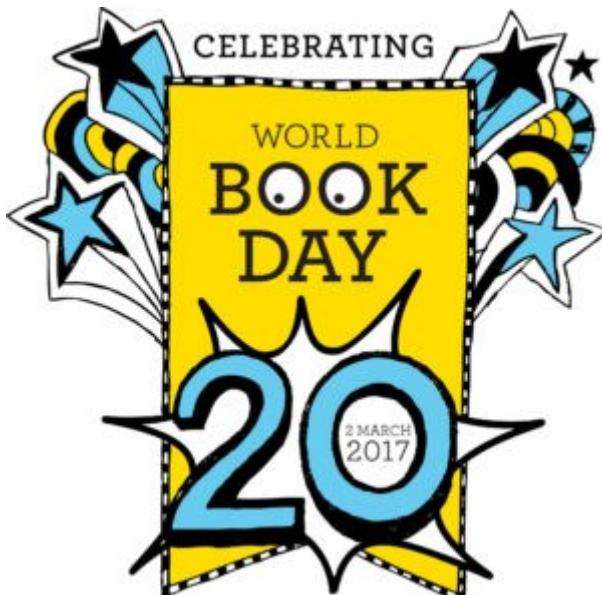
Reading a book is like
re-writing it for yourself.

Angela Carter

Library News!

Authors Juno Dawson and poet Dean Atta visited Stoke Newington School to launch LGBTQ month. While Juno ran a creative writing workshop, Dean ran a poetry workshops for Year 7 and 8 students. Read on and find out more about the authors.

Upcoming Events



World Book Day

2 March 2017

Please look out for library competition celebrating the 20th anniversary of World Book Day!



International Women's Day

8 March 2017

Celebrate the world wide celebration of women by picking up a book from our dedicated display!

SNS Reading List



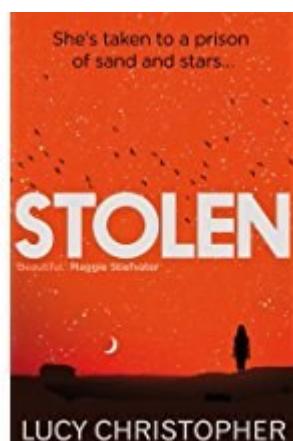
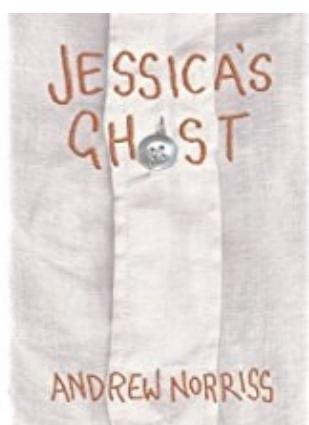
Are you stuck for what to read next? Not sure where to start?

SNS Reading List lists books according to different genres, like fantasy, horror and life issues.

Junior King 7H (above left) and Jonathan Wambugu 7E (above right) are holding books that they discovered through the Reading List. Junior says: 'Reading the Tom Gates series inspired me to try different letterings in my art class.' Jonathan says: 'I came across books that I would not have read otherwise.'

The Reading List is also available online on the school website!

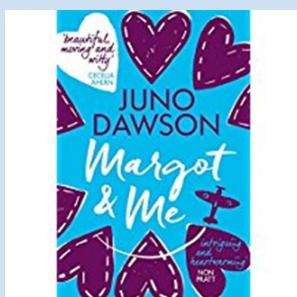
Top 3 Most Borrowed Titles in January 2017



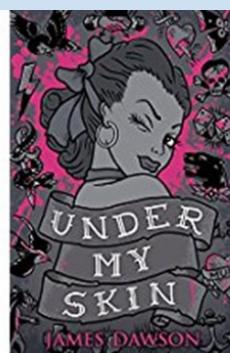
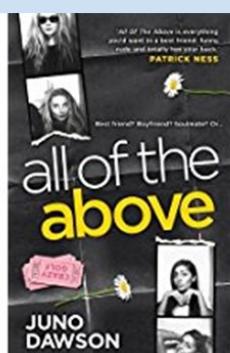
Juno Dawson



Juno Dawson is the multi award-winning author of novels for young adults. In 2015, Juno announced her intention to undergo gender transition and live as a woman. Juno is a regular contributor to many journals concerning sexuality, identity, literature and education. During her visit, Juno ran a creative writing workshop for Year 7 and 8 students and held a lunch time question and answer with students.



Author Juno Dawson signing her books in the library.





Juno and Me

Student Librarian **Isabella Gall-Davis (7W)** told us about her experience of meeting author Juno Dawson.

Juno told us that her coming out as transgender was a positive experience. Her family was really supportive. But she said that ***you shouldn't come out simply because it's the fashionable thing to do—you should come out because it's what you want.***

Writers plan **2 years in advance**. So her latest book *Margot and Me* was written 2 years ago. We asked her how she was going to know what was going to be popular in 2 years time. Juno replied that **writer shouldn't follow the trend** — like how when 'The Fault in the Stars' became a massive hit, everyone was writing about character dying —but try to set the agenda.

Juno was a **captivating** speaker. I could see that the students were all really engaged and listened to what Juno was saying. I liked how she speaks like how she writes. She came across as a **warm** and **caring** person. I enjoyed listening and talking to her—I really really want her to come back to SNS as a speaker!

The funniest moment was when someone asked Juno what her favourite meme was—she likes the meme of Rihanna winking!



Dean Atta: Poet, Writer & Activist

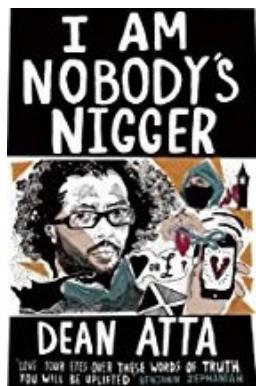
Dean Atta's debut poetry collection, *I Am Nobody's Nigger*, published by the Westbourne Press, was shortlisted for the Polari First Book Prize. His poems explores race, sexuality and queerness.

Dean won the 2012 London Poetry Award and was named as one of the most influential LGBT people by the Independent on Sunday Pink List 2012.

On the day of the visit, Dean ran a poetry workshop for Year 7 and 8s with the theme 'Where I come from.' Here are some examples of brilliant works written by the students:

I Come From by Year 8 Student

I don't know where I come from
My mum is Jamaican
My dad is from Nigeria
I love the sun
I love mango the oh so tropical fruit
I love jewellery I love to wear bling
I want a traditional African outfit
My origins come from a land of kings and queens
Of riches, gold and sun
Though I want these things
I find myself in England
I am seen as Black British
And so is my mum
But I don't listen to reggae like she used to



***I Come From* by Brianna Bramble-Moreno 8K**

You see I come from many places on the globe
6 to be exact
Antigua, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Colombia, England and Montserrat
But don't get me wrong I still like that place on the high street, best
kebab

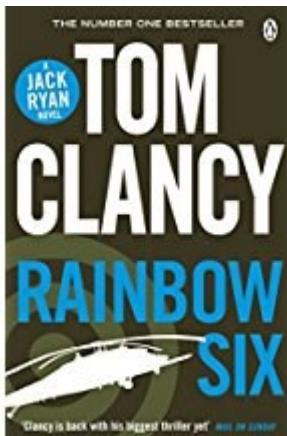
You see I come from many places on the globe
Mostly from the Caribbean
That's a fact
There's beautiful dark skins showing off to the world
In brightly coloured dresses
You know they are proud by how they stand
Drinking coconut water
Bussing out Bob Marley
On a daily
Drinking rum and red bull
Yeah, they wavey

You see I come from many places on the globe
I live in these ends
And it's filled with bare typical lightskins
It's live but you better mind the road
Cause if you don't you'll get cheffed up
If you cross the wrong postcode



New Titles in the Library

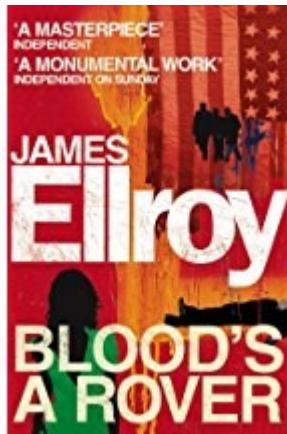
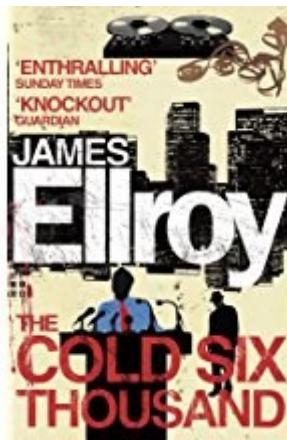
The following books were purchased after being recommended by students. Do you have a book you'd like to see in the library collection? Please fill out an orange suggestion form and return it to Ms. Loy or Ms. Fujita.



Rainbow Six by Tom Clancy

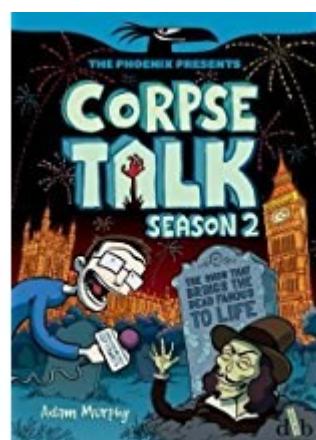
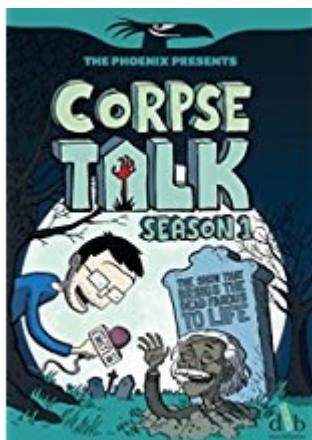
Recommended by: Jamie Hunt (8H), Olek Racicki (8N) and Nicholas Saladaze (8H).

Nicholas says: 'I play a game based on the book and I wanted to read the book to know more!'



The Cold Six Thousand & Blood's a Rover by James Ellroy

Recommended by:
Nahuel Frank-Skeaping (10K)



Corpse Talk by Adam Murphy

Recommended by:
Junior King (7H)

Junior says: 'I really enjoyed reading this series and I think we should get it so that other students can have a chance to read it.'



These students borrowed the most books during the first half-term of 2017. Well done!

Phi-Duong Nguyen 8G	17 Books
Busra Sonay 7E	15 Books
Lizge Demir 7N	14 Books
Thomas Latham 7E	13 Books
Bushra Tandel 11K	13 Books
Marcus Gordon 8H	12 Books
Ellis Head 8S	11 Books
Junior King 7H	11 Books
Tomke White 7K	10 Books
Nyah Wedderburn-Matthie 7N	10 Books