Read More™

Yale Year of Reading

LRC & Essential Skills
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Welcome

It's Yale Year of Reading

So what is this all about.....?
Firstly we (LRC & Essential Skills) need to assure you that this project is not about creating more work for you. It is about creating more opportunities for everyone to read a little ...or a lot more and developing literacy skills along the way but hopefully without the pain. It is not about making everyone read lots of books although of course we have lots of books for everyone to read. Some of our learners do not like reading and we are hoping to change their view on that and find something for everyone to love.

It's a big challenge and we need your support. You can help us by coming to talk to us about how we can work with your class. You can support us by attending events that we have planned or by simply keeping up to date with our news on Moodle and taking part in staff reading groups. This is for everyone and we are looking forward to working with you.

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Launching 27th September

Take Part & Win

Getting students to read more can be tricky - writing text messages however is a different matter. We have come up with some great and fun ideas to get students reading more but how much you get your class involved is up to you.

Throughout the year there will be lots of opportunities for you and your students to attend events - we have some coming in October but if these aren't to your liking, come and talk to us to find out how we can develop some unique and bespoke activities to get your class involved. We have a small incentive - we have a sponsorship of £50 worth of books for the department that in the opinion of the LRC/Essential Skills teams, has made the best use of the project with their class and this prize will be awarded in June.

As always, for ideas and information - talk to us!

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Working Together to Bring You
Yale Year of Reading

Graphic Artist Visits Yale

David Lloyd best known for his illustration of the graphic novel 'V for Vendetta' will be visiting Yale on the 4th and 5th October to talk about his work and will be signing copies of his new graphic novel 'Kickback'.

David will start the afternoon event on the 4th October in the LRC at Grove Park to talk about his work and to sign copies of 'Kickback. He will then visit Bersham Road on Tuesday 5th October where students will also be able to buy signed copies of 'Kickback'.

Original artwork from 'V' will also be on display in the LRC at Grove Park.

Some of our main events will be 'badged' - participants will need to collect a badge to allow them entry or they can collect a badge from certain activities.

Some badges were given out at Fresher's Fair and collecting these will have some value for some students as the year progresses.

We have a number of small prizes to give away - and they aren't all books! We have some sponsored prizes such as USB sticks, print credits and vouchers for high street shops that will be given away throughout the year so please encourage your students to start collecting!

"...Award-winning novelist Dudman has written another powerful contender for honours with this atmospheric, lyrical page-turner..."
*Steve Dube, **Western Mail**, June 5th 2010*

Clare Dudman

Clare Dudman, award winning author will be visiting Yale on the 8th November to talk about her book 'A Place of Meadows and Tall Trees'. Clare's book is a novel based on a true story of the harrowing experience of a Welsh colony settling in Patagonia in 1865. Clare will be telling us more about her research which took her to Patagonia and more behind the story.

The book published in June 2010 is already highly acclaimed.

This event will be held in the LRC at Grove Park on the 2nd Floor. This is also a badged event and these will be available from the LRCs the week before half term. If you need to book your class to see Clare, please contact the LRC.

There will be further opportunities to meet with authors and poets throughout the year and these will be advertised through briefings and Moodle pages.

Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life.
~ Mortimer J. Adler ~

What else...?

Well we are just getting going but we have plenty of ideas to get everyone reading throughout the year. Here are some of them.....

iChoose - monthly vote on the newly published book the LRC should stock
The return of 'Book of the Month' - read the reviews, read the book!
The Great Magazine Swap
E-books - see the latest with iPads
Txt!
And much much more.

All that we do will be supported by highly quality resources that you integrate with your class if you need support. The Essential Skills team are on hand to help you to improve literacy skills in your class and the LRC can also offer support in terms of resources that you can use in class. If your aim is to centre reading activity around your curriculum area only, we still want to be involved - we can provide information skill sessions and have a great range of resources that will encourage your students to read. Talk to us to find out more particularly if you feel that reading is an issue in your area. We aim to help.

Important Note

The project has some support from sponsors but is essentially non-profit making. Some activities may require small donations (in terms of pence). Any monies taken during the project will go towards the LRC 'Library for Africa' fund.

Final thought.....

If you can read this, thank a teacher.
Anonymous Teacher
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