



#HaltonReads Festival 16th – 27th November 2020

Author Sessions

Each author is producing a video for us that will be available on our YouTube channel for 24 hours from 8pm (dates listed on leaflet). This will allow teachers to check out the video before using it with their class. We have included recommended ages for each video but this is just a guide and doesn't prevent you accessing any of the videos.

To access the videos you will need to contact widnes.library@halton.gov.uk and tell us which videos you would like to access. We will send out an email with the access code the day before each video goes live. You can then access the session at any time during the day.

The authors are also doing a live Q & A session with us the day after their video runs: 1.30-2.30. If your class would like to put any questions to an author please email them to me – Nicola.lamb@halton.gov.uk before 12pm on their Q & A day and I'll put as many as possible to them.

When you sign up to get access to the videos we will send you a list of books by our featured authors that the children can buy. Thanks to Arts Council England we are subsidising the cost of books so all books will be £3 each. If you send me a list of books you want and the children's names we'll get bookplates signed by the authors to go in the front of the books.

CPD Session

We have Heather from Reading Rocks (@_Reading_Rocks_) doing a CPD session via Zoom:

Growing a Culture of Reading For Pleasure:

Heather will share her experience of growing a reading culture in her school, sharing ideas to try in your own setting. The talk will include book recommendations and ways to encourage reading at school and home.

This session is limited to 40 places so if you want to book a place please email me as soon as possible – Nicola.lamb@halton.gov.uk

Half a million minutes

Following on from the popularity of our reading minute count for Halton Readathon 2019 where we reached a total of 197,178 reading minutes in one week, we've decided to do a minute count for #HaltonReads. We're aiming to reach half a million minutes of reading in two weeks. You can submit your school/class minutes as follows:

- On the pinned tweet @HaltonLibraries
- On the pinned Facebook post @HaltonLibraries
- Email widnes.library@halton.gov.uk

When you submit your minutes make sure you include your school/class details.

We're not running a Halton competition for the minutes but if you come up with any in school competitions e.g. which class does the most minutes we'd love to hear about them.

Social Media – #HaltonReads

As well as aiming to break our reading minute record we are aiming to get #HaltonReads trending so any tweets you send during the two weeks please remember to use the hashtag.

During the festival we would love you to share book recommendations, pictures, fun book facts or anything else you can think of that's book related.

We will be running competitions all week for children or classes to win books.

Joining the Library

We would, of course, love to see as many children as possible joining the library during #HaltonReads Festival. If you would like your class/school to sign up please use our joining form, any completed forms you have can either be scanned and sent to me – Nicola.lamb@halton.gov.uk or put them in an envelope clearly marked for the attention of Nikki Lamb and I'll get them processed for you, if you can't collect the library cards from one of our libraries we'll post them out to you.



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