



# Autumn Library Newsletter



It was lovely welcoming everyone back to the library in September. I think the books were really very lonely without you all.

I think we achieved a first this term by issuing every child with a library book on the very first day back.

The first half term went by so quickly but during that time we have recruited our new librarians who are proving to be a very reliable and enthusiastic team. We were very happy to welcome back some experienced librarians from last year, but our new members have settled in amazingly quickly.

We really could not run the library efficiently without the help of the librarians as the library can get extremely busy – especially during the winter months.

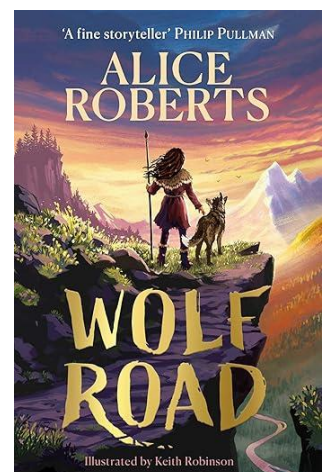
In a couple of weeks time we will be selling Christmas stationery and again the librarians are responsible for running this. All the money raised goes towards buying new books for the library. We do ask though that children only buy for themselves and not for friends as this leads to problems.

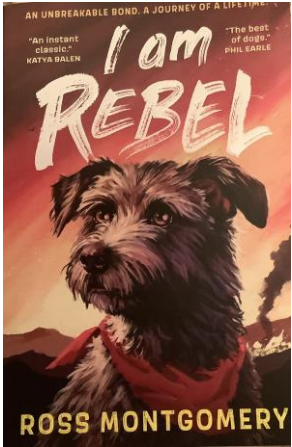
We have a few new books in the library – some by favourite authors and some new ones. A new book which I have recently read is by Professor Alice Roberts, who is probably best known for her TV series, “Digging for Britain”. I am always rather wary about celebrities writing books but in this case Professor Roberts has written a story well worth reading.



This is a story about a prehistoric girl called Tuuli, travelling with her tribe through the seasons. This story is so well researched ( not surprisingly) and even though this period of history is so remote you really feel you get an understanding of the prehistoric way of life.

An exciting and fascinating story.



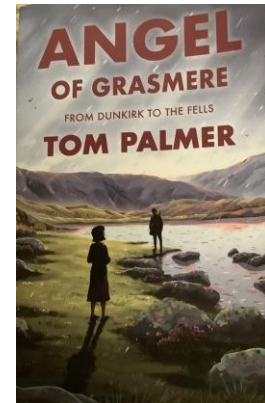


This is a book for all dog lovers- it is a story narrated by Rebel who is a good dog and loves his life on a farm. But when war comes close Rebel will stop at nothing to protect the human he loves

“Ross Montgomery captures all that is wonderful about dogs in his characterisation of Rebel...This is a heartwarming crowd-pleaser...The effect is similar to watching a happy dog bound about like a daftie. It cannot help but cheer you up.” — The Times

Any book by Tom Palmer is always popular in the library and this book will definitely be borrowed quickly. Tom Palmer was a reluctant reader at school but is now an award winning author of many books. His understanding of the challenges some children face when reading has influenced his writing and his books are very accessible.

This book is recommended for anyone who is interested in WW2 and who loves adventures.



With the onset of the dark evenings there is nothing better than to shut out the world, switch everything off and settle down for a good read. This has made me think of the Icelandic tradition of Jolabokaflođ which literally translates as Christmas book flood!

It refers to the weeks before Christmas when publishers flood the market with new book releases and libraries and bookstores are full of people choosing new books as gifts.

The tradition is that on Christmas Eve after the evening meal everybody exchanges beautifully wrapped gifts of books. The cosy evening is then spent reading by the fire with a hot chocolate. Can anything be better than that? This tradition is apparently thriving in Iceland and family members eagerly await the exchange of books.

So if you want to start your own Jolabokaflođ – and I think we all should – here are some tips:

# Ideas For Celebrating Your Own Jolabokaflod

If you're looking for a way to celebrate Christmas as the Icelanders do, consider starting a Jolabokaflod. It's a great way to encourage family members to share their love of reading. **Here are some ideas for your own Jolabokaflod:**

- **Choose books to give as gifts:** Take some time to browse bookstores or online book retailers to choose books to give as gifts. Consider giving books you have enjoyed or ones that match the interests of the person you're giving them to.
- **Wrap the books:** Traditionally, books are wrapped in decorative paper and tied with ribbon. You could also include a handwritten note or bookmark.
- **Exchange books:** On Christmas Eve, gather with your family or friends to exchange books. You could do a Secret Santa-style exchange, or simply pass out books to everyone.
- **Spend the evening reading:** After exchanging books, spend the rest of the evening reading. You could curl up by the fireplace, make hot cocoa, and lose yourself in a good book.
- **Discuss the books:** The next day, you could gather with your family or friends to discuss the books you received. This could be a fun way to discover new books and authors and share your love of reading.