This month we'll be celebrating libraries and we'll be discussing: **What are the best ways to encourage people into libraries and what are the best ways for libraries to engage with their local communities?**

Please share your thoughts on the LiteracyActionNet FORUM by clicking [here](#).

**EXAMPLE OF THE MONTH - YOUNG PEOPLE**

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<th><img src="#" alt="Summer Reading Challenge" /></th>
<th>The <strong>Summer Reading Challenge</strong> takes place every year during the summer holidays. Children can sign up at their local library, then read six library books of their choice, collecting stickers and other rewards along the way – all FREE. The Summer Reading Challenge website allows participants to follow their progress online, find new books to read, take part in a story writing competition and play games. (<a href="#">more</a>).</th>
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<th><strong>Passport to the Library</strong> is a course to help adults with learning disabilities in Kent become confident, independent library users, contributing to their ability to lead active lives in their communities. The course enables people with learning disabilities to use libraries to get information when they need it and in a way they understand, to get information that helps them develop skills and get jobs, to be involved in improving services, and to meet friends and feel part of the community. (<a href="#">more</a>).</th>
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**YOUR EXAMPLE**

What projects does your library have to encourage reading or engage with the community? Please let us know:

- What did the project aim to achieve?
- What activities did the project involve?
- What would you say the project has achieved?
- Has the project been assessed or evaluated?
- Are there any other aspects of the project you would like to tell us about?

**TOP TWEETS**

- A library is not just about books: it's also a place for the vulnerable | Angela Clarke [http://gu.com/p/3hea8/tw via @guardian via @VftL_UK](http://gu.com/p/3hea8/tw via @guardian via @VftL_UK)

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MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Bina Maldé, Library Manager, Lord Williams's School

What's the most important thing you've learnt?
'There is no such thing as a reluctant reader - every one has a reason why they dislike reading, you just have to find out what that is and address it. I never knew I had that much patience!'

What initiative has worked best for you or your organisation in improving literacy?
'If I had to name just one it would have to be ERIC (everyone reads in class) where every single class (students and teacher), irrespective of discipline, has to spend the first 5/10 minutes reading. If I may name another, Accelerated Reader by Rennaisance Learning.' (more)

LIBRARY EVENTS AROUND THE UK

Doncaster Council Libraries Online Events Calendar
Merton Libraries Events Calendar
Newcastle Libraries Online Events Calendar
Library Events - Oldham Council
South Ayrshire Libraries Events Calendar

COMPETITIONS

Poetry opportunities from the Young Poets Network - a list of competitions and magazines which particularly welcome entries from younger writers, writing groups to join, online poetry treasures and information about other great poetry organisations.