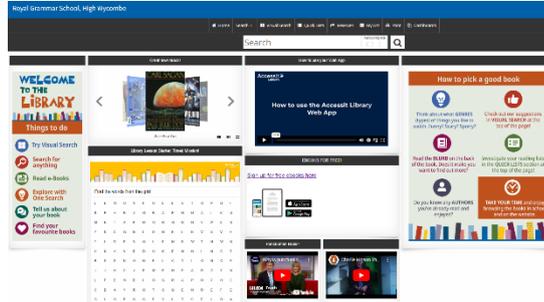


## Library Newsletter July 2023



It's been a busy year in the Library so time for a roundup of all the exciting events that have happened.

**Library Online!** In the Summer term, I launched a new Library management system called Accessit. We now have a beautiful online catalogue which boys can access via Sharepoint (or <https://uk.accessit.online/ry107/#!dashboard>). Available 24/7 it's a great research portal and a comprehensive catalogue, and boys can log on using their Single Sign On and manage their own Library accounts, renewing books and creating reading lists.

**Ebooks** Another exciting development is our new ebook platform from Wheelers. Bespoke to RGS, it offers age suitable books for all year groups. Boys can download the app to their devices, including as a mobile app. Perfect for using on holidays to save on luggage allowances!

**Book Club** is held every Thursday at second break and all boys are welcome. This year we once again shadowed the Carnegie Book Awards, reading the short-listed titles and voting on our favourite. We joined other schools and Librarians at St. Mary's in Gerrards Cross on the first ever Book Club trip. It was a great morning and we were treated to an interesting talk by author Teri Terry.

**Board Games Club** A new club is now held in the Library on Wednesdays at second break. Enjoy a screen free lunch time in the Library with board games. Everything from chess to Uno! All games provided or bring your own. For all year groups but with limited numbers.

**Platinum Jubilee Historical Fiction Collection** We love a party as much as a good book in the Library so in December 2023 we combined the two to launch a new collection of historical fiction books. Paid for by parental contributions, the collection ranges from books set in the Stone Age up to a YA thriller based around the events of 9/11.

**New Stock, Seating and Subscriptions** New stock, both fiction and non-fiction, are constantly being bought for the Library, with old favourites being purchased when the books inevitably fall apart. For busy breaktimes, tables are now reserved for different year groups, allowing boys a chance to work quietly or collaboratively. New online subscriptions - suitable for Sixth Formers - are being trialled this year with the Harvard Business Review and Biological Sciences Magazine both available for online research. Our main research database, Ebsco is free for all boys.

**Library Precinct Monitors, Library Ambassadors and Instagram.** Finally, a big thank you to my departing Library Ambassadors who did a great job of promoting the Library and all things books via our new Instagram account (rgshw\_library) and to my team of 20 Library Precinct Monitors who help me run the Library during breaks. Their enthusiasm and humour are assets to the Library and I look forward to welcoming next year's cohort!

Don't forget, books are available to borrow over the Summer Holidays!

Happy Reading!

Mrs Payne, Librarian