

Welcome to

# BEYOND the BOOK

Come with us as we discover what's available at your local library and start a new reading journey together.

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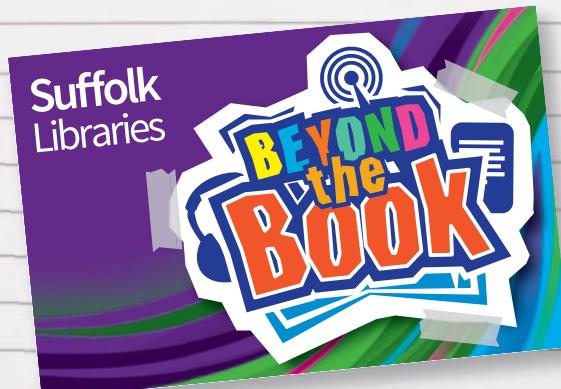
# Let's go 'Beyond the Book'!

## Your new library card

Your new library card is a free passport to succeed in school and in life. You can use it to borrow books, download and stream free music, access our eLibrary and read the latest online magazines.

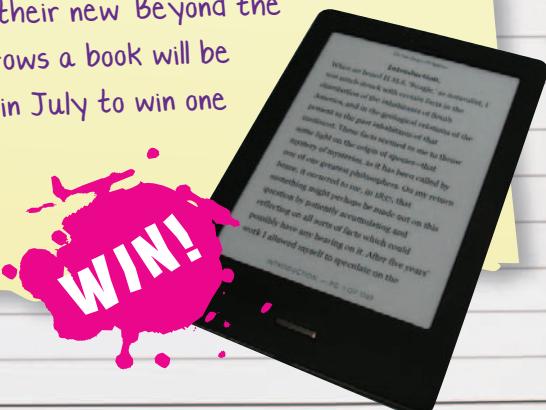
## How to use your card

You need to take your card to one of the 44 Suffolk Libraries branches to activate it. You also need your parent/carer to sign the membership form. Your new card replaces any old or lost card.



## Competition Time - Win an eReader!

Every pupil who activates their new Beyond the Book library card and borrows a book will be entered into a prize draw in July to win one of ten eReaders.



## Are you ready to

A thunk is a simple-looking question about everyday things. They help you to look at the world in a new way and no two answers are ever the same!

# Thunk?

## Thunk? No.1

### Can you judge a book by its cover?

What do you thunk?



## What to read next?

Deciding what to read next can be a nightmare. You have literally millions of books to choose from - and Suffolk Libraries adds over two miles of brand new books to our shelves every year!

## Help is out there!

Complete the questionnaire on the next page and take it to any branch of Suffolk Libraries (or your school library) and an amazing librarian will be happy to suggest a book (or ten) for you to enjoy!

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## Activity 1

### Books I have read and enjoyed

Tick the types of books that you have enjoyed reading in the past and give an example.



- Funny books:
- Scary books:
- Adventure stories:
- Non-fiction:
- Books about families and friends:
- Graphic novels:
- Any other books:

### Dear Librarian, please recommend me a book!

I would like it to be (you can tick more than one box.)

- Funny     Scary     Illustrated
- About adventures     About relationships/ growing up
- Other genres mentioned above (please give more details)



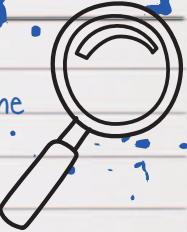
Write your next recommended read here:

**Thunk?**  
**No.2**

Is a book lighter when all its words have been read?

## Get caught reading!

You can read a book nearly anywhere - on the bus, in the bath, at the top of a mountain and even on the toilet!



## Activity 2

### Get creative

Where do you like to read? Stick a picture of yourself reading in an unusual place here and tweet your picture to us @SuffolkLibrary



Your pictures may appear on the Suffolk Libraries website!



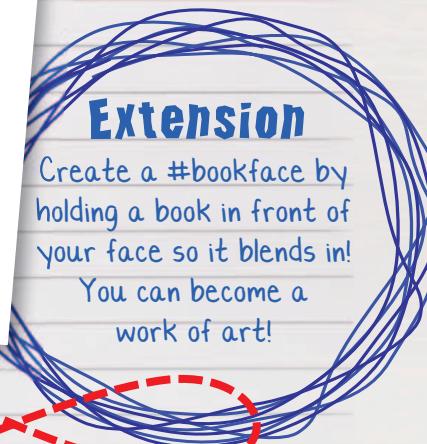
## Remember

Stay safe online - visit these sites for more info  
<http://irights.uk/>  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

## Extension

Create a #bookface by holding a book in front of your face so it blends in!

You can become a work of art!



## More to libraries than just books!

### Going digital and getting connected:

Your local library is a hotspot for the latest digital technology. We have free Wi-Fi in every library! Our computers are loaded with the latest software including Microsoft Office and Minecraft. Ipswich Library has a lab with 3D printers, programmable sewing machines and Raspberry Pi coding equipment.

### Our eLibrary

Most Suffolk Libraries branches are open seven days a week including after school. Our eLibrary is open 24/7!



### eLibrary apps

(available on iOS and Android)

- Freegal - download and stream music and music videos. It's free and legal!
- Overdrive - read the latest eBooks wherever you are. Our eBooks can also be used with Accelerated Reader
- Zinio - check out the latest eMagazines. Available titles cover football, technology, PlayStation, fashion and Top Gear magazine
- Borrow Box - download and listen to eAudio books

Download these apps and you have a mini-library in your pocket!

You can use our eLibrary services on any smart phone or web browser.

### Digital fun

Our public computers all have Minecraft installed. We also have a Minecraft server. Some Suffolk Libraries branches also hold Minecraft clubs after school.

## MINECRAFT

### Activity 3

### Design the library of the future!

The first libraries were created in around 2600 BC and were filled with clay tablets. 5000 years later and Suffolk Libraries has iPads, 3D printers and 3D scanners!



### Can you design us the library of the future?

100 years ago libraries only provided books and newspapers. Can you imagine what libraries will look like 100 years into the future?

- What will the building look like? Will it float? Fly?
- What will the library have inside? Books? Computers? Bouncy castles?
- Will there still be human staff or will robot librarians run it?

Design your library on the next page, make it in 3D, do a collage or even build it using Minecraft in one of our branches. Send a picture or a screen grab of your work to [beyondthebook@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:beyondthebook@suffolklibraries.co.uk).



Thunk?  
No.3

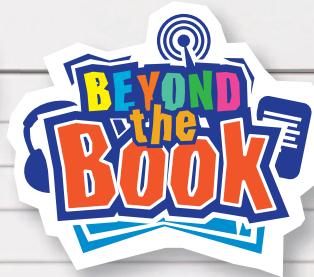
Do you always learn something when you open a book?

If we like your ideas you might be invited in to help us design some new Suffolk Libraries buildings! - Use this page to design your library of the future!

## Going 'Beyond the Book'

Reading a great book will spark your curiosity and stretch your imagination to new limits.

Classic characters such as the Gruffalo, Mr and Mrs Twit and Katniss Everdeen will stay with you forever



### Activity 4 Go 'Beyond the Book'.

Think about the last book you read and complete the questions below

1 Choose your favourite character. Can you think of 10 words to describe them?

2 Which of the characters would you least like to be stuck in a lift with and why?

3 If you had to spend the day with one of the characters who would you pick and why? What would you do? Where would you go?

Thunk?  
No.4

If you borrow all the books from a library is it still a library?



Can you think of at least two questions you could ask the author of this book?



If we were to send only one book to Mars for the aliens to read, which book would you choose to sum up what life is like here on Earth? And why?

### Get Involved

If you have enjoyed this activity why not come to one of the many book clubs Suffolk Libraries. Visit your local library for more details.

## Flash Fiction - What does a story need in order to be a story?

'He was allergic. She pretended not to know.'

PEANUT BUTTER by

Camille Esses

'For sale: baby, shoes, never worn.'

Ernest Hemmingway

'Kids sneak around, get married, die.'

Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare.

'Girl falls asleep, dreams, wakes up.'

Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carol.



Are these stories? We think so! They have a start, middle and end and spark your imagination!

These very short stories are called flash fiction — they are so short they can be tweeted!

## Activity 5

### Write your own flash fiction

Can you write a story in 6 to 10 words that is as good (or better!) than our two examples?



Send us your stories on twitter to @SuffolkLibrary

Write a flash summary! - can you condense one of your favourite stories into 10 words or less like the examples below!



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No.5

If you read a magazine in a shop but don't buy it, is that stealing?

# Activity 6

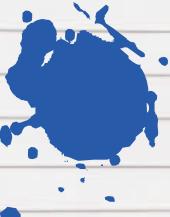
Push your reading to the limit with our toughest challenge yet!

## 'Beyond the Book' Bingo!

Read a book in the style suggested in each square and cross them off as you go.

- **Beginners:** start by getting one line
- **Advanced:** try the outer ring
- **Experts:** fill in the whole card!

For suggestions check out our website, visit your local or school library or ask your friends and family for ideas!



Less than 100 pages	By a male author	That scares you	With non-human characters	Short stories
Award winning book	The 2nd book in a series	With a one word title	Set on a different continent	Funny book
A graphic novel	Book published in the year you were born	<b>FREE CHOICE</b>	By a female author	With illustrations
With a blue cover	Book of poetry	A best-selling book	Book published this year	Book someone in your family read as a child
By a former Children's Laureate	Book that became a film	Book recommended by a friend	A non-fiction book	Book set in the future

We hope you have enjoyed going Beyond the Book with us!

Check out [suffolklibraries.co.uk/beyond-the-book](http://suffolklibraries.co.uk/beyond-the-book) for other activities, reviews, author interviews and more!