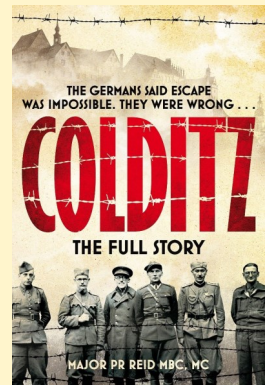


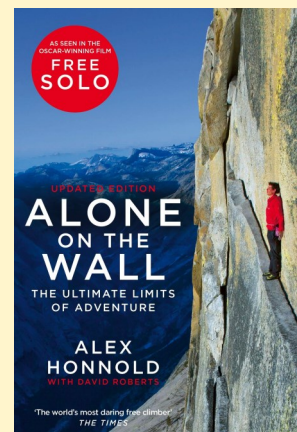
## Goldington Academy Library Newsletter Spring Term

WHAT ARE WE READING?

Mr Galbraith



Mr Lucas



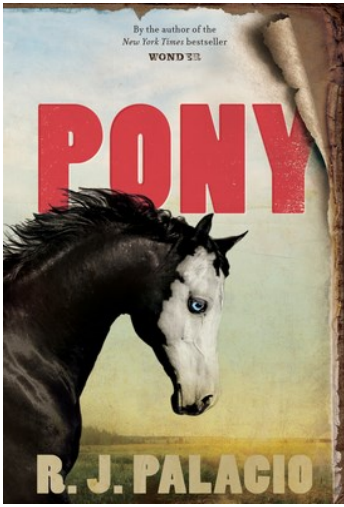
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**IN THIS ISSUE! IN THIS ISSUE!**

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LIBRARIES**

## BOOK REVIEW— PONY BY R. J. PALACIO



I must be one of the few people who have not read Palacio’s book *Wonder*. So I didn’t know what to expect with *Pony*.

Safe to say that I LOVED it. It is set in the mid 1800s in the American West. It follows Silas, who’s beloved father is kidnapped in the middle of the night. Disobeying his father’s orders to stay at their home he sets out after his Dad—on a mysterious pony which turns up at

his door.

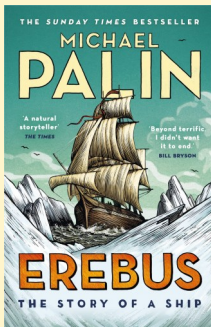
Not content with being just a fantastic western, *Pony* also has supernatural elements, as Silas’ friend who accompanies him on his adventure is Mittenwool, a ghost that only he can see.

Part western, part magical realism, part coming-of-age tale, *Pony* is a novel unlike any other. It is beautifully written and a compulsive read.

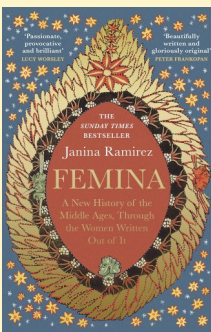
*“If you know how to read then the whole world opens up to you”  
Barack Obama*

### STAFF READS

Mrs Kelly



Miss Andrews



### CLASSIC BOOK OF THE TERM



FYODOR DOSTOYEVSKY  
CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

“The man who has conscience suffers whilst acknowledging his sin. That is his punishment—as well as prison”

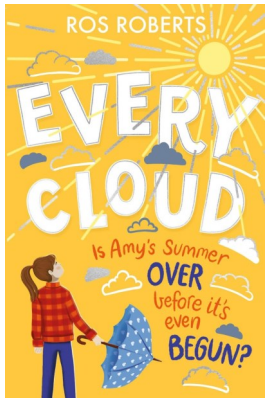
Now this....is a CLASSIC. In all the senses of the word. It is huge (at 656 pages) and has stood the test of time, being first published in 1866.

It tells the story of poverty struck Rodion Raskolnikov who plans to kill an unscrupulous woman who steals money and possessions from others and hides them in her house. Rodion’s argument is that with the money that he gains from killing her he will be able to do a lot of good. So his one act of wickedness will be justifiable.

Once he has committed the murder, however, he is tormented by guilt, confusion, paranoia and self-disgust! Like many classics *Crime and Punishment* was originally serialised. It met with immediate success, becoming a true literary sensation. It did however attract its fair share of criticism with a great deal of discussion as to whether Rodion was a product of society, or an example of individual moral corruption.

I would be lying if I said that this was an easy read, but the challenge is well worth it!

## NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!



*Every Cloud* by Ros Roberts

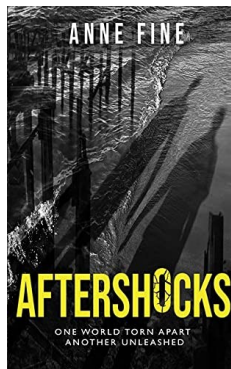
Poor Amy feels like everything is going wrong. She isn't going to the same high school as her friends; her younger brothers are super annoying; her Grandad's dementia is getting worse; and her supposed best friend is being meaner than ever. To top it off she going to spend summer with her Grandparents, across the other side of town from her friends.

Then she discovers who lives across the road from her grandparents: Jay, a kind, quiet boy from school. Can the growing friendship survive when outside pressures begin to creep in?

*Aftershocks* by Anne Fine.

A powerful and incredibly moving book which explores the nature of grief and bereavement.

Louie is forced to tag along with his father to work in the Endlands a far-flung part of the Federation. A massive earthquake and tsunami have devastated the region and Louie witnesses first hand how the Endlanders deal with life, death, memory and loss. This stirs up painful memories for Louie who is dealing with the loss of his brother.



## NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!

*The Agathas* by Kathleen Glasgow (14+)

The most popular girl in school is dead. And everyone's blaming the wrong guy. Agatha Christie obsessed Alice Ogilvie is determined to solve the crime, but her investigation uncovers some disturbing secrets about their sleepy seaside town.

This is some seriously slick storytelling and a great murder mystery. If you loved Karen McManus' *One of Us is Lying* or Holly Jackson's *Good Girls Guide to Murder* then you will love this.



*The Joker* by James Tynion IV and Guillem March (14 +)

Arkham Asylum has been attacked and all eyes are on the Joker. A mysterious millionaire hires Commissioner Jim Gordon to go on a global manhunt to catch....and possibly kill...the Clown Prince of Crime!

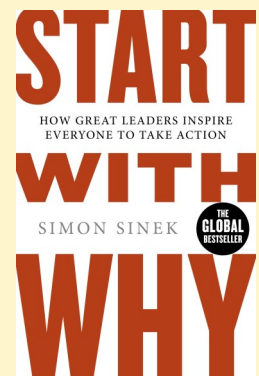
But nothing with the Joker is ever as easy as it seems. What Gordon finds will change his perspective on the world forever. And he's not the only one who wants the Joker found.

Great writing, great artwork—everything that you would expect from a Joker story.

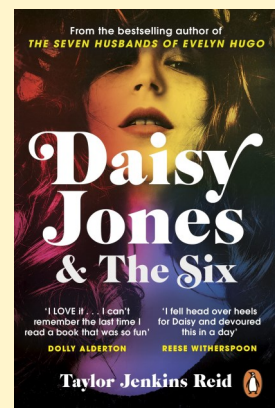


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Mr Marston

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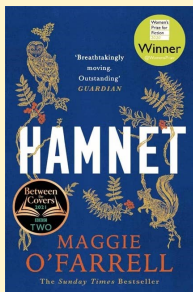
An A-Z  
of Literary  
Persuasion



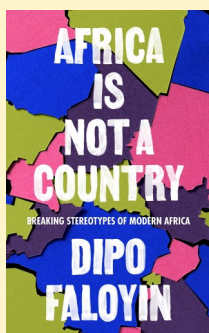
'Very funny...  
a delight!'  
Nina Stibbe

## STAFF READS

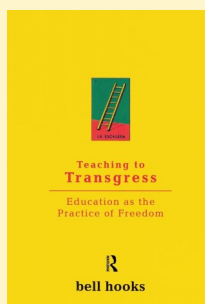
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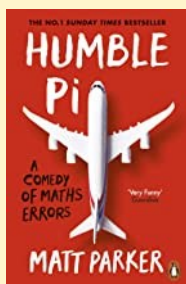
Mrs Morgan



Mrs Geoghegan



Mr Baio



## WORLD BOOK DAY—AUTHOR VISIT

We were very excited to welcome the fabulous SIMON JAMES GREEN to the school on Monday 27th February to begin our celebrations for World Book Day. Simon delivered two hilarious presentations to Year 7 and Year 8 in which he talked about his books, what prompts him to write, and also his career as a writer (including how much writers earn from selling their books....not as much as you think!)

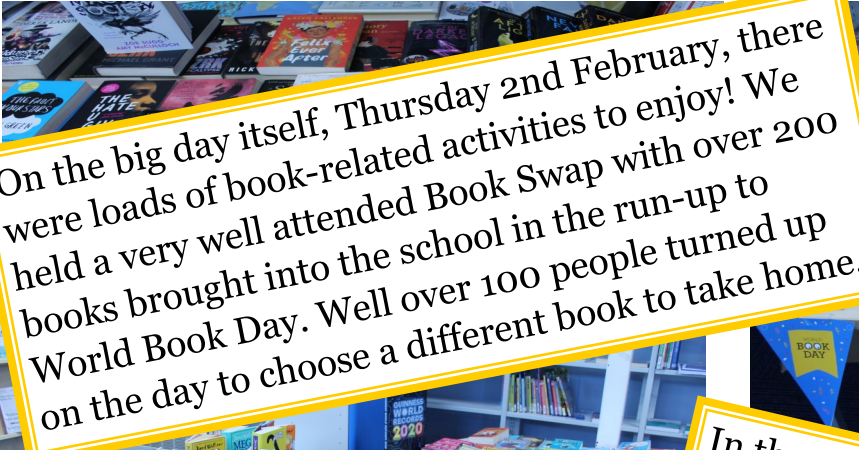


After lunch Simon worked with some of our creative writers from year 7 through to year 10 to develop their writing skills. Year 7 covered the serious art of writing comedy, which is harder than you'd imagine, and years 8-10 looked at how to develop a convincing character.




It was a real treat and an inspiration to have Simon come into the school and talk about his work, a great start to World Book Day!


# WORLD BOOK DAY




On the big day itself, Thursday 2nd February, there were loads of book-related activities to enjoy! We held a very well attended Book Swap with over 200 books brought into the school in the run-up to World Book Day. Well over 100 people turned up on the day to choose a different book to take home.



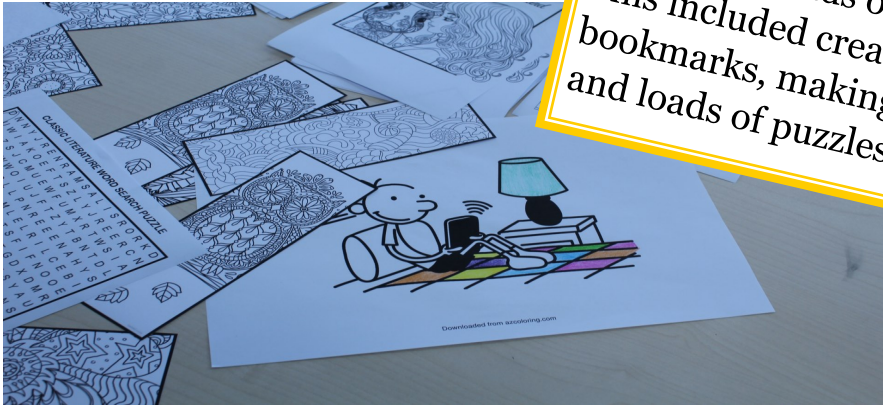
In the run-up to World Book Day each KS3 class enjoyed a Big World Book Day Quiz—with 25 fiendishly difficult questions about a range of books, authors, and also questions about our Library here at Goldington Academy.



During the day everyone could also enjoy a Library Scavenger hunt with a small prize for those that completed the hunt.



There was loads of book-ish crafts to do on the day. This included creating and colouring your own bookmarks, making cute animal corner bookmarks, and loads of puzzles, wordsearches and colouring.



## CREATIVE WRITING—SCHOOL LIFE POEM

### “The Day the Dog Ate My Homework”

By Ethan Wright

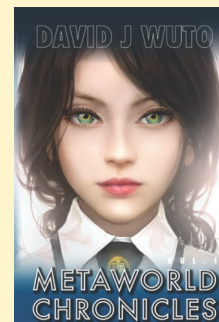
It's 7:00 and I suddenly wake up from my bed,  
I hear a noise so worrying, irritating my head.  
I try to guess what it is but nothing comes to mind,  
But as I listen out, letting my ears unwind,  
I hear a crunching noise, even a growl I suspect.  
I run out of my room looking for the mysterious location,  
Until I find it, knowing I'm in a bad situation.  
I find shredded pieces of paper, so I follow,  
I look in shock, giving a nervous swallow,  
My dog is tearing and ripping at my homework!

Later that day, I enter my class, praying for luck,  
I sit in my seat and a loud voice struck,  
My teacher begins to collect in the homework she set,  
I'm in trouble now, I thought she'd forget,  
"Homework, now." She says to my face,  
I give in, own up and tell her the case,  
This is it, my luck is depending,  
Will she understand, or is my **school life** ending,  
I stare, sweating, shivering, and feel weak,  
And she replies with... "Just bring it in next week."  
Phew.

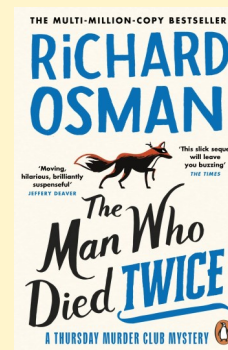


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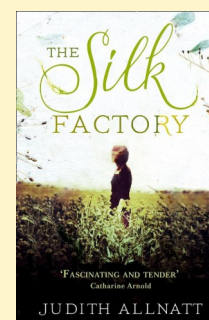
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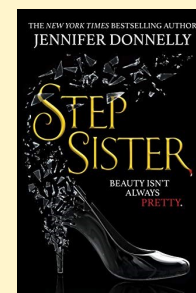
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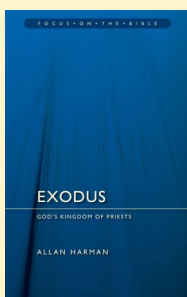
## GREAT READING WEBSITES!

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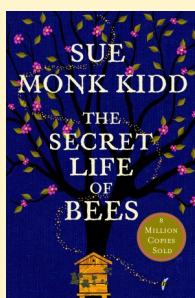
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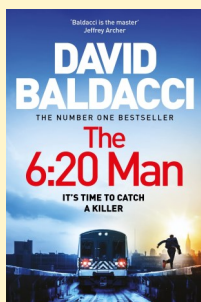
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Mrs McEvoy



We all know that there are great websites out there to while away your time—but there are also great websites to encourage you to read!

The links for all websites can also be found on the Accessit library catalogue . Click on **Visual Search > Websites** to access all the websites.

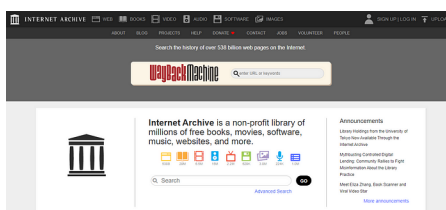
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**Glose** —<https://glose.com/what-is-glose>

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**Internet Archive:** <https://archive.org/>



This is a non-profit website where you can access the archives of public libraries and museums all around the world. It holds a range of material from classics and textbooks to biographies and old magazines.

You can borrow books for renewable 1 hour loan period or for up to 14 days.

**Spark Notes:** <https://www.sparknotes.com/>

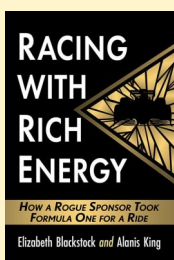
A fantastic resources for both study and leisure reading. Spark Notes holds an archive of the summaries of classic literature books, analyses of separate chapters, analyses of themes, motifs and symbols found in the books and quotes which come with an explanation.

It has a special section dedicated to Shakespeare, particularly useful for your literature studies! There is also a blog section where you can take fun quizzes on your favourite books and other fun puzzles.

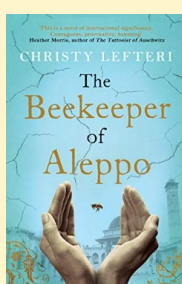


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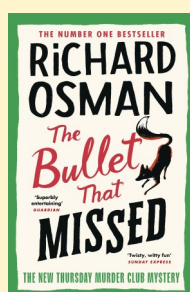
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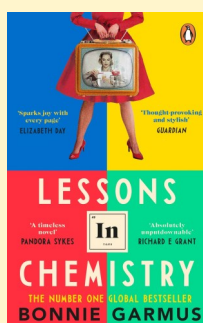
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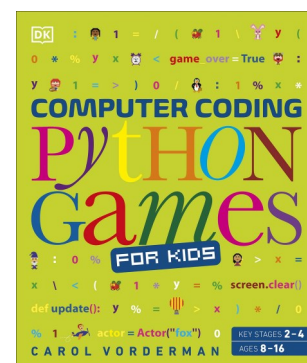
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## FOCUS ON ICT

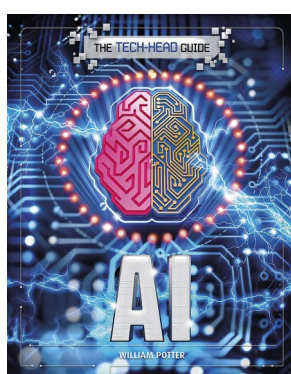
Learn how to code in python the best way—by creating your own games! This book covers creating quizzes, puzzles and other games and shows you how to jazz them up with explosive sound effects and zany graphics. After building a game find out how to adapt it to create your own personalised version with hacks and cheat codes.

Along the way you'll master the key concepts that programmers need to write code, not just in python but in all programming languages!



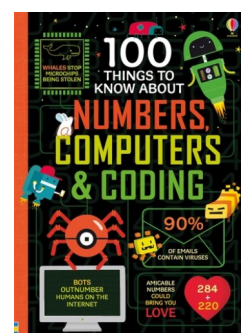
Design, build and share your own apps with the official guide from MIT App Inventor. In combination with MIT's free App Inventor website you can create six different projects. Use what you've learned to come up with your own ideas which can then be downloaded to your phones and shared with friends.

There are so many brilliant jobs available in the technology sector and this book is a great introduction to some of them. Cyber security; app developer; nanotechnology; visual effects creator; even programming space shuttles—there are so many interesting technology jobs that you can do!



What is artificial intelligence, how does it work, what is it being used for and what role will it play in the future? AI technology is inescapable and this book investigates the potential impact it could have on many areas of our life including the home, our social life, the world of work, health and education.

An interesting book which gives a basic introduction to numbers, coding, and computers. There are some great snippets of information in this book. Did you know that there is a single spot on your brain that recognises numbers? Or that the majority of the "internet" is under water? Did you know that a simple software glitch once meant that thousands of prisoners were let out of jail early?? A fun book of facts.





## WONDERFUL WORDS

Charles Dickens created a lot of wonderful words and phrases, some of which have fallen into obscurity and some we still use today. Here are a few of them.

**GONOPH**—This is a slang term for a pickpocket or a thief. The word comes from gannabh, which is a Hebrew word for “thief”.

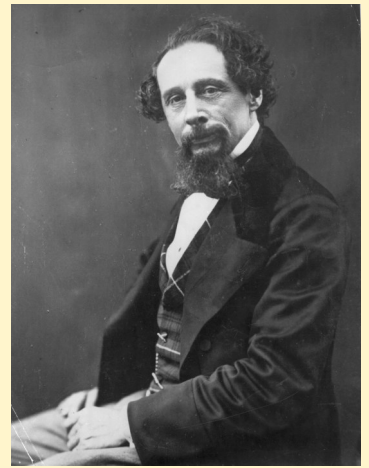
“He’s as obstinate a young gonoph as I know” *Bleak House*, 1853

**LUMMY**—Slang for “cute”, or “first-rate”. It probably comes from lumme, a corruption of “(Lord) love me”.

“To think of Jack Dawkins—lummy Jack—the Dodger—the Artful Dodger—going abroad for a common twopenny-halfpenny sneeze box” *Oliver Twist*, 1839.

**DEVIL-MAY-CARE**— is still used today to mean reckless or careless. Dickens coined the phrase which seems to come from “the devil may care but I don’t”

“Not that this would have worried him much, anyway—he was a mighty free and easy, roving, devil-may-care sort of person, was my uncle, gentlemen” *The Pickwick Papers*, 1837.



### Want to be in the next newsletter?

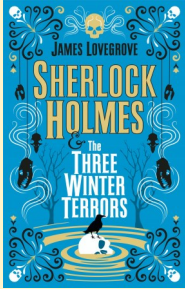
Submit your book reviews, book suggestions, short stories, or poems to me either in person or to [kellyj@goldington.beds.sch.uk](mailto:kellyj@goldington.beds.sch.uk) and you could find yourself in next term’s newsletter.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT....CRAZY BOOKS!

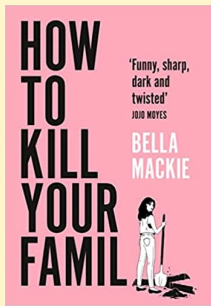


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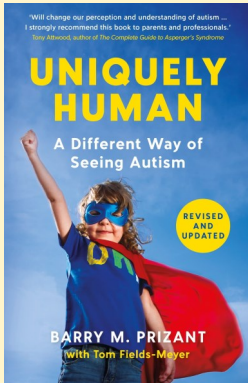
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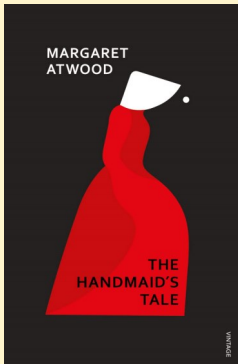
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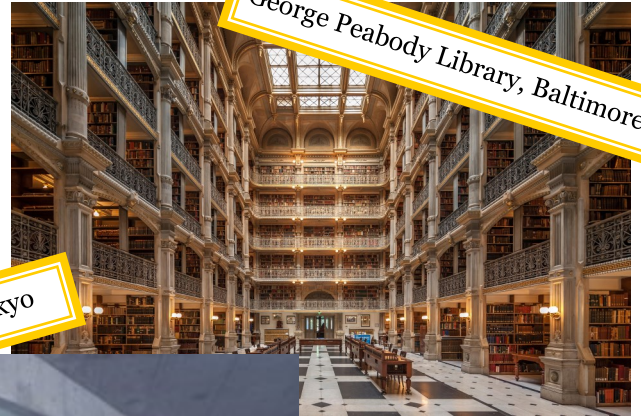
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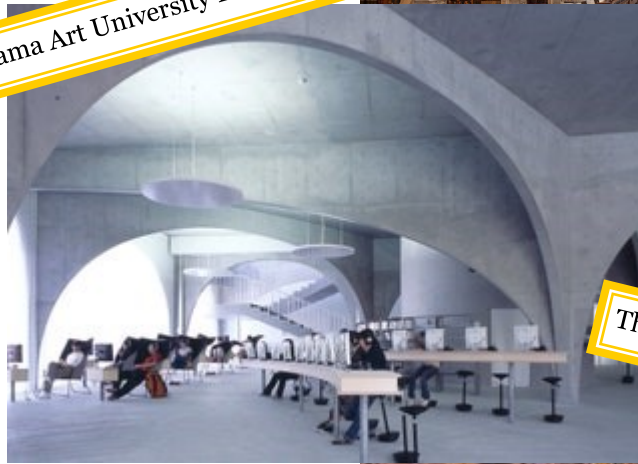
Miss Luck



# BEAUTIFUL LIBRARY ARCHITECTURE



George Peabody Library, Baltimore



Tama Art University Library, Tokyo



The Library of El Escorial, Spain



Tianjin Binhai Library, China

# LITERARY CHICKEN CHALLENGE

SPRING AND EASTER ARE FAMOUS FOR THEIR IMAGES OF CUTE CHICKS—BUT HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CHICKENS IN LITERATURE? CAN YOU MATCH THE CHICKEN BOOK COVERS WITH THE CORRECT NAME??

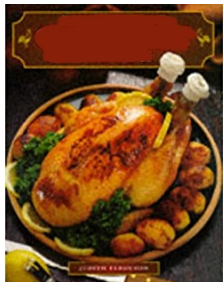
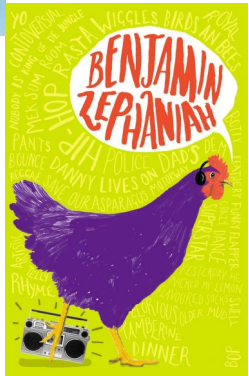
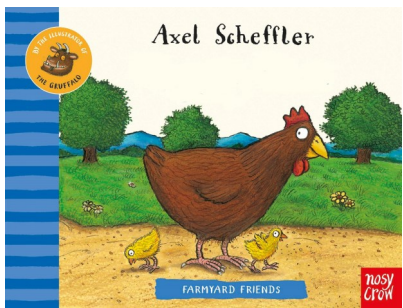
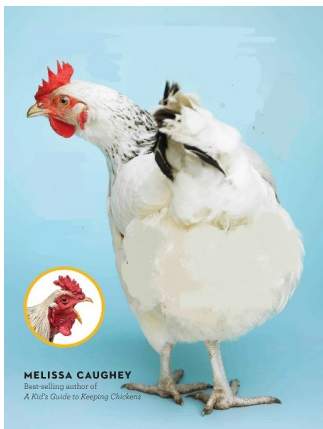
Higgledy Hen

How to Save the World With a Chicken and an Egg

The Great Chicken Cookbook

Chicken Licken

Rosie's Walk



The House with Chicken Legs

Funky Chicken

Chicken on the Loose

How to Speak Chicken

Animal Farm

*Wishing you all a lovely Easter break!  
Mrs Kelly*

