



# The Library Edit



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Welcome to the latest edition of The Library Edit, where you will find some of the best websites and online resources – all chosen by library staff, and helpfully grouped by theme.



## Words, Words, Words

If books and reading are your thing, here's a selection of "go to" websites .....

### Literature Map

Want to try a new author? Stuck for something to read? Pop one of your favourite authors into this website and you will be given a "literature map" of suggested related authors, in word cloud format.

<https://www.literature-map.com/>

And if you enjoy this serendipitous approach to finding a new author to try, why not give this one a go too....

### Who Else Writes Like?

Read all the books by your favourite fiction writer? Looking for new authors to try? Search Who Else Writes Like for suggestions. Of course, no author writes exactly like another, but the selection of alternatives provided should help to narrow your potential selection from the hundreds of writers there are to choose from. Free for members of Cumbria Library Service.

[https://www.whoelsewriteslike.com/account/regex\\_login/](https://www.whoelsewriteslike.com/account/regex_login/)

### Roald Dahl's The Twits online

A theatrical reading of the Roald Dahl's classic, The Twits available free, online, from 5 September to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

<https://www.theguardian.com/stage/2020/aug/26/roald-dahl-the-twits-theatrical-reading-guardian-ned-bennett>



# Learning

## Links to learning...

Here are some good websites and apps to look at to find fun, free activities for your children while they're learning from home

### Reading Rockets

Get your children into the reading habit! Seven top tips from parents and teachers to help encourage and motivate children to read more at home.

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/tips-encouraging-kids-read>

### Top Marks – phonics, letters and sounds

Help your child learn phonics sounds by playing fun, free games focusing on letters, sounds and phonics. For children aged 5-7 years.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

### Times Tables

Interactive online activities based around learning and practising times tables – speed tests, multiplication checks and printable worksheets to help your child become a whizz with numbers!

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

### Learn by Design

Science, technology, and maths activities at home. This website has online activities, experiments and quizzes to suit all ages and skills including nature worksheets, the food chain, classifications and a plant diary.

<https://www.learnbydesign.co.uk/stemathome>

## Reading, rhyming and other fun stuff...

### **BBC Young Reporter Competition**

The BBC is calling on 11-18 year olds to share their stories with the world in the BBC Young Reporter Competition. Submit your outline story idea via the website by 31 October 2020 to enter.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/young-reporter/competition/zghcydm>

### **Reading is Magic Children's Book festival 2020**

27<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Six days of free online reading events for young people, schools and families organised by the Bath's Children's Literature festival featuring top children's authors Cressida Cowell, Chris Riddell, Katherine Woodfine and many more.

<https://www.readingismagicfestival.com/>

### **National Literacy Trust: Video Games and Reading**

The National Literacy Trust together with games industry organisation Ukie and publisher Penguin Random House have created a website based on the research that links gaming and reading for young people. It recommends books that gamers might like, games that encourage reading and tips on how to use your writing skills for a career in the games industry.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/information/what-is-literacy/video-games-and-literacy/>

Remember to follow **Cumbria Libraries** and **Cumbria Library Services for Schools** on Facebook and Twitter for daily updates on great online resources to help you and your child learn and have fun at home, plus story times, rhyme times and book reviews brought to you by our fantastic library staff!



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# Health and Wellbeing

Useful websites to support your health and wellbeing...

## Better Health

Kickstart your health with a range of NHS tools and support designed to help you achieve Better Health: start healthier eating habits, be more active and start losing weight.

<https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/>

## Return to school

As the Autumn term gets underway children and young people go back to school: The Anna Freud National Centre for Children and families website on self-care and positive mental health for young people. For young people, parents, carers and professionals.

<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/>

Tips from the Mental Health Foundation for parents and carers on helping their children cope with the return to school after lockdown.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus/returning-school-after-lockdown/tips-parents-carers-return-to-school>

## New Service:

Think supermarket click & collect, but with books instead of baked beans



<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/selectcollect.asp>



# Culture Vulture

If you are interested in music, art, theatre, galleries, museums and all things cultural, these are “must visit” websites.....

## **Journeys Festival International**

From 28th September to 18th October this annual arts festival will be exploring the experiences of refugees from around the world, events are taking place online rather than across Manchester, Leicester and Portsmouth which will add to the global context. The offer is broad and interactive, spanning comedy, live music, performance, podcasts, artist-led workshops, immersive experiences and more. Each week of the festival’s run is themed consecutively under the headings ‘Exploring the World We Live In’, ‘The Way We See the World’ and ‘Hope and Celebration’ – and centre upon one of three core commissions by artists.

<https://www.journeysfestival.com/jfi-2020-home>

## **STRIP! Football Shirt Exhibition**

Online until 25 December 2020. The National Football Museum presents a major exhibition of football shirts and you can enjoy in-depth analysis, opinion and discussion by the exhibition curators and shirt industry insiders into what makes certain shirts so special.

<https://nationalfootballmuseumstrip.com/>

## **Homemakers**

Part of HOME’s September 2020 – January 2021 theatre season, Homemakers is a series of new commissions inviting artists to create new works at home for an audience who are also at home. Ground-breaking artists have been invited to challenge the definition of “live performance” – whether through live streaming, recordings, games, interactive stories, personal encounters or something completely different.

[https://homemcr.org/event/homemakers/?utm\\_source=creativetourist.com&utm\\_medium=listings&utm\\_campaign=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.creativetourist.com%2Fonline-things-to-do-in-manchester-and-the-north-online-events%2F](https://homemcr.org/event/homemakers/?utm_source=creativetourist.com&utm_medium=listings&utm_campaign=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.creativetourist.com%2Fonline-things-to-do-in-manchester-and-the-north-online-events%2F)

## Days Like These

How LS Lowry's hometown has endured lockdown – some of Salford's 245,000 residents share their experiences in the form of stories, artwork, films, performances, poems and photographs in this major online exhibition

<https://thelowry.com/dayslikethese/>

## Portrait of Britain Photography competition

The British Journal of Photography's 200 shortlisted, and 100 winning images, from their Portrait of Britain 2020 project can now be viewed online.

<http://gallery.portraitofbritain.uk/>



**Make it, Think it, Share it, Do it**

## Ten pieces at home

BBC Teach have created 12 challenges for primary aged children including writing a poem, singing a song, making a 3d sculpture and presenting a TV show. Each activity is led by a specialist in their field and there is a chance to upload your work once it is completed.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/ten-pieces-at-home/zjy3382>

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# Watch, Look and Listen

**Apps, Podcasts, and TV shows with real screen-appeal.....**

## Apps

### Lookout

A Google app for people who are visually impaired that helps with daily tasks such as scanning and reading out letters and cards. It has recently updated with a “food label” mode that allows people to point a camera phone at food and drink packaging to identify it. Available for android phones and in languages French, German, Italian and Spanish as well as English.

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.apps.accessibility.reveal&hl=en\\_US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.android.apps.accessibility.reveal&hl=en_US)

## BBC iplayer

### Radio 2's Live at the Proms now becomes Live at Home

Live at the Proms goes digital this year as BBC iplayer and Sounds brings Radio 2 Live at Home featuring brand new sets for 2020 and classic Hyde Park performances. Available for 30 days, Hyde Park **classic headliners** available now, and **New for 2020** from 12<sup>th</sup> September.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc\\_radio\\_two](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc_radio_two)

## TV

### Between The Covers

A new BBC2 book club programme "Between the Covers", will launch on Friday 9th October, hosted by Sarah Cox. Each week she will be joined by four celebrity guests to discuss the chosen book of the week, with an introduction via a recorded clip featuring an interview with the author.

Novels featuring in the series will include:

Matt Haig - *The Midnight Library*

Bolu Babalola - *Love in Colour*

Clare Chambers - *Small Pleasures*

Steve Cavanagh - *Fifty-Fifty*

Ingrid Persaud - *Love After Love*

Louise Hare - *This Lovely City*

Stuart Turton - *The Devil and the Dark Water*

Viewers will be encouraged to join in the discussion online using #betweenthecovers.

## You tube

### Philharmonia Sessions: Family Concert

This full version of The London Philharmonia Family Concert is available on You tube for everyone to watch until 21<sup>st</sup> September

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Do67IVmrREw&list=PLqR22EoucCyfCuGoM7qulopbgMYuCsIPf>

### Today I Found Out

A mixture of short videos, mini documentaries and quick quirky facts on a whole host of subjects both fun and serious.

<https://m.youtube.com/user/TodayIFoundOut>

And finally.....

### National Record Store Day 2020

26<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Record Store Day is the one day of the year when over 200 independent record shops all across the UK come together to celebrate their unique culture. Special vinyl releases are made exclusively for the day and many shops and cities host artist performances and events to mark the occasion. This year for the first time, due to COVID 19, there are 3 days to mark the event in August, September and October(24<sup>th</sup>). The link also lists participating stores in your local area.

[www.recordstoreday.co.uk](http://www.recordstoreday.co.uk)

## Something for everyone

 <p><b>Visit our Libraries</b> Barrow Carlisle Kendal Penrith Whitehaven Workington</p>	 <p><b>Select &amp; Collect</b> Simply order by phone or email and collect your items in just 7 days</p>	 <p><b>Online Services</b> Our members get free 24/7 access to eBooks, audio books, magazines and comics</p>	 <p><b>Home Delivery</b> Our friendly home delivery service is available to our housebound members</p>
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