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Let Sleeping Dragons Lie with the Big Family Read

This autumn, join **Derby Libraries** for our **Big Family Read**. Taking place until **30 November 2020**, you can rediscover the joy of reading and encourage all of your family to join in too. Enjoy reading together again and talking about all the great books you have read.

The book chosen by Derby Libraries this year is [Let Sleeping Dragons Lie](#) by **Garth Nix and Sean Williams**:

“A funny fantasy triumph!

“Sir Odo and Sir Eleanor are now officially knights, helped (and sometimes hindered) by their magical, but rather difficult to control, talking swords. However, if they thought life as a knight was going to be easy, they were wrong! When their kingdom is threatened by forces of significant nefariousness, they and their talking swords join a bold quest to rescue a monarch, vanquish deadly beasts, confound a prophecy, and (if they are lucky) avoid stepping on the tail of a very powerful dragon.”

Throughout the Big Family Read, Derby Libraries will have multiple downloads of both the eBook and eAudiobook of *Let Sleeping Dragons Lie*, as well as hundreds of other books, available online through [our BorrowBox App](#). Hard copies of *Let Sleeping Dragons Lie* are also available from your local library.

Also as part of this year's Big Family Read, Derby Libraries are holding an **online writing competition** for **6-12 year olds**. Due to Covid-19, all **entries must be online** and we cannot accept any hard copy entries at our libraries. To enter, we are asking you to write a short, 300-word story about a Magic Sword. The competition closes on **Sunday 10 January 2021**. [To enter, please visit our website.](#)

We are looking for creativity, imagination and originality. The winner will be notified at the latest by

the end of January 2021 and the prize will be a collection of family friendly books and audio books. Derby Libraries encourages families to read our chosen book, *Let Sleeping Dragons Lie*, together and actively support their child in writing their story.

You can also once again place holds on the Derby Libraries catalogue. Visit the [Derby Libraries online catalogue](#) to request and place a hold on your book, and then collect it from one of our four open Libraries. Currently **Riverside** and **Mickleover** Libraries are open to the public, and **Alvaston** and **Normanton** Libraries are open for the click and collect service only. Staff will email you when your book is ready for collection. Holds remain free temporarily at Normanton and Alvaston as part of the Click and Collect offer, and there is a [small charge](#) if you collect your holds from Mickleover or Riverside.

Holds can also be collected from the Community Managed Libraries (except Mackworth). These libraries are currently operating a Select and Collect service.

Any books on loan from pre-lockdown will be renewed until **Monday 7 December**. Customers will need to return or renew their books before that date to avoid late fees. Books loaned since **Monday 14 September** have the standard 3-week loan period and will need renewing or returning by the due date. Late fees are now being applied to overdue books.

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