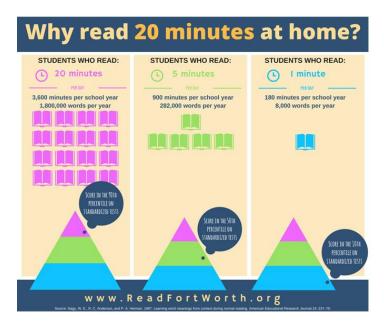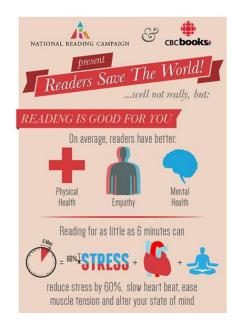**Reading During Remote Learning**

It is important that students continue to read regularly while they are learning from home. Reading for 20 minutes a day has benefits for students' academic success and mental health.

There are several ways that we are continuing to encourage reading and providing reading materials to students at home.

Staff Read-a-Long

Each day a member of staff from the academy will read a new chapter of a shared book. We are currently reading "The Call of the Wild" by Jack London. Students can stream or download audio recordings on any device and can also access previous recordings from last year's lockdown.

Recordings can be accessed at this link: https://openacademyorguk-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/donna_ling_open-academy_org_uk/Es1bu4t_vBpNixMZ-ihxMIgBL2ckF8-GTMnK_4baboT5vg?e=cycZ92

New chapters will also be shared in Teams.

Digital copies of Short Stories, Book Extracts and Non-Fiction Articles

A selection of short stories, sample book chapters and non-fiction articles have been posted in Teams in the Library area. Students can access PDFs and read these within Teams. To find these resources students should follow the following path in Teams.

Year Group Team> Library Channel> Files> Online Library

Accelerated Reader quizzes for these resources will also be added shortly.

Free digital newspapers for young people

FirstNews (a newspaper written specifically for young people ages 11-14) is offering free digital access while students are learning from home. Parents and carers can sign up here for free access: https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/free-downloadable-issue/

Borrow e-books and audiobooks with Libby

Students can access full e-books, audiobooks, comics and manga through the Libby App. This is provided by Norfolk Library services and a library card is required. Sign up and use of the app is free. If you don't have a library card you can currently request access online (you do not need to visit a library first) by following this link: https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/find-an-item/ebooks-and-eaudio

Find out more about Libby and download the app here: https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/

Share-A-Story Live

Miss Ling will be holding daily reading sessions for students at lunchtime. Students can grab their lunch, join the Teams meeting, relax and listen to a story. We'll be sharing our favorite reads and top recommendations so it's a great way to find out about new books.

Sessions will take place on the following days:

Year 7: Mondays and Thursdays at 12:40-13:00

Year 8 and 9: Tuesdays and Fridays at 13:10-13:30

Year 10 and 11: Wednesdays at 13:40-14:00

Audible Stories

Free audiobooks provided by Amazon: https://stories.audible.com/start-listen

E-Books of Classics

E-books of titles no longer in copyright can be accessed for free a Project Gutenburg. There are titles for all year groups, but this is particularly useful for accessing GCSE literature texts.

https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/

Virtual School Library

A free audiobook is released each week at: https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/

Each week's book is only available for a limited time.

Authors reading their books online

Several authors have read their books on YouTube during the pandemic. Here are some of our top picks for secondary students.

- Lockdown by Alexander Gordon Smith
- How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell
- The Last Wild by Piers Torday
- D-Day Dog by Tom Palmer
- Floodland by Marcus Sedgewick
- The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

How to log into Accelerated Reader

Log in at: https://ukhosted7.renlearn.co.uk/2174704

Username: your computer username at school. i.e 20LingD

Password: Academy

School Library Website

Now is a great time to explore the school library website and look through the books available in the school library. You can also write book reviews of your favourite books.

Log in here: https://u007886.microlibrarian.net/

 Username: Your school email address i.e. firstname.surname@open-academy.org.uk

 Password: Library

 *When you log in, we recommend you click on reading lists at the top to search through different book types (i.e. scary, funny, real life ect.)

For further assistance please contact Miss Ling the school librarian.