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# THE LIBRARY MONTHLY

## Midwinter reflection

*Retreat inwards, find shelter from the outside world*

*Embrace the opportunity to hibernate, be silent, be still.*

*Nurture your mind with inspiration and fresh perspectives.*

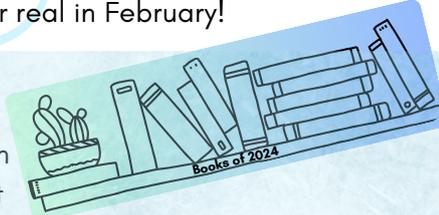
*Relish in fresh starts and new chapters - opportunities await.*

Taken from Evergreen by Lydia Millen

Many see the start of a new year as a chance to jump straight into something new as they try to improve themselves from the version they left in the old year. However these good intentions seem to fall away by the middle of the month when the dark mornings and greys skies dampen everyone's spirits. So maybe this year see January as a chance to rest and recover from the busy festive season and enjoy a slower pace of life, a little hibernation from the world while it is dark and cold and an opportunity to set intentions and dreams from a place of rest. So if your new year's resolutions seem to fail before January is done then don't worry, you can start for real in February!

## Library Reading Challenge!

While you enjoy a month of hibernation and a cosy restful pace of life why not get involved in this year's Library Reading Challenge. We are challenging you to read more books this year and keep a track of the wonderful delights you encounter. To get involved simply pick up a bookmark from the library and get reading. You can choose any type of book you like and there will be prizes and rewards for the books you read and recommendations you give! See how many books you can read and if you can complete your bookmark by the end of the summer term!



## National Storytelling Week



National Storytelling Week takes place at the end of January every year and is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills. There will be lots of storytelling events taking place around the country during this week of celebration, use it as a chance to share a story of your own or listen to a story from someone else. Find out more at [literacytrust.org.uk](http://literacytrust.org.uk)

## Dates to note this month:

Martin Luther King Day  
15th Jan



Winnie the Pooh Day  
18th Jan



Burns Night  
25th Jan

Holocaust Remembrance Day  
27th Jan

National Storytelling Week  
27th Jan - 4th Feb

**Book of the Month**  
**Amari and the Night Brothers**  
by B.B Alston

Amari Peters knows three things. Her brother Quinton has gone missing, no one will talk about it, his mysterious job holds a clue. But then a strange invitation arrives. Amari has the chance to join the magical Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, completing missions in a world where mermaids, aliens and magicians are real - and her roommate is a weredragon. Secrets and surprises await Amari as she discovers her own rare and dangerous magical power!



The library is open at break, lunch and after school until 4:30pm Mon - Thurs, 4pm on Friday