

# THE LIBRARY MONTHLY

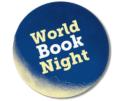
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## The Yoto Carnegie Award Shortlist







#### World Book Night

The Yoto Carnegies, the UK's longest running and best-loved book awards for children and young people, have announced their 2024 shortlists. Poetry dominates the shortlist for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing with three novels written in verse - two by former shortlistees, Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho, and New York Times bestselling author Kwame Alexander, and one debut, Tia Fisher - alongside a poetry collection by prolific children's writer Nicola Davies. Journeys, both literal and metaphorical, are a common theme with books encouraging empathy and hope and promoting an understanding of historical and contemporary global issues, including the environment. The Yoto Carnegies are unique in being judged by librarians, with respective Shadowers' Choice Medals voted for by children and young people. Winners will be announced and celebrated on Thursday 20th June.

World Book Night is celebrated on 23rd April and aims to bring people from all backgrounds together to inspire others to read more. Reading for pleasure is globally recognised as having a positive effect on mental health and emotional wellbeing and organisations and individuals hold events up and down the country to celebrate the difference that reading makes to our lives. Events range from book themed parties at home to books swaps in offices and books from the annual World Book Night list can be donated to people who don't read for pleasure or own their own books. A central part of the event is the Reading Hour. Between 7-8pm people across the UK dedicate time to reading. They do this in lots of different ways; reading alone, having a book club meeting, listening to an audiobook, or reading to children at bedtime to make it a family activity. It doesn't need to be the whole hour, but trying to carve out some time for yourself to spend reading is a really valuable thing to do. Why not visit the library to choose a book for your own Reading Hour?

### Library Reading Challenge

We have had a fantastic start to the Library Reading Challenge with 11 students already completing their bookmarks having read 13 books so far this year! They have been rewarded with special pin badges to mark their achievement. To get involved simply pick up a bookmark from the library and get reading! See how many books you can read and if you can complete your bookmark by the end of the summer term!

#### Dates to note this month:

National Scrabble Day 13th April



Earth Day 22nd April



World Book Night 23rd April

#### Book of the Month Everything, Everyting by Nicola Yoon

Live life in a bubble? Or risk everything for love? Maddy is allergic to the world. She hasn't left her house in seventeen years. Olly is the boy next door. He's determined to find a way to reach her. Everything, Everything is about the crazy risks we take for love.

