



Every term, we share the latest news from the [Read On Nottingham](#) campaign and other literacy-focused activities across the city.

Read On Nottingham campaign activity



100 Reads

As part of Nottingham City Council's Ambitious Big reader? Big future! campaign, Read On Nottingham is collating a list of the city's top **100 Reads**.

Each primary school in Nottingham has received a pack that includes top tips for teachers when promoting the 100 Reads to their classes and a set of postcards for pupils, where they can submit their favourite book and author for the list. The Nottingham school that submits the highest number of suggestions will receive a bundle of books for their school.

Local residents are also invited to share their favourite children's book through a submission form on the [Read On Nottingham website](#) and by using **#ReadOnNottingham** on social media.

The printed list will be found in libraries across the town later in the year and a downloadable version will be available at readonnottingham.org.uk.



Christmas book gifting

Read On Nottingham recently received a generous donation of festive books from Penguin Random House to celebrate the National Literacy Trust's charity of the year status.

Hundreds of copies of **Tom Fletcher's *The Christmasaurus*** were delivered to several deserving Nottingham primary schools to encourage them to spend time reading during the school holidays. It was also an opportunity to pilot the new parent-facing campaign leaflets, featuring illustrations from local author **Rose Robbins**.

The remaining books will be given out throughout 2019.



Literacy Champions

Read On Nottingham is searching for parents, business professionals, teachers, students, sports coaches or anyone passionate about making a difference in their local area to help to improve literacy within their local community as a Literacy Champion.

As part of this role, you will:

- Work in your local community spaces to implement ideas that help to improve literacy

- Encourage the people you are working with to make reading part of their everyday lives and something they enjoy
- Receive ongoing support to help your ideas develop and make sure they are practical and achievable

Contact [Read On Nottingham Manager, Emily Landsborough](#) to find out more about Literacy Champions.

Early years



Big Little Moments

Small Steps Big Changes, along with other A Better Start sites have launched Big Little Moments, a media campaign aimed at promoting good early social, emotional and language development for 0-4 year-olds. The campaign launched on 12 February 2019 and aims to build understanding of the importance

of early social, emotional and language development by speaking to parents about how 'little moments' can have a 'big' and lasting impact on their child's development.

Big Little Moments will feature a targeted national social media and mobile phone ad campaign. In Nottingham, a group of friendly monster families will feature prominently on Council House banners, city information panels, bus shelters, railing banners and taxi wraps across the City and the four SSBC wards of Arboretum, Aspley, Bulwell and St Ann's.

[Visit the website to learn all about the behaviours and campaign in more detail.](#) If you would like to get involved with Big Little Moments, please [contact Jane Flewitt](#) or call 0115 8836733.

The Big Reading Challenge



Councillor Mellen's big reading challenge

Councillor David Mellen, Portfolio Holder for Early Intervention and Early Years in Nottingham, is on track to read to 5,000 in 50 days as part of his Big Reading Challenge. He's aiming to raise £5,000 for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a scheme that gives a free book to children every month from birth to age five.

There are now almost 5,000 Nottingham children registered with the Imagination Library scheme. It currently runs in 10 wards across our city, but more can be done!

[Visit Councillor Mellen's fundraising page.](#)

Schools



Nottingham Schools Reading Transition Toolkit KS2 - KS3

The Nottingham Schools team, the Strategic School Improvement Fund and the National Literacy Trust have put together a Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 Reading Transition Toolkit, which provides good practice, case studies, articles and observations from those who have taken on the challenge of developing reading in secondary education.

The schools team welcomes feedback and any additions to the toolkit. If you have any suggestions, please [get in touch](#).



The National Literacy Trust's Annual Literacy Survey asks children aged 9 to 18 to answer questions on reading, with a focus this year on news literacy and school libraries. There is now also a version suitable for pupils aged 5 to 8.

Participating schools will receive their own individual school report outlining the basic findings, which can be compared to national reports once these are published.

You could use your report to:

- Inform literacy strategy
- Give as supporting evidence to OFSTED
- Review your current literacy provision

[Find out more about the Annual Literacy Survey.](#)

Libraries



Big Monster Hunt

Nottingham City Council is encouraging families to take part in the [Big Monster Hunt](#), which is taking place in all 15 Nottingham City Libraries throughout February, as part of the Big Reader? Big Future! campaign.

All you have to do is:

- Pick up an activity sheet from the library reception desk
- Find the words to reveal a secret message
- Every monster hunter gets a bookmark and sticker



Nottingham Children's Book Awards

Every year, library staff and Nottingham year 1 pupils select a shortlist of outstanding picture books as part of the Nottingham Children's Book Awards. This year's three finalists are:

Cake By Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet

Poor Little Rabbit! By Jorg Muhle

The Case of the Red Bottomed Robber! By Richard Byrne

Children have until June to vote for their favourite. For more information [contact Charlotte](#), Nottingham's Bookstart Coordinator.

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