



The Network Newsletter – Ebulletin 326, 20 April 2021

Events

Events have been added to the Courses & Events pages on The Network website – see: <http://www.seapn.org.uk/courses>.

Black Lives Matter

The Bookseller's "Black issue"

<https://content.yudu.com/web/1vcls/0A1xp12/BS090421/html/index.html?refUrl=https%253A%252F%252Fwww.thebookseller.com%252F>

(Source: email from *The Bookseller*, 12 Apr 2021)

"*The Bookseller's* "Black Issue" is published today [9 Apr 2021], guest-edited by Marianne Tatepo, founder of the Black Agents and Editors' Group (BAE) and commissioning editor at Ebury (Lifestyle). The magazine features an op-ed from Sir Lenny Henry, and interviews with authors Priscilla Mante, Mateo Askaripour and Candice Carty-Williams."

[Taken from: https://www.thebookseller.com/news/booksellers-black-issue-celebration-difference-without-tokenism-1252624?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_term=&utm_content=The%20Bookseller%27s%20Black%20Issue%3A%20%27a%20celebration%20of%20difference%20without%20the%20tokenism%27&utm_campaign=Top%2010%20most%20read%20-%20120421]

This issue – which is available to read free-of-charge – includes some terrific articles, plus updates on new titles etc. The article by Marianne Tatepo, "Stop being 'nice', start doing good: 15 steps to doing better" [pp10-12] is particularly useful, with her 15-step plan.

Black Dementia Company puzzles

(Source: email from Alzheimer's Society, 13 Apr 2021)

The Alzheimer's Society online shop has added a series of jigsaw puzzles reflecting Black lives:

- Caribbean 1963, <https://shop.alzheimers.org.uk/daily-living-aids/games-and-activities/16-Piece-Jigsaw-Puzzle---Caribbean,-1963>
- Ewa, Lagos, c1950, <https://shop.alzheimers.org.uk/daily-living-aids/games-and-activities/16-Piece-Jigsaw-Puzzle---Ewa,-Lagos,-c.1950>
- Friends in Lagos, c1961, <https://shop.alzheimers.org.uk/daily-living-aids/games-and-activities/16-Piece-Jigsaw-Puzzle---Friends-in-Lagos-c.1961>
- Government Road, Nairobi, 1957, <https://shop.alzheimers.org.uk/daily-living-aids/games-and-activities/16-Piece-Jigsaw-Puzzle---Government-Rd,-Nairobi,-1957>

- Nairobi, 1960s, <https://shop.alzheimers.org.uk/daily-living-aids/games-and-activities/16-Piece-Jigsaw-Puzzle---Nairobi---1960's>
- Shitta-Bey Mosque, 1960, <https://shop.alzheimers.org.uk/daily-living-aids/games-and-activities/16-Piece-Jigsaw-Puzzle---Shitta-Bey-Mosque,-1960>
- Trinidad 1960s, <https://shop.alzheimers.org.uk/daily-living-aids/games-and-activities/16-Piece-Jigsaw-Puzzle---Trinidad,-1960's->

Tackling social and digital exclusion – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations

“Museum as Muck”

<https://museumasmuck.co.uk/>

(Source: Twitter, <https://twitter.com/museumasmuck>)

“Museum as Muck was founded in 2018 as a response to the lack of working class people in museum, gallery and heritage organisations. Beginning as an informal community providing support and solidarity for working class museum professionals, we are now a formal network with over 800 Muckers spread across the UK and Ireland.”

They have just launched their website.

Press release: “Winners of the NAG Public Library Project of the Year Grant 2021

<https://nag.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Grant-2021-press-release-final.pdf>

(Source: *Public Libraries News*, 11 Apr 2021)

“The winners for 2021 are Wandsworth Libraries with their ‘Roehampton Kaleidoscope’ and Derbyshire Libraries with ‘Read, Play, Puzzle’ and each will receive £5,000 from the National Acquisitions Group [...]

The ‘Roehampton Kaleidoscope’ project focuses on Urdu speaking women in the locality of the library and providing tuition via workshops firstly around English conversation but then moving on to mental well-being, digital literacy and job skills with a community celebration event to finish.

In Derbyshire ‘Read, Play, Puzzle’ will build on the explosive growth in gaming, jigsaws and reading over the last year and offer group participation to combat social isolation. The funds will enable the purchase of a selection of books with related games and puzzles to encourage active participation in literature and create opportunities to engage with books in different ways.”

“Restorative Libraries: Restorative Justice Practices and How to Implement Them”

https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=Restorative-Libraries-Restorative-Justice-Practices-and-How-to-Implement-Them&utm_source=Marketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=april13LJXpress

(Source: *LJXpress – Library Journal*, 13 Apr 2021)

Interesting US article which looks at the application of restorative justice principles to public libraries:

“Restorative justice is broadly defined as an approach to repairing and addressing harm done within a community. It can also be understood as a practice that emphasizes the importance of every voice being heard when harm is done, in order to repair the holistic well-being of the person harmed, the person responsible for the harm, and the community impacted by the offense.”

Health & Wellbeing issues – Other Agencies

“Phobias”

https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/conditions/phobias/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=april-2021

(Source: email from YoungMinds, Apr 2021)

New from YoungMinds as part of a series of tips for dealing with what happens when lockdown ends:

“We've worked with our Activists to create a new page with lots of information, tips and advice on dealing with phobias.”

Disability issues – Other Agencies

“Why deaf prisoners have been in a state of lockdown since well before COVID-19”

https://theconversation.com/why-deaf-prisoners-have-been-in-a-state-of-lockdown-since-well-before-covid-19-158173?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20April%2014%202021%20-%201916718739&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20April%2014%202021%20-%201916718739+CID_a9f7628f729cd416b2f9d79d3e2bf6d3&utm_source=campaign_monitor_uk&utm_term=Why%20deaf%20prisoners%20have%20been%20in%20a%20state%20of%20lockdown%20since%20well%20before%20COVID-19

(Source: *The Conversation*, 14 Apr 2021)

Important article looking at the impact of COVID and lockdown on D/deaf prisoners.

Migration issues – Government, Government Agencies and Local Government

Press release: “National welcome for Hong Kong arrivals”

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-welcome-for-hong-kong-arrivals?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=c16ab4b0-fd3a-4a3d-b033-e7e8801e3c57&utm_content=daily

‘Headlines’ include:

- “Hong Kong BN(O) status holders and their families who settle in the United Kingdom will receive £43 million dedicated support package
- 12 welcome hubs will help families and individuals access housing, education, and employment to build a life in the UK
- Funding for councils to provide additional help for new arrivals where needed, including support with housing costs and learning English
- Schools to receive dedicated Hong Kong educational resources to teach pupils about historic Hong Kong-British connection”

Migration issues – Other Agencies

“Why sticking to the Refugee Convention still matters”

https://www.freemovement.org.uk/why-sticking-to-the-refugee-convention-still-matters/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=why-sticking-to-the-refugee-convention-still-matters&mc_cid=21981b2d9a&mc_eid=7d8713d645

(Source: *Free Movement Weekly Newsletter*, 6 Apr 2021)

Important reminder – and also of the reality of the number of asylum-seekers arriving in the UK:

“In 2019 the UK received 52,000 asylum seekers in total, including refugees entering on our resettlement scheme. France received 157,000. Officially Greece received 70,000, although their asylum registration system has broken down. Turkey already hosts 4,000,000 refugees. Iran already hosts close to 1,000,000 refugees. To suggest we are already doing more than we should and these other countries should ‘step up’ is manifestly absurd.”

LGBTQ+ issues – Libraries, Museums, Archives and Cultural and Heritage Organisations

“‘George’ Tops Most Challenged List for Third Year in a Row: ‘Stamped’ Takes No. 2 Spot”

https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=george-tops-most-challenged-list-for-third-year-in-a-row-stamped-takes-no-2-spot&utm_source=Marketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=april6ExtraHelping

(Source: *LJXpress – Library Journal*, 6 Apr 2021)

Important article:

“The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 156 challenges to library, school, and university materials and services in 2020. Of the 273 books that were targeted, here are the most challenged, along with the reasons cited for censoring the books [...]”

“Children’s reading: latest news”

<http://www.aneharding.net/3259/childrens-reading-latest-news/>

(Source: updates from Anne Harding Training, 20 Apr 2021)

Latest useful round-up from Anne Harding.