



Authors into schools from Wokingham Borough Libraries

Wokingham Borough Libraries will be offering schools the opportunity to take part in online author visits this February 2021. The sessions will be taking place between February 2 to 12, 2021.

We will be providing a variety of authors that your pupils will be able to engage with. There will be a selection of illustrators and authors to choose for each year group, to promote the joy and fun of reading to children with support from funding from the BBC Novels that shaped our world project.

All the authors will be live streamed and we would like the sessions to be as interactive as possible with schools using the chat function to ask any questions that the pupils have. We will be using Microsoft Teams platform to offer the sessions hosted by the library service.

A risk assessment will be produced for schools, which states that all videos and microphones will be switched off, as we would like to record the sessions, so they can be author videos can be shared after.

We will also be supported by Waterstones and WH Smiths who you can order books if you wish to purchase for the school or pupils.

If you are interested in taking parting part please get in touch with Elizabeth McDonald from Wokingham Libraries on elizabeth.mcdonald@wokingham.gov.uk, who will provide you with more information, including, the proposed author schedule in January 2021.

Research shows that author events in schools inspire children and help them on their journey to a love of reading.

'The impact of an author visiting shouldn't be underestimated. These are the types of things that people talk about when you ask them what they remember about school.'

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