

#CulturEdBolton

Service updates June 2020



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Library and Museum Services

Bolton Schools Library and Museum Service have been busy working throughout the lockdown period to provide content and support to schools in Bolton. We know this has been a difficult time for all and want to reassure schools that we are still here for all your library, museum and curriculum needs.

Current Projects

Be a Part of Bolton's History – Time Capsule Project

The times we are living in are totally unique. One hundred years from now, children will learn about the Covid19 pandemic just as they do about the Great Fire of London and other significant events in history. With this in mind we launched a project to collect children's memories and experiences of this time.

For more details visit our website – www.boltonlams.co.uk

Schools Library Service

The Service will be working hard from 22 June to collect any outstanding topic boxes from schools. We will also be contacting schools to ask you to submit your topic loan requests for September as we will be aiming to deliver all your topic boxes at the beginning of the Autumn Term and we need time to compile these whilst conforming to social distancing measures. We can already be contacted via email libraryandmuseumlearning@bolton.gov.uk and staff have been working throughout the lockdown period to answer queries from schools. We'd love to hear from you so please get in touch and let us have your topic requests for September!

Schools Museum Service

As the museum is currently closed, we have used the time to start looking at alternative ways to provide an offer to schools. We can't reveal full details just yet but if you can't come to us, we want you to know that we are looking to bring our Museum and Art Gallery to you from the Autumn Term. If you would like to be the first to hear about this exciting new offer, please join our Facebook Group. Details will also be emailed to all schools – please make sure your school is on our mailing list!

Summer Reading Challenge

Yes! It's back. This year children are being encouraged to complete the challenge online and can use library books or books they have at home – they all count.

More details about the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

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Children can also download ebooks and eaudio books from Borrowbox using their Bolton Library Card – there are hundreds of brilliant titles on there. If you would like to sign your class up to Borrowbox we can make arrangements to get them all library card numbers and can send step by step instructions for your pupils to join.

For more details about Borrowbox – <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/discover-library/ebooks-eaudiobooks-emagazines>

If you are interested in signing your class up to use Borrowbox, we'd be delighted to help – please get in touch by emailing libraryandmuseumlearning@bolton.gov.uk and we will get back to you.

Useful E-Resources and Social Media

Over the last few months we have been busy creating and sharing content through social media, that would benefit children and families working from home. However, much of this content is also relevant to schools – including some of our recommended reads, educational videos and worksheets.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/boltonlams/schools>

Over the next few weeks, to make it easier for you to find and access we will be sharing some of this relevant content in the newly established Schools Library and Museum Service Group on Facebook as well as through our website. We want to make it easier than ever for schools to stay in touch with us and this group can be used to contact us as well as sharing information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/732821953923446/?ref=share>

CPD

We have been working hard to rearrange all the CPD we had planned for the Summer Term. The details of all our CPD Offers can be found here - <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/boltonlams/schools>

We are also excited to be working in conjunction with Ladywood School to provide storytelling training which will explore ways of bringing stories to life in order to develop understanding and promote engagement. Further details will be shared in our Facebook Group and email.



Primary

For children age 7-11 we have developed an online Discover Arts Award. Children participate in up to three Zoom sessions and receive a booklet to complete.

More information can be found here:

<https://octagonbolton.co.uk/whats-on/take-part/online-arts-award-discover-7-11-year-olds/>

Our Arts Awards can also be delivered remotely in schools, with key worker children, or classes once schools return in June. For more information, schools can contact participation@octagonbolton.co.uk

Age 11+

We're working with the brilliant London-based Company Three to create a worldwide time capsule of young people's experiences of lockdown. If you'd like to join in, the resources are opening to any school or organisation that want to take part: <http://www.companythree.co.uk/compact>. You can see the Octagon's time capsules here: <https://octagonbolton.co.uk/get-involved/octagon-online/coronavirus-time-capsule/>

All Ages

Every Monday at 10am we announce our weekly Get Creative Challenge which is suitable for all ages. Follow our social media or contact participation@octagonbolton.co.uk to receive the weekly challenge. All the challenges so far can be found here:

<https://octagonbolton.co.uk/get-involved/octagon-online/get-creative-challenges/>

We are still welcoming enquiries from schools about future workshops or how we can adapt our offer to support them remotely. More information about our general education offer can be found here:

<https://octagonbolton.co.uk/get-involved/education/>

Although we are not running our usual programme of Youth Theatre activity, we welcome enquiries from parents about what activities and workshops we have on offer for children and young people outside of school times. participation@octagonbolton.co.uk

Free Music Resources for Primary Schools

We hope you have found the information we have sent through over the last few weeks useful. So that we can further support our schools our experienced curriculum team have created a number of resource and tasks for you to share with your pupils or use in your school settings. A new **Music at Home** resource is being shared each Friday morning in addition to the circulation of our updated free resource list. Activities have a different focus each week and include ideas for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. The first 3 are attached. Week 4 will be sent out on Friday 12th June.

In addition we are encouraging schools to visit the **Music Service Online Learning Area on our website** www.boltonmusicservice.com . A large number of resources have already been uploaded and new resources are being added on a daily basis.

Please also look out for further announcements which we will send via email and through our twitter account **@BoltonMusicCent**. A number of performances have been uploaded produced by our teaching staff. Take a look and see if you can spot your teacher. We are always happy to promote any performances your pupils (or staff) create, so please tag us and we will re-tweet. Let's keep making

music 

If we can be of any assistance over the coming weeks please do not hesitate to get in touch with us the contact details below

Many thanks

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