

BOOK TO THE FUTURE

GET INVOLVED!

You are the lucky recipient of this collection of **Reading Passports 2016** because your organisation is a member of SWRLS. The South Western Regional Library Service is a south west library charity that promotes joint working between libraries in the South West – academic, public, health and specialist.

SWRLS also produce an annual reader development project – **Reading Passport**. Each year it has a different theme. These are all free and the aim is to encourage your readers, students or customers to try new and different books and authors. So pile them high!

Take reading book to the future by planning some initiatives which take readers on a journey through the decades. **Book to the Future** runs from 1st October 2016 to March 2017. You can host events to promote the Passports at any time during these dates. 2016 has been a great year from encouraging people to pick up a book, with the centenary celebrations for Roald Dahl and the ‘Year of Reading’ campaign still ongoing, it’s a great time for readers to discover treasures new and old at the library.

In addition to handing out as many passports as possible during this time, it would be great to have some library events and activities happening across the region. Please find a few ideas on this sheet to get you started.

1. Make sure the passports are freely available use the downloadable posters to promote the project. Each SW authority has been sent a supply of passports but more can be downloaded from the website if required. Posters are available via the Downloadable Resources section of the website.

2. Create a Book to the Future display using the posters, some of the books by featured authors and a wider selection of picks from across the decades. You could use some of the books from the online lists available on the website.

3. Support local reading groups who are reading authors from the book list, perhaps include passports with sets of books to reading groups throughout the project?

4. Host a Book to the Future event in the library, e.g:

- A quiz with questions from across the decades
- Writer event with a focus on the particular decade their work is written/ set in
- Show a movie from one of the decades - Remember, you need a ‘non –theatrical’ film licence to show films and TV programmes (film trailers for all adaptations are available on the website)
- Hold a Book to the Future themed raffle which could include items inspired by the decades featured
- Hold a ‘Decades Day’ with library staff dressed in outfits inspired by their favourite literary decade

5. Host a ‘Murder Mystery’ night to celebrate crime and thriller fiction in the passport. A resource kit & script can be downloaded from the website thanks to author Ann Cleeves.

6. Think of some other local businesses that may be willing to take some passports or display a poster. For example local bookshops, health centres, colleges or community centres. An information sheet to help explain the project is also available as a resource on the website.

7. Run a writing workshop with the aim of producing work inspired by participants’ favourite decade/ author from the passport.

8. Children’s activities can help encourage family engagement, perhaps running a Roald Dahl centenary themed event such as ‘write your own Revolting Rhyme’?

9. Promote via social media:

Twitter:

follow and include @readingpassport #BooktotheFuture

Facebook:

‘like’ Reading Passport

The website gives you access to some images you can use.

Please send any details of events and promotions that you host to your local coordinator and to Literature Works:

projects@literatureworks.org.uk