

Library information exchange for HCFE April 2007

1. To highlight the new events brochure....lots for children and families, from now through to September...
 - Ancient Greeks exhibition in the Gallery runs until June 30th Free to visit. Various mask-making and pot-painting activities for families are on offer – see the events brochure.
 - New for 13-19 year olds, a weekly drop-in from 5-7pm on Thursdays in the t-zone, called **mytime@thedc**, with lots of freebies on offer – vouchers, snacks, internet use, printing etc! If you'd like a poster for your venue, let me know.
 - This year's summer reading challenge for children 4-11 yrs starts on July 14th, is called **The Big Wild Read**, and is running in all libraries except Stubbington (see below), with stickers to collect, and a medal and certificate for all those who read 6 books over the summer. Audio material is available as an alternative for any child who has difficulty with print. And **it's all completely free**.
 - The Discovery Club is a drop-in books/reading/activity club for children aged 8-11 yrs, meeting on the Storyboat in the Discovery Centre– next meeting is Tues June 26th 4-5pm.
 - The dcbc is a club for 11-14 yr olds to share reading experiences and see new books, write reviews etc. New members are welcome – meet in the t-zone at 4pm on Tues June 19th.
 - Half-term activities called Flower Power for 5-10 yr olds are running in all libraries between May 29th and June 1st, and free tickets are available from each venue. Please book early.
2. Fareham library is now having the first floor Reference library refurbished to match the ground floor: the library will remain open while the work is done.
3. Stubbington library is closed for refurbishment until 13th Aug. **Lee** library has **temporarily extended opening hours** to help out, so please do use it as an alternative.
4. Bookstart Plus packs – we still have lots of these to hand out free in libraries to children 18-30months and fliers are now available, so would anyone like a new poster and or some fliers for their venue? Please contact jackie.lewis@hants.gov.uk
5. The 2007 NCT directory for Gosport “What to do with under 5's” is now available free through all libraries.
6. If anyone would like to go on the mailing list for the Discovery Centre, please contact lucinda.moore@hants.gov.uk