



# In The Loop

The Newsletter of The Norfolk Reading Project  
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Welcome to our 9th Issue of *In The Loop*.

News this time includes an exciting new partnership for TNRP with a national charity and a volunteer get together being planned. As always, **more volunteers are desperately** needed. And we continue to ask: **If you have any news for *In The Loop*, we'd really love to hear how you are getting on!**

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## Save The Date!

### Volunteers' Garden Party September 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30am

TNRP vice chair Lorraine Hall has kindly offered to hold a coffee morning in her fabulous garden at Ambleside, 118a Thorpe Road, Norwich, NR1 1RT. Please RSVP to email above.

This will be a chance for volunteers to get together and compare notes; collect a fresh supply of stickers, bookmarks and books; and to do a little fund raising. All volunteers and any prospective volunteers are welcome – spread the word!

## Training Days

Our next training session will be on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm at *Not Just Books*, independent bookshop in Thetford. Further dates have been arranged for September 10<sup>th</sup> and October 8th, both at Town Close School, Norwich.

## Getting Crafty

Some of our volunteers have been getting creative! Pictured below are *Most-improved Reader* awards made by Michelle Elliott for children at Kinsale Junior and a selection of bookmarks made by Janet MacDonald at Northgate Primary School.



## New Literacy Project

TNRP is joining forces with the Norfolk Community Foundation and the National Literacy Trust to boost reading in targeted schools in Thetford and Norwich. This initiative will provide training for new volunteers and lots of extra resources for the schools.

In addition, Jane James, Mayor Cllr of Thetford, who was key in bringing this new project to Norfolk, wants us to be her mayoral charity. We attended both the mayor-making ceremony and the Civic Reception in May to spread the word about what we do.

Our objective in Thetford is to provide at least two volunteers for each of the 10 chosen Thetford schools over the course of Mayor James' year in post. TNRP will train and provide its own Reading Support Volunteers whilst local businesses will be targeted for Employer-Supported Volunteers.

"The key to a fairer society is not to be locked out of schoolwork as a child, the jobs market as an adult or your own child's learning as a parent," said TNRP's Sarah Anthony in her speech at the Civic Reception.

## New Endeavour Rangers Fund

TNRP is very pleased to have received a Grant awarded by the New Endeavour Rangers fund through NCF. TNRP is looking to recruit 25 new volunteers in the Great Yarmouth and Gorleston area. We are using Facebook, contact with local schools, businesses, sports clubs and current volunteers to help us achieve this. *If you can help us in any way, or know of potential volunteers please let us know.*

## You Are Loved!

This is just a small sample of our teacher feedback:

"Children treasure this time."

"Our volunteer is amazing. The class love to read with her."

"I can see the progression in their reading."

"We would be lost without our volunteer."

