

Staff Book Club & Early Morning Crafting

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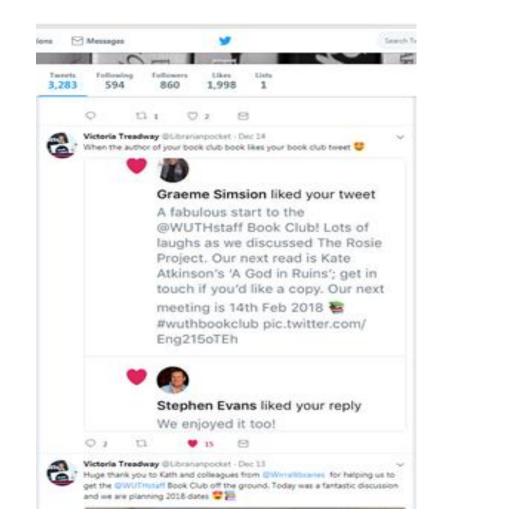
Staff Book Club

- Academy of Fabulous Stuff Pledge
- In partnership with Wirral Libraries
 - Multiple copies
 - E-books/E-audio books (BorrowBox)
- Open to all Hospital staff
- Deliberately called Book Club not Reading Group
- No reading out loud











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Thanks to the author of our most recent Book Club read, Sarah Winman, for sending a specially signed large print copy of her book! Join us next time to chat about Breakfast at Tiffany's (copies available for @WUTHstaff from the library) on 8th August



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Stuff we do

- Disability
 - Partially sighted
 - Migraines
 - Dyslexia
- Solutions
 - Large print
 - Coloured reading screens





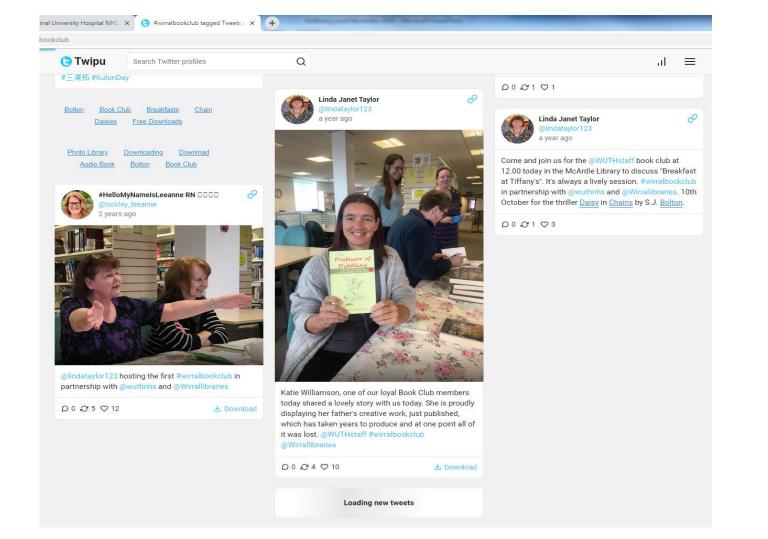


Stuff we do

- #wirralbookclub
- Contacted authors
- Link to Reading Ahead
- World Book Day
- Members swap book recommendations/books
- · Biscuits and cake









Stuff you could do

- Scoring
- Book of the year
- Blog dissemination





Publicised



- Via staff e-bulletin
- LKS webpages
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Email

- Induction
- Blackboards
- Trust Wellbeing events





Benefits



- Gets people into/interacting with the LKS who would not otherwise engage
- Supports the Literacy Agenda at no cost (other than time) to the individuals
- Gets people interacting with other Trust staff that they would not otherwise meet

- Partnership with Wirral Libraries
 - Reminiscence Boxes/Events
 - Staff training re finding good quality health evidence









Early Morning Crafting

- Chronicles of Yarnia
- Before work
- Drop in







Chronicles of Yarnia











People come

- On every possible occasion
- Regularly
- Occasionally
- To learn a particular craft or skill
- To solve a problem







Crafts

- Knitting
- Crochet
- Quilting
- Lace making
- Paper craft
- Yarn bomb











What we do



Craft individually and collaboratively

Gain benefits of emotional wellbeing from crafting

Share information re classes/products/suppliers/events

Attend craft shows

Share, swap and trial patterns/equipment

Achieve thrifty use of new materials, reworking of previously used ones. Oddments of wool and material crafted into garments/blankets/twiddlemuffs

Bond, learn and share, laugh over mistakes, show achievements/celebrate completed projects.





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Benefits



- Gets people into/interacting with the LKS who would not otherwise engage
- Supports the Literacy Agenda (reading patterns) and problem solving
- Gets people interacting with other Trust staff that they would not otherwise meet or know

- Informal discussion leading to LKS service requests
 - Journal Club
 - Training
 - Giving
 - Blankets for African AIDS orphans
 - Pregnant staff
 - Neonatal Unit
 - Twiddlemuffs for Dementia patients





















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The Benefits of Knitting for Personal and Social Wellbeing in Adulthood: Findings from an International Survey

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Benefits

Media coverage claims that craft-based hobbies are good for mental health/general wellbeing.

Recent reports compare these activities to mindfulness and meditation, due to the repetitive/focused nature of many crafts. Evidence is largely subjective and self reported with studies rarely using experimentally derived methods or peer-reviewed reporting.





Yarn based crafts



 Textile making is known to improve wellbeing (Vercillo, 2012; Kenning, 2015) and according to Yair (2011), group crafting activities can also produce multiple therapeutic, cognitive and social benefits. By engaging in group crafts with textiles, individuals can give, be active, learn, take notice and connect with others – all factors associated with wellbeing (Aked & Thomson, 2011).







Benefits

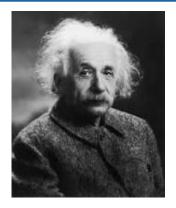
 Knitting has significant psychological and social benefits, which can contribute to wellbeing and quality of life. As a skilled and creative occupation, it has therapeutic potential.





Guess who?





Albert Einstein was reputed to have knitted between projects to "calm his mind and clear his thinking"



Russell Crowe – anger management



Personal, psychological and social benefits according to the evidence



Can:

- Contribute significantly to quality of life, personal and social wellbeing
- Relieve/reduce depression, anxiety, thereby reducing disease
- Build self-esteem, provide a sense of accomplishment/satisfaction
- Reduce or postpone odds of dementia and mild cognitive impairment
- Assist with insomnia
- Reduce irritability and restlessness
- Help with grief processing and anger management





Personal, psychological and social benefits according to the evidence



Can

- Improve mood, concentration, perceived happiness, social contact, connections and communication with others, build community
- Express personal ability, creativity, self expression, creative outlet
- Link with cultural traditions, history and family
- Be meditative and therapeutic, induce an enhanced state of calm, create a space for contemplation
- Improve confidence, empower people to be more able to take risks
- Provide diversion from negative thoughts





Personal, psychological and social benefits according to the evidence



- Higher cognitive function and improve short term memory
- Skills development
 - Mathematical skills
 - Problem solving skills
 - Planning organising
 - Visual and spatial awareness
- Pleasure when teaching a skill and seeing others succeed/improve
- Form of prayer
- Give/share gifts





Any questions?







