

Would you like to learn creative and engaging ways of developing your child's literacy skills at home?

Would you like to write creatively with your child, developing ideas, creating amazing characters and exploring different points of view?

Do you want to support and encourage your child to read for pleasure, but are not sure how?

If so, sign up to the FREE Creative Literacies Hub today!

What's it all about?

Led by Tom Dobson, Professor of Education, and Jane Collins, Senior Lecturer and experienced teacher of English, the Creative Literacies Hub welcomes parents, carers, and their children, who would like to learn effective ways of approaching reading and creative writing. We have two free programmes you can attend: Supporting Reading at Home, and Creative Writing Together.

Why is this important?

- Our research shows that engaing in creative writing and reading together can strengthen relationships, provide positive role models and help ensure positive wellbeing at home.
- Parents and carers supporting their children's reading and writing is key to developing children's lifelong literacy skills, ensuring they do well in school and work.
- Children who read for pleasure achieve more highly in school than children who don't.



What does it involve?

The Creative Literacies Hub is a safe and welcoming environment for parents, carers and their children to engage in reading and writing activities. Our programmes are delivered over 6 Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm, with our doors open to you from 3:30pm. You may enroll for 1 or both workshops.





Creative Writing Together

Who?

Parents, Carers and Children aged 7 to 14.

What?

For all 6 workshops you and your child will engage in creative writing sessions together. Through the workshops, you and your child will imagine settings, characters, and plots, writing from different points of view within your story-world. Your creative writing pieces will feature in an anthology, published by York St John University.

Supporting Reading at Home

Who?

Parents, Carers and Children aged 5-11.

What?

For all 6 workshops you and your child will engage in reading together. In these workshops, you and your child will share your responses to a wide range of texts and we will show you how to support your child to enjoy reading at home

Access

Both programmes are completely free to access.



Be part of our research project

Our emerging research shows how parents and children engaging in creative literacy together promotes postive family wellbeing and strong relationships. If you sign up for these workshops, we will give you the opportunity to be part of our research project. Before signing up, our research will be explained fully to you - you can withdraw from the research at any time up until the end of the programme.

How do I sign up?

If you are interested in the Creative Literacies Hub, you can self-refer by completing our online self-referral form, which is available on our website www.yorksj.ac.uk/ysjcc (or use the QR code). You can find the referral form in the 'Children and Young People' page, accessed via our main page underneath the header 'Groups and programmes'.

When completing the form please ensure you state the age of your child, and which programme/s you would like to enrol in - you may sign up to both if you wish.



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