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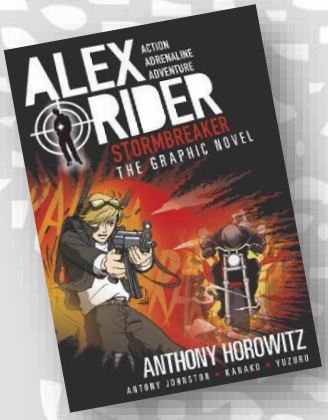
Welcome to our latest newsletter

Welcome to this term's edition of Linslade Library newsletter, where we bring you the latest book news and events. Spring into Reading: Enjoy lovely books about nature, new beginnings, or adventure. Last Term's Events

We celebrated World Book Day in March, and we had a great time! Staff and students participated by dressing up as characters from the wonderful world of literacy.

Comic or Graphic Novel- What's the Difference?

Graphic novels are longer than comic books; they are comparable in length to traditional novels. For example, " Diary of a Wimpy Kid " includes graphics and illustrations to tell the story. Comic books are shorter and meant to be read in one sitting; they are usually part of a larger series.



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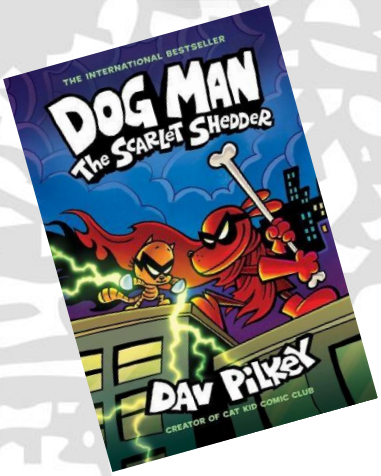
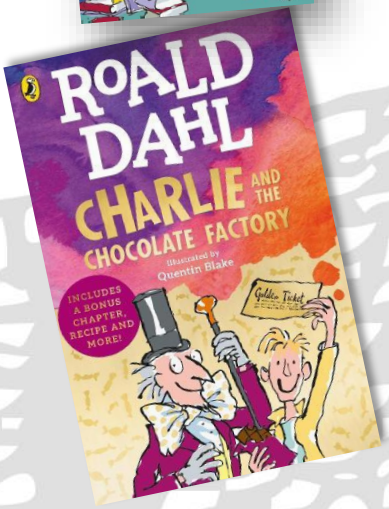
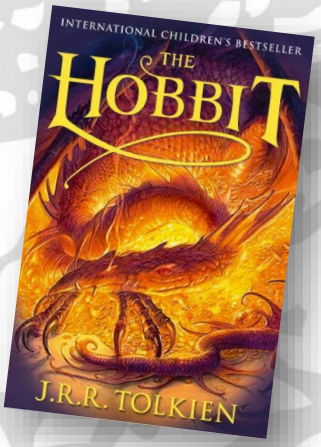




Which was better, the film or the book?

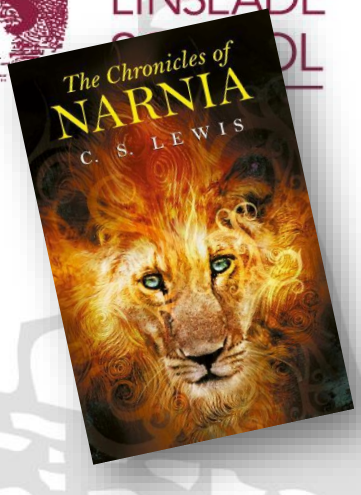
After Easter, we will compare several popular books that have been adapted into films. Films often differ from the books they are based on for various reasons, primarily related to the different ways these two media communicate stories. Here are some key reasons why films might diverge from their source material:

1. **Time Constraints:** Books have the freedom to explore detailed subplots and complex character development, which can span hundreds of pages. In contrast, a film typically needs to tell the story within a limited time frame, usually 90 minutes to 2 hours.



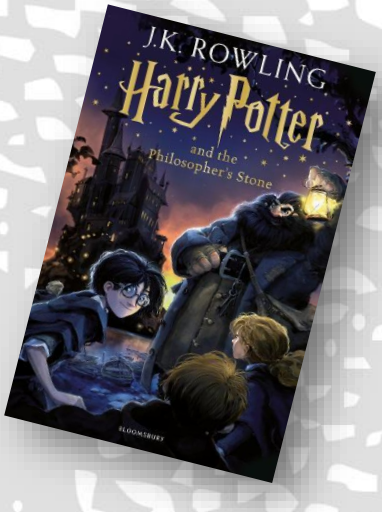
2. Visual Written Word:

Films provide a visual and auditory experience. While a book might describe a character's inner thoughts in detail, a movie must convey these through actions, dialogue, or visual cues. Adapting the story for a visual medium often requires reinterpreting the material to suit film.



3. Creative Interpretation:

Directors and screenwriters impart their vision and interpretation to the story. They may choose to emphasize certain themes, change characters, or modify events to make the story more engaging or align it with the film's style.



4. Pacing and Structure: Films often follow a specific narrative structure that builds tension, maintains interest, and leads to a satisfying resolution. Sometimes, a book's original pacing might not translate well to the screen, prompting filmmakers to restructure.

5. Logistical Reasons: Practical constraints, such as budget or location, can also contribute to these differences. Ultimately, a film adaptation is often an interpretation of a book rather than a faithful recreation. While some fans of the original work might be disappointed by these changes.

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Active Reading

Reading to your child is one of the most beneficial ways to develop their literacy skills. We would encourage you to read with your child every day.

Mr. Winter has created this short video to help demonstrate how to use Active Reading Strategies with your child/children. Please click here to watch

Top tips for parents/carers

1. Encourage your child to read. Just a few minutes a day can greatly impact children of all ages.

2. Read aloud regularly

Try to read to your child every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life.

3. Encourage reading choices

Give children many opportunities to read different things in their own time - it doesn't just have to be books. Try leaving interesting reading material in different places around the home and see who picks it up.

4. Read together

Choose a favorite time to read together as a family and enjoy it. This time spent reading together can be relaxing for all

5. Create a comfortable environment

Make a calm, comfortable place for your family to relax and read independently, or together.

6. Make use of your local library

Local libraries also offer brilliant online materials, including audiobooks and ebooks to borrow. See Libraries Connected for more digital library services and resources

7. Talk about books

Start by discussing the front cover and what it reveals and suggests the book could be about. Then talk about what you've been reading and share ideas.

8. Bring reading to life

You could try cooking a recipe you've read together. Would you recommend it to a friend?

9. Make reading active

You could organize treasure hunts related to what you're reading. Try creating your child's book using photos from your day and adding captions.

10. Create engagement

Engage your child in reading in a way that suits them