September has arrived, back to life, back to reality!

Congratulations to everybody who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge! This summer 6,935 children challenged themselves to read six books.

Throughout East Sussex young people have visited the library and participated in dance duets, Lego workshops, archery and fencing! If you haven’t collected your prizes yet there is still time, just pop in to your local library.

If you wanted your child to receive their certificate in school, then [log in to their library account and fill in the details](https://eastsussex.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRNGEN/WPAC/SRC?HOMEPRMS=UD_SRC).

**Top Fiction – ‘The mystery of Yew Tree House’ Lesley Thomson**

Lesley is among the authors visiting the library as part of our [Season of Crime!](https://eastsussex.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?ENTRY=%EF%BB%BFseasonofcrime&ENTRY_NAME=BS&ENTRY_TYPE=K&SORTS=ESD.SDTE%5DESD.STIM&GQ=%EF%BB%BFseasonofcrime&NRECS=20&QRY=EVSSDTE%3A+%22%3E%3D+TODAY%22&QRYTEXT=Upcoming+events&_SPQ=2)

This is two stories in the same house, on the Sussex Coast: one set in WWII the other in present day.

This is a very entertaining take on the creepy house murder mystery, like Cluedo! Lesley Thomson is very good at switching between eerie and sinister and then cosy and funny. A fun book with quite a few twists and turns.

[pBook](https://eastsussex.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/BIBENQ?SETLVL=&BRN=2819734)

# Top Non Fiction **‘Living Autobiography Series’ Deborah Levy**

[*Things I Don't Want to Know*](https://eastsussex.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/BIBENQ?SETLVL=&BRN=1905589)*,* [*The Cost of Living*](https://eastsussex.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/BIBENQ?SETLVL=&BRN=2099695)and [*Real Estate*](https://eastsussex.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/BIBENQ?SETLVL=&BRN=2460942)*.*  In this three-part memoir Deborah ponders ‘What if a woman is the main character in her own story?’

She uses Orwell, De Beauvoir and Woolf as jumping off points for her own observations, mixed in with vignettes of a writer’s life. Big Ideas nestle with little ones, she has a wonderful light touch as she tackles grief, Apartheid – she grew up in South Africa, big serious rich (Male) authors and the cold snail-infested shed she rents to write in.

(after these books she was invited to write in Derek Jarman’s house in Dungeness !)

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[*Real Estate*](https://eastsussex.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/BIBENQ?SETLVL=&BRN=2460942)

**Audio  - Help / Simon Amstell**

A mixture of warts-and-all memoir, self-help manual and narcissistic navel gazing! He wrings belly laughs from the most harrowing of anecdotes about sexuality, loneliness, relationships, family, frailty and personal discovery.

I’m not a huge fan of Simon’s comedy but was recommended the **audiobook – on Libby** – by a friend. Not sure if this would work as an actual book – but the audio is hilarious, shocking, funny and sad. Highly recommended.

[eAudio](https://eastsussexlibrary.overdrive.com/media/3571419)

[pBook](https://eastsussex.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/BIBENQ?SETLVL=&BRN=2085570)

**Children’s Fiction – Stink by Jenny McLachlan**

Danny absolutely does not believe in fairies, so is astounded when he accidentally summons Stink, a feisty green fairy, who causes havoc wherever she goes. Stink promises to return to Fairyland and leave Danny in peace if he helps her earn enough money to buy some state-of-the-art Silver Bullet wings.

This is a really silly, diary story full of pictures, for fans of Jeff Kinney’s Wimpey Kid or Tom Gates by Liz Pichon.

[pBook](https://eastsussex.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/BIBENQ?SETLVL=&BRN=2750219)

Children’s non fiction

**Amazing octopus creature from an unknown world** by Michael Stavaric and Michele Ganser

What do ocean and space have in common? How did octopuses and humans evolve? What exactly are cephalopods - and why do they have such a funny name? Octopuses are the oldest and most intelligent creatures on our planet, true aliens whose abilities amaze us. Michael Stavaric and Michele Ganser have created a non-fiction book full of surprising twists and turns that offer much more than just imparting knowledge.

[pbook](https://eastsussex.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/BIBENQ?SETLVL=&BRN=2832905)