

The Library Resource Centre

The aim of the Library Resource Centre (LRC) is to support learning and teaching in the school. The LRC works towards this aim by:

- Providing a bright, attractive and positive learning environment for staff, pupils, classes and groups.
- Providing a range of relevant, current resources to meet the curricular needs and personal interests of pupils and staff.
- Supporting and extending departmental coursework, particularly in research-based learning and information literacy activities.
- Fostering a culture of reading for pleasure.

Available during the school day, the Library also offers extended opening to allow pupils to use the facilities at lunch, Friday intervals and before and after school. Pupils are very welcome to browse, borrow and return books, read, study, complete homework and use the ICT facilities at these times as well as joining the Book Buddies group and other clubs.

Library collection

The LRC holds an extensive range of resources, including sections for junior, young adult and senior fiction, quick reads, graphic novels, books on CD, non-fiction and reference. In addition ten computers and twenty iPads, a projector and screen are available for pupil and staff use.

Library stock is updated throughout the session to offer the latest titles to support pupils' personal and curricular interests. Pupils are encouraged to make suggestions for new stock at any time.

The LRC catalogue can be accessed at home from the school website (under Library Resource Centre) or at this address: <http://opac.ea.n-lanark.sch.uk:2000/CMB01> . Pupils are able to check library stock to plan for their next visit to the Library Resource Centre.

Special events

The Library, in collaboration with English, has been developing a programme of author visits to enhance and enrich the pupils' learning experiences. Over the past two years we have welcomed some famous and award-winning writers to the school, including Barry Hutchison (author of the *Invisible Fiends* series), Alex McCall (*The Attack of the Giant Robot Chickens*, winner of the Scottish Children's Book Awards 2014) and Linda Strachan, winner of the Catalyst Teenage Book Award with *Spider* in 2010. As well as the Scottish Book Trust's Live Literature programme, the LRC participates in local and national reading initiatives throughout the session, such as Book Week Scotland and the Scottish Children's Book Awards.