

Library 1950s

1951-52



Shirley Hinchliffe (left) and Joan Dyson

So far in this school year the attendance in the Library has been quite good. We find, however, that it is the lower forms which keep up the attendance and we feel that if the fourth and fifth formers used the Library more they would benefit from it. The "Biggles" and "Schoolgirl" books are the most popular amongst the younger ones. Occasionally, some little boy, on not finding a book he likes, will solemnly declare, "This Library's no good", but apart from such occasions they seem quite pleased with the books they borrow. We have no complaints but we do wish the juniors would learn that the books are filed under the author's initials and not the title initial. We hope that the Library will continue to give assistance and pleasure to the pupils of the school.

1952-53



Shirley Hinchcliffe

Peter Wall

Keith Megson

Audrey Berry

Margaret Roberts

The first and second forms seem to have found books elsewhere, for the most regular borrowers this term have come from the middle and upper school. The younger people should realise that there are other books besides school stories which are worth reading, so we hope they will ask us to recommend some of these to them. It will also help if borrowers will return books punctually and take great care of them. Remember they are school property. May we suggest to those who are leaving in July that a "gift book" is a fine way of expressing their thanks for all the Library has given them, in pleasure and in knowledge. We would like to express our thanks to the following ladies and gentlemen who in the last year have kindly given books for use in the School Library:

Mr. E. G. Lock

Mr. P. F. Collins

Mr. E. R. Walker.

Mrs. A. Pickersgill

Mrs. Betty Brown (nee Clayton), Old Hilmian

Mr. E. Hughes (Old Hilmian)

Mr. A. Mozley (Old Hilmian)

Shirley Hinchcliffe, Peter Wall, Keith Megson, Audrey Berry and M. Roberts

1953-54



Anne Norrick

Marjorie Haigh

Doreen Hinchcliffe

The attendance at the Library has been extremely good this year. There has been a considerable addition to the Library of approximately two hundred and eighty books, and the recent introduction of the County Library, which contains four hundred books, has increased the interest of both borrowers and librarians. The new furnishings have greatly improved the appearance and comfort of the Library; the richly-coloured wine curtains and comfortable chairs are very obviously appreciated. The card index now in use makes an easy reference for borrowers tracing books. We are greatly indebted to the Headmaster, Dr. Ross, Messrs. Collins, Owen, Lowe, Nurney, and Mrs. Swinbank for their kind gifts of books. We hope the increased interest in the Library this year will develop even more and that a record number of books will be borrowed in the near future.

Anne Norrick, Marjorie Haigh and Doreen Hinchcliffe. 5A

1954-55



Wendy Jennings



Elaine Picken



Annice Roberts

At the beginning of the year, the Library was frequently visited by the lower forms of the school, but their attendance has dwindled until there are few regular borrowers. The 5th and 6th Forms often use the Library, perhaps rather more through necessity than inclination. Now that there is ample shelf accommodation, it would be more convenient if books were replaced correctly. The County Library caters for various tastes in fiction and non-fiction, and has a few outstanding borrowers. Many popular and instructive magazines come into the Library, and it would be worthwhile to visit us occasionally and glance through them. Our thanks go to Irene Wright, J. H. W. Stead, and Mr. Leonard, who have presented books to the Library. We are very grateful to Mr. Bulley who has so readily adapted himself to our Library's methods, for his help and advice.

Wendy Jennings, Elaine Picken and Annice Roberts. 5A

1955-56



Joan/Valerie Martin Marlene Coughlan Jean Mathers

This year there has been a great increase in the number of borrowers. Total numbers for the year are not yet available, but, during the Autumn Term, 1,695 books were borrowed from the School Library and 460 from the County Library. "Biggles" still maintains his popularity amongst the First Form, who are the leading borrowers. We recommend the Sports Section and the general non-fiction. One of the most important innovations has been a Library Exhibition arranged for the 1955 Open Day in July, when parents and pupils were shown a display of new books and given some idea of how the Library works. In order to help those who are undecided what to read, a "Book of the Week" has been introduced, which is either a new edition or one of topical interest. We should like to see more people taking advantage of the County Library and of the many magazines and newspapers coming into the library daily. We express our thanks to all donors to the Library (thirty-one books have been given since September), but we are disappointed that so few pupils are making gifts of books to the library when they leave!

Joan/Valerie Martin, Marlene Coughlan and Jean Mathers. 5A

1956-57



Kathleen Priestley



Barbara Johnson



Anne Booth

The second Library Exhibition was held on Open Day in July 1956 with an impressive show of new books, of County Library books, and two loaned displays from publishing firms on how a book is made. The School is grateful for the gift of books, though their number has been smaller than in recent years. The leading form for home borrowing is at present Form Two, who set a good example to their elders in the Third and Fourth in the use of the Library. The County Library is not supported as enthusiastically as the School Library, though it provides many interesting books. All the shelves are now clearly labelled; the Library merely awaits users. If all pupils reading this article make it their job to borrow at least four books a term we can double the number of borrowers next year. And one book a month does not interrupt your TV viewing!

Kathleen Priestley, Barbara Johnson and Anne Booth. 5A

1957-58



Sylvia Ward



Helen Wilkinson



Janet Wines

The Library this year has received more varied support, with more of the Upper School showing an interest. However, the First Forms are still borrowing far more books than any other forms in the School, and between September 1957 and March 1958 they took out over 700 books for home reading. It is surprising that the junior forms are by far the more enthusiastic borrowers, as the Upper School has known the Library longer, and should know how to appreciate it more. The County Library section has received much better support, especially from the Second Forms. This has been a very good year for book accessions, and about 300 new titles have been added to our stock; we are particularly grateful for collections of books kindly given by Mr. Manning, Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Kennedy, and for many single copies presented by appreciative parents and former pupils.

Sylvia Ward, Helen Wilkinson and Janet Wines. 5A



Christine Allen



Rosemary Burton



Carol Johns



Sylvia Lee

As usual, the junior school has provided the most active borrowers from the Fiction and General Non-Fiction sections of the library. Generally speaking, the Fourth and Fifth Forms have not shown the interest in the library we feel they should. Moreover, in recent months, Forms 1 and 3 seem to have assumed that because they now have Form Libraries, there is no need for them to visit the main library. May we remind them that over two hundred and fifty new books have been put on the shelves since our last report and that many of them are new publications. These have not been bought for ornamental purposes, but to be read and enjoyed. During the last year, about thirty books have been presented to the library by staff, pupils and former pupils, to whom we express our appreciation, hoping that the example they have set will be followed in greater measure during 1959. On Open Day the Library Exhibition included our usual display of new books, a stand showing how a book is made and a loaned exhibition of books on Games and Sports from the West Riding County Library.

Christine Allen, Rosemary Burton, Carol Johns and Sylvia Lee. 5A