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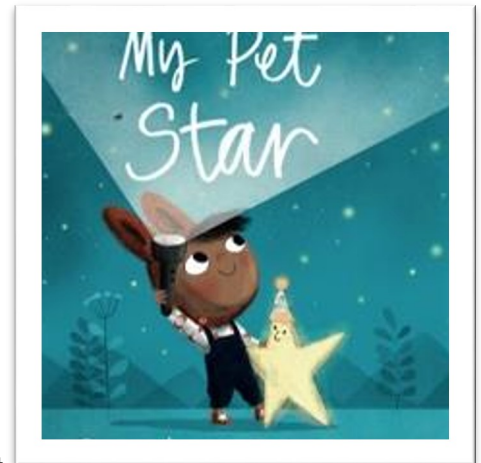
February 2021

## My Pet Star

### Celebrate National Storytelling Week! 1-5 February

Join author Corrine Averiss reading her book *My Pet Star* on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 3pm on the Leicestershire Libraries Facebook page [www.facebook.com/yourlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/yourlibrary)

If you loved the story you can also enjoy Bookstart's *My Pet Star* activity sheets here: <http://ow.ly/U78B50DeJnA>. If you are booking a library Click & Collect order you can ask staff to include any of our free Bookstart resources in your bag at the following libraries: Ashby, Birstall, Blaby, Broughton, Coalville, Earl Shilton, Hinckley, Glenfield, Loughborough, Lutterworth, Market Harborough, Melton, Oadby, Shepshed, Syston, Wigston. To find out more about our Click & Collect service visit: <http://ow.ly/FfYx50DeJGx>



## Wriggly Readers at Home

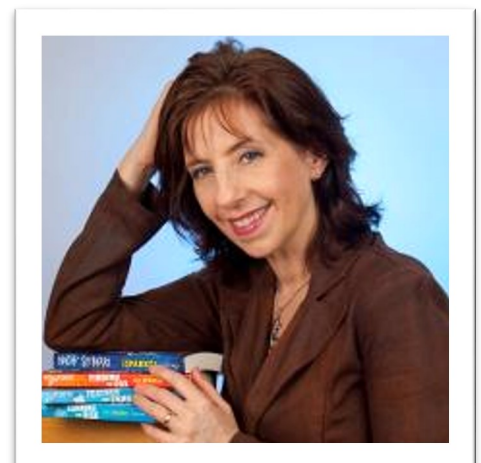
### Join us once again for Wriggly Readers at Home!

Can you roar like a lion, hiss like a snake and ribbit like a frog? Join us on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/yourlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/yourlibrary) where you can listen to a story and sing along with the staff during our special Wriggly Readers to celebrate National Storytelling Week.

## Share Stories with Ali Sparkes

### It's Tell Tale Time with multi award winning children's author!

We have set Ali the challenge of encouraging everyone from school age to pension age to share stories. Whether you are sitting around the kitchen table or waving to each other over Zoom she will show you how to put extra chunks of fun into reading out an adventure story or sharing a picture book ... or even just making stuff up. Join Ali's free events on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 11am and again on Weds 17<sup>th</sup> February at 11am on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/events/783134679219054](http://www.facebook.com/events/783134679219054)





## Harry Potter Night

### Fancy Dress Competition and Family Quiz!

Join us on our Facebook page for a Harry Potter family quiz night on Thursday 4th February at 4.30pm.

Families also have until midday on Wednesday 10th February to dress up in their best Harry Potter outfits and post a picture to [www.facebook.com/yourlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/yourlibrary) to be in with a chance of winning one of four Harry Potter goodie bags. We will be looking for creativity so make sure you use whatever you have around the house to create your final look!

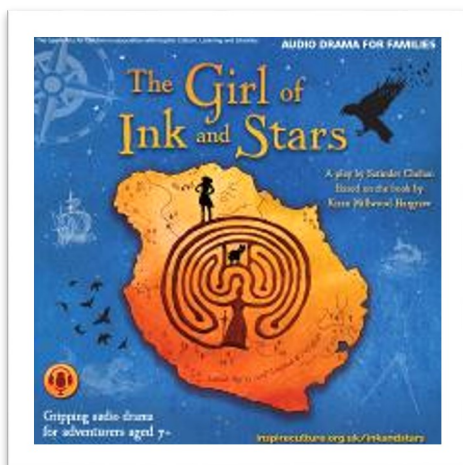
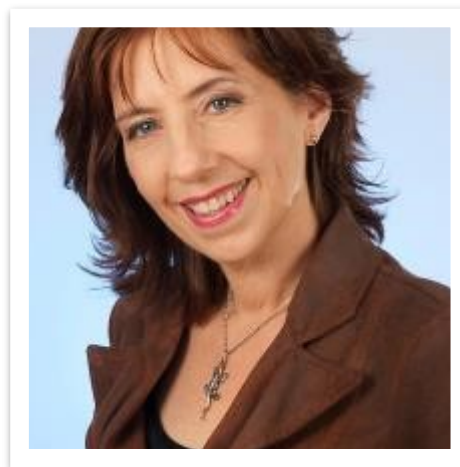
## How Do You Get to be an Author? with Ali Sparkes

**It's not easy getting a book published!**

Join award winning children's author Ali Sparkes for her free event **HOW DO YOU GET TO BE AN AUTHOR?** on Wednesday 17th February at 11am on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/yourlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/yourlibrary).

Ali Sparkes, winner of the Blue Peter Children's Book of the Year Award, knows how hard it is. In a story which will have you gasping, crying, laughing and yelling NO! NO! NO! (possibly), Ali will share her own journey from being the worst reader in school to writing more than 50 books enjoyed by young readers all over the world.

There will be time for live questions and answers afterwards via Facebook.



## The Girl of Ink and Stars

**A gripping audio drama performed over three episodes!**

*The Girl of Ink and Stars* is a story of myth, magic and the power of friendship. Available on demand, from 11am Saturday 13th February until 6pm Saturday 20th February. You can book your pass now via the Spark Arts for Children (see link below). This and all Festival events operate on a pay-what-you-can booking basis.

Direct link to *The Girl of Ink and Stars*:

<http://ow.ly/iqij50DiFAF>

Check out the full Spark Festival half-term programme here:

<https://thesparkarts.co.uk/festival/programme>

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