

# Burnley storyteller officially opens primary school's new library ahead of World Book Day

In the lead up to World Book Day on March 5th, a Burnley Primary School has had a visit from local storyteller, Sue Allonby, who told the children traditional tales from the area.

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The opening of Reedley Primary School's new library.

With the focus of this year's World Book Day being 'share a million stories', the students at Reedley Primary School were treated to a very special performance from Sue, who also officially opened the school's new library.

"The library is something that we are very proud of and it has been over a year in the making," said the school's Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Gorrell. "We have had to rely on fund-raising events and book donations from the community of which we are incredibly grateful - we couldn't have done this without the people who supported us."

Speaking about Sue's performance, 10-year-old student Yumna said: "Sue's stories are really amazing because she told them from off the top of her head!" while Year 5 Abdullah added: "The school library is really good for developing your imagination and exploring different concepts."



Sue's assembly.



"School libraries are such an important part of education, they provide a safe haven for all students to develop a love of reading, to share stories and explore the world; we were so excited to develop ours for our children," explained Mrs Gorrell.

"Mrs Butt (Teaching Assistant), Mrs Wilson (Teaching Assistant),

and I have worked really hard to create an amazing reading space for our children.

"The children are really enthusiastic about the library," she continued.

"For some of them, it is their first visit to the library and they have enjoyed using the scanning system for the books and learning about all the different texts available to them."

A thrilled Umair, nine, said: "We are so lucky that we have a library - it has all the books that you could want."