TOUR DE LEEDS LIBRARIES

Get on your bike - Get books

A Literacy Pack from author Tom Palmer with Silver Olympic cyclist Lizzie Armitstead to celebrate Le Grand Départ 2014
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Welcome!

This is a pack of ideas that we hope you use for Le Grand Départ and the Tour de France to encourage your pupils to read for pleasure and use their public libraries.

During the two weeks running up to the Tour de France beginning in Leeds, I will be cycling to all Leeds’ libraries to talk to children about how libraries changed my life and to read a story that I have written to celebrate what libraries can do for us.

I was born in Leeds and it was the libraries of our city that gave me the headwind I needed to make a living as an author. That’s what this tour is about. Celebrating libraries. Inspiring children and families to use them to find their own headwinds.

I am delighted that Otley-born Silver Olympic cyclist Lizzie Armitstead has generously supported this pack with her Reading Chat poster. I hope we will inspire girls and boys to see themselves as readers.

This tour has been funded by Leeds Inspired and this pack by Europe Direct Leeds in partnership with the fantastic Leeds School Library Service.
How to use this pack

Here are a few suggestions of how you could use this pack...

In the classroom

- **Read** Lizzie Armistead and Tom’s Reading Chats
- **Create your own** Reading Chats working in pairs - display them in corridors where pupils are queuing up for lunch for a reading buzz!
- **Link** Tom Palmer’s Tour de Leeds Libraries route to local geography work or calculate his total and average distances for maths.
- **Set** a story in Leeds - a class reading, discussion and writing activity.
- **Inspire** confidence in creative writing with Writing a story is like riding a bike.
- **Review** favourite books using the bike wheel or yellow jersey templates and create a fun display.
- **Act** out some fun conversations with the English-French speaking aloud activity.

In the library

- **Order** books at a discount from Leeds SLS for your library using the booklist on pages 21-24.
- **Use** the Reading Safety activity to design posters for your library.

School trip to your local library

- **Arrange** to meet author Tom Palmer when he comes to your local library.
- **Get to know** some of Tom’s books and find out about Tom from his website [www.tompalmer.co.uk](http://www.tompalmer.co.uk) beforehand.
- **Read** the interview with Tom and think up your own questions to ask.

At home

- **Complete** the wordsearch, maybe for a prize?
- **Try** the Le Grand Départ reading comprehension.
Interview with Tom Palmer

Did you go cycling when you were a child?
I did. Mostly through Roundhay Park in Leeds. I was really lucky that I lived quite near it. My mates and I would cycle round the lakes and into the woods. Then I’d cycle the three miles from my home to Allerton Grange High School, where I was a pupil. And back home after school.

What is the longest you have ever cycled?
I once cycled from Yorkshire to London. Two hundred miles. It took four days. I did it with some friends to help raise money for library books in Africa.

Have you ever borrowed a book about cycling from a library?
Yes. A book about how to cycle a long way over a few days. It was useful.

Did libraries help you to become a writer?
They did. I used to borrow lots of books by different authors and I learned something new from each of them. I’d never have been an author if I’d not been able to borrow all those free books from the library.

Did you go to libraries when you were young?
Yes. My mum took me to Oakwood Library in north Leeds. She showed me all the sports books there. My mum encouraging me to read about sport helped me learn to love reading. And – with the help of libraries – to become a writer.

What did you borrow from libraries?
First of all, sports books. But then books about foreign countries. They made me want to travel. I used to read books about France and Spain and Italy, then save up so that I could visit the countries too.

And when you were older, did you use the library?
Libraries were really important when I was at university down south. Sadly my mum was really ill in my last year at university, so I needed to be in Leeds. I was able to live at home for months and get all the books I needed at Leeds Central Library, so that I passed my course. I still go to libraries now where I live. It helps me with books I need for work, but also just reading for fun.

Do you go to the library with your children now?
I do. We go to Todmorden Library. My daughter is 10. She likes fiction mostly. Books like Percy Jackson, Hetty Feather and Wimpy Kid.
Tour de Leeds Libraries Route

Tom Palmer’s route each day from Leeds Railway station:

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<td>Garforth Kippax Rothwell Methley</td>
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Total Miles 229
Tour de Leeds Libraries Wordsearch

Can you find all 36 libraries in the Grid?
Tom Palmer will be visiting all these libraries in 10 days.

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Ardsley and Tingley
Tingley
Armsley
Beeston
Boston Spa
Bramley
Burley
Calverley
Central
Yeadon

Chapel Allerton
Chapeltown
Compton Road
Crossgates
Dewsbury Road
Farsley
Garforth
Gildersome
Guiseley

Halton
Headingley
Holt Park
Horsforth
Hunslet
Kippax
Methley
Middleton
Moor Allerton

Morley
Oakwood
Otley
Pudsey
Rothwell
Scholes
Seacroft
Wetherby
Whinmoor
Le Grand Dēpart Route

Day 1 Saturday 5th July 2014  Leeds-Yorkshire Dales-Harrogate  190km

Riders begin on the Headrow, heading past the 19th century Town Hall in the heart of historic Leeds then out of the city north towards Harewood on a route taking them via Ilkley and Skipton. In the Yorkshire Dales National Park, they will continue up Wharfedale to Hawes, then over Buttertubs Pass and back down into Swaledale. From Reeth, riders continue to the cathedral city of Ripon, before finishing in the spa city of Harrogate.

Day 2 Sunday 6th July  York-Pennines-Peak District-Sheffield  200 km

Riders will start off in York, heading south near to Skipton, through Keighley and the Worth Valley, past Haworth (famous as the home of the Brontë sisters). From the "Wuthering Heights" of the Pennines to Cragg Vale, they face the famous climb out of Mytholmroyd with the longest steady incline of any road in England: 286m over five-and-a-half miles. The day continues south of Huddersfield to Holmfirth and up towards the Peak District. Then, with a climb to Holme Moss, at an altitude of 524 metres and one of the bleakest spots in England, they go over Woodhead pass, before a sprint to the finish at Sheffield.
Le Grand Dēpart
Reading Comprehension

In 2014, the 101st Tour de France starts in the city of Leeds. Nearly 200 riders (20-22 teams of nine) will enjoy two days of cycling through the spectacular scenery of the Yorkshire Dales before continuing to London and throughout France.

Le Tour is a ‘stage race’ with approximately 3,000km (1,865 miles) of competitive racing divided into daily stages. These are usually between 150km and 250km (93-155 miles) with time trials on some days.

The 21 stages of Le Tour 2014 are divided up as follows: 9 flat stages, 5 hilly stages, 6 mountain stages with 5 high-altitude finishes, and 1 individual time-trial stage.

The cyclists are competing for big prize money: a total of around 2.2 million Euros will be awarded and given out to the teams and the riders, including 450 000 Euros to the winner of the final individual general classification.

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<th>The Yellow Jersey is awarded to the overall time leader.</th>
<th>The Green Jersey is given to the rider with the most sprint points.</th>
<th>The Red Polka Dot Jersey is worn by &quot;The King of the Mountains&quot; - the rider who excelled in the climbing phase of the race.</th>
<th>The White Jersey goes to the best rider aged 25 years old or younger</th>
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In 2013 Chris Froome became the second consecutive British cyclist to win the Tour de France, after Bradley Wiggins accomplished the feat the year before. Will we see in 2014 another Brit make it three years in a row?

Questions

- How many Tour de France races have there been before this year's?
- Where might you win a "high altitude" race?
- Who might win a White Jersey?
- What do you think "consecutive" means?
- When did Bradley Wiggins win the Tour de France?
Setting a Story in Leeds
Reading with Tom Palmer

Yeadon Airport features in Offside

Wellington Street features in Dead Ball and Offside P142

Leeds Railway Station features in Own Goal and Offside p133

Ikea features in Offside p135

Oakwood shops and Foxglove Avenue feature in Foul Play and Offside P.52

Flying Pizza features in Killer Pass

Roundhay Park features in Killer Pass and Foul Play

City Square features in Foul Play

Elland Road features in Foul Play P3, 42, 82, 90 Offside and Own Goal

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Setting a story in Leeds –

Reading and writing with Tom Palmer

Class Discussion

Look at the map of Leeds and where Tom Palmer has set his books.

Find the books in your library and identify the sections based in Leeds.

Read aloud from a variety of sections set in Leeds that the children might know.

- Did they recognise the places?
- What details help you recognise the settings?
- Does it make it more interesting if they know where a book is set?
- Has the author changed the setting to fit the story?

Now, which settings could they use to make their writing more realistic?

- Their school
- Local parks
- Their streets
- Local shops

Identify small details that would instantly make writing in these settings more believable.

Activity

Choose together three iconic places in Leeds.

Do the places each inspire a different types of story?

- A romantic story at the station.
- A crime story in a shopping arcade.
- An adventure story starting at the airport.

Does the setting influence how the story starts, develops and ends, and how?

Now write a playscript in class or as homework using the setting they have thought about.
Writing a story is like riding a bike

Once you learn how, you never forget

**Safety First**
Plan your story outline and you won’t make any deadly mistakes.

**Seat**
Before you start think about whose point of view the story is from.

**Handlebars**
Steer your reader through the story - try to show them why characters are behaving how they are so they can understand their motives.

**Pedal Power**
You need an exciting start to a story to make people want to carry on reading.

**Gears**
Sometimes you need to change the pace of the story. Make sentences shorter if the action is breathless.

**Wheels**
Think of a good plot with twists and turns to drive your story forward. Don’t forget to plan what direction is your story going in leading up to where it is going to end.

**Brakes**
Every story needs a good ending. Don’t make it too sudden!

Now get on your bike and write ...
Reading Safety

Daniel Pennac’s "The Rights of the Reader" has sold over a million copies in France. This celebrated French writer used his experiences of teaching in "challenging" schools to empower readers with his 10 rights:

1. The right not to read
2. The right to skip
3. The right not to finish a book
4. The right to re-read
5. The right to read anything
6. The right to mistake a book for real life
7. The right to read anywhere
8. The right to dip in
9. The right to read out loud
10. The right to be silent

Class Discussion about the 10 Rights of the Reader.

- What do they all mean?
- Do you agree with them?
- What other fun reading rights can you come up with?
- Is this a good time to bring in internet safety?

Activity

Now make your own Reading Rights into Traffic signs using the principles of the Highway code to decorate your library.

Remember

- Warning signs are triangular
- Information signs are rectangular
- Motorway signs are blue rectangles
- Signs with red circles are orders
English-French Speaking Aloud Activity

If you come across a visiting cyclist we hope this handy guide will help you understand and assist them!

Why not dress up as cyclists or pedestrians and act out some funny conversations to encourage confidence in speaking aloud?

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<th>French</th>
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<td>Hello</td>
<td>Bonjour!</td>
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<td>Can I help you?</td>
<td>Puis-je vous aider ?</td>
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<td>I’m lost</td>
<td>Je suis perdu</td>
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<td>Go straight on</td>
<td>Aller tout droit</td>
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<td>Turn left</td>
<td>Tourner à gauche</td>
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<td>Turn right</td>
<td>Tourner à droite</td>
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<td>I’m thirsty</td>
<td>J’ai soif</td>
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<td>Would you like …</td>
<td>Voulez-vous …</td>
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<td>a cup of tea?</td>
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<td>a bottle of water?</td>
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<td>I have a puncture</td>
<td>J’ai une crevaison</td>
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<td>Do you need a bicycle repair kit?</td>
<td>Avez-vous besoin d’un kit de réparation de vélos</td>
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<td>Where is the nearest toilet?</td>
<td>Où sont les toilettes ?</td>
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<td>Over there</td>
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<td>ma jambe</td>
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<td>head</td>
<td>ma tête</td>
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<td>I’ll call a doctor</td>
<td>Je vais téléphoner un médecin</td>
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Name: Lizzie

Where I live: Otley, Yorkshire & Monaco, South of France

My favourite sport to watch: cycling of course!

My favourite hobbies don’t really have time for many but I do enjoy cooking

I like to read about historical reality dramas like “The Book Thief!” and “The Reader”

My favourite children’s book I enjoyed Jaqueline Wilson and Roald Dahl. I can’t remember “The Hungry Caterpillar” but I am sure it was around even then!

What other three books would you recommend? Into Thin Air by John Krakauer - a cycling adventure; Dark Star Safari by Paul Theroux - travels in Africa; Suite Française by Irène Némirovsky - WW2 novel

My favourite magazine? Cycling Weekly. My Dad gets National Geographic which can be interesting.

My favourite website? Cycling News for up to date results

My favourite newspaper? I get all my news off the internet. I should buy a French newspaper to improve my language skills but I’m a bit too lazy.

My favourite place to read? Around a swimming pool in the sun.
Tom Palmer Reading Chat

Name: Tom

Where I live: Yorkshire

My favourite sport to watch: football and rugby

My favourite hobbies: fell running and cycling

I like to read about: sport, foreign countries and families

My favourite children's book: Keeper by Mal Peet

What other three books would you recommend?
Going Solo by Roald Dahl,
Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz and
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

My favourite magazine?
Trail Runner

My favourite website?
BBC

My favourite newspaper?
First News

My favourite place to read?
In bed
Our Reading Chat

Name:

Where I live:

My favourite sport

My favourite hobbies

I like to read about

My favourite children’s book

What other three books would you recommend?

My favourite magazine?

My favourite website?

My favourite newspaper?

My favourite place to read?

Insert your picture here
Bike Wheel Book Review—younger children

Add your text then cut out and stick a pair of reviews to a drawn bicycle frame to create a cycling display.

Title
Author
Best Character
Favourite Part

Marks out of 5
☆☆☆☆☆☆
Yellow Jersey Book Review—older children

Add your text then ☑️ cut out and peg onto a washing line display!

Title

This book deserves the Yellow Jersey because: ...

Author
Give every child a sheet of paper with six clues to lead them to the following library sections: Newspapers, Biography, Children’s sport, Internet, History & Children’s fiction.

**Example clues** (you may need to modify these to suit your library stock/setup) are:

1. Where will you be able to read news about last night’s or last week’s football games?
2. Where are the books about famous sports people?
3. Where are books on how to improve your sport skills?
4. Where can you find out sports news today that hasn’t even been printed in a newspaper yet?
5. Where can you read about sports from a long time ago?
6. Where can you find fictional stories about sport?

Pin up one of six large letters of the alphabet next to each of the above sections. The six letters should form an anagram of a word to do with Le Grand Départ – like JERSEY or FROOME.

Tell the children to solve the anagram.

Give a prize to the winner – like a yellow t-shirt.

It can work more safely if you say that everyone who gets the right answer within 15 minutes will be entered into a draw to win the prize.
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<td>Arthur and the mystery of the stolen bike</td>
<td>Brown, Marc</td>
<td>Little, Brown Young Readers</td>
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<td>This title tells how Francine acquires a bicycle once owned by her father. She’s embarrassed by the bike, but when she reports that it’s stolen, her friends rally to find the thief. Will Arthur and his friends discover the true fate of Francine’s bike?</td>
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<td>Julian's glorious summer</td>
<td>Cameron, Ann</td>
<td>Smith, Jamie</td>
<td>£4.99</td>
<td>Little fibs can lead to big trouble! Julian hates bicycles. He thinks they are boring and stupid, and maybe just a little bit scary. But his best friend, Gloria, has just got a new bike, and all she wants is to go cycling with him. Julian needs to think of an excuse, and fast. Surely anything is better than braving a bicycle.</td>
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<td>Christopher's bicycle: a tale of cycling and recycling</td>
<td>Middleton, Charlotte</td>
<td>Oxford University Press</td>
<td>£6.99</td>
<td>Christopher Nibble loves his recycled bicycle! Mr Nibble has repaired and repainted it all so beautifully and Mrs Nibble has turned one of her old dresses into some very useful saddlebags. It really looks a treat. Now Christopher is the greenest guinea pig in Dandeville.</td>
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<td>Everyone can learn to ride a bicycle</td>
<td>Raschka, Christopher</td>
<td>Random House</td>
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<td>Learning to ride a bike is one of the most important milestones of childhood, and this book captures the emotional ups and downs of the experience!</td>
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<td><strong>Bradley Wiggins:</strong> my story</td>
<td>On 22 July 2012 Bradley Wiggins became the first British cyclist ever to win the Tour de France. In an instant, Wiggo became a national hero. 10 days later, having swapped his yellow jersey for the colours of Team GB, he won Olympic gold in the time trial, adding to his previous six medals to become the nations most decorated Olympian of all time. For every child inspired by Bradley Wiggins to leap on his or her bike and ride like the wind across the park, down the street or off to school, here is the story of how their hero made the journey from his first bike to Tour champion and Olympic Gold.</td>
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