

## Library Helpsheet No. 11

# Read and Relax collection

### What is the Read and Relax collection?

The Integrated Library Service (ILS) now provides access to a Read and Relax Collection. The Read and Relax Collection is a new collection of items purchased to provide recreational reading for all library users. There are currently over 130 items in the collection including fiction, biographies, thrillers, horror, crime, classics, fantasy, family sagas and other non-fiction which do not relate to the study of healthcare. It is intended that this collection will support Improving Working Lives (IWL) by providing staff with means of relaxation and time away from studying or their work base.

### Where is the collection located?

The Read and Relax Collection will be split between the McArdle Library (Education Centre, Arrowe Park Hospital) and the John A. Aitken Library (Wirral Postgraduate Medical Centre, Clatterbridge Hospital).

### How can I access details about particular item(s)?

You will be able to look up items on the WUTH Library Catalogue. For help using the library catalogue, please refer to *Library Helpsheet 10: Using the Library Catalogue*.

### How many items can I borrow?

You can borrow up to three items from the Read and Relax Collection at any one time in addition to your standard borrowing allowance. To learn more about your borrowing rights, please visit the ILS web pages.

### How long can I borrow items for?

You may borrow items for four weeks. Up to three renewals are permitted as long as the item has not been requested by another user. For more details of book allowances, loan periods and fines for overdue items, please visit the ILS web pages.



### Write a book review

We would like to invite you write a review of a book that you have found to be a particularly good read. This could be a book from the Read and Relax Collection or even a novel you read on your last holiday! Book reviews will be published in the Library Newsletter and on the ILS web pages.

A £10 gift voucher will be awarded to the person who supplies the best book review. This will be awarded on an annual basis every December.

Submit your book review to [mcardle.library@nhs.net](mailto:mcardle.library@nhs.net) or hand it in at either site library with the following details:

- \*Your name
- \*Your address
- \*Your contact e-mail address
- \*Author
- \*Title of book
- \*ISBN (if available)
- \*Your review

### Get involved in expanding this collection

If you have any fiction books (all genres welcome!) in good condition that you wish to donate to the ILS, simply post them in the Book Return boxes in the foyer or outside the McArdle Library at Arrowe Park Hospital. You may also hand them into library staff at either site library.

Selection of donated items will take into consideration the criteria outlined in the ILS Collection Management policy. Please note: Duplicates will be passed onto the League of Friends for their patient collection.



### Can't get enough? Learn about the thousands of other items available to you through your local public library services!

Public libraries give local residents access to thousands more relaxing reads through their services, visit the web pages below to learn about public libraries in Cheshire and Merseyside.

Liverpool City Council Libraries  
[www.liverpool.gov.uk/libraries/](http://www.liverpool.gov.uk/libraries/)

Wirral Libraries  
<http://www.wirral-libraries.net/>

Cheshire Libraries  
<http://www.cheshire.gov.uk/library>

Halton Libraries  
<http://www2.halton.gov.uk/content/tourismandleisure/libraries/>

Sefton Libraries  
<http://www.sefton.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=1821>

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