



Press Release 6 December 2005

The Reading Agency: order deadline for 2006 reading resources

The order deadline is approaching for The Reading Agency's 2006 reading resources, as highlighted in the new brochure, which was made available on 1 October. **Please note this deadline is Friday 27 January 2006.** Our reading promotions provide libraries and their partners with high quality, value for money, flexible tools to help develop their work with readers: stunning display materials, comprehensive resource packs and dedicated booklists.

Reading Promotions for adults:

Cultural diversity – the next chapter: **Made in Britain** is a celebration of UK African, Caribbean and Asian writers - from Zadie Smith to Luke Sutherland, Hari Kunzru to George Aligaiah, Waris Dirie to Tash Aw. With a striking design, **Made in Britain** actively promotes a positive and contemporary image of the library and the diversity of its offer to readers.

Fun with new readers and audiences: **Laughter Lines** is a humour reading promotion. developed by East Midlands Libraries. Designed to appeal to a broad range of readers, **Laughter Lines** has books, DVDs, and CDs – from TV tie-ins to graphic novels; poetry to fiction and comes with fun post-it notes for reader recommendations.

Harnessing the power of word-of mouth! **Borrowers Recommend** sells the benefits that readers value most in libraries: free books, experimentation, risk-taking, wide choice and help from knowledgeable staff. Designed for readers groups and to work along side the main 2006 Reading Partners' Borrowers Recommend promotion, **Borrowers Recommend** includes fun giveaways to connect libraries with readers: 'What am I reading?' badges, Borrowed Read Loved notepads, 'new reads' bookmarks and Borrowers Recommend cards and shelf attachments

BOOX Reading Promotions for young people:

Want to reach the young people other reading promotions can't? Get **Manga Mania 2006**. Manga is the fastest growing area of publishing for young people (13 – 16 years). It's hip, stylish and appeals to girls AND boys. 70 library services took part in Manga Mania 2005. Don't miss out in 2006! New for 2006: screensaver and collectible manga badges.

Send teenage readers into orbit with **Out of this World!** Combining the thrills and mystery of fantasy with mind-expanding science fiction, **Out of this World** is an intergalactic selection of books for 14 to 18 year olds.

Make space for young people with the **Teen Spaces** poster set. Attractive and contemporary, **Teen Spaces** promotes what libraries have to offer young people: books, cds, internet and games.

Ordering & Contact Details: The order deadline for: Made in Britain, Laughter Lines, Borrowers Recommend, Manga Mania 2006, Out of this World and Teen Spaces is: Friday 27January 2006. Customers will receive their stock from March 2006 onwards. For further information on ordering please contact Alison Shakspeare on 0871 750 1207; email: resources@readingagency.org.uk

Reading resource details and a downloadable order form can be found on: www.readingagency.org.uk

Ends/Dec 2005

Media contact: Ruth Harrison on 0871 750 1205 or email ruth.harrison@readingagency.org.uk

Editors Notes:

- 1. The Reading Agency's aim is to inspire a reading nation
- 2. The Reading Agency works in partnership with key library based professional networking bodies
- 3. The Reading Agency is funded by Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) and Arts Council England (ACE)
- 4. EMRALD: East Midlands Libraries working together to promote books and reading
- 5. Reading Partners: a partnership consortium which aims to revolutionize the way public libraries and adult publishers work together. A two year pilot is being led by The Reading Agency, nine publishers and the Public Lending Right.