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Press Release

NORTH YORKSHIRE LIBRARIES WINS THE 2022 NAG AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

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This year's National Acquisitions Group (NAG) Award for Excellence has been won by North Yorkshire Libraries for their "Tough Topics" packs.

Tough Topics are packs of books and activities chosen by librarians and professionals to help children age 3 to 8 years process their emotions and open up conversations about their feelings around big life changing events. They aim to encourage children to talk to their parents, carers, grandparents and other trusted adults in a gentle and supportive way, with related practical activities to complement the stories in each pack.



Chrys Mellor, General Manager – North Yorkshire Libraries said: *"We are so delighted to see the importance of our new and exciting project recognised. Tough Topics packs are already helping children and families in North Yorkshire navigate the most difficult conversations. We hope that other library authorities will also consider piloting similar packs to support families across the UK."*

The team will share their project with the wider NAG membership through a webinar or paper at the NAG Forum in London in May 2023.

The NAG Award for 2022 is generously sponsored by BDS.

“BDS is delighted to sponsor the award this year and we hope, for years to come,” says Lesley Whyte. “Excellence, original thinking and innovation are features that have made BDS successful, so we look forward to learning more about the projects that are supporting such work in libraries.”

About this Award:

Designed to promote excellence, original thinking and innovation by a library or individual within the field of Bibliographic Services and Acquisitions, the NAG Excellence Award is in its ninth year. The previous winners are Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Public Library Service (2011), Graham Stone, Dave Pattern and Briony Heyhoe-Pullar representing the University of Huddersfield (2012), Derbyshire County Council Libraries and Heritage Division (2013), Guildhall Library (2014), Nottingham Trent University (2015), the University of Kent (2016), the eBook Accessibility Audit Team (2017), University of Derby (2019), Bradford Libraries (2020), Helen Hall (University of Liverpool) (2021).

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About NAG

NAG is a voice for everyone from all sectors associated with library and information resources: Chief Officers, librarians, publishers and service suppliers – providing leadership and a source of shared expertise for its membership in the public, academic and private sectors.

NAG produces industry standards and impartial good practice guidelines relating to its core purpose. It offers opportunities for education and training, knowledge sharing and networking through its series of regional seminars and workshops.

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