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Literary festival proves inspiring

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...ers from the Friends of library were thrilled with ...
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...e tips of the trade to an ...
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...ns are now under way to ...
...s an annual festival, as ...
...rganisers aim to hold ...
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...range of activities for the ...
...y to enjoy, authors Jayne- ...
...cker, Terry Tarbox, Suzan ...
...uth Dugdall, Patricia van ...
...Rebeccah Giltrow, Ian ...
...Nicola Upson all gave ...
...g" talks, tips and advice.
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...lecture theatre, which was ...
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...their books.
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...ed, as the library "came to ...
...a numerous free activities - ...
...g drama and games in the ...
...in the junior library and ...
...ing in the afternoon in the ...
...mayor of Lowestoft, June ...
...ened Saturday's festival, and ...
...rman of the Friends of ...
...ft Library, Di Humphrey,

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...said: "We wanted to bring the library to life to showcase how great our library is - and we've succeeded."

"It was an inspiring day, the authors were absolutely superb."

"Some came from quite a distance and it was a quite a coup for us," she added.

"We're really pleased with the turnout and the festival was a really great success for us."

The festival was the idea of library worker, and author, Rebeccah Giltrow. And after more than four months of preparation, she was delighted with how it had all turned out.

She said: "The public seemed to enjoy it, the authors enjoyed it. It has just gone brilliantly and has really exceeded my expectations."

Admitting that there was lots of talented authors in the area, Lowestoft Library was pleased to give them a platform during Saturday's festival.

Ms Giltrow added: "The authors have all said they have had a lovely day, and the volunteers have been brilliant."

"This is something cultural that we've brought to Lowestoft for people to enjoy and it really has been successful."



Friends of Lowestoft Library Terry and Lily Tarbox with Jo Wilde hold some of the books from the featured authors at the festival, below. Pictures: JAMES BASS



Family tales of 'Uncle Ben' the composer

The nephew of Benjamin Britten will be recounting tales of the composer's childhood at the Norfolk school he attended.

John Britten will be giving a talk called Uncle Ben - family memories at the Gresham's Senior School, Holt, on Friday, November 15 at 7pm.

This year is the centenary of the birth of Benjamin Britten, who attended Gresham's from 1928 to 1930. The talk will include stories of the composer's early life through the



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eyes of his nephew, some of which may not have been heard before publicly.

It will be followed by a performance of some of Britten's unpublished songs including Farfield - Britten's personal tribute to his boarding house, composed for the school in 1955.

■ Tickets cost £10 and available from the Auden Theatre box office on 01263 713444 or via www.boxoffice@greshams.com.