

2062 Bookworms at UEA

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Summation:

We believe that recreational reading is something positive that should be encouraged to all students to help with stress and make their time at UEA more enjoyable. This policy proposes that we create a 'Book Swap' initiative that is fun, free and accessible in Union House as well as support local libraries in Norwich.

Union notes:

1. It is generally accepted that recreational reading has a positive impact and can alleviate stress
2. Students who come to study at University can become very stressed and overwhelmed with work
3. For the last three years the Student Union has had Priority Campaigns and events focused on mental health
4. Libraries are a fantastic public service that makes recreational reading free and accessible

Union believes:

1. Recreational reading can be a positive tool to deal with stress and dilapidating mental health, as well as fun
2. Reading is cool
3. Recreational reading is an incremental part of any students education and should be encouraged
4. All students should have free and equal access to reading material

Union resolves:

1. To mandate the Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer to create a book swapping service called 'UEA Book Swap' that encourages students to read recreationally by having bookshelves in Union House and across campus, with a 'bring one, take one' policy.
2. For UEA Student Union to work with the University, local bookshops and libraries to supply the Book Swap
3. For UEA Student Union to incorporate the Book Swap into its annual budget to keep the supply of books steady and interesting

4. For the Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer to liaise with Liberation Officers and relevant societies/bodies:
 - a. To make sure the Book Swap has a diverse range of authors and topics that represent the student body.
 - b. And take recommendations that will feature during their own relevant Liberation Awareness months.
5. To mandate the Student Union to support local campaigns to save and support local libraries that may be under threat/suffering from austerity plans or cuts in public funding.