

Teen Librarian

Monthly Newsletter

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Editorial

If you wish to beware the Ides of March look to Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare, if you wish to be aware of the march of ideas look to your library.

The short-lists of the CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Medals were announced this morning, both lists are a mix of familiar names and new authors and illustrators and these are some of the most outstanding books of the year. If you know any of the judges this year please give them care and support as the choices they have to make this year (as with every year) are not easy!



There is a lot to look at in this month's issue of Teen Librarian Monthly, starting with a response to last month's interview with Maz Evans, Information about the YA Shot book festival taking place in Hillingdon in April and great news for fans of Harry Potter that were unable to get to the British Library to see the History of Magic display. For those of us that are near to or able to get to Sheffield, the CILIP Information Literacy group is running a training day on teaching information literacy in April. If you are free this Sunday (the 18th), the London branch of the Youth Libraries group (YLG) are running their always popular annual Unconference at Balham Library. If you enjoy reading young adult fiction and messing about in Twitter then the news that a new online book club is beginning at the end of the month will fill you with joy!

Lastly if the cessation of the Unshelved webcomic about life in a Library has left a void in your life then you may be heartened by news that one of the creators is working on a new Library webcomic <http://librarycomic.com>, a sample of which you can find at the end of this issue

A Response to Maz Evans' Interview

Stella Thebridge

In response to Maz Evan's interview in Teen Librarian, it is great that she is trying to do something to provide books for primary schools but as she says on the BookBuddy website, *BookBuddy isn't the answer to this growing crisis – that must come from the government. If the lack of books in schools worries you too, please write to your MP or the Department of Education to ask why schools aren't receiving the vital funding they need.*

All children in primary schools deserve a variety of good quality, appropriate books if schools are to raise standards of literacy. This cannot be achieved by ad hoc donations of books, which will quickly become worn and out of date.

School Library Services (SLSs) around the UK are uniquely placed to offer exceptional value for money by lending books more cheaply than they could be bought by schools. Specialist staff select high-quality and up-to-date appropriate resources to support the curriculum and reading for pleasure, delivered to schools saving hard-pressed school staff time and money. Loans are changed regularly, providing a constant flow of new and relevant stock.

The School Libraries Commission Report 2010 by Estelle Morris said that:

The evidence received by the Commission demonstrated that schools library services can fulfil a vital role in raising the standard of provision of school libraries within a local authority. Due to strategic neglect and funding arrangements many services are on the brink of disappearing. The Commission believes that if the service does disappear another agency would have to be invented which would support schools in raising the standard of their school" and recommends that local authorities "recognise school library services as a cost effective way of providing expertise and skills around reading and information literacy to schools.

Compared with a spend of £40k on sports equipment, subscription costs for SLSs are small, especially considering the potential savings on borrowing books, delivered directly to school rather than buying and the time needed to select, order and process on receipt. And SLSs offer so many other services to schools such as training, library maintenance and refurbishment work and reader development activities like book awards and author visits. Any readers wishing to know more about the services of SLSs across the country can find more information, and the name of their local SLS, at: <https://schoolslibraryservicesuk.org/>

YA Shot 2018

YA SHOT 2018 will be on Saturday 14 April 2018

YA Shot is an author-run, author-led Young Adult and Middle Grade festival that raises the money and resources to run a year-long programme pairing libraries and schools for free author events to foster a love of reading, inspire a passion for writing, and encourage aspirations to careers in the Arts. We believe in equal access to books and opportunities for all – YA Shot brings UKYA and UKMG authors together to pursue that goal, supporting libraries and young people across the country

YA Shot is a one-day annual festival based in the centre of Uxbridge (London). The 2018 festival will take place on Saturday 14th April 2018. Over 50 authors are involved in a programme of workshop, panel and 'in conversation' events (plus book-signing sessions) in the Uxbridge Civic Centre and Uxbridge Library. There is also a programme of fantastic blogging and vlogging workshops as part of

the UKYA Blogger Awards in the evening. YA Shot is run in partnership with Hillingdon Borough Libraries and Waterstone's Uxbridge.

<http://www.yashot.co.uk>

Harry Potter: A History of Magic

Google Arts and Culture in conjunction with the British Library are offering web-surfers the chance to explore the wonders of the British Library exhibition.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/harry-potter-a-history-of-magic>

School Library Association Membership Survey 2018

The SLA is keen for your opinions on how they are supporting you, and how we could do better. We would like to make informed decisions about how to move forward, which areas we could focus on and what we could improve on and we can only do that with your opinions at the very centre.

This survey is for members and non-members, so if you aren't a member, but are involved in reading provision in school please answer as well. The survey is completely anonymous, so if it causes any questions to arise, please contact the office directly. It should take about 15 minutes to complete

SLA 2018 Member Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JSFT7DQ>

Information Literacy Teaching for New(er) Professionals

by CILIP Information Literacy Group

Mon 16 April 2018
The Circle
33 Rockingham Lane
Sheffield
S1 4FW

Particularly suited to new professionals or those new to teaching Information Literacy and associated skills. This day will introduce some key Information Literacy frameworks and give an overview of key ideas associated with teaching information skills.

This event is run by the Information Literacy Group (ILG) of CILIP, with current CILIP members receiving considerable discount on attendance. Any surplus is reinvested into ILG activities.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/information-literacy-teaching-for-newer-professionals-tickets-42040857336>

YLG London Unconference

Sun 18 March 2018

The always informative and enjoyable Youth Libraries Group London Unconference is taking place THIS Sunday from 9:30am at Balham Library

The people who attend the unconference are the right people to be there. It is a fantastic event to share your experiences and ideas as well as to pick the brains of your friends and colleagues who are also in attendance. You still have time to book yourself a *free* ticket and can find out more information here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ylg-london-unconference-march-2018-tickets-43089923120>

#OhYABookClub

School Librarian of the Year 2017 Lucas Maxwell is launching a new twitter-based young adult book club at 8pm on Thursday 29th March. Participants will have the chance to select a book to read, chat about what they are reading and have the chance to win one of two copies of *Goodbye Perfect* by Sara Barnard.

For full details visit: <http://glenthorneirc.blogspot.co.uk/2018/03/the-launch-of-ohyabookclub.html>

