



Well June is almost done and the end of the school year is looming ever closer so it must be time to kick back and peruse the latest edition of Teen Librarian Monthly.

There has been a lot happening lately, from the announcements of the winning books for the CILIP CKG Awards yesterday where Sally Gardner took a moment to skewer Michael Gove during her acceptance speech to Malorie Blackman becoming the latest Children's Laureate and also taking Gove to task.

The Embassy of Japan is once again running their Manga Jiman competition. Darren from [Bookzone4Boys](#) has also been organising a Literary Festival over the summer at his school with some impressive guest authors – you should check it out, his review site is also top notch!

Following on from that, for secondary school librarians is news about the Booktrust School Library pack that they can apply for.

The Information Book Award website is now open for schools to register for voting. Faber publishers are running a creative writing competition. Hot Key Books have just announced the 2013 Young Writers Prize. The reading Agency is running a Reading Groups for Everybody competition aimed at teen & young people's reading groups.

Short Story Day Africa is being held on the 21st, so if you are in Africa, a member of the African diaspora, work with anybody from the greatest continent on the planet or just love the place then it is something that is worth celebrating.

CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Awards

The awards were announced yesterday with Levi Pinfold winning the Kate Greenaway Award for *Black Dog* and Sally Gardner winning the Carnegie Award with *Maggot Moon*.

Sally is also an enthusiastic supporter of libraries and education, and, like Patrick Ness the year before, she took the opportunity at the awards to register her displeasure with what the government is doing in schools and libraries.

"Without books I would not be a writer and without the zeal of librarians I would not have won this award," she said. "I believe teachers and librarians should be free to instil a life-long love of learning, without being policed by an outdated curriculum.

"I firmly believe Gove's new curriculum excludes rather than embraces those like me, and millions of others, with a different way of seeing and thinking."

Children's Laureate

Drawing on her years of experience talking to her teen readers, Blackman will be working to make reading 'irresistible' for teenagers, encouraging them to explore a range of literature genre and forms, from short stories to graphic novels.

So by now everybody knows that Malorie Blackman is the Children's Laureate.

I have been fortunate enough to meet Malorie at a number of YLG and publisher events. She is a brilliant and passionate speaker well as hear her speak, she has always been a dedicated supporter of teenagers, reading, libraries and, as recent headlines in the Guardian, Telegraph and Daily Mail newspapers show, she has not changed and is not afraid to shy away from controversial subjects.

<http://www.childrenslaureate.org.uk/>

Manga Jiman 2013

The Embassy of Japan in the UK is once again launching their manga-writing competition, MANGA JIMAN 2013, with fantastic prizes up for grabs. Now in its 7th year, MANGA-JIMAN can be translated as 'having pride in manga' and the Embassy of

Japan is proud to offer this opportunity to UK manga creators.

This competition is open to all UK residents aged fourteen (14)* years or over. All creations should be original and between six (6) to eight (8) A4-sized pages in length and drawn so that it reads from left to right. The manga should in some way make reference to 'voyages of discovery'. We chose this theme because 2013 marks the 400th anniversary of the first British ship to arrive in Japan and 150 years since five samurai arrived in the UK, the first Japanese to study at university in Britain. **NB** Your manga does NOT specifically have to refer to these two events.

1st Prize: Two (2) return air tickets to Japan, courtesy of All Nippon Airways!**

2nd Prize: A fabulous laptop computer from Toshiba of Europe Ltd.

3rd Prize: A superb digital camera from RICOH UK Ltd

Runners-up will receive and a selection of manga publications, available in the UK from various UK manga publishers amongst others prizes.

The winners' works will also be displayed in a special MANGA JIMAN EXHIBITION at the Embassy of Japan.

For full details follow this link: <http://bit.ly/11CnYUR>

WoW Literary Festival

On Saturday 13 July [Charters School](#) will be holding its very own young people's literary festival. Read on to find out more about the event, the authors who will be appearing and how you can get tickets. Alternatively, you can download the festival programme by clicking [here](#). The programme also contains a handy ticket order form for you to use.

For our very first Wonder of Words Young People's Literary Festival we have managed to provide a brilliant line-up of author events, featuring some of the hottest authors currently writing for children and young adults. We are very excited to be hosting Laura Dockrill, Holly Smale, Will Hill, Rob Lloyd Jones and Conrad Mason and we believe we have a programme which has a little something for everyone.

<http://bit.ly/13SoJGP>

Booktrust School Library Pack

This is a free pack of books and resources to support staff to create a reading culture that reaches all students, encouraging students to discuss what they are reading and join in activities such as reading groups.

The School Library Pack is available free of charge to any school or education provider in England with Year 7 students. The programme is funded by the Department for Education, and generously supported by children's book publishers.

<http://bit.ly/1brRPzw>

Information Book Award

The Information Book Award is an annual event, in its third year and is a major development for information books, being designed to support school libraries and to reinforce the importance of non-fiction whilst highlighting the high standard of resources available.

From 17th June to 17th September 2013 schools can register with the voting website (www.sla.org.uk/vote) and children can choose their own 'Children's Choice' favourites in each category, plus vote for an overall winner. *Prizes will be awarded for the judges and Children's Choice winners in each category, as well as for the overall winner(s).*

School librarians (or similar professionals) can sign up for their school to take part in the vote.

<http://www.sla.org.uk/information-book-award.php>

Faber Spark Competition

To celebrate the publication of 'Butter' by Erin Lange Faber have launched a competition to get your thoughts on social media and how it affects you and your everyday life. The competition is open to 13 - 18 year olds and you could be in with the chance of winning a £75 iTunes voucher! For information on the entry details go to the page below.

<http://www.facebook.com/thesparkpage>

Young Writers Prize 2013

Hot Key Books have announced their Young Writers Prize that searches for unpublished writing talent for young people will be returning for a second year, and this

time will be supported by [Kobo](#).

The Prize looks to uncover new writing talent between the ages of 18 and 25, who submit their work in either of two categories: 9-12 and young adult (for ages 13-19). Last year over 350 entries from writers all over the world were submitted, with two winners scooping the chance to be published by Hot Key. Their novels, *The Rig* by Joe Ducie and *Vivian Versus the Apocalypse* by Katie Coyle are to be released in print and digital formats this September.

To enter you must be:

- Between the ages of 18 – 25 (at time of submission)
- Unpublished and unagented (you can submit if you have self-published but read the Ts&Cs first)
- From anywhere in the world, but writing in English

For full details of the competition follow this link: <http://bit.ly/IS0i6g>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35pgL8nCwQc>

Reading Groups for Everyone

From 17 June until 29 June the reading Agency will be celebrating young people's reading groups by giving away free books and running competitions to meet top young adult authors. Most days they will have two opportunities to win free books and author visits so please check in regularly.

Publishers and they've provided us with some amazing offers - including visits from authors & books by Sophie Mackenzie, Charlie Higson & John Marsden. There'll be lots of tips and advice about running young people's reading groups from our guest bloggers and from groups that are up and running. Offers and tips will be posted daily on www.readinggroups.org

<http://bit.ly/1bS2MdV>

Short Story Day Africa

Short Story Day Africa brings together writers, readers, booksellers, publishers, teachers and school children from all over the globe to write, submit, read, workshop

and discuss stories – and to foster the love of reading and writing African fiction.

When Nigerian novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie addressed the TED Conference in 2009, she spoke of the danger of the single story, a distorted, one-dimensional view of Africa that sees the continent through a prism of war, disease, poverty, starvation and corruption. Short Story Day Africa has established a day – 21st June, the shortest day or night of the year – on which to celebrate the diversity of Africa's voices and tell you who we really are; what we love; love to eat, read, write about. We want to bring you the scents on our street corners and the gossip from our neighbours, and to let you listen to strains of the music that get us dancing. Short Story Day Africa exists because we have something to tell the world. About us. In our own voices.

What's New

The project is in its third year and has grown substantially since 2011. We continue to have the support of the African writing community, and more writers are reaching out and holding workshops to share their knowledge. We've partnered with Worldreader and Paperight to bring out a Kids anthology comprising the best of their efforts, as well as an adult collection of fifteen stories harvested from the entries into our Feast, Famine and Potluck writing competition. Thus bringing us closer to one of our aims: to give writers – established and emerging, young and old – a platform for their work.

The Impact

Literacy! By running competitions and workshops in schools and beyond, we foster a love of writing that leads to a love of reading. Perhaps we inspire the next Chimamanda. Also, we hope, the promotion of African fiction as we like to tell it.

<http://shortstorydayafrica.org/>

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