



Welcome to the October edition of Teen Librarian Monthly! October is a brilliant month generally, owing to Black history Month Celebrations, Halloween and also because it marks the beginning of the CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Awards process, those of you that follow me on Twitter or know me in real life may be aware that I am on the judging panel of the Awards for 2015 & 16. This may mean that Teen Librarian the website will slow down even more and future editions of Teen Librarian Monthly may become erratic. If anyone is interested in helping me producing future editions please do let me know either for a one off article or for ongoing sections for example: technology in libraries, gaming, teen group activities - even reviews are welcome!

Kicking off this month's news we have a Librarian looking to shadow fellow Teen Librarians. Two excellent courses coming up in November in London and Northampton.

There is an introduction to The Clore Poetry and Literature Awards that fund poetry and literature initiatives for children and young people, under the age of 19, across the UK. The Bookseller magazine has also instituted a new award for British & Irish young adult novels.

First Story has started a writing competition for students from state schools.

For those of you that may only read Teen Librarian Monthly may I also recommend taking the occasional look at www.teenlibrarian.co.uk as I also post items of interest there for librarians and people with an interest in services for teens in libraries.

Teen Librarian Shadowing Request

Young Peoples Services Librarian Karen Stephens in Hertfordshire is looking for a Teen/Youth Services Librarian to shadow during Teen Reading Group meetings and other activities.

If you are within striking distance of Hertfordshire and area able to assist please let me know via e-mail and I will pass on your details to Karen.

Bloomsbury Publishers is planning a Harry Potter Book Night on the 5th February.

The Power of Reading: Knowledge is Power

A YLG London training day

Friday 14th November 2014

CILIP 7 Ridgmount Street London WC1E 7AE

This course is aimed at frontline library staff working with the public and Librarians with an interest in promoting stock and engaging readers. The course will provide;

- Practical advice for engaging with young people
- Ideas for reading promotion
- Raised stock awareness
- Raised awareness of the wider literary network

For further details please follow this link:

<http://bit.ly/1pE5RFW>

Rising to the Challenge: A one day event of talks and networking for secondary school librarians

Date: 27th November 2014

Venue: The REC Centre, Towcester Road, Far Cotton, Northampton NN4 8LG

What is the event about?

Numerous challenges face school librarians including the rise of new technologies, budget restrictions, demonstrating the value of the school library teaching information retrieval skills, and promoting reading for pleasure.

This one-day conference brings together a range of contributions, including different case studies from school libraries that are actively addressing these challenges - plus the national perspective from the National Literacy Trust and lessons that can be learned from other sectors.

What is the programme of the event?

There will be plenty of networking and discussion built into the programme.

Speakers include:

- Liz McGettigan, Director of Digital Library Experiences on Transforming the school library experience
- Allen Crawford-Thomas, E-learning advisor for teaching and learning at the JISC Regional Support Centre, West Midlands on the role of e-learning and technologies to watch out for.
- Georgina Dimmock, Head of Academic Liaison, University of Northampton on Information and Digital Literacy
- Anne Buxton, Librarian at Northampton High School – Teaching the Extended Project Qualification
- Clare Mc Gread, programme director National Literacy Trust – Promoting literacy and future developments at the National Literacy Trust
- Dan Scott and Alison Mercer-Cifola - eBooks for schools: the new digital horizon
- Miss Adkins, Librarian at Roundwood Park School – Establishing reading and independent learning for year 7s
- Sonja Bedgaard, Librarian at Kirk Hallam Community Technology College - Sharing the pleasure of reading

For more details and to book, follow this link:

<http://bit.ly/ZOM1Rs>

First Story National Writing Competition

First Story is very excited to announce the launch of its annual National Writing Competition!

We're inviting students from state schools across the country to submit 850 words or less of poetry or prose on the theme of 'Home' – what does home mean to them? Is it a place, a smell, a taste, a group of people?

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The competition will be judged by five acclaimed writers: Anthony McGowan, Bernardine Evaristo, James Dawson, Kate Kingsley and Laura Dockrill.

Teachers will run the first stage of the competition within schools, and then send 3 top entries to First Story before the deadline on Friday 5th December 2014. The first 100

teachers to get 50 entries within their school will be given £100, and £30 in book tokens will be given to every school to be awarded to the top three winners within each school.

Four stories from each key stage (KS3, 4 and 5, twelve stories in total) will be selected by First Story from the final entries submitted by each school, and then the five judges will pick a winner for each key stage. One winner overall will be selected, with the results announced in a prize ceremony at the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE) in early 2015. The three key stage winners will each be offered a place on an Arvon residential writing course in March 2015. And on top of that, they get to invite 3 friends to come on the course too, and bring the teacher who entered their piece along with them.

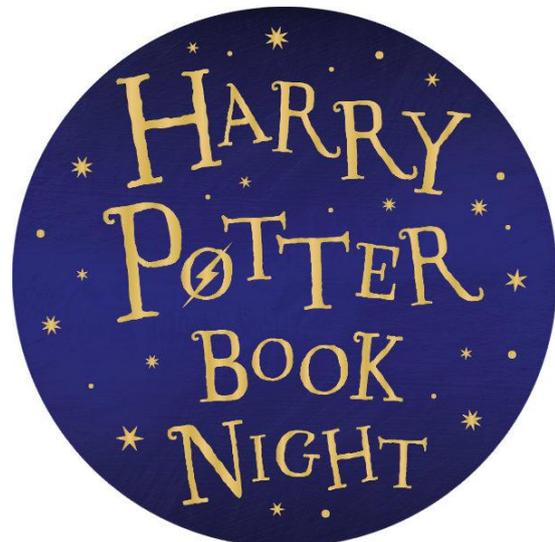
Teachers can also enter themselves, in a separate contest: 4 top teacher pieces will be chosen, and a final winner, selected by the judges, will also get a place on the Arvon course.

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

Why does the ghost come back to the library every day for more books?

Because she goes through them too quickly.

Harry Potter Book Night



February 5th 2015 will see the first ever Harry Potter Book Night. This exciting event will give new and existing fans a chance to share the wonder of J.K. Rowling's unforgettable stories and, most excitingly, to introduce the next generation of readers to the unparalleled magic of Harry Potter. You are hereby invited to embrace the magic and banish the midwinter blues!

Bloomsbury Children's Books is inviting schools, bookshops, libraries and community groups to host early evening events in celebration of Harry Potter Book Night. Bloomsbury is creating a complete Harry Potter Book Night Kit – available for free download – offering hosts everything they need to plan an unforgettable evening. The kit will include invitation templates, an event poster, games, activities and quizzes as well as ideas for dressing up and decorating the venue. The kit will be available from the new website harrypotterbooknight.com. Event hosts can register now at the site to receive the kit and updates in the run up to the big night.

In addition to the community events outlined above, there will be public events in London and key regions, a major competition for UK and Irish schools and many further treats and surprises – all celebrating J.K. Rowling's seven iconic Harry Potter books – to be revealed soon.

Bloomsbury Children's Books will be marking Harry Potter Book Night on February 5th in their key territories, giving fans across the world an opportunity to join in the celebrations.

Bloomsbury is working closely with Harry Potter partners on plans for the inaugural Harry Potter Book Night, and this interactive celebration joins the new Jonny Duddle jackets, Harry Potter book festival events and the Jim Kay illustrated editions publishing October 2015 as part of a wider strategy from Bloomsbury to pass the magic of these unique adventures on to as many readers as possible.

Find out more details here:

<http://bit.ly/1o31Gbo>

Clare Poetry & Literature Awards

The Clare Poetry and Literature Awards fund poetry and literature initiatives for children and young people, under the age of 19, across the UK. Individual Awards range from £1,000 to £10,000. The Clare Duffield Foundation has created these Awards with the aim of providing children and young people with opportunities to experience poetry and literature in exciting and compelling ways, in and out of school. For full details, please download the guidance leaflet.

The Foundation received 139 applications to Round 6 of the awards. Click here for a list of recipients. Some feedback from the assessors can be found here.

The closing date for Round 7 of the awards is Friday 6 March 2015.

Who can apply?

We welcome applications from:

- Primary, middle, secondary, special schools, sixth form colleges, academies and further education colleges
- Professional literature, poetry and creative writing organisations, and libraries
- Other arts/cultural organisations (e.g. museums, galleries etc.) are eligible to apply but must provide a clear rationale for their proposed literature/poetry projects and evidence of requisite specialist input
- Established community groups
- Not-for-profit organisations

<http://bit.ly/1n23v6X>

New YA Book Award

The Bookseller Magazine in association with Movellas has launched a new Award for Young Adult books in the UK and Ireland!

Taken from the www.yabookprize.com site:

Earlier in the year, here at The Bookseller we published an article about the wide number of children's book prizes in the UK. But something soon became very clear; there was no prize for British and Irish YA authors.

Now we have decided to fill the gap in the market with The Bookseller YA Book Prize. Submissions are now open until 31st October and we are looking for the best YA fiction books for Teenagers and Young Adults published this year from authors in the UK and Ireland.

In December we will publish a shortlist of the best books submitted to reflect the wide diversity of YA books available today; from dystopian and sci-fi literature to comedy, horror or drama. Our expert teen readers and industry judges will then choose their favourite title and the winner will be presented with a £2,000 prize at a ceremony at Foyles on 19th March 2015.

Cathy Cassidy, Nick Butterworth and Sally Gardner to deliver keynotes at the SCBWI British Isles' Annual Conference. An exciting new PULSE professional development track specifically aimed at published authors is introduced.

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