



This issue of TLM marks the final one for 2014. The year has flown incredibly quickly and 2015 is already breathing down our necks.

The BBC and Booktrust are running a competition to find the best young writers in the UK.

You can encourage the teens you work with to reach for the stars with the *Raspberry Pi Astro Pi Competition*.

Unless you have been living under a rock you will have heard about the Zoella ghost-writing scandal that has been playing itself out over the social networks and the nation's newspapers, I have put together a list of books that you can tempt reluctant readers with once they have read *Girl Online*.

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on the 27th January next year and it is never too early to start planning for this important memorial day. Sticking with early planning, now is the time to apply to be a giver for World Book Night – taking place on the 23rd April.

Finally, the BBC has started a basic game creation site to allow children to create their own online games called Technobabbly game Maker, perfect for a beginner group of games makers

The BBC Young Writers' Award with Booktrust launches to find the best young writers in the UK

In 2015, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the BBC National Short Story Award, Booktrust will be extending their partnership with the BBC by launching the brand new BBC Young Writers' Award with Booktrust to inspire and encourage the next generation of writers.

Young people aged 14 to 18, who live in the UK, are invited from today to submit short stories of up to 1,000 words on any topic. A panel of three judges will select a shortlist of the top five stories, which will be announced in September 2015. The judges will be looking for high-quality writing, stories that demonstrate originality, imagination and creativity, and writers who can capture the reader and hold their attention.

Further details are available here: <http://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-blogs/news/1294>



Leading UK space organisations have joined forces with British ESA Astronaut Tim Peake and Raspberry Pi to offer students a chance to devise and code their own apps or experiment to run in space. Two Raspberry Pi computers are planned to be flown to the International Space Station (ISS) as part of Tim's 6 month mission and both will be connected to a new "Astro Pi" board, loaded with a host of sensors and gadgets.

The Astro Pi competition will be officially opened at the BETT conference (21-24 January) and will be open to all primary and secondary school aged children who are resident in the United Kingdom.

During his mission to the ISS, Tim Peake plans to deploy the Astro Pi computers in a number of different locations on board the ISS. He will then load up the winning code whilst in orbit, set them running, collect the data generated and then download this to Earth where it will be distributed to the winning teams and made freely available on the Astro Pi website.

Full details of the competition can be found here:

<http://www.raspberrypi.org/astro-pi/>

Why can you never find any books in Prague's public library?

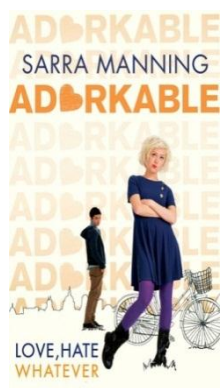
They're all "Czech"ed out

Girl Online

By now you should have heard about the Zoe Sugg (Zoella) / Siobhan Curham ghost writer controversy that has engulfed the YA publishing world. No matter what people's views on the subject may be there is no doubting that Zoella has a massive influence on tween and teen girls; *Girl Online* spending two weeks as the top selling novel in the UK will attest to that.

I have witnessed the power that her name on a book can have with reluctant readers.

If you had a student or child that read and loved *Girl Online* by Zoe Suggs and would like to encourage them in their reading pursuits then they may also enjoy:



Adorkable

Sara Manning

Jane Smith's a blogger, a dreamer, a dare-to-dreamer, a jumble sale queen, CEO of her own lifestyle brand and has half a million followers on

twitter.

Michael Lee's a star of school, stage and playing field. A golden boy in a Jack Wills hoodie. They have nothing in common but a pair of cheating exes. So why can't they stop snogging?



Eleanor & Park

Rainbow Rowell

Eleanor is the new girl in town, and she's never felt more alone. All mismatched clothes, mad red hair and chaotic home life, she couldn't stick out more if she tried.

Then she takes the seat on the bus next to Park. Quiet, careful and – in Eleanor's eyes – impossibly cool, Park's worked out that flying under the radar is the best way to get by.

Slowly, steadily, through late-night conversations and an ever-growing stack of mix tapes, Eleanor and Park fall in love. They fall in love the way you do the first time, when you're 16, and you have nothing and everything to lose.



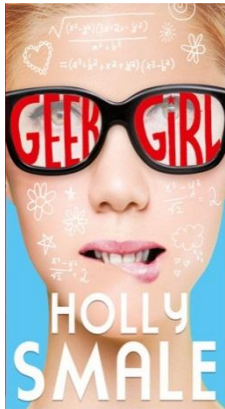
Guitar Girl

Sara Manning

Seventeen-year-old Molly Montgomery never planned on becoming famous. Molly's band, The Hormones, was just supposed to be about mucking around with her

best mates, Jane and Tara, and having fun. But when the deliciously dangerous Dean and his friend T join the band, things start happening fast. Soon The Hormones are front-page news, and their debut album is rocketing up the charts. Molly is

the force behind the band, but the hazards of fame, first love, screaming fans, and sleazy managers are forcing the newly crowned teen queen of grrl angst close to the edge. Fame never comes for free, and Molly's about to find out what it costs.



Geek Girl

Holly Smale

Harriet Manners knows a lot of things.

She knows that a cat has 32 muscles in each ear, a “jiffy” lasts 1/100th of a second, and the average person laughs 15 times per day. What she isn't quite so sure about is why nobody at school seems to like her very much. So when she's spotted by a top model agent, Harriet grabs the chance to reinvent herself. Even if it means stealing her Best Friend's dream, incurring the wrath of her arch enemy Alexa, and repeatedly humiliating herself in front of the impossibly handsome supermodel Nick. Even if it means lying to the people she loves.

As Harriet veers from one couture disaster to the next with the help of her overly enthusiastic father and her uber-geeky stalker, Toby, she begins to realise that the world of fashion doesn't seem to like her any more than the real world did.

And as her old life starts to fall apart, the question is: will Harriet be able to transform herself before she ruins everything?



Fan Girl

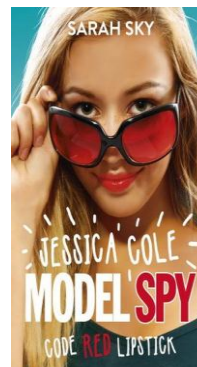
Rainbow Rowell

Cath is a Simon Snow fan.

Okay, the whole world is a Simon Snow fan... But for Cath, being a fan is her life—and she's really good at it. She and her twin sister, Wren, ensconced themselves in the Simon Snow series when they were just kids; it's what got them through their mother leaving.

Reading. Rereading. Hanging out in Simon Snow forums, writing Simon Snow fan fiction, dressing up like the characters for every movie premiere.

Cath's sister has mostly grown away from fandom, but Cath can't let go. She doesn't want to.



Code Red Lipstick

Sarah Sky

Models, spies and lipstick gadgets...

When Jessica's father, a former spy, vanishes mysteriously, Jessica takes matters into her own hands. She's not just a daddy's girl who's good at striking a pose; she's a trained spook who knows how to take on

Holocaust Memorial Day 2015

27 January 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. 2015 will also be the 20th anniversary of the Genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia. It is particularly appropriate that the theme for this major anniversary year focuses on memory.

HMD's purpose is to commemorate the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and

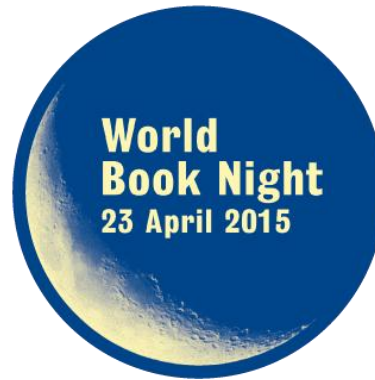
subsequent genocides – to remember. Those who have no direct experience to recall are asked, on HMD, to ‘remember’ those who were murdered and to honour the survivors.

The theme will enable survivors to be at the heart of HMD, as we will share their life stories and memories of their experiences. We will encourage activity organisers to devise programmes that share memories of life before the Holocaust and subsequent genocides, as well as opening up the memories of the atrocities and memories of the aftermath as people rebuilt their lives. By attending HMD activities, people will be creating new memories of communities joining together to mark HMD. As Keep the memory alive is the theme for such significant anniversaries, we will encourage ourselves and others to consider how far we have come in the UK in commemorating the past and what has been achieved.

For further information about HMD and to request or download an information pack follow this link: <http://hmd.org.uk/>

What monarch became famous for writing books about the Knights of the Round Table?

King Author!



World Book Night is an annual celebration of reading and books which takes place on 23 April. It sees passionate volunteers give hundreds of thousands of books away in their communities to share their love of reading with people who, for whatever reason, don't read for pleasure or own books.

Find out how to register as a giver here: <http://www.worldbooknight.org/>

Make It: Technobabble

The BBC has created a games site to allow children & teens to create their own games. It ties in with the CBBC show Technobabble.

It's a starter kit. It requires no technical knowledge, no download and works just as well on mobile and tablets as desktop.

The only requirements are access to the web, willingness to experiment and an idea. In minutes a child can create a game. - Martin Wilson BBC Head of Digital Creativity for Future Media

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/games/make-it-technobabble-game-maker>

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