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The curse of the missed month hit in January making this the first edition of TLM for 2015.

Looking ahead to March we have World Book Day to look forward to and the WBD Teen Fest takes top billing this month, followed closely by news of True Lies - YLG London's second annual Unconference free and open to anyone with an interest in library services for children and young people.

Amy McKay the National Coordinator: CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Medals has taken the time to answer some questions about the CKG process to clarify what we do behind the scenes when choosing the long and short-lists; and how the judges can support shadowing groups.

Read any Good Films Lately? Is a display I put together off the back of the Academy Awards to encourage students to read books that have been turned into films.

Google Earth Pro is now being offered free of charge and GCHQ our secretive spymasters have made a coding app available to secondary school students and teachers that may be interested in coding and encryption.

This Book is Funny and Middle Grade Strikes back are two blogs dedicated to celebrating humorous books and Middle Grade books respectively. Middle Grade an American term that seems to be becoming more popular in the UK. MG books are those that have been written for an 8-13 year old audience.



On 4 & 5 March from 6–8pm WBD TeenFest will bring amazing authors including Holly Smale, Marcus Sedgwick, Malorie Blackman and Derek Landy straight to your screen! With Hangouts and interviews, how-tos, blogposts, playlists, prizes and much more, each night will be packed with brilliant booky stuff as well as the chance to chat with other readers and writers.

- Hang out with your **favourite YA authors**
- Get the lowdown on the **latest YA fiction**
- Get writing **tips, tricks** and **inspiration**

- Share your **#SHELFIES**
- **WIN BOOKS!**
- **UPCYCLE** your old books
- **LISTEN TO** and **CREATE** playlists
- Discover some **TRADE SECRETS**
- And **LOTS MORE!**

For full details and to register follow this link:
www.wbdteenfest.com

True Libraries: Youth Libraries Group London 2015 Unconference

YLG London would like to invite anybody with an interest in children's library services and its many diverse areas, to attend our free annual un-conference. The event this year will be held on Sunday the 8th of March, at the historic Old Town Hall in Richmond-upon-Thames, which is currently the site of the boroughs Reference Library.

The day will be focused around what You the attendee would like to discuss, with the ability for anybody to pitch a session at the beginning of the day. These sessions can be a chance to talk to others about any area you are familiar with, get advice from others about areas you would like to know more about, or to simply learn from your peers. Lisa Williamson (author of 'The art of being normal') will be our guest speaker for the starting session of the day, and she will be discussing her views on the libraries, children, and the importance of reading stories about diverse characters.

The day is free to attend, but we would ask that you book a ticket so that we have an idea of numbers, and you can also suggest sessions ahead of time to whet people's appetites. Speaking of which, lunch is all about bringing some food along to share with others (either savoury or sweet) and we will have a best cake competition on the day! Also please don't feel you have to stay for the whole day, attendees are free to stay for as long as they want, and to turn up when they are able.

For more information about the day please check our wiki site which can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1D6Nclq>

And to book a ticket please visit: <http://bit.ly/1DQ8vBP>

If you have any questions you would like answered before the event please contact us through the blog (or e-mail me – Matt Imrie) and we will answer you as quickly as possible. Alternatively you can contact us through twitter where we are @YLGLondon

We hope that you can attend, and look forward to sharing a wonderful day discussing issues which we all care passionately about!"

CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Medals 2015

It's been great to see so much excitement about the CKG long-lists over the past couple of weeks. I hope you and your shadowers are enjoying reading these phenomenal books and are looking forward to the shortlist announcement on 17th March.

Given recent and recurring questions about the CKG process we thought it might be useful to clarify some of what happens behind the scenes:

- Books must be published between the previous 1st Sept and 31st August to be eligible (so 1st Sept 2013 and 31st August 2014 for the 2015 medals).
- Book must be published originally for children and young people, as indicated by their definition on the Nielsen Bookscan database, all categories are eligible.
- Books must have received their first publication in the United Kingdom or have had co-publication elsewhere within a three month time lapse.
- A book must be nominated by a CILIP member to be considered, we do not accept publishers' submissions.
- Books are judged against our strict criteria; popularity, age ranges etc. are not our concern. We are simply looking for examples of outstanding literature for children and young people.
- Judges receive training to ensure they adhere to the criteria.

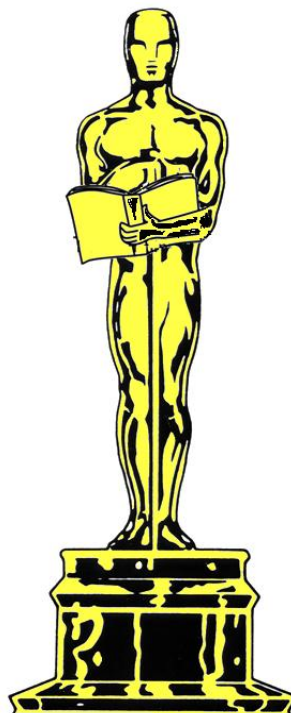
Further eligibility and criteria details can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1CJXLkR> and here: <http://bit.ly/10cRcM1>.

- We have 12 judges, one from each region in the UK.
- Judges are selected from YLG regional committees.
- Many YLG committees are currently recruiting members. If you are interested in joining your regional committee (and maybe being a CKG judge in the future yourself!) please get in touch and I'll happily send you the details of your regional chair.
- It is in the job description of judges that they promote and support shadowing within their region. If you would like to make contact with your regional judge, to invite them to a shadowing meeting or event etc., please contact me at amckay@corbybusinessacademy.org

I really hope this aids understanding of how the awards work, but if there's anything else I can help with please let me know.

Read Any Good Films Lately?

Read any Good Films Lately is a display I put together to capitalise on the Academy Awards. I have put together a book list of novels that have been adapted for film and television and designed a Reading Oscar, that is him below.



You can see the list and download a Reading Oscar here: <http://teenlibrarian.co.uk/2015/02/23/read-any-good-films-lately/>

Please also feel free to add title suggestions in the comments.

Google Earth Pro Free

Google is now offering Google Earth Pro free of charge. A licence previously cost \$399.

To find out more and sign up for a free key follow this link: <http://bit.ly/1LCRheQ>

Cryptoy

Cryptoy is a fun, free, educational app about cryptography, designed by GCHQ for use by secondary school students and their teachers. The app enables users to understand basic encryption techniques, learn about their history and then have a go at creating their own encoded messages. These can then be shared with friends via social media or more traditional means and the recipients can use the app to try to decipher the messages.

For full details and to download the app go here: [Cryptoy App](#)

It is up to you whether or not you trust GCHQ enough to install it but it could be great for teens interested in cryptography.

Young Romantics Poetry Prize

Young Romantics is a new prize for poems and short stories inspired by the Romantics. It gives young writers between the ages of 16 & 18 the opportunity to win a week-long Creative Writing Course with Arvon at one of their famous residential centres working with practising writers. Entrants can submit up to 2 poems and 2 short stories.

All entries must be on the theme of Lost Angels. Poems must be no more than 20 lines. Short Stories must be no more than 1,000 words.

The competition closes on the 13th March.

For full details and to enter the competition follow this link: <http://bit.ly/1wigcgZ>



This Book is Funny! is dedicated to reviewing and promoting books by the funniest writers, illustrators and comics artists in the business today.

More than just a website, This Book is Funny! is a scheme that will help librarians, teachers and booksellers to create displays of funny books, with the help of our posters, stickers and insider knowledge.

We love funny books, and we know just how important they are to children and to the children's book industry as a whole. So let's put funny books back on the map.

<http://www.thisbookisfunny.com/>



Middle Grade Strikes back is a group of UK based writers and bloggers who have one important thing in common - we are passionate about middle grade fiction. We feel that for too long UK middle grade fiction has been the poor relation to YA as far as media coverage is concerned, and

we want to readdress this by giving middle grade books a voice in the UK.

<http://middlegradestrikesback.blogspot.co.uk/>

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