



Well March has been a mixed month, over the past few weeks we have said farewell to two amazing Carnegie winning authors; the brilliant Mal Peet who passed away on the 2nd March and my personal writing hero Terry Pratchett who passed on the 12th. Both are and will be sadly missed by lovers of wonderful literature.

The CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Medals shortlists are now public, I hope that everyone is impressed, if not I am willing to take the blame as a judge but happen to think we made the best decisions possible as the quality of books on the long-list was phenomenal. One of the brilliant things about the CKG medals is the fact that it causes such debate with every year, and this year so far has been no exception.

We are fortunate this month to have a post from pupil librarian James Kearney of the Kings School in Grantham who has provided us with a pupil librarian's view of a week in the library. Neena Shukla, currently studying at Aberystwyth University is researching how graphic novels are catalogued and shelved in school libraries, so if you are a school librarian or know any who may be interested in participating in the study please let them know!

Stonewall the lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans equality charity has launched Changing Hearts and Minds, its first writing competition for 14-17 year olds. The current wind blowing from Europe has brought more than a toxic layer of smog from the continent, it has also brought news of a Gallic adaptation of Philip Pullman's Northern Lights.

Last but not least this month, an introduction to *Recommended by a Librarian*, a new feature on the Teen Librarian site that I am hoping will interest subscribers to the newsletter, all contributors are welcome.

CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Medal News

As you all no doubt know, the CKG shortlists were revealed this week. If by some mischance you missed it they are:

CILIP Carnegie Medal

- When Mr Dog Bites by Brian Conaghan (Bloomsbury)
- Apple and Rain by Sarah Crossan (Bloomsbury)
- Tinder by Sally Gardner (author) and David Roberts (illustrator) (Orion Children's Books)
- Cuckoo Song by Frances Hardinge (Macmillan Children's Books)
- The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird (Macmillan Children's Books)
- Buffalo Soldier by Tanya Landman (Walker Books)
- The Middle of Nowhere by Geraldine McCaughrean (Usborne Books)
- More Than This by Patrick Ness (Walker Books)

CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal

- The Promise by Laura Carlin (illustrator) and Nicola Davies (author) (Walker Books)

- Jim's Lion by Alexis Deacon (illustrator) and Russell Hoban (author) (Walker Books)
- Shackleton's Journey by William Grill (Flying Eye Books)
- Dark Satanic Mills by John Higgins and Marc Olivent (illustrators) and Julian Sedgwick and Marcus Sedgwick (authors) (Walker Books)
- Smelly Louie by Catherine Rayner (Macmillan Children's Books)
- Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse by Chris Riddell (Macmillan Children's Books)
- Tinder by David Roberts (illustrator) and Sally Gardner (author) (Orion Children's Books)
- Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan (Hodder Children's Books)

As a judge I am particularly proud of the work the judging panel has done so far and hope that shadowing the medals and reading the shortlists provides a pleasurable activity for all involved.

For those of you interested in running a shadowing group (it is not too late) take a look here: <http://bit.ly/1eoasWZ>

and those interested in the thoughts of the judges take a look at the CILIP CKG Judges blog: <http://bit.ly/1ExjRYA>

Currently only one post is up this year but more will be added in the coming days and weeks. If you are looking for someone to blame for the short-list all the judges are introduced here: <http://bit.ly/1CDOYqe> but we do prefer cake rather than recriminations.

When the squirrels sneak into the library to use the computers, where do they go?

On the Inter-nut.

A Week in the Life of a Pupil Librarian

Disclaimer: Don't read on if you are hoping for a shhh-ing, 'hair in a bun' librarian!

Monday morning:

Today is one of my half days, so I'm only in the library in the morning. I'd been working on a windowsill revision display the previous week, so I add my finishing touches. I live in a dream (hopefully the reality!) that the resources/materials/advice in our library may help raise pupil's grades- we can live in hope!



Meeting author Caroline Lawrence

Tuesday morning:

Revision for me this morning! Our library is split into three sections; the computer suite, the main library and a reference library/classroom, so I sit in the classroom to escape the hive of the Yu-Gi-Oh! club bustling in the other room. Everyone keeps coming in to retrieve Ripley's Believe It or not! or The Guinness World Records- I get told about the most peculiar things from these books, but it proves my job isn't boring!

Tuesday lunch:

After popping into town for lunch, I'm back in the library. Due to the library's layout, our two library staff are in two of the three rooms, so I set to work on my next window display in the third room. My favourite 'library' quote is Jorge Luis Borges' "I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library", so I just have to put this up!

A few other posters go up too, and then I lay out a pile of book review forms for students to help themselves to, which I can then post onto our blog. Fingers crossed we get some takers!

Wednesday morning:

Trust King's boys! We have book review forms returned (I give a jump of glee!), but they're signed by Bob, Mildred and Suzy- I suppose you could say we're a curious school! I try and entice more boys into filling in book review forms. 3 completed forms gets you a merit, so bear that in mind!

Wednesday afternoon:

Wednesday is my other half-day, so I go home and eat lunch, and then drive myself up to Harlaxton College, the study abroad campus for the American University of Evansville. Volunteering at Harlaxton in the library is a highlight of my week...not least because of our tea break! Working in the library provides a unique, new perspective on library work- I'm currently working through cataloguing our new travel library on Heritage LMS.



Bunting in the Library

Thursday:

It's an exciting day today, as I'm going to the Pupil Library Assistant of the Year Award- an inaugural award between CILIP and SLA. My mum, my dad and I meet my librarian from Harlaxton, and we catch the train down to London, and zoom along the underground to the BT Centre. I meet my assigned author, Tim Collins (how amazing

is he!) and we circulate round the room, chatting to our fellow professionals! The winner, Abbie Craske, is announced (congratulations Abbie!) and then it's the presentation of gifts, followed by refreshments. I'm a happy librarian today, as I've come back with ten signed books, and it's been fantastic to experience my first real 'networking'!

Friday morning:

Back to school, so I share my London experience story with my school librarian. We have a long discussion, and one topic gets us thinking- how can we increase library usage amongst the 6th form? (I suppose you could say this is my area of expertise!) I'm currently working on a reading list for A-Level English Literature students, and the librarian targets staff who are teaching 6th form sets, to make them aware of potentially useful resources. We'll have to wait and see what happens.

I head off to form period, and then I'm back straight away, to 'do' my hour in the school archives! We have two volunteer school archivists who sort the archives every Friday morning, and since October 2011, I've been helping. At the moment, I'm undertaking the interesting task of creating a list of where/what all our old boys have done- and I'm currently up to 1932. There are some fantastic stories I chuckle over with the archivists.

Friday lunchtime:

New task- a book bunting display over our library entrance door! To get some ideas, I discuss the new accessions with the librarian, and then I log onto the computer and print off some colourful book covers- I'll then take them home and laminate them, and on Monday, the new display will go up!

James Kearney, Pupil Librarian at The King's School
Grantham Library blog:
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Graphic Novel Shelving & Classification Research

Do you stock graphic novels in your school library?

Are you unsure of the best way to shelve and classify them?

If so, perhaps you'd like to participate in some new research from Aberystwyth University. This project aims to discover how graphic novels are shelved and classified in secondary school libraries. It

will offer insight into the way school libraries manage their graphic stock. The results from this study may help school librarians organise their graphic works in a way that will so help increase usage. Your participation would be valuable in order to build a picture of the current situation in schools.

For more information or to register your interest in participation, please contact Neena Shukla via email: nes4@aber.ac.uk, or via telephone: 07885 420 513.

Neena Shukla

Stonewall Young Writers Competition

Stonewall, the lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans equality charity, has launched its first Young Writers' Competition.

The theme of the competition is Changing Hearts and Minds.

Everyone taking part will be asked to compose a short story or poem which explores this theme in relation to the lives of LGBT people in the UK. You may want to write about the challenges still faced by the LGBT community or maybe you'd like to explore how society can help to improve the experiences of LGBT people.

The Prizes

One person in each category will win 150 pounds of book tokens and will have their poem or short story published on The Guardian Children's Books website for everyone to see!

Two runners up in each category will win £50 of book tokens.

The Judges

SJ Watson – The publishing rights to SJ's debut novel *Before I Go To Sleep* have been sold in 42 different countries around the world. It has gone on to be an international bestseller and successful feature film starring Nicole Kidman.

Dean Atta - Dean is a writer and performance poet. He won the 2012 London Poetry Award and was named as one of the most influential LGBT people by the Independent on Sunday Pink List in the same year.

Ruth Hunt – A self-proclaimed 'super-fan' of LGBT Youth Fiction, Stonewall's Chief Executive is really looking forward to reading your poems and short stories!

Rules

The competition is open to anyone who will be aged between 14 and 17 on the closing date which is 22 May 2015. You can enter one category, or both – the choice is yours!

Competition details

Age group: 14-17 year olds

Categories: Short story (fiction) and poetry

Theme: LGBT equality: Changing hearts and minds

Word count: 1000 words maximum

Deadline for entries: Friday 22 May

Winners announced: Monday 15 June

Submission details:

Email entries to
youngwriters@stonewall.org.uk
or post entries to:
Stonewall Offices, Tower Building, York
Road, London SE1 7NX
For full details follow this link:

<http://bit.ly/1wu5NS8>

Northern Lights Graphic Novel News

For several months I have been hearing whispers about a graphic novel adaptation of Philip Pullman's Northern Lights trilogy. However owing to more pressing concerns I let them float by with a mental note to check it out when I had some time.

Well that time is now. The first book has been broken up into three volumes and is called *Les Royaumes du Nord*.

It is being published in French with an English translation to follow and has been adapted by Stéphane Melchior-Durand and drawn by Clément Oubrerie.

Clément Oubrerie is best-known for his work as artist on the Aya of Yop City series.

Les Royaumes du Nord has already been recognized at Angoulême International Comics Festival, winning Le Prix Jeunesse d'Angoulême 2015 (the Youth Award)

The artwork looks amazing, but not speaking French I will have to wait for the translation, but am looking forward to experiencing this wonderful story in a new format.

Tygerdale has a brilliant Q&A with Philip Pullman about the adaptation that you can read here: <http://bit.ly/1FMtJl9>

Recommended by a Librarian

Recommended by a Librarian is a new weekly post on the Teen Librarian site featuring a recommendation by a librarian. So if you have re

ad or seen a book, comic, music, movie, podcast or website and would like to recommend it please let me know! They can be new, old or in-between the choice is yours.

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