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Editorial: Nine Years of Teen Librarian

Teen Librarian Monthly is nine years old today. Nine is not a big number—the celebration will come round this time next year, but still this is longer than the little voice in the back of my head thought it would last. In all honesty I did not know how long TLM would last, it has been mostly monthly with some gaps here and there.

Anyway on with this month's show, we kick off with Shakescraft - a competition mashing up Minecraft and Shakespeare organised and run by the Shakespeare Birthplace trust in the run up to the 400th anniversary of his death.

We also take a look at the Federation of Children's Book Groups latest book list, this one focusing on graphic novels for beginners, compiled by two brilliant librarians. We return to #uklibchat this month with a heads up for their next online chat.

Penguin Schools has teamed up with Anti Bullying Ambassadors to organise Kindness Day on the 12th June.

I am also happy to announce that a new feature is starting this month: Playing in the Cloud, in which I will look at various online services that can be used with students in School Libraries. This month I am also featuring the Nal'ibali Children's Charter. Nal'ibali (isiXhosa for "here's the story") is a South African national reading for enjoyment campaign designed to spark children's potential through storytelling and reading.

Finally we take a look at what happens to the judges of the CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Medals.

I would like to say thank you for the support everyone has shown over the past nine years and also extend an invitation to those that may be interested in submitting articles or ideas for future editions to please get in touch at teenlibraryservice@gmail.com

For those of you that only read the newsletter may I remind you that you can find more content on the website www.teenlibrarian.co.uk including book reviews, author interviews, the odd video and posts on libraries and events happening across the UK.



The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust (<http://www.shakespeare.org.uk/>), the non-profit organisation that cares for the world's greatest Shakespeare heritage sites in Stratford-upon-Avon, has launched its Shakescraft competition where budding digital architects from all over the world can, for the first time, use their imaginations to digitally design New Place, the grand family home in Stratford-upon-Avon where William Shakespeare and his family lived for 19 years.

Shakescraft is free to enter, and available in three different age categories; under 11's, 12 – 16 year olds, and over 16's. Judges are looking for Minecraft fans to design their very own version of Shakespeare's home based on the footprint of New Place, with the most imaginative creations in with a chance to win some fantastic Minecraft and Shakespeare goodies worth £100.

The competition coincides with work starting on the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's project to transform the site of Shakespeare's New Place into a contemporary heritage landmark in celebration of 400 years of Shakespeare's legacy.

Julie Crawshaw, Shakespeare's New Place project manager at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, said: "We recently welcomed dozens of local primary school classes to the site of New Place and it was really encouraging to see their interest and enthusiasm for Shakespeare. I know from personal experience how kids of all ages love Minecraft, so this competition is a fantastic opportunity to ignite young people's interest in Shakespeare, and have fun at the same time.

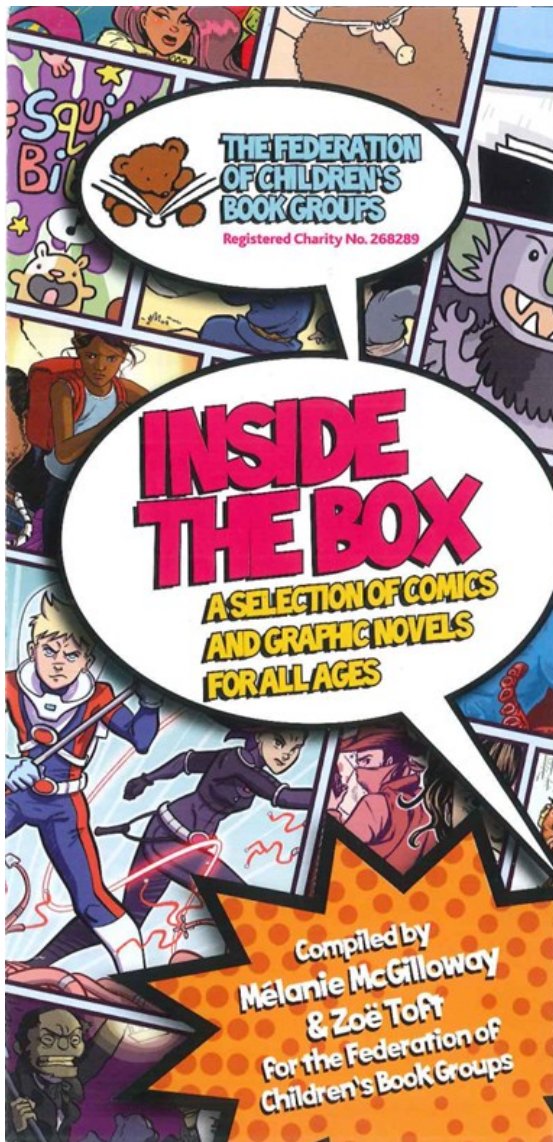
Although his house no longer stands, we're sure of the footprint of the site thanks to recent archaeological discoveries, so it'll be really interesting to see people's ideas of how Shakespeare would have lived and entertained in this grand family home."

For details on how to enter, visit www.shakescraft.com. The competition closes on 31 August 2015, with winners announced in September.

About Shakespeare's New Place

William Shakespeare bought New Place in 1597 at the height of his career as a successful playwright, and was considered the largest house in Stratford-upon-Avon at the time. Sadly, New Place no longer exists after it was demolished in 1759 by its then owner, Reverend Francis Gastrell, who was reputedly annoyed by visiting fans of Shakespeare, as well as a tax dispute with the local parish.

With much of its heritage hidden below ground or in the extensive archives of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, it has been difficult for many visitors to get a real sense of the site's significance and history. But now, the £5.25million project to re-imagine the site of New Place will tell the story of the world famous playwright at the height of his success as a family man, writer and prominent citizen of Stratford-upon-Avon. This is the single most significant Shakespearian project anywhere in the world to commemorate 400 years of Shakespeare's legacy, and due to reopen on 23 April 2016, the 400th anniversary of his death.



The [Federation of Children's Book Groups](http://www.fcbg.org.uk/) is a national voluntary organisation, whose aim is to promote enjoyment and interest in children's books and reading.

They also produce a range of brilliant book lists, their latest is called *Inside the Box*. Compiled by Mélanie McGilloway and Zoë Toft (with support from Neil Cameron) it is a comprehensive list ranging from picture books and comics for all ages to comics for teenagers and young adults. The list also suggests several books about comics and comic creation as well as weekly comic magazines.

This list is essential for those that feel that they do not have the breadth of knowledge needed to make informed decisions on selecting graphic novels for a school or public library and even for librarians that know their comics there are introductions to new titles.

Find out more about the FCBG here: <http://www.fcbg.org.uk/> and see what book-lists they have available

<http://www.fcbg.org.uk/booklists/>

You can order copies of *Inside the Box* and other book-lists by e-mailing the Federation at: info@fcbg.org.uk

#uklibchat

The next [#uklibchat](https://twitter.com/uklibchat) will take place on Tuesday 2nd June from 6:30 - 8:30pm UK time and will focus on: Book groups & book awards.

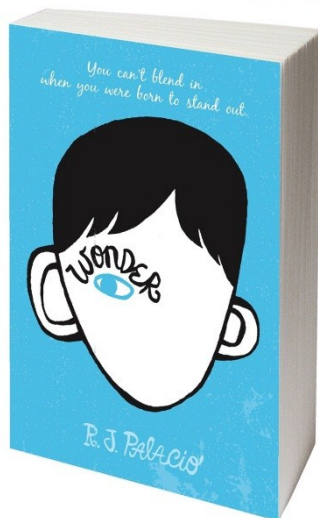
You can find out more about #uklibchat by following them on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/uklibchat> & looking at their blog: <https://uklibchat.wordpress.com>

What do they call it when Hogwarts loses wi-fi?

Going off the Ha'grid

Kindness Day

Penguin Schools and Anti-Bullying Pro have announced that the **12th June 2015** will be **Kindness Day**.



Inspired by R.J. Palacio's internationally bestselling story *Wonder*, the day will encourage people of all ages to read Auggie's unforgettable story and celebrate kindness. With support from Children's Laureate Malorie Blackman, ex-Blue Peter presenter and children's author Helen Skelton and of course *Wonder* author R.J. Palacio, Kindness Day 2015 is set to be a national event. Here's how your school can join in...

Register your school for Kindness Day to receive our free resource pack:

<http://www.antibullyingpro.com/kindnessday>

Read an extract from *Wonder* with your class, book group or during an assembly:

<http://bit.ly/1PngxU8>

Join the conversation on twitter using **#KindnessDay**

Tell us about the kindest young person that you know and you could win a copy of *Wonder* for yourself and them. To enter the competition, email us at penguinschools@penguinrandomhouse.co.uk by Friday 22nd May

Playing in the Cloud

Introduce your students to using cloud-based software with Google products:

<http://www.google.co.uk/intl/en/about/products>

Create two Google accounts to show them how easy it is to create collaborative documents and slideshows with Google Docs and Google Slides.

A practical display of how two (or more) people can work on a document at the same time will catch and hold their attention. I have found that students become even more excited when you show them that you can edit a document on their computer using a mobile phone

I did have one student bemoan the fact that this technology means the end of the "my computer crashed and I lost my homework" excuse. They started discussing how they could use a multiple edit document as a chat service and they were even more amazed when I showed them that there is chat functionality built in to Docs so they can talk as well as work. I also pointed out that if they were chatting in the middle of a joint essay they may forget to delete their comments and hand in something inappropriate to their teacher.

Nal'ibali Children's Literacy Charter

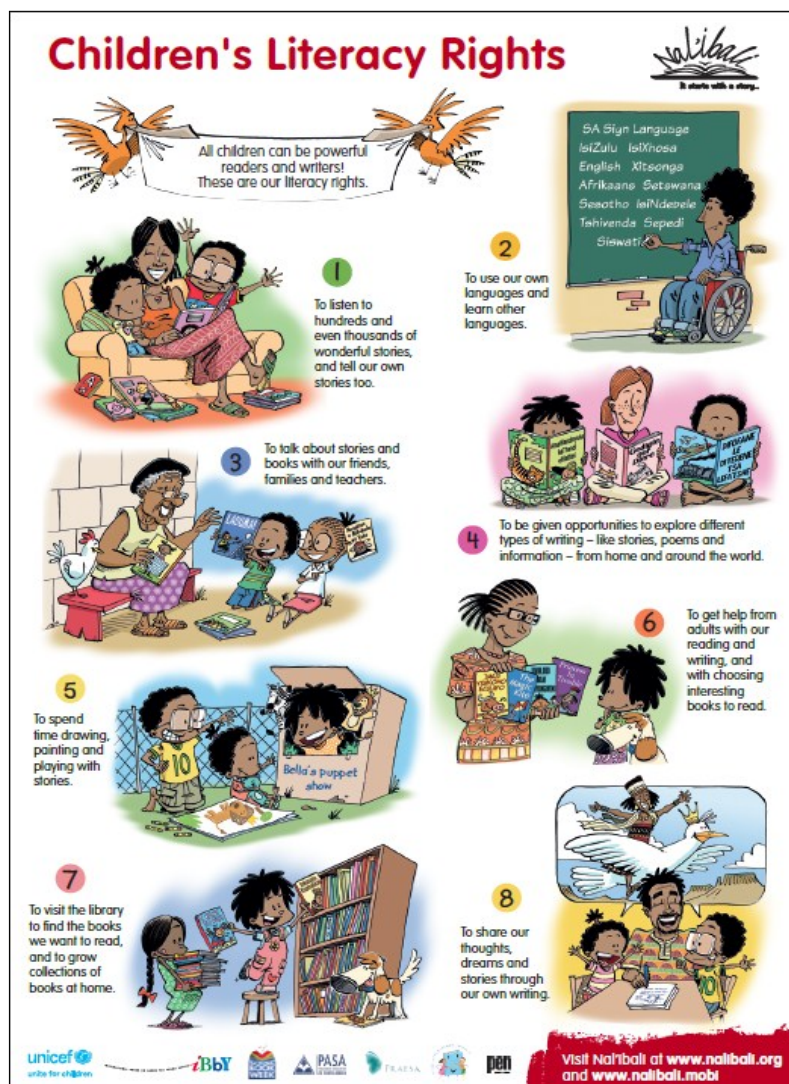
Every year on 23 April, South Africa celebrates World Book Day, which was created by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. It is celebrated in over 100 countries around the globe to make everyone more aware of how reading can be a satisfying and enjoyable activity – and of course, to invest in our children's literacy.

Last year on World Book Day, Nal'ibali launched their Children's Literacy Charter. This charter describes the literacy experiences all children should have if we want them to grow up being able to use reading and writing successfully in their lives. (If you missed it last year, download your copy of the Children's Literacy Charter in any of South Africa's languages here:

<http://nalibali.org/nalibali-launches-childrens-literacy-charter-celebrate-guide-childrens-literacy-rights/>

This year they are launching a version of this charter especially for children so that they become more aware of what they need to help them grow a love of reading, writing and books. Endorsed by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), The International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY International), The South African Book Development Council / National Book Week, The Publishers Association of South Africa (PASA), the Little Hands Trust, and PEN South Africa, the children's literacy rights poster is available in 11 official languages.

You can view the English language version of the poster below.

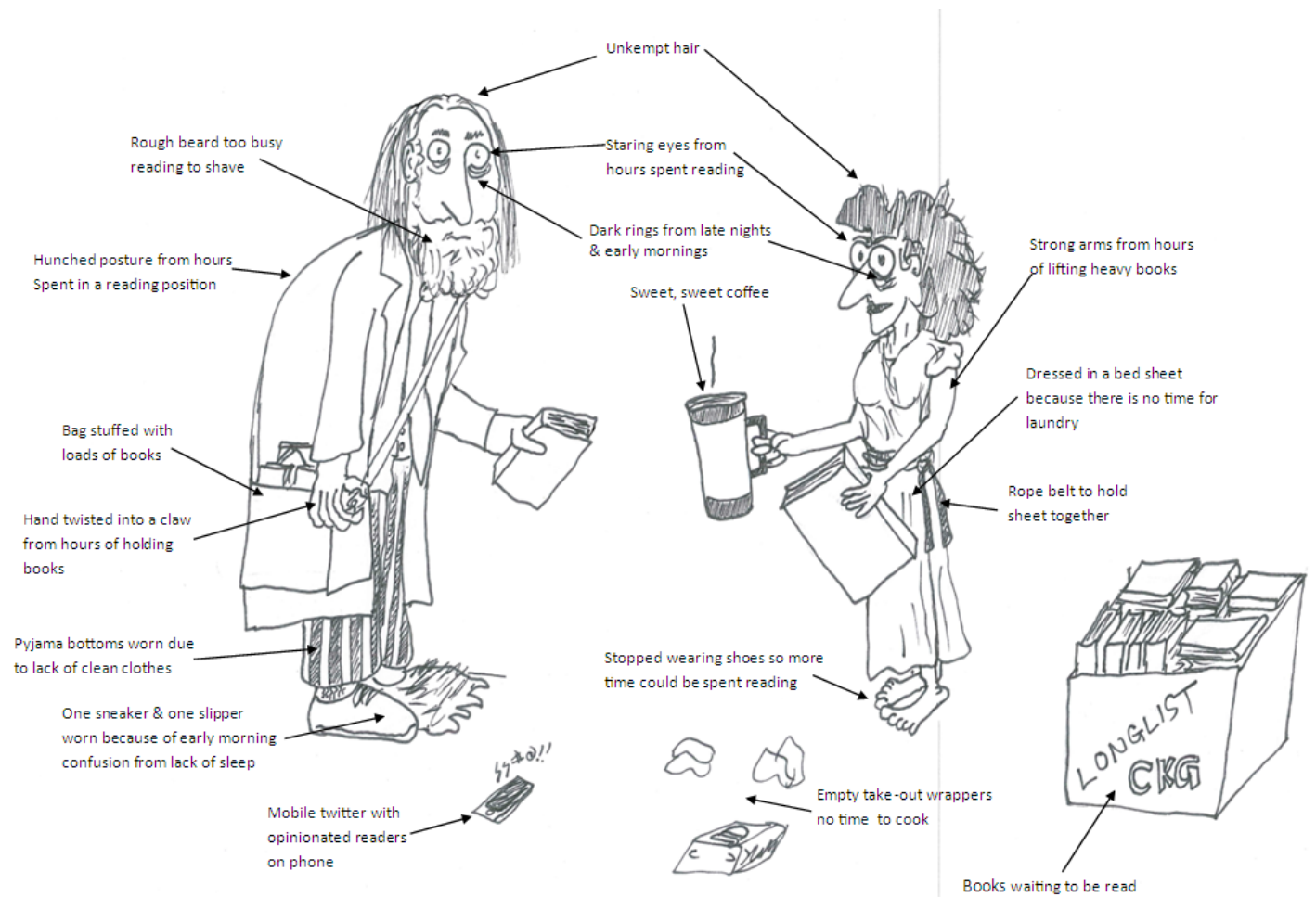


To download a copy of the poster in any of South Africa's 11 official languages, visit this link:

<http://nalibali.org/childrens-literacy-rights-poster/>

Text and poster are from the Na'libali website

Anatomy of a CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Judge



You can view this cartoon and posts by me and other CKG Judges on aspects of judging the CKG Awards on the Judges blog here:

<https://cilipckg.wordpress.com/>

It really is interesting and give some insight into the judging process and how we deal with the pressure of reading so many excellent books.