

Teen Librarian

Monthly Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the July edition of Teen Librarian Monthly, although I am seriously considering dropping the 'Monthly' as the schedule has been rather haphazard of late for which I do apologise! That being said if anyone would like to get involved by sending me articles on work you have been doing with young people in your libraries, sending me interesting links for inclusion that you have found (for example: outstanding podcasts that you listen to or regional book awards) feedback on what information you would find interesting in future issues – all of these things will be gratefully received!

This month we open with news on the Redbridge Children's Book Award courtesy of Nina Simon, SLS manager of the Redbridge Schools' Library Service.

If you live within striking distance of London you still have the chance to pick up tickets to hear Sarah Crossan in conversation at the Sam Wanamaker Playhouse at the Globe Theatre this Friday (the 29th) at 6pm.

This month there are also links to two surveys for librarians, the first on the hollowing out of children's library services between 2010 and 2015 and the second on diverse books in school libraries.

Unless you have not been online much lately you will not have missed the scandal about Melania Trump's speech plagiarising the one made by Michelle Obama a few years previously, I have put together a few links to other people accused of plagiarism that are in the public eye as well as a link to my powerpoint starring Shia La Boeuf and Daniel Clowes.

I have also included a link to a brilliant article on the importance of school librarians to literacy; following on from that a link to a display by the Bodleian Library on William Godwin, Mary Wollstonecraft, Mary Shelley & Percy Bysshe-Shelley.

Lastly, if you are a member of the Youth Libraries Group in the South East you have an opportunity to apply for one of two grants to attend the YLG National conference in Wales this year.

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Redbridge Children's Book Award 2016

On Thursday 7 July 2016, over 230 enthusiastic readers, budding writers along with their school librarians and teachers celebrated this year's Redbridge Children's Book Awards in a buzzing, exciting ceremony at Redbridge Town Hall.

Students from 17 secondary schools and 8 primary schools across Redbridge, Havering and Newham voted for their favourite children's and teenage book published in 2015.

Car-jacked by Ali Sparkes, won the Children's category and *One* by Sarah Crossan won the Teenage Category.

We were delighted to three of the shortlisted authors present at the awards ceremony - Ali Sparkes, Holly Bourne and Teri Terry. Sarah Crossan, who won the teenage award, was unable to attend but sent a message saying "I'm so delighted to have won The Redbridge Children's Book Award 2016. Regional awards are so important in inspiring young people to try new books, and I'm just so sad I can't be there to celebrate the shortlisted titles. I really hope you've all enjoyed reading the books and I do hope to meet some of you soon for book chats. Lots of love Sarah"

It was also a chance for the winners of the writing and poetry competitions to be presented with their prizes. The poetry competition was judged by David Fulton, lecturer in Creative Writing at Brunel University and the short story competition was judged by author and Head of Bancrofts Prep School, Joe Layburn.

Mia Thomas from Fairlop Primary won the junior poetry competition with her poem, *5 Senses*. Ayesha Ahmed from Woodford County High School won the teenage category with the poem *Am I Invisible*.

Suamaya Zanab from Wanstead High School won the junior short story competition with her story, *Change*. Annie Walker from Wanstead High School won the teenage category with her story, *The Miserable Life of Ernie Thomas*. Winners were presented with a book token, a fiction book and a copy of this year's anthology of all shortlisted poems and stories.

Sarah Crossan in Conversation at The Globe

Sarah Crossan is the award-winning author of five YA books, including *The Weight of Water* and her latest title, *One* (Winner of the 2016 Carnegie Medal). Sarah has a passion for words: written and spoken; poetry and prose. Guaranteed to make you laugh (and possibly cry), join star of the YA fiction scene for a chat about her literary heroes, inspiration, research and more.

You will also have the chance to get your book signed by Sarah after this event.

Suitable for ages 9+. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult

<http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/education/events/family-events/telling-tales/sarah-crossan>

What is the Impact of the ‘hollowing out’ of children’s Public Library services in England between 2010 and 2015? survey for those working in Children’s library services within UK public library services

This survey is being carried out by an MSc Information and Libraries Studies student at the University of Strathclyde in affiliation with CILIP. The purpose of this survey is both to determine views as to whether ‘hollowing out’ of children’s public library services has taken place and, if so to investigate the impact of this process between 2010 and 2015, by asking a series of questions of children and youth library staff who are members of the Youth Libraries Group. Hollowing out can be defined as a process of efficiencies and restructuring in which library buildings stay open but the actual services, and the value of those services, is eroded through government and local government policy, cuts, and ‘deprofessionalisation’. It is anticipated that the data and information gathered in this study will inform library and information professionals of the extent to which public libraries are being hollowed out, inform policymaking, and provide a benchmark for further research.

For full details and to participate in the survey, follow this link:

https://strathsci.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5L1J8XdFsY9Twx

Diverse Books in School Libraries: a Survey

An MA student at Oxford Brookes University is conducting research into the provision of diverse books in school libraries and would like your help. If you could fill out this short survey (and share it with any friends or colleagues who might have missed it) that would be very much appreciated!

<http://goo.gl/forms/22roodkMVuTTf8FE3>

Plagiarism Revisited

In 2014 I created a powerpoint for my students on plagiarism, using the example of Shia LeBoeuf and Daniel Clowes. You can see it here: <http://teenlibrarian.co.uk/2014/01/17/plagiarism/>

It has been one of the most popular resources on my site.

Since then there have been a number of other examples featuring people in the public eye that have come to light.

The most recent being Melania Trump being accused of plagiarising Michelle Obama’s speech:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-us-2016-36832095>

Beyonce has also faced several charges of plagiarism during her career:

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/beyonce-sued-over-lemonade-trailer-singers-history-plagiarism-complaints-1564560>

Azealia Banks has accused Zayn Malik of plagiarism as well as providing an example of how not to behave on social media, she has since also accused Lady Gaga and Taylor Swift of the same:

<https://www.digitalmusicnews.com/2016/07/14/azealia-banks-causes-yet-another-stir-music-industry/>

Using people in the public eye is a good way of engaging with students who may otherwise not show much interest in library lessons. I will just say as a word of caution that Azealia Banks has used racially charged language – particularly against Zayn Malik so it may be worth making sure that any links used will not cause a backlash against the library due to language.

Don't overlook your school librarian, they're the unsung heroes of literacy

When talking about teaching and learning, most people don't immediately think of librarians. But in a school where the librarian or learning resource centre manager is valued and properly made use of, we can teach important skills.

A fantastic post on the Guardian Teacher Network by Sally Dring, to read the full article follow this link:

<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/teacher-blog/2014/sep/18/school-librarian-literacy-support-teacher-students>

Shelley's Ghost: Reshaping the Image of a Literary Family

This exhibition tells the story of a remarkable literary family: William Godwin and Mary Wollstonecraft, their daughter Mary, and Mary's husband Percy Bysshe Shelley. In the course of their lives each of these writers accumulated an archive of letters, notebooks and literary papers. After their death, surviving family members pored over their manuscripts, publishing some and withholding others in an attempt to promote their achievement and shape their reputation.

<http://shelleysghost.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>

Youth Libraries Group - South East (YLG-SE) Career Development Grant 2016

Youth Libraries Group – South East are offering two members a career development grant to fund a place at this year's national conference – CILIP Youth Libraries Group (YLG) conference 2016 on Friday 7 October 2016 at 09:00 – Saturday, 8 October 2016 at 17:00 at the Mercure Cardiff Holland House Hotel. The successful candidates will also have their travel expenses reimbursed.

We will ask the successful candidates to attend the YLG South East meetings from November 2016 to June 2017 and write up a piece for the Youth Libraries Review.

In order to be eligible candidates must be a South East YLG member, with involvement in children and young people's library services. The grant is particularly aimed at colleagues who may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend. In this respect applications are welcome from all interested parties, qualified librarians and support staff.

Candidates are asked to explain in a written submission of not more than 600 words:

- current role & experience in children & young people's library services
- interest in reading & literature for children & young people
- personal professional development goals
- how the candidate would benefit from this grant

Submissions emailed to

Elizabeth.mcdonald@wokingham.gov.uk by 31st July 2016. The successful candidates will be notified by 12th August 2016.

We are also looking for enthusiastic new committee members to join us in continuing to represent YLG-SE members and help to plan future events. Committee members come from all over the South East.

For more information please contact – Elizabeth.mcdonald@wokingham.gov.uk