

# Teen Librarian

## Monthly Newsletter

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### Editorial

Welcome to the June issue of Teen Librarian Monthly! The e-newsletter that brings you all the news about library-related stuff of interest that I have found since the last issue came out!

Well my friends we live in interesting times! The election of last week has brought about a reduced majority for the Conservative government which has led to the announcement that austerity is over – sadly I do not think that it will lead to a reduction in the losses the public library service has experienced over the past six years but I may be wrong!

There are a number of exciting things coming up for those of us that love books for young readers! The 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary Carnegie Medal winner is announced on Monday – as an avid watcher I honestly have no idea which title will be chosen, well a slight idea – I am thinking *The Smell of Other People's Houses* by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock please do not jeer to loudly at me on Monday if I am wrong. For the 60<sup>th</sup> Kate Greenaway Medal my personal favourite is *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna.

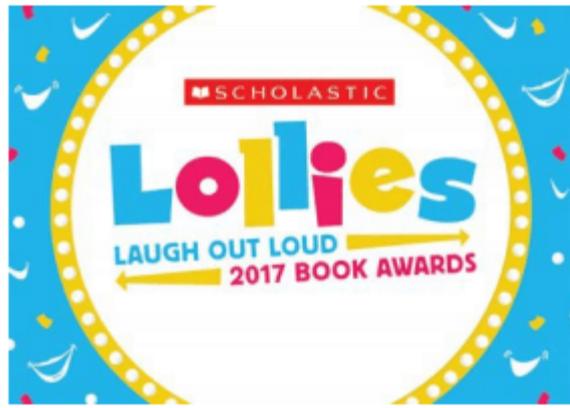
This weekend features the #YATakeover on Twitter, organised by those awesome people at YAFictionados visit them at <https://yafictionados.blogspot.co.uk/> - I am involved on Saturday from 16:30-17:00 when I will be hosting Neil Gaiman which I can honestly say will be the utter highlight of my weekend. There are a wide range of other author and book related chats happening on Saturday and Sunday so check out the timetable of events on pages five and six!

This month we also take a look at the shortlists for two amazing awards, the Lollies and The Royal Societies Young People's Books Prize.

The Literacy Trust has also released a set of literacy resources based around The Lionesses – England's national women's football team.

We also have a link to several podcasts focusing on professional development for librarians courtesy of the Hack Library School Blog and also news that to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the release of Harry Potter Pottermore will offer unlimited loans of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

We are also less than a month away from Alan Gibbon's John Hamilton 2017 Lecture *Are We Closing the Book on the Library?* At the University of Liverpool. So if you are in or near Liverpool on the 5<sup>th</sup> July be sure to attend as he is a passionate speaker and firm defender of libraries in the UK.



On the 5<sup>th</sup> June, Michael Rosen, children’s novelist, poet and former Children’s Laureate, announced the shortlist for the 2017 Laugh Out Loud Awards (The Lollies), a set of awards, now in its second year, created by Scholastic, the world’s largest publisher and distributor of children’s books, to celebrate the funniest children’s books. Having long championed humorous books for children Rosen said of the shortlist:

This is a collection of 12 whizzy, crazy, hilarious books. They are guaranteed to tickle. Parents and teachers wondering how to keep your children interested in reading, why not start here? And you can always start them off by reading them out loud – funny voices an’ all!

Rosen and his judging panel, consisting of Nicolette Jones, journalist and Sunday Times Children’s Book Editor and Katie Thistleton, presenter and host of the CBBC Children’s Book Club, were tasked with making the selected shortlist from over 130 books submitted by children’s publishers. The Lollies are awarded in three categories: Best Laugh Out Loud Picture Book, Best Laugh Out Loud Book for 6-8s and Best Laugh Out Loud Book for 9-13s. The shortlisted books in each category are as follows:

#### Best Laugh Out Loud Picture Book

- Oi Dog by Kes Gray and Jim Field (Hodder Children’s Books)
- Eat Your People by Lou Kuenzler and David Wojtowycz (Orchard Books)
- Prince of Pants by Alan Macdonald and Sarah McIntyre (Scholastic)
- Danny McGee Drinks the Sea by Andy Stanton and Neal Layton (Hodder Children’s Books)

#### Best Laugh Out Loud Book for 6-8 year olds

- Thimble Monkey Superstar by Jon Blake and Martin Chatterton (Firefly Press)
- Hamish and the Neverpeople by Danny Wallace and Jamie Littler (Simon and Schuster)
- Eddy Stone and the Epic Holiday Mash-Up by Simon Cherry (Usborne)
- Future Ratboy and the Invasion of the Nom Noms by Jim Smith (Egmont)

#### Best Laugh Out Loud Book for 9-13 year olds.

- I Don’t Like Poetry by Joshua Seigal (Bloomsbury)
- The Best Medicine by Christine Hamil (Little Island Books)
- My Gym Teacher is an Alien Overlord by David Solomons and Laura Ellen Anderson (Nosy Crow)
- AniMalcolm by David Baddiel and Jim Field (Harper Collins)

The winning book in each category will be decided solely by children's votes, with schools and parents encouraged to help kids get involved and vote via the Lollies website, [www.scholastic.co.uk/lollies](http://www.scholastic.co.uk/lollies), or via the Scholastic channel on the PopJam app. The winning books will be announced at an awards ceremony in London in January 2018. The Lollies were created in response to findings from Scholastic's Kids & Family Reading Report, which found that what two-thirds of children aged 6-17 looked for when choosing books for themselves were 'books that make me laugh'.

## Literacy with the Lionesses

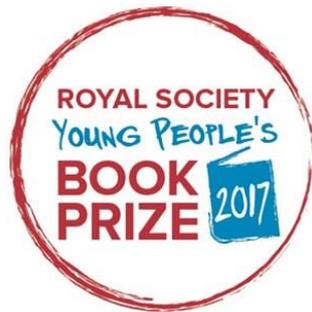
The England Women's team look like they have a very good chance of taking home the trophy at the Women's Euros this summer. To capitalise on the excitement around the tournament, we have teamed up with The FA to create a toolkit for teachers based around the Lionesses at the Women's Euros.

The free Literacy with the Lionesses toolkit is packed with fun football-themed activities for boys and girls in Years 5 to 8, using the excitement around the Lionesses' progress in the Women's Euros to develop boys' and girls' writing and reading skills.

The toolkit is available for download now, along with several supporting resources and worksheets.

For full details and more resources, visit:

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/sport-and-literacy/football-and-literacy/the-fa-literacy-resources>



The shortlist of the 2017 Young People's Book Prize, which celebrates the best books that communicate science to young people has recently been released.

These six fantastic books were chosen by a panel of adult judges from entries submitted by publishers. Over the next five months, this shortlist will be judged by over 300 groups of young people across the UK – together they decide the winner.

### 2017 Shortlist

- The Awesome Body Book by Adam Frost
- A First Book of Animals by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Petr Horáček
- Home Lab By Robert Winston
- IF... A Mind-Bending Way of Looking at Big Ideas and Numbers by David J Smith, illustrated by Steve Adams
- 100 things to know about Space by Alex Frith, Alice James and Jerome Martin, illustrated by Shaw Nielsen and Federico Mariani
- The Little Pebble by Anna Claybourne, illustrated by Sally Garland

Find out more here:

<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/book-prizes/young-peoples-book-prize/>

## Podcasts

Megan Keane of the Hack Library School blog has put together an excellent collection of library-related podcasts to aid ones professional development.

You can find Professional Development for your Earbuds here:

<https://hacklibraryschool.com/2017/06/07/professional-development-for-your-earbuds/>

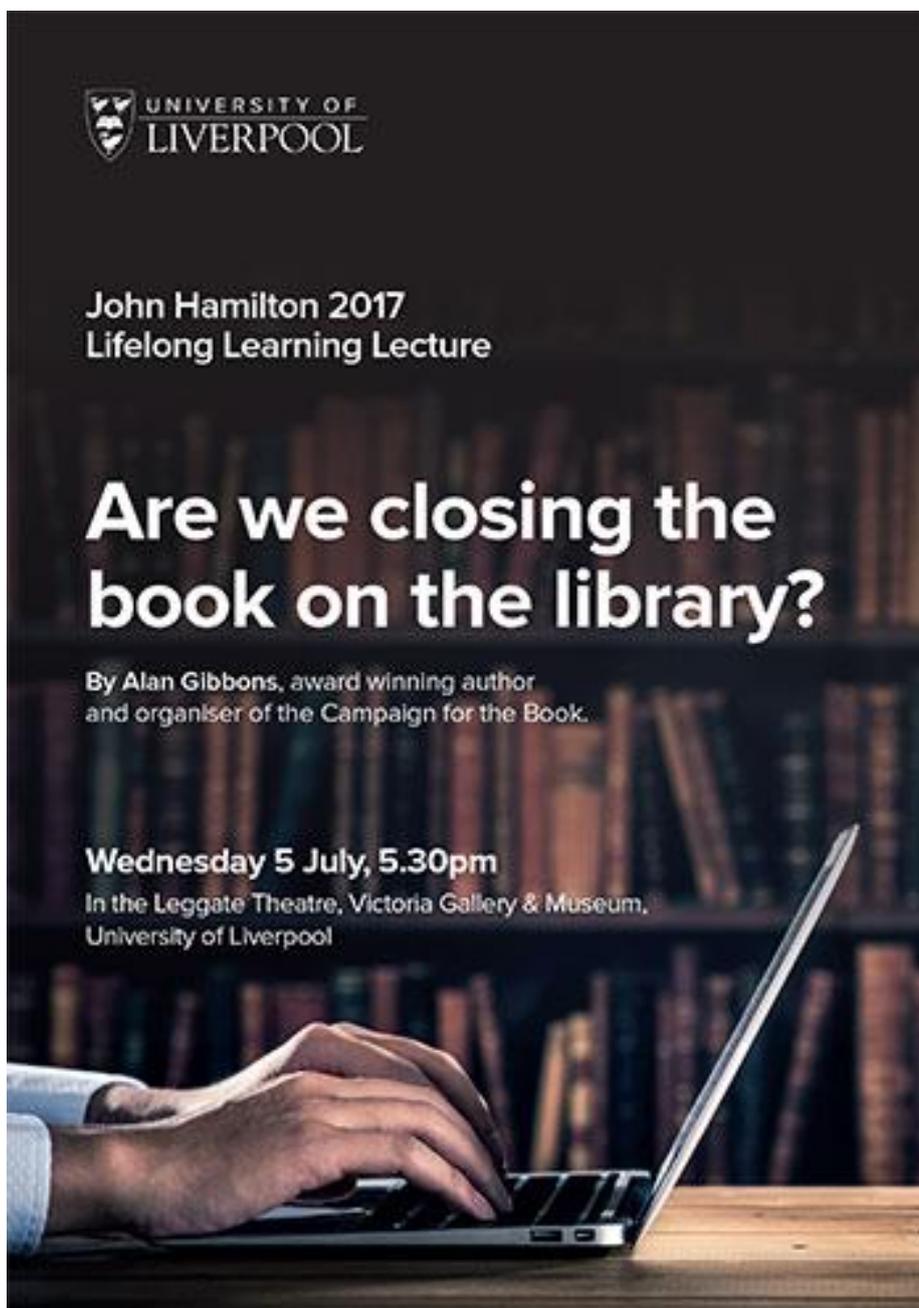
## Pottermore to allow free e-book library loans

Pottermore will make J K Rowling's Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone e-book available to UK library users over a two-week period to celebrate the 20th anniversary of its publication.

From 26th June, two decades since the Bloomsbury published the title. The unlimited number of loans will be available until 9th July.

Full details:

<http://www.thebookseller.com/news/pottermore-issue-free-ebook-library-loans-harry-potter-and-philosopher-s-stone-567896>



# Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Anniversary

Saturday 17 June 2017  
Programme



10.00 - 10.45am **Carnegie Classics, Greenaway Greats**  
An opportunity to discuss favourite winning books and authors with guests from Association of Illustrators, Mini Grey and Elspeth Graham.

11.00-11.45am **Matters of Life and Death**  
The ways award winners have shone light onto life and death issues. Join Tim Bowler and Freya Blackwood.

12.00-12.45pm **The Real Deal**  
Grahame Baker-Smith and Beverley Naidoo talk about how real life issues has influenced their work.

1.00-1.45pm **Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Shortlist Discussion**  
A discussion of this year's Carnegie and Kate Greenaway shortlisted titles with Chair of the award working party Joy Court.

2.00-2.45pm **True to Form**  
An exploration of different forms and formats that have won the Kate Greenaway Medals. Featuring Anne Fine, Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Geraldine McCaughrean.

3.00-3.45pm **Shadower's Showcase**  
Share and show off ideas and photographs from shadowing groups. An opportunity to pick up top tips and tricks with School Librarian of the Year Amy McKay.

4.30-5.00pm **In conversation with Neil Gaiman**  
Join Neil Gaiman as he discusses his Carnegie winning **The Graveyard Book**

5.00-5.45pm **Telling Tales**  
Some of the winners of the awards have taken inspiration from classics and mythology. Featuring Alan Lee and Philip Reeve

6.00-6.45pm **Big Fat Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Quiz Pt 2**  
Are you a connoisseur of the Carnegie lists or a genius with the Greenaways, test your knowledge in this quiz and see if you win prizes.

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### Sunday 18 June 2017 Programme

10.00 - 10.45am **Situation Critical**

What impact do awards have on readers and in establishing a canon in children's literature, join academic Lucy Pearson and acclaimed review site [The Book Bag's](#) Sue and Jill.

11.00-11.45am **Tackling Taboos**

Melvin Burgess talks about taboos in fiction for young people and his winning title **Junk**.

12.00-12.45pm **Poetic Justice**

A showcase with Sarah Crossan and a discussion of poetry and prizes.

1.00-1.45pm **Future Thinking**

What are the best books you've read this year? Join us to discuss possible contenders for the 2018 awards.

2.00-2.45pm **Peering into the Past**

A glimpse into the archive of Seven Stories: The National Centre for Children's Books looking at items relating to the medal winners.

3.00-3.45 **Human Rights and Children's Books**

What role do children's books have in promoting Human Rights, a chance to explore the Amnesty CILIP Honour award with Nicky Parker, judge for the Honour Award, Sita Brahmachari and Amnesty Endorsed author Gill Lewis.

4.00-4.45pm **Meet Laureate Lauren Child**

New Children's Laureate and Kate Greenaway winner author-illustrator Lauren Child will offer insight into her work and plans.

5.00-5.45 **Comedy Capers**

A chance to look at humorous books that have won the award and a discussion with Jon Klassen.

5.00-7.00pm **Read Along**

We conclude the celebrations with a discussion of **Northern Lights**, the book voted by the public as Carnegie of Carnegie winners in 2007. Includes special guest appearance by Philip Pullman!