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**The International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) is a non-profit organisation which represents an international network of people from all over the world committed to bringing books and children together.**

## **NEWSLETTER No 24**

**February, 2015**

### **President's Letter**

Dear members and supporters of IBBY Australia

Greetings for the start of another IBBY year. At the end of 2014, the children's literature community was saddened by the death of Dr Maurice Saxby AM; but the sense of loss was tempered with admiration for the achievements of his long and fulfilling life, including his contributions to IBBY, an organisation close to his heart (see p 2). With the CBCA NSW branch, IBBY Australia co-hosted a wonderful celebration of Maurice in the Great Hall of the University of Sydney. Thank you to those who sent messages on this occasion, as well as those who were able to attend. Karen Jameyson has written an account of the evening in the IBBY Asia-Oceania Regional Newsletter (See <http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=932> towards the end of February).

Across the world, International Children's Book Day will be marked in many varied ways. The poster and message are sponsored this year by the UAE, and details are on p 6. And if you are in QLD, WA or NSW, do book straightaway to attend the ICB Day event in your state (pp 3-5). You will enjoy the company of like-minded enthusiasts, be informed and entertained, and support IBBY's vital work. In NSW we are very happy to have Isobelle Carmody as guest speaker. These events in Strathfield have become known for excellent speakers and also for the gourmet afternoon tea! This may be just what you need after voting on Saturday 28 March.

In May, the second IBBY conference for our region (Asia-Oceania) will be held in Malaysia, with the theme *One World, Many Stories: Celebrating Diversities in Children's Literature and Literary Activities*. Two Australians, vice-president Jenni Woodroffe and Chloe Mauger, will be attending. Jenni will deliver a paper entitled 'Trail Blazers: Children with Disabilities Portrayed in Australian Children's Literature'. Relevant to this topic is the news that two Australian books have been accepted for the Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities list (see p 9). Congratulations to the authors and publishers for inclusion in this expertly selected list.

One of the most important ways that IBBY showcases Australian books to the world is through nominating writers and illustrators for the Hans Christian Andersen Award. Dr Robyn Sheahan-Bright is once again bringing her expertise and experience to preparing our nominations for the next round, and an announcement will be made in early April about this.

Finally, you may like to test your visual literacy skills by looking closely at our logo at the head of this newsletter. Thanks to Nicola Robinson for steering some changes. The colours now more closely reflect our Australian landscape and identity, while the lettering fonts continue to remind us of strong links to the international body.

*Dr Robin Morrow, AM*

## Vale Dr Maurice Saxby, AM

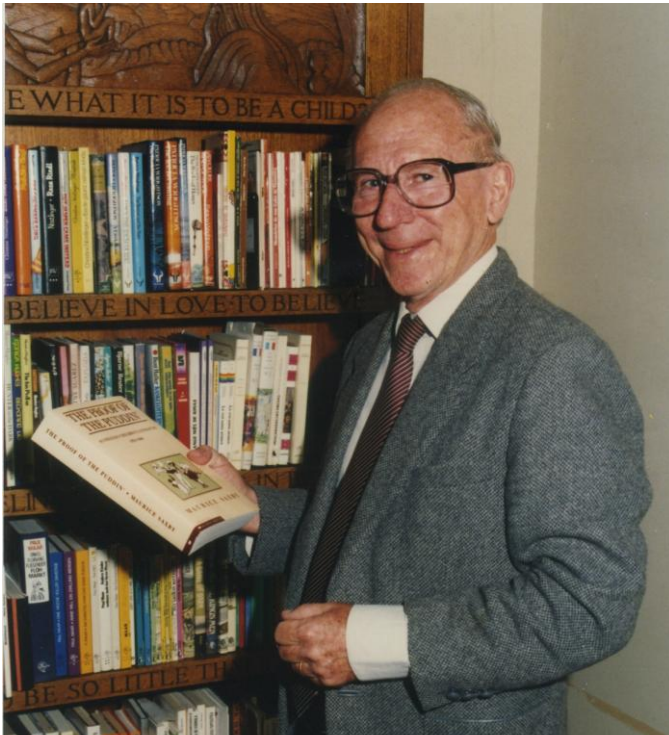


Photo of Maurice Saxby courtesy of PETAA

Henry Maurice Saxby, born in 1924, served in World War II and then trained as a teacher. He continued to teach throughout his long life, in schools, teachers' colleges and universities. Maurice's students loved his inspiring lectures, peppered with humour and with comments that enticed the listener to explore further in the world of literature. His work has been like a pebble dropped into a pond, causing ripples to move out in ever-increasing circles. Small wonder that former students constantly greeted him with 'Maurie, you taught me to know and love books!'

Maurice was the foundational scholar of Australian children's literature, publishing in the sixties *A History of Australian Children's Literature* in two volumes; followed in 1993 by *The Proof of the Puddin': Australian Children's Literature 1970–1990*. He revised his earlier histories, volume 1 as *Offered to Children* (1998) and volume 2 as *Images of Australia* (2002). He wrote reading guides, innumerable book reviews and scholarly articles, and was proud of his two picture books and the collections *The Great Deeds of Superheroes* and

*The Great Deeds of Heroic Women* (both illustrated by Robert Ingpen).

Maurice was a founding member and the first national president of the Children's Book Council of Australia; and such causes as PETAA, Dromkeen and school libraries were dear to his heart.

He worked tirelessly for the cause of our national literature, but with an international outlook. When Ena Noël founded IBBY Australia in the 1960s, Maurice immediately gave support. His time in residence at the Munich International Youth Library inspired his interest in the work of Jella Lepman, founder of this library and of IBBY. He helped organise and spoke at IBBY Australia conferences entitled 'Through Folklore to Literature'; 'Changing Faces: Story and Children in an Electronic Age'; and 'International Understanding Through Books.' Over many decades he provided continuity for IBBY Australia presidents. In recent years he gave wise advice and encouragement to Jenni Woodroffe and me and the executive committee, as we faced the challenges of independence and growing commitments, such as Hans Christian Andersen nominations. Maurice, who was a judge for many Australian awards, became in the 1980s the only Australian ever to serve on the HCA award jury. During his term, two Australians, Patricia Wrightson and Robert Ingpen, were winners of the prestigious medal. Those who attended the NSW International Children's Book Day event *An Afternoon with Robert Ingpen* in April 2014 listened spellbound as the 89-year-old Maurice spoke with still-fresh excitement about the dramatic moment when those 1986 awards were announced. He was proud to be the first honorary life member of IBBY Australia. And last November, three weeks before he died, he attended our AGM, participating keenly in all the evening's activities. He was generous in every way to IBBY.

Maurice lectured in Britain, Germany, Japan, Canada and the USA. His twinkly eyes became even more twinkly when he spoke of his travels, many with his beloved wife Norma; after her death in 1990 he continued to visit new places. Many people across the world will remember him for his fine scholarship, inspiring teaching, encouraging spirit and his gift for friendship.

The children's literature community was preparing to celebrate Maurice's ninetieth birthday when his sudden death occurred. On 19 January 2015, the CBCA and IBBY co-hosted a memorial event at The University of Sydney, where he had recently been awarded an honorary doctorate. Maurice himself often remarked that 'we are the sum of our stories.' Hundreds of people attending this service shared stories about Maurice. For my part, I say farewell and thank you to this champion of IBBY, beloved mentor and friend.

*Dr Robin Morrow, AM*

# ICBD EVENT IN NSW



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## IBBY Australia invites you to celebrate INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY

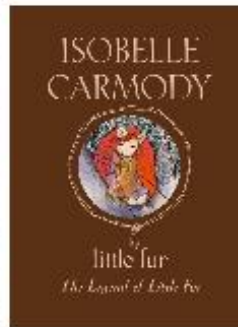
**Saturday,  
28 March 2015  
2pm**

**Santa Maria del Monte School**  
59 The Boulevarde  
(cnr Carrington St) Strathfield NSW

**Special guest  
speaker  
ISOBELLE  
CARMODY**



*Photo by Cat Sparks*



### **LITTLE FUR BOOKS**

*Little Fur*  
*A Fox Called Sorrow*  
*A Mystery of Wolves*  
*A Riddle of Green*

Isobelle will speak about 'Travels With the Crow' – how and why she drew the illustrations in her Little Fur series, and how drawing changed her, her view of the world, and her writing.

### **BOOKS SALES & SIGNINGS \* GOURMET AFTERNOON TEA**

**\$30** IBBY member/concession | **\$35** non-member

Book through Eventbrite at  
[www.eventbrite.com/e/an-afternoon-with-isobel-carmody-tickets-15210210148](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-afternoon-with-isobel-carmody-tickets-15210210148)

*Teachers are advised to apply to their school for professional development funding for this course.*



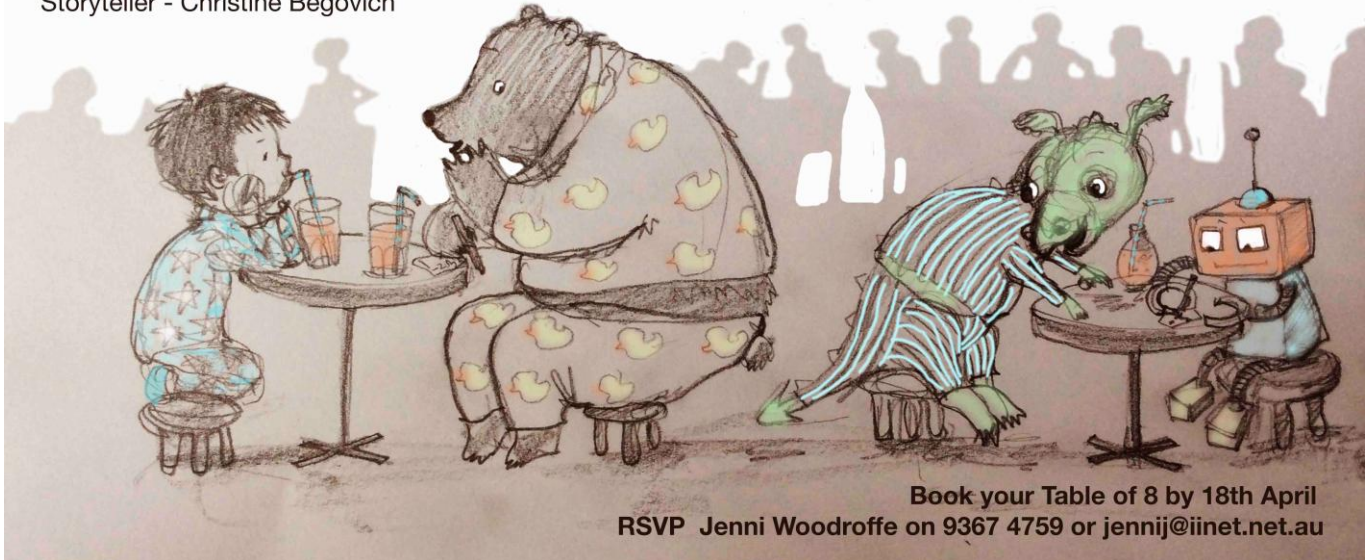


## ICBD EVENT IN WA

### IBBY International Children's Book Day

# QUIZ

at Perth and Tattersalls Bowling Club, 2 Plain St, East Perth  
(Parking off the Club Driveway)  
on Wednesday, 22nd April at 6.30 for 7.00 pm-9.30 pm  
Cost \$15 per person BYO nibbles. Drinks at the bar  
Quizmaster - Glenn Swift  
Storyteller - Christine Begovich



Book your Table of 8 by 18th April  
RSVP Jenni Woodroffe on 9367 4759 or [jennij@iinet.net.au](mailto:jennij@iinet.net.au)

## FURTHER EVENTS IN WA

### Book your place for A Night with Our Stars 2015!

Presented by the CBCA WA Branch

On Thursday **5 March 2015**, 'A Night with Our Stars' will take place at a new venue, the Bendat Parent and Community Centre in Wembley. The venue has plenty of parking and is opposite Lake Monger. Westbooks will join us to sell copies of the presenters' books for signing on the night.

We are looking forward to hearing from new speakers, such as illustrator Gabriel Evans, and discovering what established authors, like Elaine Forrestal and Raewyn Caisley, have been working on for the last few years. Favourites Dianne Wolfer, Norman Jorgensen, James Foley, Jen Banyard, Frané Lessac and Mark Greenwood will make return appearances. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers, and the event is at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start.

For further information and to book and pay for your place, please go to [www.trybooking.com/GRFI](http://www.trybooking.com/GRFI)

## FILM FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS FUND

Come and help IBBY Australia raise funds for the reconstruction of two children's libraries in Gaza that were destroyed by the rocket attacks. The children loved and depended on these libraries - help us rebuild them so the children can feel safe, and imagine a better future.

Movie: *Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith, Dev Patel, Tina Desai and newcomers to this cast - Richard Gere and Tamsin Greig

Date and time: **Sunday 15 March, 3.50pm**

Where: Windsor Theatre, Nedlands

Cost: \$20

Contact Joanna at [jojomorrie@gmail.com](mailto:jojomorrie@gmail.com) to book your tickets, pay on the day.

EC member Joanna Andrew is the Convenor of both these events.



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## IBBY AUSTRALIA INC & CURTIS COAST LITERARY CARNIVALE COMMITTEE

### CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY WITH A SPECIAL ICBD EVENT IN GLADSTONE, QUEENSLAND.

Join us at the Gladstone City Library for an exciting professional development opportunity for teachers and librarians, for interested parents and for anyone interested in children's literature. This event celebrates International Children's Book Day (which is officially celebrated earlier in the month).

**On Thursday 23 April 2015 from 5.00pm – 7.00pm:** Acclaimed storyteller, **Bettina Nissen** will explore the IBBY theme "Many Cultures, One Story" by telling several versions of the same folk tale. This activity demonstrates the rich connections between stories told in many cultures. She will speak about the way the same stories emerge in different cultures *'because story is about being human and every culture confronts poverty, homelessness and abandonment, as well as love, delight and the warmth of sharing a story. When humans are forced to flee war or natural disaster they frequently have to leave everything behind except for their stories.'*

**Robyn Sheahan-Bright** will speak briefly about IBBY, and the work she's done since 2010, as a member of the IBBY Australia Committee, in writing, compiling and sending the dossiers to international judges, to accompany the nominations of an Australian writer and illustrator for the Hans Christian Andersen Awards. She will also reprise an illustrated paper *What's Wrong with the Wobbecong? Across Borders: the Inclusive and Multinational Work of Gregory Rogers*, which she delivered at the IBBY Congress in Mexico City, in 2014.



**Bettina Nissen** is GRC Youth Services Librarian. She has worked in public libraries across Queensland and Victoria. She is an experienced storyteller and has performed in schools, libraries, museums and festivals around Australia and overseas. Bettina is a founding member of the Storytelling Guild of Australia (Queensland) and continues to sit on conference committees and contribute to the development of storytelling as an art form internationally. She is a member of IBBY Australia Inc, and the CCLC committee.

**Dr Robyn Sheahan-Bright** operates justified text writing and publishing consultancy services. She is a member of the IBBY Australia Inc Committee and chairs the Sub-Committee that organises the Australian nominations for the HCA Awards. She is also a member of the Board of the Australian Children's Literature Alliance which administers the Australian Children's Laureate program, and is President of the CCLC. She was the recipient of the CBCA (Qld)'s Dame Annabelle Rankin Award in 2011, the CBCA's Nan Chauncy Award in 2012 and the QWC's Johnno Award in 2014.



**Attendance:** \$15 per person, including wine and cheese. Lucky door prizes will be drawn and proceeds will be donated to IBBY Australia Inc and the CCLC. **Venue:** Gladstone City Library.

**Contact for Bookings:** Bettina Nissen, Youth Services Librarian, GRC, Ph 07 4976 6407 email [BettinaN@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au](mailto:BettinaN@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au)

**Curtis Coast Literary Carnivale Inc c/- Gladstone City Library PO Box 29 Gladstone QLD 4680**  
For further **information:** visit CCLC website: <http://carnivale.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au/>

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## 2015 INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY

Over the years we have encouraged all IBBY members in Australia to promote this day, as near as possible to Hans Christian Andersen's birthday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. This year it is particularly challenging in the choice of date as Good Friday falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, and the different states have chosen school holidays at different times. We would stress the importance of encouraging international peace, and suggested ideas for activities include celebrating international titles, inviting people from other countries to share their folktales or reading a book in another language, promoting Australian titles set in other countries, or encouraging older students or teachers from another class or school to talk about a book that enabled them to walk in another person's shoes and see life from a different perspective.

Inviting friends or another family around for a meal where everyone, young and old, is expected to share in 3 minutes a favourite children's book or one that greatly influenced them is another suggestion.. It would be wonderful if events could be happening all around the country.

The sponsoring country for the Message and Poster for the 2015 International Children's Book Day is the United Arab Emirates, with its message written by Marwa Al Agroubi and poster designed by Nasam Abaeian. Marwa is a significant contributor to promoting the Elisalat Award for Arabic Children's Literature, one of the most important Arabic children's literature awards...She recently participated in the high level visit made by the emirate of Sharja to the Emirati-Jordanian Refugee Camp in support of Syrian refugee children and was involved in the opening of the 3000 book "Big Heart" Library for the camp's children. See [http://www.ibby.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Flyer-1English.pdf](http://www.ibby.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Flyer-1English.pdf) for further details. The poster and message, in English or Arabic, [PDF files can be forwarded via Wetransfer] with free postage to Australia can be ordered from [shada.a@uaebyy.org.ae](mailto:shada.a@uaebyy.org.ae) and would enhance any small or large ICBD celebrations.

### Many Cultures One Story

"We speak many languages and come from different backgrounds,  
Yet we share the same stories"

International stories... folklore stories

It's the same story told to us all

In different voices

In different colors

Yet it remains unchanged...

Beginning...

Plot...

And End...

It is the same story we all know & love

We all heard it

In different versions by different voices

Yet it is always the same

There is a hero... a princess... & a villain

No matter their language Their names

Or their faces

It is always the same Beginning,

Plot

And Ending

Always that hero...that princess and that villain

Unchanged through centuries

They keep us company

They whisper to us in our dreams

They lull us to sleep

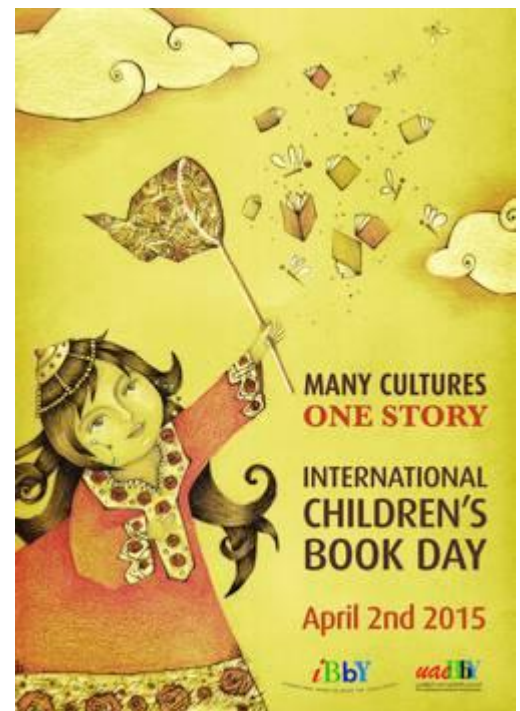
Their voices long gone

But they live in our hearts forever

For they bring us together in a land of mystery and imagination

So that all different cultures melt into One Story

written by: Marwa Al Aqroubi





## *Congratulations to Jackie French, 2015 Senior Australian of the Year.*



Our 2008 Hans Christian Andersen Award nominee for writing and the current Australian Children's Laureate, Jackie French made history on the 25<sup>th</sup> January, when the Prime Minister of Australia, Tony Abbott, announced in Canberra the names of the four women who had taken out the top honours in all four award categories – Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero.

Inspired in her childhood by Norman Lindsay's Australian classic *The Magic Pudding*, Jackie is passionate about the importance of stories and storytelling with their transformational power to change lives. Her own struggles with dyslexia, have contributed to her continued advocacy for children with learning difficulties, and in her role as the Children's Laureate, Jackie has travelled the country in this past year to promote literacy.

The crowd on the lawns of Parliament House heard Jackie declare that "A book can change the world...Every book a child reads creates new neurons in that child's brain...If you want intelligent children give them a book. If you want more intelligent children give them more books." Writing her first book *Rainstones* in 1991, she has now published 140 books for children and adults, in 32 languages and received more than 60 literary prizes for her work, including the children's classic *Diary of a Wombat*.

Passionate about the conservation of wildlife and our planet, Jackie is also a director of The Wombat Foundation, which raises funds for research into the preservation of the endangered Northern Hairy-nosed wombat. See <http://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/honour-roll/?view=fullView&recipientID=1265> for further details.

Jackie French's Senior of the Year 2015 award coincides with the launch of her Children's Laureate project the [Share a Story Calendar 2015](#). Download your copy on the Laureate website: <http://www.childrenslaureate.org.au/project/share-a-story>

## *Congratulations to Libby Hathorn*

Who was awarded the Alice Award at the Anzac Club Perth on the 18<sup>th</sup> November. This national biennial award made by the Society of Women Writers of Australia is awarded to an Australian woman who by her written work has made a distinguished and long-term contribution to Australian literature. In her acceptance speech Libby talked of early influences on her writing, especially relatives who read poetry out loud and summed up in this way: "Accepting with humility and gratitude this incredible honour of the Alice Award, which allows me to move into the finest of the fine writerly company, I thank you for valuing what I offer which of course, as with any writer, seems never enough. With or without you, I will go on with my writing as I have since childhood, however, I want to say this. Allowing me this award for the body of my work is one of the greatest compliments a writer can have - to know that someone is hearing you and is reading your heart."



## *Congratulations to Dr Robyn Ewing, AM*



Who was awarded a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia in the 2015 Australia Day Honours List for significant service to tertiary education through academic and administrative roles, to professional organisations and to the arts. Robyn is Professor of Teacher Education and the Arts at the University of Sydney and is passionate about the role quality literature should play in children's lives and literacy development. Taking an active part in Sydney IBBY events, she is a trustee of our Public Fund account and gave an address entitled *Quality Literature in the Australian Curriculum* (which is still available to members on our website) at the 2013 ICBD presentation *Feasting on Literature*. See <https://gg.gov.au/australia-day-2015-honours-list> for further

details.

## *Congratulations to Ursula Dubosarsky*

Who was invited by David Jones, Sydney to write an original story with an Australian flavour for their 2014 Christmas window display. Since she was a child, it had been a family Christmas tradition to visit the city so see the windows, a tradition Ursula continued with her three children. In discussing the brief, the advertising agency produced a toy reindeer which they wanted as the main character. Taking home the toy reindeer and responding to it, Ursula came up with *Reindeer's Christmas Surprise*, illustrated by Sue deGennaro – a story about the immigrant experience. This project was a new experience for Ursula "You publish a book but it doesn't feel as exposed as this, six windows in the middle of the city with random people walking past." Having visited the windows several times since they were unveiled early in November, and been struck by young visitors' responses, she commented. "Despite the way the lives of children now are so saturated with super-smart impressive technology, they still seem to be delighted by these animated puppet scenes behind the glass. It still seems to have some sort of unique magic."

Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/books/childrens-authors-christma.-story-decorates-david-jones-windows-20141127-11unep.html#ixzz3PFUNWbMc>



## *Congratulations to Robyn Sheahan-Bright*

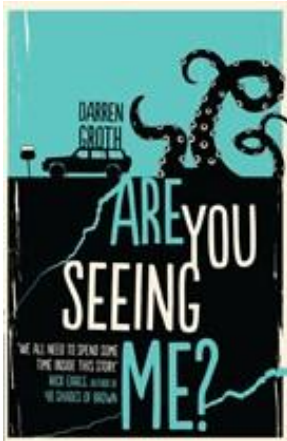
Who won the 2014 Johnno Award for outstanding contribution to writing in Queensland. The award, which was presented by the Queensland Writers Centre (QWC) on 11 December, recognises Sheahan-Bright's 'significant contributions to the development of Queensland's writing community', QWC said in a statement. Sheahan-Bright teaches courses on writing for children and young adolescents at Griffith University and on publishing and technology at the University of Southern Queensland, and manages the Australian Publishers Association's Residential Editorial Program. She has edited a number of anthologies of Australian writing and books on Australia's publishing history, including *Paper Empires: A History of the Book in Australia 1946-2005* (UQP) with co-editor Craig Munro. Sheahan-Bright has also been 'a champion for Australian children's and young adult writing through her research and editorial work', and was awarded the CBCA Nan Chauncy Award for outstanding contribution to Australian children's literature in 2012. She is currently 'activating the literary sector in regional Queensland, promoting writing by young people with her involvement in the Curtis Coast Literary Carnivale Committee'. QWC chair Kevin Gillespie said in the statement: 'Robyn Sheahan-Bright's significant service spans many decades and regions. Her inspiring work in support of Queensland writers and children's writers helps shape Australian literature, and touches the lives of thousands of Queensland writers and readers.' The Johnno Award was established in 2001 and is named after the David Malouf novel.





## 2015 Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities

The 2015 Selection of Outstanding Books will be launched at the Children's International Book Fair in Bologna in March 2015. The illustrated and annotated catalogue will be distributed worldwide by the IBBY Secretariat, and an electronic version will be posted on the website. The exhibition will be available on request from the IBBY Secretariat. IBBY Australia is pleased to announce that notification has been received that the following titles have been included on the list: *Are You Seeing Me?* by Darren Groth (Woolshed Pr/Random House) and *Roses are Blue*, written by Sally Murphy and illustrated by Gabriel Evans (Walker Books), both published in 2014.

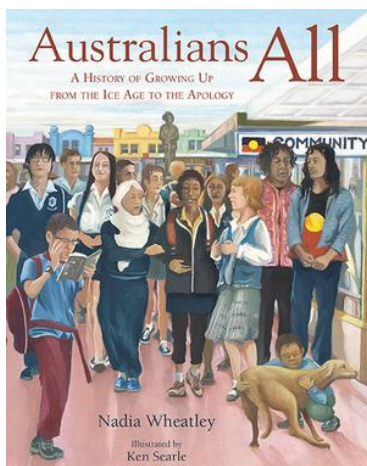


*Are You Seeing Me?* is about Justine and Perry, the Richter twins, who alternately narrate this YA novel. Their father, who reared them has died, and now at 19 years old, they make a road trip together in Canada. This tests Justine's ability to take responsibility for her brother when he 'freezes' or behaves in other unusual ways. Perry enjoys mythical sea monsters, Jackie Chan movies and the study of earthquakes. When the twins meet up with the mother who abandoned them as little children, there is a shake-up in their relationship, as well as a literal earthquake. It seems that Justine needs Perry too: they both learn that 'love is reliable'. This rich text includes multimodal forms, such as dreams, imagined scenarios, letters and phone messages. Perry's condition is not named in the book, but is some kind of autism. His narration provides the reader with a rare empathy for such a character.

In *Roses Are Blue*, a verse novel for young readers, the narrator is Amber Rose. The members of her school class have a variety of mothers, but she is embarrassed by the fact that hers is in a wheelchair and can't speak properly. She is anxious about the Mother's Day party planned for the class. Amber Rose remembers happy times before her mother's car accident, when her mother would sing 'Roses are red'. The art contest reminds her how much her mother loved painting, and that her mother had taught her that shadows are an important part of a picture. Her friend Saffron says 'you should have told me' about her mother. Simple verse and well-observed black-and-white illustrations combine to tell a sensitive tale of adapting to deep changes in family life. In the words of Aunt Fi, 'we can only do the best we can.'



## 2014 NSW Premier's Young People's History Award.



Nadia Wheatley, Australia's nominee for the 2014 HCA Award for writing, has won the 2014 NSW Premier's Young People's History Award. *Australians All: A History of Growing Up from the Ice Age to the Apology*, written by Nadia Wheatley and illustrated by Ken Searle (Allen & Unwin) is unlike any other history.

It brings to the foreground the childhoods of 80 Australians from every period of history and every region, for young readers and their families. The book can be read as an unfolding narrative of Australia's growing up; or dipped into for the mini-biographies of people, some of whom became well-known in their adult lives. Meticulously researched in text and illustration.

# *The World Through Picture Book Exhibition*

An IFLA Children's and Young Adult project.

Launch of Exhibition **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

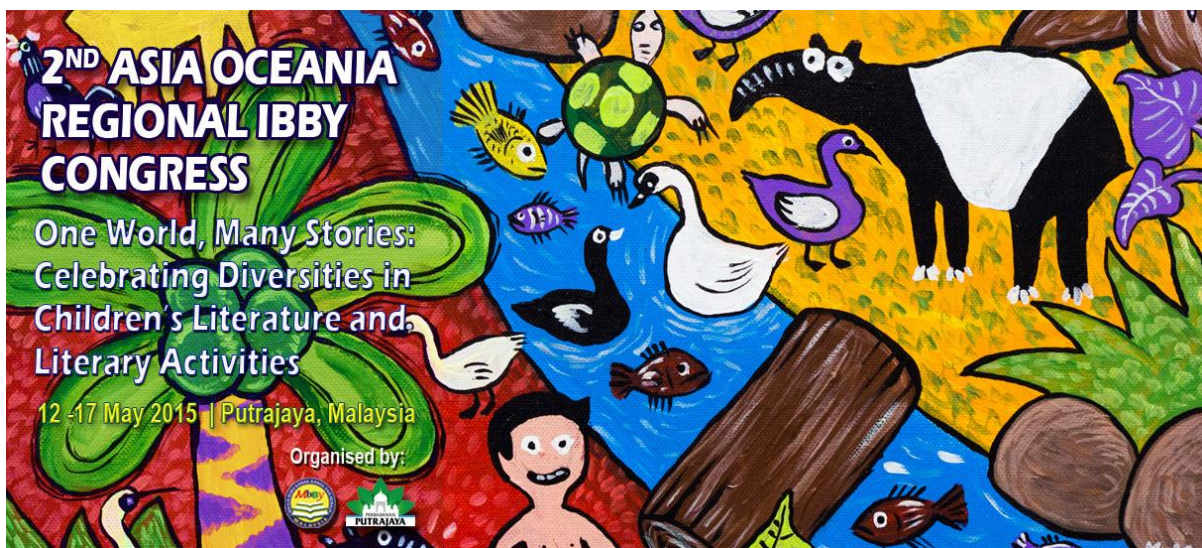
EC member Claire Stuckey is proud to announce that Gosford City Library is hosting the “[World Through Picture Books](#)” exhibition at [Erina Library](#) during the month of March 2015. This exhibition is a collection of the favourite picture books of 36 nations from around the world, as voted by librarians.

The International Federation of Librarians Association (IFLA) Children's and Young Adult section has developed this program over several years, inviting countries to submit a list of ten picture books for exhibition in Europe and Asia.

For the first time in Australia, Erina Library will be hosting this fabulous exhibition. Children and young adults will have the opportunity of hearing stories and sharing literature from many cultures, complementing the current curriculum and supporting Harmony Day celebrations. Students will be able to handle, read and experience a variety of text types and illustration styles, enjoying the visual literacy components of the titles. The exhibition is open to everyone and we hope that adults will also enjoy the amazing display of over 300 picture books during the month.

For further information email [Claire.stuckey@gosford.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Claire.stuckey@gosford.nsw.gov.au) or call 02 4304 7013.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Asia Oceania Regional IBBY Congress**



It's not long now to take advantage of an International Congress so close to Australia – it is only the second Regional IBBY Congress to be held near our shores. In addition to meeting up with many aficionados of children's literature from neighbouring countries, this Congress will provide the opportunity to see an exhibition of the 2014 IBBY Honour List showcasing books from around the world, including Australia's nominations, *The Golden Day* by Ursula Dubosarsky and *Lightning Jack*, illustrated by Patricia Mullins with text by Glenda Millard. IBBY's Executive Director, Elizabeth Page, and the HC Andersen Jury President, Patricia Aldana, will also be present, with Patricia conducting a workshop on Saturday morning. Murti Bunanta, President of the Indonesian Section of IBBY and Libby Limbrick, organiser of the 2016 IBBY International Congress in Auckland, New Zealand will also be present. For ongoing information see <http://www.mbbby.org/index.php/aisa-and-oceania-regional-ibby-congress/home>



# Bookbird: Journal of International Children's Literature



Congratulations to Roxanne Harde of the University of Alberta on her final issue as editor of this amazing journal (Vol 52 No 4 2014) and its vibrant and dramatic cover by 2014 HCA Andersen Award winner for illustration, Roger Mello. Valerie Coghlan, President of Bookbird Inc, has written, “ Roger has very generously given his original art work to *Bookbird* to be auctioned in aid of IBBY's Children in Crisis fund for Syrian children in Lebanon – a very worthy cause. Read more about the positive impact IBBY's programme is having on children in a dire situation at [www.ibby.org](http://www.ibby.org). The poster publicising the auction can be downloaded at Mello auction at [www.ibby.org](http://www.ibby.org), and bids can be placed at a confidential email address [BookbirdAuction@gmail.com](mailto:BookbirdAuction@gmail.com)” The closing date of the auction is 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2015. Don't hesitate to participate. The winning bidder will be announced at the IBBY Press Conference, at the Bologna Children's Book Fair and if they are there, Roger's artwork will be presented to them in person.

This issue contains two postcard reviews of special interest to Australians – *101 Things to Do with Baby*, the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of this picture book by the late Jan Ormerod, and *Mamang* (See Newsletter No11, November 2011) and *Yira Boornak Nyininy*, picture books created as part of the Wirlomin Noongar Language and Stories Project, published by UWA Publishing in 2011 and 2013. Of especial significance to Australian members is the Special Issue: Exploring Indigenous Children's Literature from around the World. Full papers should be submitted to the new editor, Björn Sundmark ([bjorn.sundmark@mah.se](mailto:bjorn.sundmark@mah.se)), and guest editor, Roxanne Harde ([rharde@ualberta.ca](mailto:rharde@ualberta.ca)), by **1<sup>st</sup> July, 2015**. Full submission details can be found at [www.ibby.org/bookbird](http://www.ibby.org/bookbird)

## IBBY EUROPE

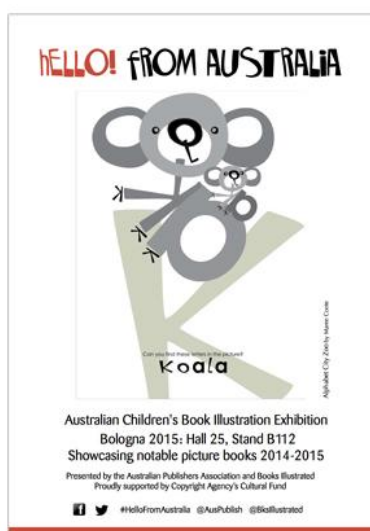
IBBY EUROPE is now on Facebook, and for IBBY Australian members who wish to keep up to date with events and activities in Europe here is the Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/IBBY.Europe>

The IBBY European newsletter for November, 2014 can be found at [http://www.ibby.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/european\\_newsletter\\_11-](http://www.ibby.org/fileadmin/user_upload/european_newsletter_11-14/IBBY_European_Newsletter_November_2014.htm)

[14/IBBY\\_European\\_Newsletter\\_November\\_2014.htm](http://www.ibby.org/fileadmin/user_upload/european_newsletter_11-14/IBBY_European_Newsletter_November_2014.htm) with contributions of Sections from Spain, France, Germany, Austria, UK, Turkey, Poland, Ukraine, Cyprus, Sweden and Valerie Coghlan from Bookbird and Liz Page, Executive Director of IBBY.

## BOLOGNA BOOK FAIR 30<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April



The *Hello! From Australia* exhibition is the seventh annual display of Australian children's books to be displayed at the Fair. It is an initiative of the Australian Publishers Association, created in partnership with Books Illustrated, and funded by the Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund. Illustrations from 32 books have been selected out of 109 submissions from 24 Australian publishers for this exhibition. The works, which celebrate and promote the vibrancy and variety of Australia's children's book illustrators and publishing, will be showcased at the above Fair. The associated catalogue is to be launched in February 18 and please check the Books Illustrated website at [www.booksillustrated.com.au/](http://www.booksillustrated.com.au/) for further details.

A highlight of the 2015 fair will be the presence of the Australian Children's Laureate Jackie French, who will give the opening speech at the Australia Party and be part of the second international Children's Laureate Summit in Bologna.



## Forthcoming Conferences and Events

2015

**20th-23<sup>rd</sup> March** Paris Book Fair, Porte de Versailles, France. Guest of Honour - Brazil. See <http://www.salondulivreparis.com> and <http://lajoieparleslivres.bnf.fr> for further information

**28<sup>th</sup> March** NSW International Children's Book Day Celebration. Santa Maria del Monte School, 59 The Boulevard, (cnr Carrington St) Strathfield, NSW. See <https://ibbyaustralia.wordpress.com/> for booking details and further information.

**30<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April** Bologna Book Fair, Bologna, Italy See <http://www.bookfair.bolognafiere.it> for further information

**22<sup>nd</sup> April** WA International Children's Book Day Celebration. Quiz Night at Perth and Tattersalls Bowling Club, 2 Plain St, East Perth. See <https://ibbyaustralia.wordpress.com/> for booking details and further information.

**23<sup>rd</sup> April** Qld ICBD Event at Gladstone City Library. See <https://ibbyaustralia.wordpress.com> for booking details and further information.

**13-16<sup>th</sup> May** 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian-Oceania Regional IBBY Congress Perbadanan Putrajaya, Malaysia with the theme *One World, Many Stories: Celebrating Diversities in Children's Literature and Literary Activities*. Further information available from the Conference website at <http://www.mbbby.org/index.php/aisa-and-oceania-regional-ibby-congress/home>

**29-30<sup>th</sup> May** Reading Matters 2015: Centre for Youth Literature, State Library of Victoria. Melbourne May 29-30 2015 (Secondary focus) See <http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/event/reading-matters> for further details.

**29<sup>th</sup> May-7<sup>th</sup> June** Asian Festival of Children's Content, National Library, Singapore. See <http://afcc.com.sg/> for further details.

**21<sup>st</sup> June** 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Fairy Tale Society Conference: *Transformations: Spinning Straw Into Green and Gold*. Judith Wright Room, NSW Writers' Centre – Garry Owen House, Callan Park, Balmain Rd, Rozelle. See <http://ausfairytalesociety.com.au/> for further details.

**16<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> October** 11th USBBY Regional Conference, Léman Manhattan Preparatory School, New York City. Theme: *The Wonderland of Children's Books* See [http://www.usbby.org/conf\\_home.htm](http://www.usbby.org/conf_home.htm) for further details.

**27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October** Congreso Internacional Lectura 2015: Para Leer el XXI. La Habana, Cuba. *We must get to know the forces of the world in order to harness them.* See [http://www.ibbycuba.org/congreso\\_lectura/](http://www.ibbycuba.org/congreso_lectura/) for further details

**30 – 31<sup>st</sup> October** Celebrate Reading National Conference: *The Inside Story on Quality Australian Literature for Children*. The Literature Centre, Fremantle. For further details see [www.celebratereading.org.au](http://www.celebratereading.org.au)

2016

**18-21<sup>st</sup> August** 35<sup>th</sup> IBBY Congress, Auckland, New Zealand. For further details see <http://www.ibbycongress2016.org/new-zealand/>

**2018** 36<sup>th</sup> IBBY Congress, Istanbul, Turkey.

# CONTINUING TO PAY TRIBUTE TO DR MAURICE SAXBY, AM

One way each of us can contribute to honour the work of Dr Maurice Saxby is by continuing our support of IBBY Australia Inc. In these days of online banking it is easy to overlook reminder notices and whether our annual subscriptions are up to date. Our financial year finishes on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, and in mid-May we send out tax invoices as reminders that your subscription is due. A few months later a reminder notice is also forwarded. If you are unsure whether you are currently up to date do email [jennij@iinet.net.au](mailto:jennij@iinet.net.au) to check – if you are not receiving newsletters and notices addressed to **Dear Members**, it is a sign that your membership has lapsed. If each member could persuade one other person to become a member, this would greatly assist in building our strength. For the financial year 2014-2015 Individual Membership is \$30.00 and Institutional Membership is \$100.00.

Our annual levy to IBBY International is CHF 6,000.00 (2015 CHF 1.00 = AUD \$1.44) and this is due on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 – another challenge for us given the fluctuating exchange rates. Please help us, to continue as an independent body and assist in introducing Australian authors and illustrators to young people globally.

RSVP to Dr Robin Morrow, PO Box 329, Beecroft, NSW 2119 or email [Robin.Morrow@wordsandphrases.com.au](mailto:Robin.Morrow@wordsandphrases.com.au)

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## Are You a Mystery Unknown Member?

On the 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 we received a \$30 Bank Deposit from unknown members to our Bank account via the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Please notify the Secretary at [jennij@iinet.net.au](mailto:jennij@iinet.net.au) if this is you!

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