

iBbY Ireland and iBbY news

IBBY Congress 2010

The 32nd International IBBY Congress was held from 8th-12th September in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. The theme of the congress, 'The Strength of Minorities', provided a valuable forum for publishers, policy-makers, writers, researchers, librarians and educators to discuss issues of national and local identity in international children's books.

President of iBbY Ireland Wins Teaching Award

Dr Patricia Kennon, president of iBbY Ireland and Lecturer in English Literature at Froebel College of Education, has won a 2010 National Award for Excellence in Teaching from the National Academy for Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning.

Recent Award-winning Children's Books

Etisalat Prize for Arabic Children's Literature

The IBBY section of the United Arab Emirates has taken over the management of the annual Etisalat Prize as an incentive for the children's book industry in the Arab world. It is intended to encourage publishers, authors and illustrators to develop the quality of books both in form and content.

Booktrust Early Years Awards Winners

Books featuring animals dominated the Best Picture Book category, from flying jellyfish and stinky skunks to smart fish and a rather large moose. The winner of the Best Book for one-year-old is I Love My Mummy by Giles Andreae, illustrated by Emma Dodd.

2010 Australian Book of the Year Awards

The Children's Book Council of Australia has announced the 2010 Book of the Year Award winners. The Book of the Year for Older Readers is David Metzenthien's Jarvis 24. The Book of the Year for Younger Readers is Odo Hirsch's Darius Bell and the Gitter Pool.

UNESCO International Literacy Prize Winners 2010

Four innovative literacy projects in Cape Verde, Egypt, Germany and Nepal have won the awards of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes this year. The UNESCO International Literacy Prizes are awarded every year in recognition of excellence and innovation in literacy throughout the world.

Discounted Little Island Novels

For a limited time only, Little Island is offering two fantastic books for only €10! Over the Wall and The Great Rabbit Revenge Plan are both suitable for readers aged 9+ and have both been recommended in the 2010 Children's Books Ireland BookFest Guide.

Upcoming activities and events in children's literature

Children's Book Festival 2010

The 20th annual Children's Books Festival runs throughout October with more than 70 authors, illustrators, storytellers and performers due to visit libraries, schools and arts centers across Ireland. With hundreds of events due to take place nationwide, there will be plenty of opportunities to make friends with reading in your local area!

Jane Mitchell Tour, Children's Book Festival

As part of the Children's Book Festival, author Jane Mitchell will be visiting the following public libraries to talk about her book Chalkline, the moving story of a Kashmiri boy soldier and about writing in general. All events are free, but please contact the relevant library in advance to confirm the time and your attendance.

Wildest Dreams Tour, Children's Book Festival

What's your child's wildest dream? To be an actor? A professional dancer? To win the X Factor? Or maybe even be a writer? As part of the 2010 Children's Book Festival, the exciting programme of events across the island for the month of October, Sophia Bennett, Judi Curtin and Sarah Webb will be doing a special tour of Limerick, Cork and Dublin on 13th, 14th and 15th October.

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Library Events, Children's Book Festival

The following children's events will be taking place in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Library Service for children during the Children's Book Festival during October and November: DLR Library Voices at 2.30pm, the Pavilion Theatre, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire; Science Week with Steve Allman's Bubble Show in Dundrum Library on Friday 12th November; Astronomy Ireland Talks: An Introduction to the Solar System for Children at 2pm on Monday 8th of November, Dun Laoghaire, Tuesday 9th of November at Shankill, Thursday 11th November at Dundrum and on Friday 12th November at Cabinteely. Wednesday 10th of November at 2pm.

24 Hour Comics Day

Irish 24 Hour Comics Day returns for its fifth year at the Central Hotel, Dublin on 9th and 10th October. The event is open to all ages and skill levels to come along and try their hand at creating their own 24-page comic in 24 hours. Participation is free but you must bring your own drawing materials.

Laureate na nÓg Webcast

To celebrate the Children's Books Festival, Laureate na nÓg Siobhán Parkinson will participate in a special webcast streamed from County Library, Tallaght at 11.30am on Tuesday 12th October. Siobhán will be in conversation with Bisto Award-winning author and illustrator, Orla Flanagan Fitzpatrick. School and library groups all over the country are encouraged to listen live via South Dublin Libraries live stream. You can tune in live or at a later date to www.southdublinlibraries.ie/videos to view the interview.

Cork City Libraries 'Start Reading' Project

'Start Reading' is a new project this autumn in Cork City Libraries which aims to encourage children starting school for the first time to join their local library and thus become readers from an early age. There is a 'Start Reading!' pack at your local library waiting for each individual child in each Junior Infant class to collect. The pack consists of a specially-designed library bag containing 3 free age-appropriate books (which the child can keep), plus some supporting materials.

Cork City Libraries Book Festival 2010

This year the Festival's hero is Hans Christian Andersen, one of the world's greatest storytellers. The month-long festival will be launched on Friday 1st October by Niall de Burca and this year's CBI/Bisto awardwinner and former Hans Christian Andersen award nominee, Marie Louise Fitzpatrick, will visit later in the festival schedule. Also, Sophie Carton will help children to bring their fairy tales to life with clay workshops. Other children's writers in the programme include Renate Ahrens, Keith Charters and RE O Raghnaigh. Programme and booking information is available at www.corkcitylibraries.ie/whatson/librarynews

Connecting Irish Libraries with Children and Young People

Library Services for Young People www.library.ie/youngpeople is a blog which highlights examples of work carried out by Irish public libraries with children and teenagers and aims to facilitate discussion on the topic. Library staff and interested parties. The blog features the latest news on events and initiatives by library authorities in this area. It also includes links to the youth zone of public library websites and information on activities by organisations working with young people both in Ireland and abroad.

English Literature 2010 at Trinity College, Dublin

This course will provide an introduction to major authors of poetry, drama and prose through close examination of selected texts, chosen from among those prescribed for the Leaving Certificate in 2011, including Never Let Me Go, Hamlet and The Story of Lucy Gault. The course will be of special interest to teachers and pupils preparing for the examination but the lectures will be directed towards a more general audience as well. There will be ten weekly lectures beginning on Tuesday 12th October 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Edmund Burke Theatre, Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin 2. For more information, contact The Secretary (Evening Lectures) at 01 896 2885.

Writers in Libraries Scheme Launch

Derek Landy, author of the Skuduggery Pleasant series, officially relaunched the Writers in Libraries Scheme on Thursday 30 September in Rush Library. This Scheme, established by the Arts Council in 1985, will provide funding for imaginative literary programming, with a focus on teenagers, in libraries across the country, will encourage libraries to partner with local and national literary festivals, resource organisations, and will encourage libraries to use digital and social media. The Scheme is co-funded by the Arts Council/An Chomhairle Leabharlanna and the An Chomhairle Leabharlanna/Library Council, and is managed and administered by Poetry Ireland/Eigse Éireann. For further information, email writersinlibraries@poetryireland.ie or call 01 4758605.

Calls for papers and upcoming academic conferences in children's literature

IRSCCL 2011 Congress, Brisbane

The International Research Society for Children's Literature invites submissions for its Biennial Congress from 4th to 8th July 2011, at the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia. The theme of the conference is 'Fear and Safety in Children's Literature'. Children's literature has always been responsive to the tenor of the times. Texts for children and young adults take up the social, political, and humanistic interests and ideologies of the past and present, as well as speculate about the future. The deadline for submitting abstracts is 1st November 2010. Visit the Congress website for details: http://irsccl2011.com

The Translation and Reception of the Grimms' Fairy Tales

Addresses are invited for this volume which will address how the Grimm tales have merged with the fairy-tale traditions of other countries and inspired new writings and also the critical reception of the tales. Topics might include the translation or publishing history of Grimm's fairy tales in a given language or country; the shifting audience (children, adults, mixed) of the Grimm tales in translation; illustrations to the Kinder- und Hausmärchen in a given country; The Brothers Grimm as characters in stories, films, parodies. 500-word abstracts and short biographies should be sent to grimm@ua.ac.be by 10th November.

Strenae Journal Launched

The French-language journal Strenae, published by the French Association of Research in Children's Books and Cultural Affairs, with the support of the National Center for Children's Literature has just released its first issue. It is an open-access journal on children's literature and oral and material children's culture, studied from historical, literary, aesthetic or sociological perspectives. Here are links to the first issue: http://strenae.revues.org/59 and the next two calls for contribution: http://strenae.revues.org/197

Religion and Children's Literature: A Decennial Examination

To pay tribute to the always provocative conversation about what is the role of religion in literature for teens and children, a special issue of Children's Literature Association Quarterly will be devoted to new considerations of religion as it appears in children's and young adult literature. Papers could address tracing and theorizing new trends; the influence of religious pressures; censorship issues; religious themes and imagery in picture books etc. 5000-7000 word papers should be sent to guest editor Jennifer Mikes at mis@ccim@lomaquod.edu by 1st November 2010. The selected articles will appear in ChLAQ 36.3, Fall 2011.

Shakespeare: Sources and Adaptation

This conference will be held from 9th to 11th September 2011 at The University of Cambridge. Topics could include Shakespeare for children and young people; Shakespeare as classical and/or historical sources; Shakespeare in art or music; Shakespeare on film and television; foreign-language adaptations of Shakespeare; Shakespeare's influence on contemporary playwrights; Shakespeare in 20th and 21st century fiction. The deadline for all proposals is 1st December. Send proposals for 20-minute academic papers to gabriel.egan, tmall@clare@esg.ac.uk. Send proposals for practical workshops to Abigail Rokison, ar363@cam.ac.uk.

The Sociology of Harry Potter

Proposals are invited for this sociology-based collection of essays examining how the following topics are represented in the Harry Potter series: Wizard society/norms/conformity/deviance; the Wizard criminal justice system; race; class; gender; sexuality; media; medicine; military; government; memory; human rights; non-human rights; labour; religion; dying & bereavement; art & visual culture; environmental issues; the body and embodiment. Prospective contributors should send an OWR to the editor at: gwyneth.dwyer@cam.ac.uk by 17th October. Briefly describing their essay idea and what sociological theories and/or literature it would draw on.

An Chéad Chomhdháil Idirnáisiúnta ar Litríocht na nÓg (sa Ghaeilge)

Iarrtar ar dhaoine a bhfuil seiceálú acu páipéar a léamh ar aon ghné den litríocht Ghaeilge do dhaoine óga, teideal an pháipéir agus achoimre ar an ábhar a chur chuig an gCéad Chomhdháil ar Litríocht na nÓg, Coláiste Phádraig, Droim Conrach, BÁC 9, 8th-12th Aibreán 2011. D'fhéadfáid na hábhar seo a léamh a bhliain na nÓg ar fáil le hábhar eile freisin: Stair Litríocht na nÓg; Ceist an Aistriúcháin; Litríocht do Dhéagóirí; Litearthacht na nÓg; Dramáil agus Dánta; Ilchultúrachas; Nuatheineolaíocht agus an Litríocht; Náisiúnachas agus Transnáisiúnachas; An Óige i Seánra na Beathaisnéise. Seo teideal an pháipéir agus achoimre (250 focal) chuig: litrichtnanog@gmail.com roimh an 20th Nollaig, 2010. Tuilleadh eolais: http://litrichtnanog.blogspot.com. Riachtáir na Comhdhála: An Dr. Riona Nic Congáil, Coláiste Phádraig, Droim Conrach.

The first Irish-Language Children's Literature Conference will be held at St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, on 8th-9th April 2011. Paper proposals are invited for presentation on any aspect of Irish-language children's literature. Possible topics might include the History of Irish-Language Children's Literature; Translation; Young Adults Literature; Literacy; Drama and Poetry; Multiculturalism; New Technologies and Children's Literature; Nationalism and Transnationalism; Childhood in the Biography Genre. Send a paper title and a 250-word abstract to litrichtnanog@gmail.com by 20th December 2010. For further details, see http://litrichtnanog.blogspot.com. Conference Organiser: Dr. Riona Nic Congáil, St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra.



Patricia Kennon, Elaine O'Neill, Andrew Whitson, Mary Finn and Valerie Coghlan at the Santiago Congress

