Dear IBBY Australia Members and Supporters,

We trust you enjoyed IBBY Australia’s virtual celebration of International Children’s Book Day, featuring our Hans Christian Andersen Award nominees past and present. Their varied responses to being nominated for the award, and to their international translations and audiences made fascinating viewing.

Our Ena Noël Award 2022 recipient was announced that day as well – Gary Lonesborough’s brilliant debut novel *The Boy from the Mish* (Allen & Unwin) which has been receiving many accolades since being published in early 2021.

The winners of the HCAA 2022 were announced at Bologna Children’s Book Fair on 21 March: Marie-Aude Marail (Writer – France) and Suzy Lee (Illustrator – Republic of Korea). Both will speak at the IBBY Congress in Putrajaya, Malaysia in September. The program is now available on the IBBY Congress website.

The 14th national CBCA conference will be held in Canberra from 12 – 14 June, on the theme ‘Dreaming With Eyes Open...’ Speakers are to include Sofie Laguna, Adam Goodes and Ellie Laing, Claire Saxby, Sami Bayly, Jane Godwin, Lian Tanner and many others.

Our warmest welcome to Gabrielle Wang, our newest Australian Children’s Laureate announced in March, who is featured in this issue.

In the latest issue of *Books for Keeps* (March 2022) Neil Philip surveys ‘Ten of the Best Books by Joan Aiken’. She was one of my earliest discoveries in my study of children’s literature, and it was lovely to be reminded to return to the late Joan Aiken’s oeuvre or to discover it anew. I was also saddened to read of the passing of the great British writer/illustrator Shirley Hughes (1927–2022) in February this year.

I am honoured to be delivering the Book Links (Qld) annual Narelle Oliver Lecture in children’s literature on 26 May in Brisbane, and hope to see some of you there.

Yours sincerely,
Robyn Sheahan-Bright
Congratulations

IBBY Honour List
This list of international authors and illustrators nominated by member countries including Australia can be viewed here.

The 2022 Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury recommends
In addition to the books of the shortlist nominees, the Jury has created a list of outstanding books from the 2022 nominees that they felt were important enough to merit translation everywhere so that children around the world could read them. View the books recommended by the HCAA Jury in 2022, 2020 and 2018 here and download the list of recommendations for 2022 here.

The Astronaut’s Cat, illustrated and written by Tohby Riddle (Australia) and published by Allen & Unwin, was featured on the top of this list!

IBBY Australia Ena Noël Award Winner 2022

The winner of the IBBY Australia Encouragement Award for a young emerging writer or illustrator was announced on April 2nd, International Children’s Book Day.

Congratulations to Gary Lonesborough for his outstanding first novel, The Boy from the Mish (Allen & Unwin).

In this brilliant and moving debut, the author skilfully weaves in issues such as racism, police intimidation and homophobia but also many joys, the support of elders and family, identity community, self-belief, friendships and one epic love story. The judges were impressed with the maturity of the writing, the strong and engaging plot development shown by the author, and the way he tackled the issues of growing up, all written with a powerful command of voice.

Gary Lonesborough is a Yuin writer, who grew up on the Far South Coast of NSW as part of a large proud Aboriginal family. Growing up a massive Kylie Minogue and North Queensland Cowboys fan, Gary was always writing as a child, and continued his creative journey when he moved to Sydney to study at film school.

Gary responded:
“So thrilled my book has won the 2022 Ena Noël Award! Thanks so much to IBBY Australia and the judges”.

The Ena Noël Medal presentation will take place later in the year.

IBBY Australia congratulates all the creators shortlisted for the Book Of The Year Awards on April 29th. The CBCA Conference is coming up soon check the website for details.
Bologna Book Fair News

Winners of the 2022 IBBY-IREAD Outstanding Reading Promoter Award

Sylvia Vardell, Chair of the IBBY Reading Promotion Jury of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), announced the following winners:

Zohreh Ghaeni from Iran, nominated by the IBBY sections in Canada and Iran; and Jane Kurtz from the United States, nominated by USBBY.

Winner of the 2022 IBBY-ASAHI Reading Promotion Award

Sylvia Vardell, Chair of the IBBY Reading Promotion Jury of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), announced the 2022 winner:

Pinnguaqt, a programme of Ilitaqsinniq – The Nunavut Literary Council, from Canada.

Link here to the winners of the 2022 Bologna Ragazzi Cross Media Award (BRAW), the top prizes for children’s books offered by the Bologna Children’s Book Fair.

ALMA Award announced at the Bologna Book Fair

Congratulations to Eva Lindström, a Swedish picture book artist. She has published 35 solo titles and has illustrated many books by other authors. Her work has been honoured with multiple awards. See the 2022 announcement here

Dr. Robin Morrow AM Awarded Life Membership of IBBY Australia

Hans Christian Andersen Award Juror and IBBY Australia Past President Dr Robin Morrow received her citation and Certificate on April 2nd International Children’s Book Day. A formal presentation will be arranged at a later date.

2022 HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN AWARD WINNERS

Sixty-two candidates from 33 countries were nominated for the 2022 IBBY Hans Christian Andersen Award. Junko Yokota, President of the 2022 IBBY Hans Christian Andersen Award Jury, announced the winners at the Bologna Book Fair, March 22nd.

Marie-Aude Murail from France for Writing and Suzy Lee from the Republic of Korea for Illustration.

2022 Author Winner Marie-Aude Murail

Over 30 years, Murail has written nearly a hundred books for children and young adults. Her dossier notes that in many ways, she embodies the values of IBBY: she is committed to the cause of children and reading and observes the world seriously, and with humour and caring optimism, opening numerous windows on the major stakes of contemporary society.

2022 Illustrator Winner Suzy Lee

Quoted in her dossier, Lee says that picture books are ‘a joyful form of play, presented in the most refined style that tells the most serious of stories’ and describes herself as ‘someone who plays together with the readers over a little bowl of stories that come alive through pictures.’

Profiles of all the 2022 Hans Christian Andersen Award nominees can be found in the Bookbird special Andersen issue #59/4 and on the IBBY website.

Pictured: Karen Jameyson and Dr Robin Morrow

Photo: Margot Lindgren
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**Story Furnace**

IBBY Australia offers this special limited-edition print by internationally acclaimed Australian author/illustrator Shaun Tan. Shaun generously made available one original illustration, Story Furnace, for giclée digital prints in a limited edition of 200. Each print is signed and numbered with proceeds supporting the continued work of IBBY Australia. Prints can be purchased from Books Illustrated, an IBBY supporter.

Cost: $150 (unframed)
Australia $15 postage
Overseas $35 postage

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**IBBY Outstanding Books For Young People With Disability**

**IBBY Australia** has nominated ten titles for the IBBY Outstanding Books For Young People With Disability 2023. Titles selected for this prestigious collection, exhibition and catalogue are:

- Robyn Bavati, *A Weekend with Oscar* (Walker Books Australia)
- Kate Gordon, *Xavier in the Meantime* (Yellow Brick Books)
- Kay Kerr, *Please Don't Hug Me* (Text Publishing)
- Hayley Lawrence, *Skin Deep* (Scholastic)
- Nelly Thomas, Cat MacInnes, ill. *Some Brains; A Book Celebrating Neurodiversity* (Black Inc.)
- Allayne L. Webster, *Sensitive* (UQP)

Read more about the IBBY Collection for Young People with Disabilities here. Two titles were featured in the annotated catalogue of the 2021 Selection of Outstanding Books for Young People With Disabilities.

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**New Australian Children’s Laureate**

Gabrielle Wang is the new Australian Children’s Laureate! IBBY Australia congratulates Gabrielle on this exciting new role. Link to her video here.
Paul Collins 2021 Leila St John Award Recipient

The Victorian Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) announced Paul Collins as the 2021 recipient of the Leila St John Award. This annual award is for services to children's literature in Victoria for the previous year and was first presented in 1999. Paul launched Ford Street Publishing in 2007 and has written more than 140 books for children and young adults. He is commended for his contribution in enriching Australian children’s literature through his commitment to children's publishing. Collins has been awarded a citation and medallion by CBCA VIC Branch and joins a list of esteemed past recipients from the children’s literature community in Victoria.

Our Library

On March 24th Bankstown Library hosted the launch of a special new book Our Library by Donna Rawlins. The Libraries as Communities group funded by a NDIS grant have developed training modules lead by Anne Rauch, Program Manager from Plumtree. The grant also assisted in funding this new picture book. The book has been freely distributed widely to public libraries across Australia. Inviting a range of professionals to an advisory committee the group continues to trial and evaluate the modules and resources for children’s librarians and staff of public libraires to further encourage inclusive programmes.
Copies of this brilliant hardcover title are also available for purchase in your bookshop in standard and large format size.

Pictured Advisory group members Claire Stuckey, author Donna Rawlins, Anne Raunch (Chair) and Marie Vlahakis.

Indigenous Literacy Foundation News Translation Rights Project

The two titles selected are Run Like a Rabbit by ILF Lifetime Ambassador Alison Lester, which has been translated into Garawa, and What's That Noise? by Sally Rippin with illustrations by Lorette Broekstra, which has been translated into Kriol and Garawa. These books will be available through the Book Buzz program. Further titles, including Where is the Green Sheep? written by Mem Fox and illustrated by Judy Horacek are on the way. This title has been translated into Kriol and Pitjantjatjara.

Behind the scenes with Leo Timmers

Timmers talks about his latest book Elephant Island in this video. Click here to see a short clip of his work On Elephant’s Island Thank you to Gecko Press for this link and English translation.

From the past: Miranda Harrowell AM

Click here to see the full article as Miranda shares decades of IBBY events from 1978. Picture shows Australians in New York in 1990.
Children in Crisis Fund

Ukrainian children, who have fled their country to escape conflict, have had their lives turned upside down. Give comfort to a Ukrainian child in Poland by donating to the Universal Reading Foundation based in Warsaw. They have established a project in conjunction with Polish and Ukrainian children’s book publishers to put a book into the hands of each child who is a refugee from the Ukraine. Read more about this project which is supported by IBBY.

Can you help? Donate direct to the Universal Reading Foundation or through IBBY Children in Crisis.

Conferences and Events

2022
26th May Narelle Oliver Lecture in Children’s Literature, Book Links QLD Inc.
10th – 12th June CBCA National Conference, Canberra
1st – 3rd July 14th Biennial Conference of the Australasian Children’s Literature Association
22nd – 24th July China Shanghai International Children’s Book Fair
20th – 26th August CBCA BOOK WEEK 2022 Dreaming with eyes open...
24th - 27th Beijing International Book Fair: www.bibf.net/en
1st September Indigenous Literacy Day August
5th – 8th September 38th IBBY World Congress, Putrajaya, Malaysia
The Power of stories
19th – 23rd October Frankfurt Bookfair

2024 – 39th IBBY World Congress, Trieste, Italy
2025 – 40th IBBY World Congress, Ottawa, Canada

Please check all events and dates with the relevant organisations.

Vale
Sad news re the passing of the brilliant Jan Pieńkowski in February, link here. Sarah Lawrance reveals a campaigning side to Jan Pieńkowski in an interesting article on his career here.

A Tribute to Leslie Lonsdale-Cooper (tintin.com) illustrator of Tintin here.

Award-winning children’s book author Patricia MacLachlan, widely lauded for her spare, realistic stories about everyday family life, died on March 31 in the US.

David McKee, the author and illustrator of many the iconic children’s books has died aged 87. The Guardian quotes his publisher here. 08/04/22

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