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Welcome to iBbY iNfO

iBbY iNfO is the electronic newsletter of iBbY Ireland, the Ireland section of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY).

We hope you enjoy this bi-monthly newsletter about upcoming events of interest to children's literature. All suggestions of events and information relevant to the world of children's literature are welcome for inclusion in future issues of the newsletter. The next issue of the newsletter will be in early July.

iBbY news:

iBbY was delighted to announce the winners of the biennial 2008 iBbY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award, which is presented to projects run by groups or institutions that are judged to be making a lasting contribution to reading promotion for children and young people. The winners are -Action with Lao Children- for their work promoting literacy education, the publishing industry of children's books in Lao by Lao writers, and the rights of children in Lao, and -Editions Bakame, Books for Children in Rwanda-, which is an independent, non-profit publishing house aiming to give children books in Kinyarwanda, the national language understood by all Rwandans, in order to help them overcome the horrors of the genocide by means of constructive books based on their own culture. iBbY warmly congratulates these two outstanding projects for their creative and effective approaches to helping children enter the world of books and reading. The prize money of US\$10,000 for each winning project will be presented at the 31st iBbY Congress in Copenhagen on Tuesday 9th September at the Copenhagen Town Hall.

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The Hans Christian Andersen Jury of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) has announced that Jürg Schubiger (Switzerland) is the winner of the 2008 Hans Christian Andersen Author Award and Roberto Innocenti (Italy) is the winner of the 2008 Hans Christian Andersen Award for Illustration. Schubiger was selected from 30 authors nominated for the award. The other finalists (in alphabetical order) were Bartolomeu Campos de Queirós (Brazil), Brian Doyle (Canada), Guus Kuijer (Netherlands) and David Almond (UK). Innocenti was selected from 30 illustrators nominated. The other finalists (in alphabetical order) were Isol Misenta (Argentina), Svyetlan Junakóvic (Croatia), Adolf Born (Czech Republic) and David Wiesner (USA). The Awards will be presented to the winners at the opening ceremony of IBBY's Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark on Sunday, 7th September 2008.

Upcoming conferences and call for papers relating to children's literature:

Places are still available for the 'CBI Conference: *Voices in Children's Books*' over Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May in Pearse Street Library, Dublin 2. Under the broad theme of *Voices in Children's Books*, an international panel of speakers has been invited to address subjects as diverse as translation, teenage reading habits and the power of oral narrative in encouraging reluctant readers. Speakers will include Julia Eccleshare, Polly Dunbar, Laoise Ní Chomhraí, Julie O'Callaghan, Mary Finn, Enda Wyley, Professor Kristin Wardetzky, Anne O'Gorman, Tiina Nunnally, Nina Christensen, Tim Bowler and Robert Dunbar. A reception and the presentation of the CBI Award will be held in the National Print Museum, Beggars Bush, Dublin 4 at 5.30pm on Saturday. To book please visit www.childrensbooksireland.ie or call 01-8727475.

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The 'Paraliterary Narratives: Reassessing the Graphic Novel' will take place on 6th and 7th June at The School of Arts, University of Northampton, UK. The term 'graphic novel' is an intensely contested term that covers the pop zeitgeist of American superhero comics to high conceptual art. This conference is an opportunity to reassess 'graphic novels' and comic art more generally, about how to formulate an appropriate critical vocabulary, and how to assess their cultural impact. For more information, see the conference website at <http://www2.northampton.ac.uk/arts/research/GraphicNovel>.

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The fifth 'Showcomotion' Children's Media Conference will run from Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th July 2008. The annual get together is now the most important event of its kind in the kids' media calendar in the UK; up to 400 delegates from children's TV, film, radio, gaming and interactive are expected to converge in Sheffield for sessions, masterclasses and keynotes. The conference will focus on the challenging environment that faces kids' media, including the Ofcom report, the Tania Byron report and re-organisation at BBC Children's. For more details, see www.showcomotionconference.com.

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The 'Astrid Lindgren: Internationality and Intermediality' conference will be held at Växjö University, Sweden from 18th-20th September 2008. The conference will focus on Astrid Lindgren in the light of international children's literature research, narratology, picturebook research, and media theory. Papers addressing the following themes are invited for submission: Combination of different media, for example the juxtaposition of pictures and text in picturebooks, or the integration of films into computer games; transformation of one medium into another, for example film versions or adaptations for the stage of Lindgren's children's books; remediation, i.e. the conversion of an older medium into a new digital medium, for example the transformation of a printed book into an electronic book and intermedial relationships, for example the integration of literary narrative strategies into films or the influence of the film on Lindgren's children's books. Abstracts of 300 words maximum along with a short biography as an attached word document may be emailed by 30th May to Bettina Kümmerling-Meibauer at: bettina.kuemmerling@t-online.de and Astrid Surmatz at: astrid.surmatz@vxu.se.

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'Creative Engagements: Thinking with Children', from 5th to 7th July at Mansfield College, Oxford, will be the fourth meeting of this global research project exploring the many facets of creative engagement with children. Grounded in an inter-disciplinary perspective and with reference to historical and contemporary representations of childhood, this project will examine the complex issues which surround the notion and practices of creative engagement in the context of pedagogy and the curriculum, and in the face of frequently instrumental institutional imperatives. More generally, our work will also address the role of creativity in social interaction, with particular reference to children's development of life skills, autonomy and independence in an increasingly complex and demanding world. For more details, see <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/ati/education/cp/ce4/cfp.htm>.

Recent award-winning children's books:

The six short-listed books for the 2007 Branford Boase Award have been announced: *Anna Hibiscus* by Atinuke (Walker); *Nathan Fox* by L. Brittney, (Macmillan); *Waves* by Sharon Dogar (Chicken House); *Before I Die* by Jenny Downham (David Fickling Books); *Door of No Return* by Sarah Mussi (Hodder) and *Finding Violet Park* by Jenny Valentine (HarperCollins). The annual Branford Boase Award celebrates the most promising book for seven year-olds and upwards by a first-time novelist, and highlights the importance of the editor in nurturing new authors. The winner of the Award will be announced on 9th July 2008.

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The Australian author Sonya Hartnett has won the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award 2008. The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA), established by the Swedish Government in 2002, is the world's largest children's and young people's literary award. The annual international prize of SEK 5 million (equivalent to approx. USD 790,000, 540,000 Euros) may be awarded to authors, illustrators, narrators and/or promoters of reading whose work reflects the spirit of Astrid Lindgren. The object of the award is to increase interest in children's and young people's literature, and to promote children's rights to culture on a global level. The award is administered by The Swedish Arts Council.

Upcoming events relating to children's literature:

The winner of the Bisto Book of the Year Award, Eilís Dillon Award and Honour Awards will be revealed at 1pm, Thursday 22nd May in No. 6 Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Please contact Claire Guiney at claire.guiney@ogilvy.com or 01 6690030.

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'DLR Books in the Park: A Family Fun Day' will take place in Cabinteely Park and House on Saturday 14th June. This is a free event and everybody is welcome to attend. The event, involving henna artists, face painters, jugglers, children's characters, bookshops and signing sessions with well-known children's authors, will start at 1pm and finish at 5pm.

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The Chapelizod Festival will take place from 29th June to 6th July. There will be children's books events including a reading/ workshop from Conor Kostik and storytelling with Niall de Burca. For more information, contact Ian Oliver-Letcombe at ian@letcombe.com or 087 9936426.

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Kinsale Arts Week, from 12th to 20th July, will involve a Family Day on Sunday 20th July, including a CBI partnered event with Gabriel Fitzmaurice and The Big Read competition. For more details, contact Deborah Dignam at deborahdignam@kinsaleartsweek.com or 021 4700010.

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Message from the Ambulance Service - 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign
We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call as the contact person in case of an emergency. Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. All you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.

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