

Shadowing the Greenaway

The **Kate Greenaway Medal** is awarded for “distinguished illustration in a book for children” and the longlist includes an eclectic mix of picture books, illustrated fiction and non-fiction titles.

For the past few years, schools in North Devon have shadowed the Greenaway alongside the better-known **Carnegie Medal**, culminating in a really enjoyable event organised by SLS staff from our Barnstaple centre. Last year five schools took part, each developing a presentation of one of the shortlisted titles.



Pupils from **South Molton Community College, Appledore, Sticklepath, Yeo Valley** primary schools and **Pathfield** school receive their certificates at the end of the morning.

A great sense of achievement and cupcakes too!

Art work by Year 5 from **Yeo Valley** around last year's winner ***Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon*** by **Mini Grey**. Children worked with artist-in-residence **James Young** to create a digital collage as used in professional illustration, and then the children worked with a member of staff to produce the papier mache dish.



Stuck in a Book!

at St. Joseph's, Exmouth



“**Stuck In A Book**” reading group hasn’t been going for very long but we already have thirteen members, with new recruits joining all the time. We meet every Tuesday after school for an hour of reading, lively debate, fun and cake!

Most members are from Year5 and the group is eager to shadow the Greenaway Medal over the next few weeks. The School Library Service has kindly supplied us with the 7 shortlisted titles and now we are in the process of choosing our favourite.

We have our own Shadowing Pack, which includes a brief history of the medal, an Initial Thoughts Sheet (where we *do* judge a book by its cover!), a list of criteria, some notes on each book, quizzes and hints on how to prepare a presentation. The books are also “road tested” on children from the nearby nursery.

When we’ve decided on our favourite book and the presentation is ready, complete with costumes, props and artwork, we will visit our local secondary school where the group will perform in front of some Year 7 students and the College Principal.

Hopefully lots of fun is had by all, even if this year I can envisage supervising the construction of one very large Banana!

Louise Burrows, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Exmouth

The CILIP Greenaway Awards 2008

Greenaway Book Reviews

This year's shortlist features an impressive collection of illustrators ready to battle it out for the coveted prize. This is the short list and the winner will be announced on 26th June.

Browne, Anthony

Silly Billy

Billy is a worrier until his grandma comes to the rescue. Illustrated in Anthony Browne's own inimitable style, this picture book uses vibrant colours and surreal images.

Dunbar, Polly

Penguin

Ben tries hard to make Penguin speak to him but to no avail until he is eaten by a lion! Visual impact is created in this picture book through the sympathetic characters and their expressions, plus the ample use of white space on the page.

Gravett, Emily

Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears

Little Mouse is fearful of everyone and everything and only gains solace from the fact that, although he is very small, humans are afraid of him. A highly creative picture book that works on various levels. Using a variety of media, it features flaps, die-cuts and even a fold-out map.

Gravett, Emily

Monkey and me

A little girl and her toy monkey play at being animals. Text, font size and illustrations work well together, giving a great sense of movement in this simple picture book.

Ray Jane (text by Carol Ann Duffy)

Happy endings

A witch steals the happy endings from bedtime stories in this picture book for older readers. This is a magical tale that is enhanced by visually stunning illustrations and dramatic use of vibrant colours and gold.

Riddell, Chris

Ottoline and the yellow cat

This KS2 mystery novel follows Ottoline and her pet dog as they investigate a spate of dog-nappings. Quirky use of detail and limited colour make for an unusual book that also includes five illustrated fold out postcards!

Vere, Ed

Banana!

A monkey wants a banana but forgets to use the magic word in this colourful picture book. Simple yet bold artwork throughout this playful tale.

You can find out more about the Greenaway Award at www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk

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Making the most of it : good ideas for primary school libraries

If you're new to running a school library, or want a bit of an update, then why not sign up for two half-day sessions of this popular course. The first session is at **Great Moor House**, Exeter, on **26th November** and part 2 will run in Spring or Summer 2009.

Advance notice... Back by popular demand, **Pauline Carr** of the Alternative Display Company will run her workshop **Show off with style!** in the summer term 2009.

To book a place on any of these events, **contact Lee Budd** on 01392 384311 or email lee.budd@devon.gov.uk or click into our website www.devons.sls.org.uk

www.rodcampbell.co.uk This is a bright and simple website with information about the author and his books. There are 4 pictures of book characters that can be downloaded to colour in. It also contains advice to parents on reading with your children.

www.michaelrosen.co.uk/hypnotiser.html The great poetry book *The Hypnotiser* is now out of print, so Michael Rosen has had the inspired idea of asking his son Joe to produce a video of himself performing all the poems from the book. What a fabulous free resource!

Devon gets Reading

Look out for various opportunities to celebrate the 2008 National Year of Reading :-



Boys into Books 5 - 11

SLS will deliver special boy-friendly collections to all primary and special schools in **September**. There'll be some ideas for promoting these titles on our website next term.

Children's Book Week, October 6th - 11th

This year's theme is Rhythm and Rhyme, so you can plan ahead using the website www.booktrust.org.uk/Campaigns/Children-Book-Week. There is always a pack of ideas and resources and a poster by a well-known illustrator to promote the events.

CBW encompasses National Poetry Day on 9th October www.nationalpoetryday.co.uk

and Devon's very own **Drop Everything And Read Day** on **10th October** when we're hoping all schools in Devon will start or end the day with 15 minutes of reading for EVERY child and adult in the school. How brilliant is that! Check out www.devon.gov.uk for more information and ideas.

Also during CBW we will be encouraging all teachers, librarians and TAs to **read aloud** to pupils, parents, carers, colleagues, visitors, the school goldfish and anyone else. Use our SLS website for the **Reading Allowed** booklist with suggestions for some great titles and poems that work well.

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