

The Federation of Children's Book Groups



Dear Member

This is the first of what I hope will be regular mailings to keep you up to date with Federation news as well as other snippets which have caught my attention. Any feedback on content or format would be very welcome.

What do you think?

We are very keen to find out what you think of the Federation of Children's Book Groups and what we do for you as an individual member. If you can find just a few minutes could you take part in our on-line survey? Click here

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G28DQNF> to be taken to our page. We are really grateful for any comments you can make and we will let you know the results

Julia Miller Chair

National Non-Fiction Day

This year's celebration sees us focus on the power of discovery within non fiction. Non fiction can be a source of delight for many and its ability to surprise us can cause endless hours of fun and intrigue. There will be a number of download resources available including posters etc from our website (www.fcbg.org.uk) and the National Non-Fiction Day website (www.nnfd.org.uk).

Adam Lancaster

World Book Day 7th March 2013

The Federation will be working closely with World Book Day for 2013, with lots of events and goodies planned. More to come in future mailings....' (www.fcbg.org.uk)

The Red House Children's Book Award

The shortlist is out on **29th October** with the Award Ceremony at the Imagine Festival, Southbank Centre, London on **Saturday 23rd February 2013**. (www.fcbg.org.uk) and (www.redhousechildrensbookaward.co.uk)

The 2011 Frances Lincoln Diverse Voices Award

Congratulations to Helen Limon whose book *Om Shanti, Babe*, was successful
It is published by Janetta Otter-Barry Books at Frances Lincoln. 6.99

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Call for more entries: The Frances Lincoln Diverse Voices Award

This award was jointly founded by Frances Lincoln Ltd and Seven Stories, the national centre for children's books, in memory of Frances Lincoln (1945-2001) to encourage and promote diversity in children's fiction. The prize is awarded to the best work of unpublished fiction for 8-to-12-year-olds by a writer, aged 18 years or over, who has not previously published a novel for children. For more information see the website www.sevenstories.org.uk. The closing date for the 2013 Award is 31st December 2012.

School Library Association: School Librarian of the Year 2012

"Librarians all over the country are standing up and are being noticed.....
School librarians have demonstrated the vitality of the one place in school that pupils can visit to develop skills for life that does not judge, that offers an equality of which dreams are made. The three outstanding school librarians who have been shortlisted offer very different approaches, but all are united in the excellent, efficient service they provide to pupils and school staff alike." — Dawn Woods, Chair of the SLA School Librarian of the Year Selection Committee.

Congratulations to Rosalind Buckland, Librarian, Ripley St Thomas CE Academy, Lancaster, Adam Lancaster, Librarian/Associate Assistant Headteacher, Monk's Walk School, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire and Gill Trueman, Library and Information Manager, Peasedown St John Primary School, near Bath.

Children's Laureate

Julia Donaldson has challenged the Government on its library policy in an open letter, printed in the Independent. She warned, "Today, many towns have no bookshops. If they also have no library, where are children to find books?..... Children's use of those libraries which are still open has actually been rising over the past seven years, so please do not deprive them of the storytelling sessions, the homework clubs, the expert librarians and, above all, of the free books,"

Look at Julia's new website www.picturebookplays.co.uk

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