



Manchester  
Children's  
Book Festival

26 June - 6 July 2014

# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2014

**Eleven days of events and activities for  
children, families and anyone who has  
ever loved children's books**

Featuring: Carol Ann Duffy, David Almond,  
Cerrie Burnell, Cathy Cassidy, Curtis Jobling,  
Michael Morpurgo, Darren Shan  
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# WELCOME

## to the third Manchester Children's Book Festival



When I was appointed Poet Laureate and first thought about developing a children's book festival in Manchester, my ambition was that it should be an event

for the whole city. I was delighted that we were able to stage a festival in 2012 that was truly that, with events delivered in partnership with many of the major cultural and educational organisations across Manchester.

Working with my team here in the Manchester Writing School at Manchester Metropolitan University, I am pleased to present a 2014 Festival that builds on these partnerships. Our programme features: events where we welcome you into the university to meet your favourite authors, artists and performers; events at our partner libraries, theatres, museums, galleries, bookshops and hotels throughout Manchester; and activities and projects in school, bringing writers into classrooms to inspire young people.

One of the greatest pleasures of my working life continues to be the Manchester Writing School at MMU, where we foster a real sense of family, achievement and celebration, and an ethos of nurturing and innovation. It is my hope that, through the Manchester Children's Book Festival, we can pass these values and aspirations down to the next generation of readers – and creative writers.

**Carol Ann Duffy**  
Poet Laureate and Festival Creative Director

## ...and to Manchester Metropolitan University

In my time as Vice-Chancellor of Manchester Metropolitan University, I've enjoyed sharing the Manchester Children's Book Festival – with my own grandchildren, and with the young people and families who have come to meet their favourite writers and artists, and have a go at creating their own stories. It has been a pleasure to share the best of what MMU has to offer with our local communities and the wider world, through the events that Carol Ann and her team have presented.

I share Carol Ann's view that this should be a festival for everyone and have been pleased to support the special projects designed to raise aspirations and confidence in young people, and to encourage the broadest possible audience to engage with literature, the arts, and opportunities for creative expression. Our Manchester Creative Learning Network – hosted here in the Humanities faculty at MMU, with contributions from our city-wide partner organisations – ensures that this work continues all year round, and that the Festival has a legacy and an impact beyond this 11-day programme.

I am looking forward to this third Manchester Children's Book Festival and hope that you can join us there, or get involved online in the international Reading and Writing Relay.

**Professor John Brooks**  
Vice-Chancellor



# GET INVOLVED IN MCBF 2014

## Reading, writing, blogging, making, dressing up

If you can't be there for our festival events, or if you simply can't wait, there are a number of ways that you can get involved and prepared before the Festival starts.

Sign-up to our mailing list at: [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) follow us on on Twitter: @mcbf2014, and join us on Facebook: **Manchester Children's Book Festival**.

## MCBF International Reading and Writing Relay



Cathy Cassidy launching the 2012 Relay

We want people across the world to be reading children's books and writing for children – and telling us about it – during MCBF 2014. You can get involved wherever you are through our *International Reading and Writing Relay*. Tell us about what you're reading

or writing, and send us your stories, poems, photographs, drawings and videos, and we'll post them up on our special Relay Blog.

The Blog is for use by anyone wanting to celebrate reading and writing, or can be used if you want to share a piece of your own writing. In 2012 the Blog received visits from 107 countries, with posts from readers and writers in Brazil, Canada, China, Norway – and from across Manchester and the UK.

So, whether you're a school arranging an in-class reading, a parent reading a bed-time story, an adult revisiting a favourite childhood book, or a children's writer, or a child, working on a new story – everyone can get involved.

For further details, and to find out how to get involved in the relay, go to: [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) and click on 'Reading and Writing Relay'.

Throughout June and July, Manchester Libraries will be arranging a series of Reading and Writing Relay events and activities. Find out more about what's happening in your area at: [www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries). Join in the Summer Reading Challenge... and blog about it!

## TRAILBLAZER! Curtis Jobling: Launching the Reading and Writing Relay and the Neville Johnson Comic Strip Competition



The Manchester Children's Book Festival is delighted to welcome back Curtis Jobling to launch our 2014 International Reading and Writing Relay and our brand new Neville Johnson Comic Strip Competition at this extra special trailblazer event.

Curtis is the creator of the globally-successful *Wereworld* series, which feature young werewolf Drew Ferren and his adventures. He'll also be talking about his brand new book *Haunt: Dead Scared*.

After the event Curtis will be heading out to schools in Manchester to pass on the special Reading and Writing Relay baton.

Ages 10+  
Thursday 5 June 10.00am  
Manchester Central Library ④  
Tickets: £5.00  
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# GET INVOLVED IN MCBF 2014

Get in fashion – wear a seawig!



At the Festival Family Fun Day on Saturday 28th June, author-illustrator duo Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre will be judging our Seawigs parade. The parade is free for anyone to enter and we will be running workshops for schools and community groups throughout June.

Be sure to come and meet us at the Manchester Mega Mela on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 June, and at the Intu Trafford Centre on Sunday 22 June. We'll be there running special stalls to help you draw and make sea monkeys and sea wigs ready for MCBF 2014!

If you want to get started making your own sea wig – and you will need plenty of time to make it the best it can be – visit Sarah's website and download the free worksheet: [www.jabberworks.co.uk/oliver-and-the-seawigs](http://www.jabberworks.co.uk/oliver-and-the-seawigs).

Send us your sea monkeys!

To make Philip and Sarah feel at home, we'll be decorating our Family Fun Day with sea monkeys and other undersea creatures. You can draw your sea monkey on the day or bring your best pictures along to put up in our Sea Monkey Gallery.



Anyone who can draw, paint, knit or sew, here's a challenge: we're looking for sea monkeys of all sizes and shapes to decorate the building and be sold off to raise money for our charity partner ReadWell who we are working with to raise funds to put books on the shelves at Manchester Children's Hospital School. The more drawn, knitted or stuffed sea monkeys we can get our hands on the better.

See Sarah's website for sea monkey knitting patterns and instructions on how to draw a sea monkey. Get started now! [www.jabberworks.co.uk/oliver-and-the-seawigs](http://www.jabberworks.co.uk/oliver-and-the-seawigs).



You can send your sea monkeys to the address on the back of the brochure, or scan and email your pictures to us at [mcbf@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:mcbf@mmu.ac.uk).



We've been travelling the world since our last Festival, with events at Ghummakkad Narain in India and the Emirates Airline Festival in Dubai. Visit the website and read our travel diaries on the blog!

# Once upon a time...

...there lived a happy, lively family a bit like yours.

Mum and Dad were enviably good parents. They knew that plenty of reading would give their children a head start at school and a more intelligent outlook on life. But they found it difficult buying books for them that wouldn't end up unread, under an avalanche of toys. That was, until they discovered [LoveReading4kids.co.uk](http://LoveReading4kids.co.uk).



Once they registered for **FREE**, they were emailed regular newsletters – though not too often – newsletters full of hand-picked expert book recommendations, aimed at the age ranges that mattered to them.

Then they found they could download and print off a **FREE Opening Extract** of each book, to try before they bought, so they saw whether their kids liked a book before they spent any money. And then there was the nifty **Book Price Comparison Engine** to find the best value.



So LoveReading4kids rescued the otherwise perfect Mum and Dad. And, everyone read happily ever after.



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# FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 26 and Friday 27 June

All ages

Thursday 26 June  
10.30am-1.00pm  
12.30-3.00pm

Friday 27 June  
10.30am-1.00pm

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Tickets: £5.00 per pupil, per  
half-day session; teachers  
and accompanying adults  
go FREE

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## Multi-cultural Manchester

We launch our 2014 MCBF schools programme with two days of activity celebrating multi-cultural Manchester. With exhibitions and taster sessions exploring music, poetry and languages, pupils of all ages can have a thoroughly enjoyable day, while learning much about the many languages and cultures that make up Manchester in 2014.

An exhibition featuring work from two major projects – *Walking in their Shoes: Migrating Passions* and the *Mother Tongue, Other Tongue* national Laureate Education project – will be the focus of interactive workshops, and each half-day package will include 2 x 45-minute taster sessions from a menu of music, language, poetry and food-themed workshops.

From 12.30 – 1.00pm on the Thursday (a slot which bridges the morning and afternoon sessions, and is open to attendees of both), there will be performances by multi-national groups working with One-Education Music and the ManMetMunch team will be on hand with mul-tea cultural tastings of drinks and other tasty treats from around the world. Spaces will be made available for groups wishing to consume packed lunches between sessions. Our Atrium Café will also be open throughout the day. Schools wishing to make a full day of it on the Thursday can opt to book for the Sufiya Ahmed author event – or simply book two half-day packages per pupil.

The Friday will see the national celebration of *Mother Tongue, Other Tongue*, a full-day programme of activities for schools organised by Routes into Languages North West. For further details of this event, contact [yasmin.hussain@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:yasmin.hussain@mmu.ac.uk) or see [www.mtot.org.uk](http://www.mtot.org.uk).





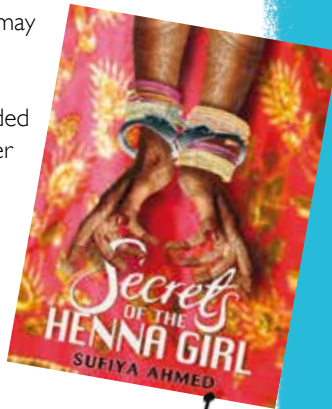
## Sufiya Ahmed

*Secrets of the Henna Girl* is Sufiya Ahmed's first novel – but what a start! The multi-award-winning book tells the story of an everyday teenager, waiting for her GCSE results and looking forward to college. What happens next is also a common story, one that Sufiya heard time and time again during her time working in parliament for an MP and one that she felt needed to be told.

Join Sufiya to talk about the human rights issues around forced marriage covered in *Secrets*, take part in an Asian bride's henna ceremony and find out about Sufiya's own journey from the Houses of Parliament to founding and directing the BIBI Foundation and becoming a full-time author.

Issues raised by *Secrets of the Henna Girl* may also be of interest to older readers and a limited number of places are available for post-16 students to stay on for an extended discussion with lunch. Join Sufiya and other panellists attending the Centre for Youth Studies launch to discuss representations of youth in relation to crime, unemployment, disability rights, education and gender and diversity. Other speakers include Greater Manchester Police Crime Commissioner Tony Lloyd.

## Centre for Youth Studies Roundtable Discussion



Ages 12+

Thursday 26 June  
10.00am

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Tickets: £6.00  
£4.00 concessions

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Ages 16+

12.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton  
Building ①

Tickets: £12.00 (includes  
author event and lunch  
with Sufiya Ahmed)

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## Friday 27 June

For adults  
(children welcome)

Friday 27 June  
6.00pm

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Tickets:

**Invitation only** –  
become a 'Friend of the  
Festival' to receive your  
VIP invitations (see below)

### Opening event

Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, Creative Director of the Manchester Children's Book Festival, and Professor John Brooks, Vice Chancellor of Manchester Metropolitan University, will officially open the 2014 Festival.



This gala occasion, for an audience of invited friends, sponsors and partners of the Festival, will feature poetry from Carol Ann, music by young musicians working with One Education and the official opening of the 2014 *Out of Schools* exhibition of artwork produced by children from the region.



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### Friends of the Festival

Become an official Friend of the Manchester Children's Book Festival and receive a range of exclusive offers, including priority booking for event tickets at future Festivals, invitations to a special reception with the Festival's Creative Director Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, and entry to a VIP room at the Family Fun Day.

To find out more go to: [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) and click on 'Support the Festival', or click to add 'Friends' membership at checkout when booking tickets for events.



# What it's really like to be a Beanstalk reading helper

By author (and Manchester Children's Book Festival's very own) Sherry Ashworth

'I've always been just a bit excited about books. Since I was a child I've loved going in to libraries or bookshops, and picking something new to read – it was that sense of a story waiting to unfold, an adventure waiting to happen. I got that same excitement when I arrived at Beanstalk HQ for my training as a Beanstalk reading helper. Look at all those books on the shelves! I had to drag my eyes away from the titles to listen carefully and join in some of activities designed to show us how to help struggling young readers. It was all about encouragement, empathy and enthusiasm.



Cleverly designed exercises put us in the place of young readers, and the trainers answered all our many questions. I was lucky to get my first placement fairly quickly, and am loving the three hours a week I spend with my three primary school pupils. Beanstalk reading helpers don't tell the children which books to read, but we let them choose. As a result I have learned a great deal about football, bikes and even chess. My best moment? When one of the boys picked up a Jacqueline Wilson title and said, 'Shall we read that?'

[www.sherryashworth.com](http://www.sherryashworth.com)



**Beanstalk**  
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## Could you inspire a child to read, grow, succeed?

**Beanstalk is a children's literacy charity that recruits, trains and supports volunteers to build children's confidence and inspire a love of reading.**

We are looking for reading helpers across Greater Manchester to support children in primary schools. If you love books, are fluent in English and can commit to two 90 minute sessions per week for a minimum of 12 months, then we'd love to hear from you.

**Full training and support is provided.**

**Contact us:**

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Beanstalk is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and requires all staff and volunteers to share this commitment, therefore all reading helpers will be required to undergo a DBS Enhanced check via Route 1 or Route 2

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# FESTIVAL FAMILY FUN DAY

**Saturday 28 June**

The Manchester Children's Book Festival welcomes everyone to the 2014 Festival Family Fun Day – a full Saturday of free activities at Manchester Metropolitan University's All Saints Campus (on Oxford Road).

Come along and join the fun – there'll be something for everyone, from pre-readers and nursery age-children to teens and families. And, as well as story-telling arts, crafts and workshops, there'll be a bustling market-place of stalls and exhibitions to browse and enjoy.



★ Join IWM North to meet puppet characters, learn more about the First World War Centenary and make your own unique souvenir to take home and keep.

★ Meet the Ordsall Hall team, make a simple origami journal with a Tudor House cover to record your visit – and find out about the Young Ghost Hunters' Club.



★ Make your own pop-up graphic novel with The Lowry - paper engineering that will make your characters leap off the page!

★ The Little People's History Museum: help Mr Ordinary and his friends search for his stolen thinking and doing using interactive puppets, song and dance.

★ Make crafts relating to Pickles, the dog who found the World Cup trophy, with staff from the National Football Museum.

★ Use your voice, your body and your imagination to create brand new stories and bring them to life with the Royal Exchange Theatre Story-Makers.



★ Take part in some exciting land and sea themed printing with Z-arts.





# A full programme of activities for the Family Fun Day will be posted on the MCBF website as the Festival approaches!



★ Take part in the *polkadots* music and story session with One Education Music.



★ Books on sale at the special on-site Blackwell's Bookshop.

★ Refreshments will be available all day at the Atrium Café. Baby change, feeding facilities and buggy park.

★ Visit the Holden Gallery: brighten up your surroundings and recycle at the same time. We'll provide the materials and help you bring to life your very own window box.

★ ManMetMunch healthy eating fruit and veg storyboards – and learn how to make healthy frozen yoghurt ice-creams.



## Car Parking

Visitors to the Festival Family Fun Day will have access to free parking (subject to availability) at Manchester Metropolitan University John Dalton car park between 10am and 5pm on Saturday 28 June 2014. There is additional on-road and multi-storey parking around the All Saints campus, which must be paid for.



★ Bionic men and women? Discover the science behind your favourite super heroes! And learn how real diseases can spread with our Simfection zombie programme.

★ Have your picture drawn, or be transformed into an animal, in the magical portrait booth.



10.00am - 4.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building ①  
MMU Holden Gallery ②

**Free entry – all welcome**



# FESTIVAL FAMILY FUN DAY

**Saturday 28 June**

Ages 0-5

10.00am - 4.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building ①

FREE – All-day drop in!

## Books and Story-telling

Working with Readwell to put new books on shelves in the Manchester Children's Hospital School, from 10am to 4pm there will be drop-in story-telling sessions for all ages.

In our under-sea tent for under-fives, there will be interactive story-telling puppet sessions with special guests reading in a host of different languages. For older children and teens there will be readings and performances in the Manchester Writing School's underground book club, where guest authors – including our own Catherine Fox and Jacqueline Roy – will be popping up all day.

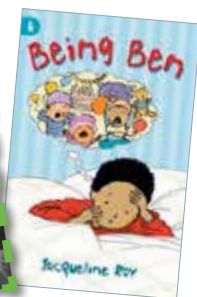


Story-telling from our friends at the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Education Trust, Commonword and the Portico Library.



Books on sale at the special on-site Blackwell's Bookshop

Bring a book along to the Readwell book-swap

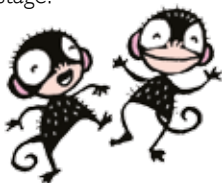




### Arthur's Dream Boat

The award-winning team of Polly Dunbar (as seen on CBeebies' *Tilly And Friends*) and Long Nose Puppets bring the cherished story of *Arthur's Dreamboat* to the stage.

A magical children's show with puppets so enchanting that everyone will want to sail away with Arthur in his boat!



Ages 3-7

11.00am and 4.00pm

Z-arts 5

Tickets: £7.00  
£5.00 concessions

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or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk),  
or through the Z-arts Box  
Office on 0161 232 6089  
or via [www.z-arts.org](http://www.z-arts.org)

### Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre: Oliver and the Seawigs

Oliver grew up in a family of explorers – but his biggest adventure is about to begin! With his new friends – a grumpy old albatross, a short-sighted mermaid and a friendly island called Cliff – Oliver goes off in search of his missing parents. But, before he can put his rescue plan into action, there's an army of pesky sea monkeys to contend with...



Ages 7+

2.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton  
Building 1

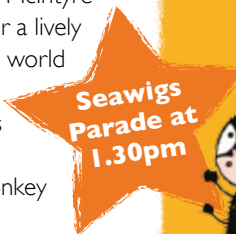
Tickets: £7.00  
£5.00 concessions

Book on 0843 208 0500  
or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



Don't miss this chance to meet the wonderful Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre in Manchester; for a lively journey into the world of *Oliver and the*

*Seawigs*. Get ready for the grand Seawigs Parade at 1.30pm. Bring your seawigs along or make one on the day at our wigs workshop. Bring your monkey drawings and creations along or join in the *A Mazing Monkeys* craft sessions with Manchester Libraries and Archives.



Ages 2-7

11.00am and 2.00pm

Royal Exchange Theatre ⑥

FREE, but booking essential

Book on 0843 208 0500  
or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)  
or through the Royal  
Exchange Theatre Box  
Office on 0161 833 9833  
or via [www.royalexchange.co.uk/bookonline](http://www.royalexchange.co.uk/bookonline)

Ages 5+

11.00am - 5.00pm

National Football Museum ⑦

Tickets: £1.00 per child

Booking not required

All ages

1.00 - 3.00pm

Waterstones Manchester  
Deansgate ③

FREE, booking not required

All ages

1.30 - 3:30pm

Ordsall Hall ⑧

FREE, booking not required

## Sunday 29 June



### The Great Story Theft

A theatrical adventure for 2-7 year olds and their grown-ups. Our stories have been stolen. Can you help to bring them back? Journey into your imagination, navigate wonderful landscapes and discover strange creatures all without leaving the theatre. *The Great Story Theft* has been created by the Royal Exchange Theatre's Young Company, our resident theatre company for 14-21 year olds.



### National Football Museum

Join us in the Hall of Fame at the National Football Museum to make badges based on well-loved characters from children's books.



### Waterstones Deansgate Children's Party

Come and share our love of children's literature with games, competitions and activities for all ages at the biggest bookshop in the North of England, Waterstones Manchester Deansgate. We're also very excited to have a special guest author for our ever popular Sunday Storytime – ask in store for details.

Waterstones

### Ordsall Hall

Make your own book, listen to stories of times gone by and meet some of the real Tudor characters that have lived at the Hall since medieval times! Plus a chance to join the Ordsall Hall Young Ghost Hunters' Club and enter the Ghost Story Competition!

For further information, see:

[www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/culture/ordsall-hall](http://www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/culture/ordsall-hall).



## Timelines

*Timelines* is an exciting collection of historical short stories for teenagers. Originally launched during the Manchester Literature Festival in 2013, the *Timelines* authors are returning by popular demand. Join us now for another tantalising trip through the ages.

Let us transport you into worlds you only know from history lessons: from dinosaurs, the Great Fire of London, Victorian adventures, World War Two to the Berlin Wall and beyond.

This Manchester Children's Book Festival project showcases stories by students from the Manchester Writing School and commissioned work by established writers Sherry Ashworth, N M Browne, Iris Feindt and Livi Michael.

Copies of the anthology will be available for purchase at the event, and through the Festival website. Go to: [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) and click 'Festival Books'.

Ages 11-14

2.30pm

Ordsall Hall ⑧

FREE, booking not essential but recommended

Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)





## Monday 30 June

Ages 7+

4.00pm

Manchester Central  
Library ④

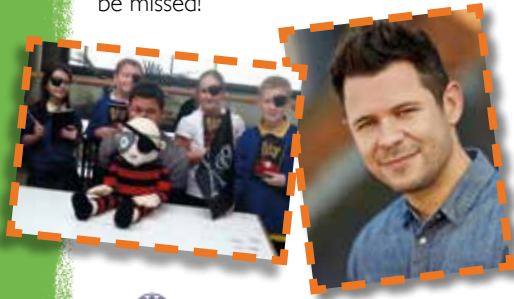
Tickets: £7.00  
£5.00 concessions

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or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

### Guy Bass

Guy Bass is the author of several book series, including *Stitch Head*, *The Legend of Frog*, *Dinkin Dings*, *Atomic!* and *Monster Madness/Monster Mayhem*. He won a Blue Peter Award in 2010 and has won two Portsmouth Book awards.

Guy's lively performances are always firm favourites and we're thrilled to have him back in Manchester for this event. Not to be missed!



Ages 7+

6.00pm

Waterstones Manchester  
Deansgate ③

Tickets: £7.00  
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### Kate Pankhurst

Calling all Young Super Sleuths! Kate Pankhurst is the author and illustrator of *Mariella Mystery Investigates*. There really is no problem too perplexing or mystery too mysterious for this intrepid young detective!

Mariella is ready to investigate the totally mysterious Huge Hair Scare!



Join Kate Pankhurst for drawing and storytelling, investigate *The Curse of the Pampered Poodle of Puddleford* – and design your own crazed poodle characters!

Waterstones



# Tuesday 1 July

## Justin Somper

Swashbuckling Justin Somper returns to the Manchester Children's Book Festival for this special event focusing on villains. Justin will be here to conjure up dark forces from his hit, six-book Vampirates series, and introduce you to enemies from the world of his brand new fantasy novel sequence, *Allies and Assassins*, where chaos, confusion and conspiracy are rife.

Always an engaging performer, don't miss this chance to see Justin in Manchester.



Ages 9-14

4.00pm

Moss Side Powerhouse  
Library 17

Tickets: £7.00  
£5.00 concessions

Book on 0843 208 0500  
or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



## Tuesday 1 July

### **Carol Ann Duffy and Friends: Manchester Writing Competition Gala Prize-giving Special**

The Manchester Writing for Children Prize is designed to encourage, celebrate and provide a platform for new poetry written by adults for children – and to ensure that the very best poems reach readers through publication. Entrants were asked to submit a portfolio of work to be judged by poets Mandy Coe, Imtiaz Dharker and Philip Gross, with selected pieces collected in a professionally produced, illustrated anthology: *Let in the Stars*.

Join us at the Royal Exchange Theatre for this special edition of the sell-out *Carol Ann Duffy and Friends* poetry and music series to celebrate and launch the anthology. Carol Ann will introduce readings from the competition judges and short-listed entrants before an overall winner is announced and presented with a £2,000 prize.

This project builds on the Manchester Writing School's annual Manchester Poetry and Fiction Prizes and is presented in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival, Manchester Literature Festival and the Royal Exchange Theatre. Copies of the anthology will be available for purchase at the event, and through the Festival website. Go to: [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) and click 'Festival Books'. Music by the Manchester Youth Jazz Collective directed and led by the One Education Jazz Team.

For more on the Manchester Writing Competition, go to: [www.manchesterwritingcompetition.co.uk](http://www.manchesterwritingcompetition.co.uk).



For adults  
(children welcome)

7.00 - 9.30pm

Royal Exchange Theatre 6

Tickets: £12.00  
£10.00 concessions

Book on 0843 208 0500  
or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) or  
through the Royal Exchange  
Theatre Box Office on  
0161 833 9833 or via  
[www.royalexchange.co.uk/](http://www.royalexchange.co.uk/)  
bookonline

*“The attraction and influence of children’s poetry is profound, and – despite containing only a fraction of the infrastructure (publications, prizes, courses) available for those writing for adults – many classic and contemporary poets have discovered the pleasures of writing for both adults and children.”*

Chair of Judges  
Mandy Coe



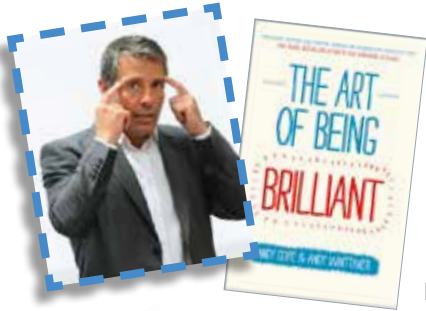


# Wednesday 2 July



## Andrew Cope: The Art of Being Brilliant

Being a teenager is cool. You've worked out the system and what works for you. You've developed some good habits. And probably a few bad ones, too! But the step up to adulthood is a big one. There's a lot of growing up to do. Wouldn't it be great to learn some stuff that would give you the edge? Wouldn't it be cool to have bags of confidence? What if you could learn to be your best self? That's what *The Art of Being Brilliant* is all about.



One of the most inspiring performers from past Manchester Children's Book Festivals is back in 2014. Come along and listen. Have some fun. And if you put the principles into practice you might change your life... forever!



"Mum, that man's made me realise I need to do something with my life!"

Axaviyo, aged 8 at MCBF 2010

## The Gruffalo's Revenge and other Revolting Rhymes

Andy Cope's *Art of Being Brilliant* event will open with this special performance by pupils from Lancasterian School as they perform their own version of two popular children's classics, assisted by writers, Noel Fagan and Sean Johnston.

Join Mouse, Fox, Owl, Snake and, of course, The Gruffalo as they face a new threat to their Woodland home. Can they put aside their differences (and their desire to eat Mouse) long enough to defeat the evil Mr Piegoo who has only one thing on his mind; to chop down every tree in the wood?

A lone figure wanders in the deep dark wood, she once wore a silly red hood, though now she wears a furry wolf coat and carries her belongings in a little pigskin tote, she has a secret in her knickers she only reveals once her eyelid flickers, she's known by the name Riding-Hood... but is she really bad or good?



Ages 10+  
(an ideal transition event for year 6 and 7 pupils)

12.30pm

People's History Museum 9

Tickets: £5.00

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or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

For all ages

People's History Museum 9

Part of the Andy Cope: Art of Being Brilliant event

## Wednesday 2 July



### Andrew Cope: *Spy Dog and Spy Pups*

One of the most popular events of the 2010 and 2012 Manchester Children's Book Festival was *Spy Dog* - and award-winning author Andrew Cope returns in 2014 - with added *Spy Pups*, too! Andrew will be reading from the series,

offering insights into what life is like as an author - and talking about themes of personal potential and how you can get the very best out of life.



Ages 8+

4.00pm

Chorlton Library 

Tickets: £7.00

£5.00 concessions

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or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

Ages 8+

6.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton  
Building 

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### Steve Cole

Manchester Children's Book Festival favourite Steve Cole - author of the hugely popular *Astrosaurus* and *Cows in Action* books and the upcoming *Young Bond* novels - returns for 2014. Steve's wacky, energetic performances have wowed crowds at the previous festivals. Come and meet Steve. He'll be signing copies of the books after the event.

Some serious weird stuff is happening on Planet Earth. Pollution is cleaned up overnight. A sweet smell fills the air. Strange lights are seen in the skies...Could they possibly be UFOs? Have aliens come to fix our world? Only one boy and his dad - and possibly his goldfish - know that the truth is stranger, scarier - and a whole lot smellier... It's *Aliens Stink!*

When Niall sees a strange, clumsy figure wrapped in bandages creeping about by his house, he has no idea how his life is about to change...The stranger is, in fact, the last surviving *Secret Agent Mummy* - a 007 from 7BC! He's from a branch of ancient, top-secret detectives - and he's in pursuit of a very old villain.



*Our Atrium Café will be open before the event.*



## Thursday 3 July

### National Football Museum Story Time: Farmyard Footie

The animals on the farm are bored; what better way than a game of football to keep them entertained! Two feet or four, they all work together to make their own game! In the Discovery Zone.



### Toddler Tales

Find a cosy corner, pull up a cushion and listen to fun stories. Join in playtime, creating a storyworld of your own. Visit the John Rylands Library for this special Manchester Children's Book Festival edition of their monthly drop-in.



Ages 0-5

10.30 - 11.30am

National Football Museum 7

Tickets: £2.00 per child

Book through the National Football Museum on 0161 871 8145 or email [learning@nationalfootballmuseum.com](mailto:learning@nationalfootballmuseum.com)

Ages 0-5

10.30 - 11.30am

John Rylands Library 10

FREE, booking not required – just drop in

# Thursday 3 July

Ages 8-13

4.00pm

Portico Library\* 

Tickets: £7.00

£5.00 concessions

Book on 0843 208 0500  
or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

## Liz Kessler

We're delighted to welcome Liz Kessler back to the Manchester Children's Book Festival – and to Manchester, where she studied in the Manchester Writing School at MMU while beginning to write her New York Times best-selling *Emily Windsnap* series. She is also the creator of the *Philippa Fisher* fairy stories.

Her other books include *A Year Without Autumn*, which asks, "If you could see into the future, would you look?", and *North of Nowhere*, a gripping, magical mystery around a girl's search for her missing grandfather. She also has a series for younger readers: *Poppy the Pirate Dog* – inspired by her own Dalmatian, Poppy! Liz's books have been translated into more than 20 languages and have sold almost five million copies worldwide.

Get a sneak-peak at Liz's new exciting book, *Has Anyone Seen Jessica Jenkins?* filled with fun, friendship and superpowers!

Come and meet Liz, hear her read from her stories and talk about where her ideas come from. She'll be signing copies of her books after the event.



\*The Portico Library is a listed building with limited access. Please contact us on [mcbf@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:mcbf@mmu.ac.uk) if you are interested in this event and have any specific access needs or requirements.





## Ali Sparkes

Ali Sparkes worked as a singer, journalist, magazine editor, assistant to a juggling unicyclist and a radio comedy writer and presenter before becoming a children's author. She is the creator of the hugely successful *SWITCH* series, in which a Serum Which Instigates Total Cellular Hijack transforms its heroes into reptiles, insects and bugs – sometimes giving them the ability to shoot webbing out of their bums!

Her other books include *The Shapeshifter* series, featuring children who suddenly develop paranormal talents, the *Unleashed* series, about a group of teenagers with incredible powers, and the novel *Frozen in Time*, which won a Blue Peter Award in 2010.

We're delighted to welcome Ali to Manchester, and to the Manchester Children's Book Festival, for this special appearance. Don't miss this chance to hear her reading from and talking about her books – and she'll be signing copies after the event.



Ages 8-13

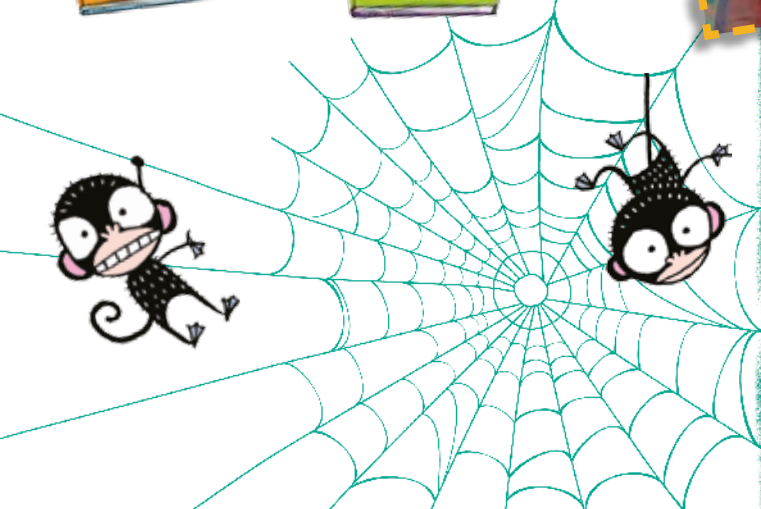
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MMU Geoffrey Manton Building ①

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*Our Atrium Café will be open before the event.*





## Friday 4 July

All ages

6.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton  
Building ①

Tickets: £7.00  
£5.00 concessions

Book on 0843 208 0500  
or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

### David Almond in Conversation with Livi Michael

The Manchester Children's Book Festival is delighted to welcome David Almond.

David is author of *Skellig*, *My Name is Mina*, *The Boy Who Swam With Piranhas*, *The Tighrope Walkers*, and many other novels, stories and plays. His work is translated into over 40 languages.

His major awards include The Carnegie Medal, two Whitbreads, and The Eleanor Farjeon Award. In 2010 he received The Hans Christian Andersen Award, the world's most prestigious prize for children's authors. David is one of the most exciting and innovative children's authors writing today.

This event is presented in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival and The Telegraph Bath Children's Literature Festival. David will be talking about his work and in conversation with the Manchester Writing School's Livi Michael

to discuss writing for children and the importance of reading for pleasure – and the role that children's literature festivals play.

David and Livi will be meeting fans and signing copies of their books at the end of the event. Don't miss this opportunity to see David in Manchester:

Music by Manchester Youth String Orchestra – an advanced string ensemble for young people are aged 12 –18. Directed by Kate Moran and Josephine Goynes (One Education Music).



# Saturday 5 July

## Saturday Playhouse: War Horse

Join us for free family fun at Saturday Playhouse as we take inspiration from the Michael Morpurgo novel and the National Theatre production of *War Horse* and make our own moving puppets!



Ages 5-11

11.00am - 12.30pm

The Lowry 12

FREE, booking not required  
For further details see:  
[www.thelowry.com](http://www.thelowry.com)

## Walking in Their Shoes: Responding to Anne Frank

Experience moving performances inspired by the *Diary of Anne Frank* in the mini-theatre space at the People's History Museum against the backdrop of a brand new exhibition of work produced in response to contemporary issues raised by her story. With drop-in workshops led by Anne Frank Trust Ambassadors from MMU, visitors will be able to explore Anne Frank's story and its continuing relevance to young people today and contribute to the exhibition by leaving their own responses on our wall of words.



For all ages

Performances at 11.00am  
and 12.00pm

People's History  
Museum 9

Workshops at 11.30am  
and 12.30pm

FREE, booking not  
required

Book on 0843 208 0500  
or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

## Crimelines

*Crimelines* is a brand new anthology of crime stories for teens. From comedy to tragedy, horror to suspense, there is something to chill the spine of every reader.

This Manchester Children's Book Festival project – led by Manchester Writing School tutors Iris Feindt and Livi Michael – showcases new stories by students from MMU's MA in Writing for Children. The collection also features specially commissioned stories by Iris, Livi and other tutors from the School.

Copies of the anthology will be available for purchase at the event, and through the Festival website. Go to: [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) and click 'Festival Books'. There'll also be a range of craft activities and workshops around the library related to the themes and stories from the book.



Ages 11-14

12.00 - 2.00pm

John Rylands Library 10

FREE, booking not essential  
but recommended

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via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



## Saturday 5 July

Ages 9+

The Midland Hotel,  
Manchester 

2.00pm

Tickets: £25.00  
£19.00 concessions  
(children aged 12 and  
under)

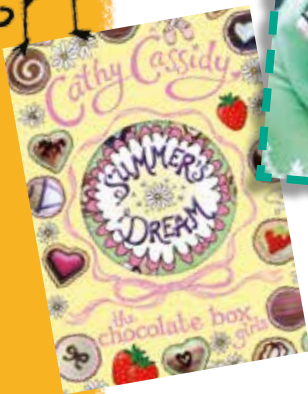
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### Cathy Cassidy: Vintage Afternoon Tea at the Midland Hotel

The much-loved Cathy Cassidy returns to the Manchester Children's Book Festival for this special event at the Midland Hotel: afternoon tea with a vintage theme. Join Cathy at this iconic, four-star Manchester venue - which has played host, over its 100-year history, to kings, queens, presidents, prime ministers and rock stars - for luxury sandwiches, pastries and cakes. Cathy will be reading from and talking about her hit *Chocolate Box Girls* series, and then meeting and mingling with fans to say hello, answer your questions and sign your books while you enjoy your tea.

Cathy's events have always been very popular, so book soon to make sure you get your tickets. And you can dress up in your favourite vintage party clothes if you like!

Presented in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival and Q Hotels, the Midland Manchester.



  
The Midland  
Manchester



## Michael Morpurgo and Coope, Boyes & Simpson – Private Peaceful: The Concert

The Manchester Children's Book Festival welcomes its patron Michael Morpurgo and his guests, the outstanding acappella trio Coope, Boyes & Simpson, for a rare performance of *Private Peaceful: The Concert* to mark the centenary of the First World War.

Based on the award-winning book, *Private Peaceful: The Concert* combines Michael's evocative readings with songs written and arranged by the trio. The music matches and intensifies the inspired narration as the story of Tommo Peaceful moves between humour and tragedy – from childhood in a Devon village to the trenches of the Western Front.

This event will be specially staged in the main atrium of Manchester Metropolitan University's Geoffrey Manton Building. Tickets are sure to be highly sought after; so book early to be sure you can join us for this innovative and atmospheric show, which offers a timely reminder of the human cost of war.

Additional music by young musicians working with One Education Music. This event is also supported by Manchester Libraries – Archives+.

All ages

4.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building ①

Tickets:

Front stalls: £22.00  
£19.80 concessions

Rear stalls: £19.80  
£17.60 concessions

Balcony seating: £19.80  
£17.60 concessions

Balcony standing: £15.40  
£13.20 concessions

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Archives +



Ages 13+

6.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton  
Building ①

Tickets: £7.00  
£5.00 concessions

Book on 0843 208 0500  
or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



## Darren Shan

The Manchester Children's Book Festival is thrilled to welcome Darren Shan - one of today's best-known and most-successful children's writers. His books have sold in every continent, have been translated into 31 languages, and have sold over 25 million copies.

Darren will be reading from and talking about *Zom-B*, his epic 12-book series about B Smith, a teenager who must learn to survive in a world of racism, zombies and darkness. The series combines fast-paced action with thought-provoking moral questions and has captivated readers worldwide. Darren says, "It's a big, sprawling, vicious tale... a grisly piece of escapism, and a barbed look at the world in which we live. Each book in the series is short, fast-paced and bloody. A high body-count is guaranteed!"

He will be meeting fans and signing copies of his books. This is sure to be one of the Festival's most popular events, so get your tickets early!

Hosted in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival and Manchester Centre for Gothic Studies at MMU.



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## Sunday 6 July

### Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

Grab your golden ticket to the screening of the 1971 cult family film *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory* based on the classic children's book by Roald Dahl. The screening will include a scrumdilyumptious interactive performance from experimental theatre group Eggs Collective. A tasty treat not to be missed!



### Willy Wonka Workshop

Oompa Loompa, do-ba-dee-doo, we've got the perfect workshop for you...

Delve deeper in to the wondrous world of Willy Wonka and join Eggs Collective for this post-screening, fun-filled and hands on workshop for all the family! Who knows there may even be some snozberries, whizdoodles or brussel sprout ice-cream for you to try?

All child attendees must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Each child can be accompanied by up to 2 adults for no extra charge.



For all ages

1.30 - 3.00pm

Cornerhouse 14

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£4.50 concessions

£3.00 members

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For all ages

3.00 - 4.00pm

Cornerhouse 14

Tickets: £2.00 per child  
FREE for accompanying  
adults

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## Sunday 6 July

Ages 9+

11.00am - 12.00pm  
IWM North 15

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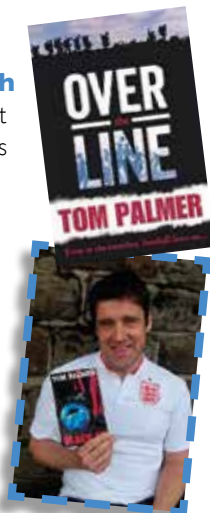
2.00 - 3.00pm  
National Football Museum 7

Tickets: £7.00  
£5.00 concessions

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or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

### Tom Palmer: Over the Line Launch

Tom Palmer's new book, *Over the Line*, is about a group of footballers who formed the famous Footballers' Battalion during WWI. Footballers who fought in the trenches for their country. And one of them – Jack Cock – who went on to play football for England after WWI, leaving so many of his fellow players and soldiers fallen in France. Tom will talk about the WWI Footballers' Battalion and will host a World Cup Reading Game, culminating in a penalty shoot out, days before England (perhaps) play in a World Cup semi-final.



Join author Tom Palmer as he presents his latest book *Over the Line*. He'll be repeating his event at IWM North and the National Football Museum.



All ages

1.00 - 2.00PM

IWM North 15 or  
National football Museum 7

Free - booking not  
required.

### Trench Tweet-Up

These two appearances by Tom Palmer provide the frame for our Trench Tweet-Up when, at 1pm, both venues will feature a brand new World War One/football-themed performance by young writers led by poets Paul Cookson and Tony Walsh. Come along or follow the event live on twitter [@mmutrenchtweets](https://twitter.com/mmutrenchtweets). See the Tweets from the Trenches blog [www.tweetsfromthetrenches.wordpress.com](http://www.tweetsfromthetrenches.wordpress.com) for further details of this project.

At IWM North the performance will feature young writers led by poet Tony Walsh, with music by John Sampson. At the National Football Museum, young writers will be led by poet Paul Cookson with music provided by young musicians working with One Education Music.





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Ages 10+

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£19.00 concessions  
(children aged 12 and  
under)

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## **Carol Ann Duffy and John Sampson: Musical Afternoon Tea at the Townhouse** Featuring the MCBF 2014 Book Quiz

It's time to say goodbye for another two years: Carol Ann Duffy and John Sampson officially close the 2014 Manchester Children's Book Festival with *Musical Afternoon Tea* at the Macdonald Townhouse Hotel.

Join Carol Ann and her best friend John (who she says he was a gift from the Queen when she was made Laureate) for their hilarious, knock-about family show. Listen for the fanfare and watch in wonder as John weaves around Carol Ann's words, playing two instruments at once and conjuring a magical, musical wonderland. Mozart's wig is bound to make an appearance (it's uncanny!). Come ready to shout out loud – as everyone knows, the cleverest people are always the loudest.

After the show, Carol Ann will be meeting fans and signing books and you can have a look at John's amazing instruments up close while you enjoy sumptuous sandwiches, pastries and cakes and refreshing teas and coffees. There'll then be a chance to win special prizes in the MCBF 2014 Book Quiz, hosted by your Festival Directors, James Draper and Kaye Tew.

Not to be missed. Limited places. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Presented in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival and Macdonald Hotels and Resorts.



### **PLUS: Special surprise appearance by Carrie Burnell as seen on CBeebies**

Carrie Burnell – as seen on CBeebies and author of *Snowflake* – will be making a special surprise appearance at the 2014 Manchester Children's Book Festival.

Visit our website: [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk), follow us on on Twitter: [@mcbf2014](https://twitter.com/mcbf2014), and join us on Facebook: 'Manchester Children's Book Festival' for news of where and when Carrie will be appearing.



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Megan, Year 10



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# MCBF SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

We passionately believe that creativity should be at the heart of every child's education and are committed to ensuring that as many children and young people as possible, from across Greater Manchester and beyond, can take part in our Festival.

Our extensive schools outreach programme, delivered under the banner of *Walking in Their Shoes* and managed by the schools outreach team in the Faculty of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at Manchester Metropolitan University, makes sure that we do exactly that.

Supported by University funding, with additional income from ticket sales and commercial sponsorship, we are able to ensure that it is not just children and young people whose parents and teachers can afford to bring them to events who benefit. When major authors come to Manchester for a ticketed event, we also try to send them into schools and libraries.

We offer our partner schools:

- priority booking with free and subsidised tickets for events from the core MCBF programme;
- the opportunity to host author visits and events during the Festival;
- MCBF trailblazers, like the Anne Frank Exhibition (coming to MMU in March 2014) and a year-long programme of other activities and workshops in schools;
- extended projects with online resources. For 2014, these include: *Tweets from the Trenches*, *Comic Smart*, *Mother Tongue*, *Other Tongue* and *Migrating Passions*.

Though the Manchester Children's Book Festival takes place for just 11 days once every two years, our schools outreach work continues with a rolling programme of activities offered by MMU and our MCBF partner organisations. In order to share this work we have set up the Manchester Creative Learning Network. Network membership includes thousands of active teacher contacts and we send out a monthly email newsletter with information about creative learning opportunities.

To find out more, to sign up for the teacher network, or for links to our schools outreach webpage and those of our partner organisations, go to: [www.mcln.org.uk](http://www.mcln.org.uk) or contact: [mcbf@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:mcbf@mmu.ac.uk); +44 (0)161 247 1789/1966.

Finally, all writers need an audience for their work and our Reading and Writing Relay blog is a platform for any young person or school wishing to use it. Writing can be submitted in the form of reviews – of festival events, author visits to schools, books or fundraising events – poetry, short stories, comic strips or sripts. The blog is maintained all year round and we encourage pupils, teachers and parents to use it. For further details, and to find out how to get involved in the relay, go

to: [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) and click on 'Reading and Writing Relay'.





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# AT A GLANCE

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<b>Thursday 26th June</b>			
Multi-cultural Manchester	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	10am - 4pm	6
Sufiya Ahmed	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	10am	7
<b>Friday 27th June</b>			
Mother Tongue, Other Tongue celebration	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	10am - 4pm	6
Carol Ann Duffy: MCBF 2014 Opening event	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	6pm	8
<b>Saturday 28th June</b>			
Festival Family Fun Day	MMU All Saints campus	10am - 4pm	10, 11, 12
Arthur's Dream Boat	Z-arts	11am	13
Seawigs Parade	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	1.30pm	13
Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre: Oliver and the Seawigs	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	2pm	13
Arthur's Dream Boat	Z-arts	4pm	13
<b>Sunday 29th June</b>			
The Great Story Theft	Royal Exchange Theatre	11am	14
National Football Museum	National Football Museum	11am - 5pm	14
Waterstone's Children's Party	Waterstones Manchester Deansgate	1 - 3pm	14
The Great Story Theft	Royal Exchange Theatre	2pm	14
Timelines	Ordsall Hall	2.30pm	15
<b>Monday 30th June</b>			
Guy Bass	Manchester Central Library	4pm	16
Kate Pankhurst	Waterstones Manchester Deansgate	6pm	16
<b>Tuesday 1st July</b>			
Justin Somper	Moss Side Powerhouse Library	4pm	17
Carol Ann Duffy and Friends: Manchester Writing Competition Gala Prize-giving Special	Royal Exchange Theatre	7pm	18

## Wednesday 2nd July

The Gruffalo's Revenge and other Revolting Rhymes	People's History Museum	12.30pm	19
Andrew Cope: The Art of Being Brilliant	People's History Museum	12.30pm	19
Andrew Cope: Spy Dog and Spy Pups	Chorlton Library	4pm	20
Steve Cole	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	6pm	20

## Thursday 3rd July

National Football Museum StoryTime: Farmyard Friends,	National Football Museum	10.30am	21
Toddler Tales	John Rylands Library	10.30am	21
Liz Kessler	Portico Library	4pm	22
Ali Sparkes	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	6pm	23

## Friday 4th July

David Almond in Conversation with Livi Michael	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	6pm	24
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## Saturday 5th July

Saturday Playhouse: War Horse	The Lowry	11am	25
Walking in their Shoes: Responding to Anne Frank - performance	People's History Museum	11am	25
Walking in their Shoes: Responding to Anne Frank - workshop	People's History Museum	11.30am	25
Crimelines	John Rylands Library	12pm	25
Walking in their Shoes: Responding to Anne Frank - performance	People's History Museum	12pm	25
Walking in their Shoes: Responding to Anne Frank - workshop	People's History Museum	12.30pm	25
Cathy Cassidy: Vintage Afternoon Tea	Midland Hotel	2pm	26
Michael Morpurgo and Coope, Boyes & Simpson: Private Peaceful - The Concert	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	4pm	27
Darren Shan	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	6pm	28

## Sunday 6th July

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory	Cornerhouse	1.30pm	29
Willy Wonka Workshop	Cornerhouse	3pm	29
Tom Palmer: Over the Line Launch	IWM North	11am	30
Twitter Football Final	IWM North and National Football Museum	1pm	30
Tom Palmer: Over the Line Launch	National Football Museum	2pm	30
Carol Ann Duffy and John Sampson: Musical Afternoon Tea	Macdonald Townhouse Hotel	4pm	32

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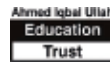


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