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Children's

Book Festival

2010

Programme



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Children's Book Festival

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Front cover Image: Catherine Hyde ©The Princess' Blankets, written by Carol Ann Duffy and illustrated by Catherine Hyde from Templar Publishing.

Welcome

Welcome to the Manchester Children's Book Festival...

The 2010 Manchester Children's Book Festival is the first festival of its kind to run in the North West of England. We're thrilled to present a four-day programme of events and activities featuring some of today's favourite children's writers, illustrators, books and characters.

Aimed at everyone who has ever loved children's books, our exciting series of events will run at Manchester Metropolitan University's city centre campus as well as in a variety of schools, libraries and other venues across the region.

No matter if you can't make it to Manchester – you'll still be able to take part in our international Festival Readathon. Wherever you are in the world, I hope you can join us.

Carol Ann Duffy
Poet Laureate and Festival Director

...and Manchester Metropolitan University

When Carol Ann Duffy said she wanted to celebrate becoming Poet Laureate by creating a Children's Book Festival and launching it from the Manchester Writing School here at Manchester Metropolitan University, I was delighted. What better way to share the best of what the University has to offer with our local communities and the wider world?

I am proud to be asked to present the first Manchester Children's Book Festival and hope that it will be the first of many.

Professor John Brooks
Vice-Chancellor
Manchester Metropolitan University



Carol Ann Duffy
Poet Laureate and Festival
Director



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Vice-Chancellor
Manchester Metropolitan
University

Thursday 1st July



Meet the Author

Michael Rosen

8+
years

Former Children's Laureate, the fabulously energetic and inspiring Michael Rosen, performs some of his wonderful poetry for primary-age children. Come along ready to join in. There will be two performances; this one is for children aged 8+.

A selection of Michael's books will be on sale and he will be happy to sign copies after the event.

Creative writing workshops, based on Michael Rosen's poetry and led by the University's trainee teachers and writing students, will run after this event. Places at the workshops are free, but limited. Please book in advance by emailing Kaye Tew at mcbf@mmu.ac.uk (please include 'Michael Rosen Writing Workshop' in the subject line) or telephone **+44 (0)161 247 1966**.



10 - 11am

£5 (£3 concessions)

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

10am - 12pm

Free - book in advance

Special Collections
Sir Kenneth Green
Library

Free places are available for school groups qualifying for GM Aimhigher funding.

Adventures in the Alphabet

Vicki Wheeler

7+
years

Join artist and educator Vicki Wheeler for an adventure in the gallery. This two-hour workshop for KS2 pupils will use the University's Special Collections' *An A-Z of Children's Books* exhibition as inspiration to develop ideas about visual narrative and storytelling. Children will work individually to produce a drawing and then together to interpret their individual drawings and create a group piece.

Places are free, but limited – please book in advance by emailing lib-spec-coll@mmu.ac.uk (please include 'Adventures in the Alphabet' in the subject line) or telephone **+44 (0)161 247 6610**.



Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Rosen

3+
years



Michael's second performance of the day will be for younger children. Come along on a Bear Hunt, bring your clapping hands and get ready to hear words dance.

Drawing Stories: Exploring Comics and Graphic Novels

11+
years

Artist and educator Vicki Wheeler will lead a workshop which uses the comic and graphic novel as a starting point. Workshop participants will look at the sequential imagery of both comics and graphic novels and also at experimental qualities of some examples. Working from their own ideas, they will work in groups to develop the concept, character format and aesthetic of their own narratives.

Places are free, but limited – please book in advance by emailing lib-spec-coll@mmu.ac.uk (please include 'Drawing Stories' in the subject line) or telephone **+44 (0)161 247 6610**.

1.30 - 2.30pm

£5 (£3 concessions)
under twos go free if
sitting on an adult's knee

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

1.30 - 3.30pm

Free - book in advance

Special Collections
Sir Kenneth Green Library

Please note that suggested age ranges are a guide and not a restriction. Children under 2 sitting on an adult's knee are free at any of the events. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Thursday 1st July

6 - 8pm

£7 (£3 concessions)

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West



Festival Launch Event **Carol Ann Duffy and Gillian Clarke**

Join us for this special event to officially open the first Manchester Children's Book Festival.

Following a drinks reception and performance by a children's choir from Wright Robinson High School, Manchester Metropolitan University's Vice-Chancellor Professor John Brooks will introduce Festival Director and Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and her guest Gillian Clarke, the National Poet for Wales.

Carol Ann and Gillian will delight the audience, talking about their writing, for children and adults, and performing some of the nations' favourite poems.

Copies of Carol Ann's and Gillian's books will be available to buy from a special Blackwell's stall on the night, and they'll be happy to sign copies after the reading.



Friday 2nd July

The Princess' Blankets

Carol Ann Duffy and John Sampson

6+
years

Come and enter the magical, musical wonderland of *The Princess' Blankets*. Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy will be performing her eco-fairy-story and other poems with music from John Sampson. Carol Ann will be signing copies of *The Princess' Blankets* after the event and John will be happy to show his amazing range of musical instruments from the Far East and the Middle Ages.

Free places are available for school groups qualifying for Greater Manchester Aimhigher funding. Enquiries to mcbf@mmu.ac.uk (please include 'Schools' in the subject line).

This event will be repeated for the general public on Saturday.



1 - 2pm

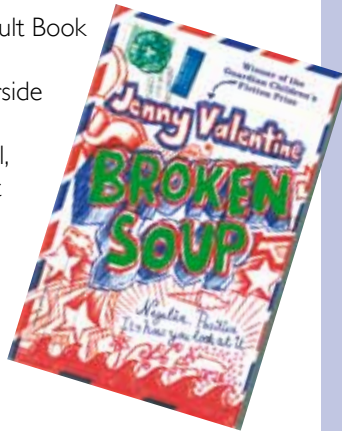
Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

School groups only

Jenny Valentine at Chorlton High School

11+
years

After picking up the Salford Young Adult Book Award in the morning for her novel, *Broken Soup*, over in Swinton at Moorside School, Jenny Valentine will hot-foot it straight over to Chorlton High School, where she'll meet Y8 pupils who can't wait to talk to her and hear her read from her books. Jenny will also be appearing at the main Festival Open Day on Saturday.



Enquiries to Rachel Hockey
School Librarian
Chorlton High School

r.hockey@chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk



1 - 2.30pm

Free - by invitation

Blue Box Theatre
Chorlton High School

Friday 2nd July



1.30 - 2.30pm

Free - by invitation

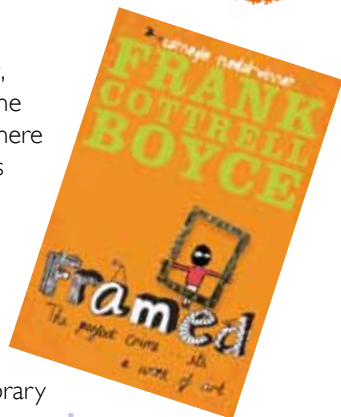
Longsight Library

Frank Cottrell Boyce at Longsight Library

Frank Cottrell Boyce, author of *Millions*, *Cosmic* and *Framed*, can't wait to visit the newly refurbished Longsight Library, where he will read from and sign copies of his books.

Frank will also be appearing at the Festival Family Fun Day on Saturday.

Enquiries to Debra Conroy,
Manchester City Council Children's Library
Services d.conroy@manchester.gov.uk.
At Longsight Library, Stockport Road, Manchester.



11+
years



1.30 - 2.30pm

£5 (£3 concessions)

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

Meet the Authors John Agard and Grace Nichols

Two of Britain's favourite poets for younger children and teens will perform and talk about their work to a mixed audience of Year 6, 7 and 8 children. This event is an ideal 'transition' event for those moving from primary to secondary school and a must for anyone who enjoys the spoken word.

Free places are available for school groups qualifying for Greater Manchester Aimhigher funding.

Enquiries to mcbf@mmu.ac.uk (please include 'Schools' in the subject line).

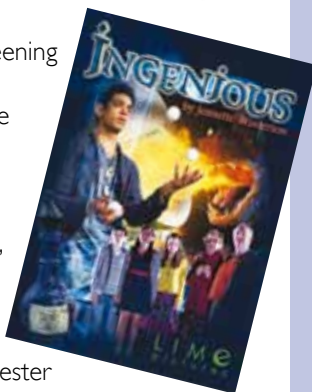
11+
years

Introducing Ingenious

Jeanette Winterson

6+ years

Join writer Jeanette Winterson for a screening of her first children's television drama Ingenious. This was first broadcast by the BBC on Christmas Day 2009 and was produced by Lime Pictures. Jeanette will introduce the film and will also be available afterwards to answer questions, meet the audience and sign books.



Free places are available for school groups qualifying for Greater Manchester Aimhigher funding.

INGENIOUS

Out of Schools 2010: Telling Stories

Exhibition Launch

all ages

The official opening of *Out of Schools 2010: Telling Stories* and *Reflective Stories, Revisited* exhibitions will be formally celebrated with a wine reception in the Holden Gallery, Manchester Metropolitan University.

Curated by the University's Manchester School of Art, this fourth annual show focuses on storytelling and narrative through all forms of art, craft and design and displays the best of work created by schools in Manchester. Come along and see what our children can do – it's impressive!



4.30 - 6pm

£5 (£3 concessions)

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

5.30 - 7pm

Free - please book

Holden Gallery and
Grosvenor Studios
Grosvenor Building
Cavendish Street

See page 29 for details of
the exhibition show times

Friday 2nd July

7 - 10.30pm

£70 per person, or £600 for a table of ten (each table will be provided with two bottles of wine and iced water).

The Alexandra Suite
The Midland Hotel
Peter Street
Manchester
M60 2DS

Adults only

Festival Gala Dinner with Carol Ann Duffy and Jeanette Winterson

You are invited to join Festival Director Carol Ann Duffy and her guest Jeanette Winterson at one of the most famous landmarks in Manchester, the glamorous four-star Midland Hotel, for the Manchester Children's Book Festival's glittering gala dinner.

After a drinks reception, guests will be invited to take their seats in the Alexandra Suite for a sumptuous three course meal, accompanied by music from the Frambuesas Tango Band. After-dinner speeches, a resident portrait artist and an auction of special prizes donated by celebrity diners will contribute to make this a wonderful gala occasion.

Profits from the evening will be divided between the NSPCC and funding for future Manchester Metropolitan University outreach projects in inner-city Manchester schools.

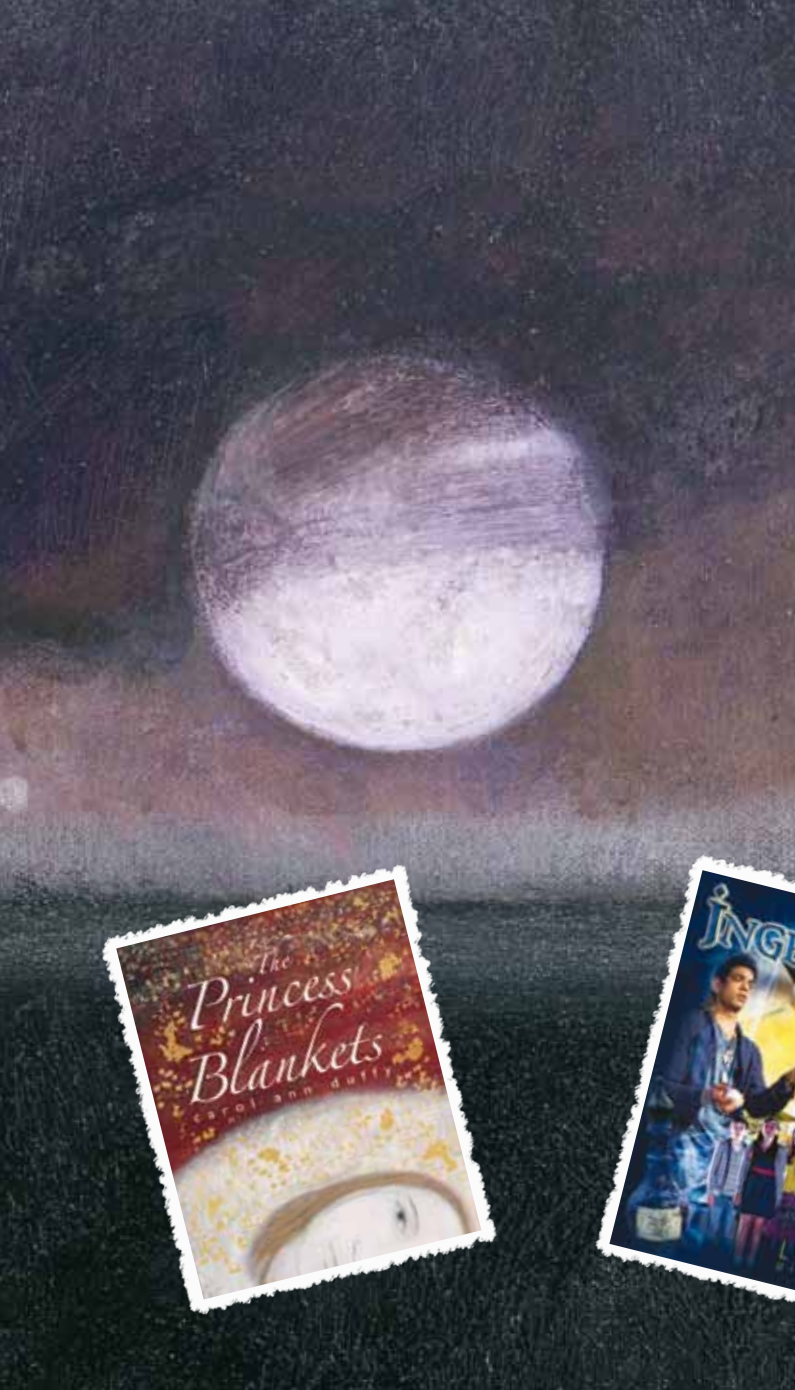
Accommodation at the Midland Hotel for the evening of Friday 2nd July is available to anyone attending the dinner at a special room rate of £95. This is for single or double occupancy, and includes full English breakfast the next morning.

To book, call **+44 (0) 845 074 0060** or email stay@qhotels.co.uk quoting 'Children's Book Festival'.

Please book rooms by Friday 4th June.



The Midland
Manchester



Saturday 3rd July

10am - 5pm

Adults £3, children £2
on the door

Entry to the Fun Day
is included in the ticket
price for pre-booked
ticketed Saturday
events.

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

10am - 5pm

Free - join in when you
arrive

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

Ideal for little ones



Festival Family Fun Day

all
ages

Come and join in with our Festival Family Fun Day. Meet your favourite authors and characters, hear new and well-loved stories, and have a go at making your own books, comic strips and drawings, or creating a brand new fairytale.

There will be something for all the family – events for younger children, a strand for teens, and activities to enjoy together.

There are lots of free activities throughout the day as well as ticketed events and workshops. Tickets can be purchased on arrival, but book online in advance to avoid disappointment. Pre-booked tickets also entitle holders to free parking (subject to availability).

Story-telling Tents

all
ages

Do you like listening to stories? Do you have a favourite? Or do you want to hear a new one? Drop into one of our story-telling tents for a little while and find out what tales are being told inside.

Hear stories in a host of languages including Spanish, German, French, Italian, Punjabi, Urdu, Chinese, Japanese, Polish and English.

Bring your own book from home, buy a new book, or borrow one of ours. Story-readers will be there all day to share them with you.



Festival Installation

Stephen Raw



10am - 5pm

Free - join in when you arrive

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

Inspired by artist and letterer Stephen Raw, we will create, with your help, a giant, double-sided Carol Ann Duffy poem. Each letter will be painted on a square and you are invited to join in and help our resident artists by making your own letter. As the day goes on, the squares will be pieced together and the giant poem will be suspended in the Holden Gallery, where it will be exhibited after the Festival.

For more on Stephen's work visit www.stephenraw.com.



Festival Illustrator

Dai Owen

Festival illustrator Dai Owen will be around the building throughout the Fun Day, capturing the event through his super-fast line drawings. Watch him in action as he sketches your favourite characters and writers, or ask him to do a cartoon portrait of you.



10am - 5pm

Free - join in when you arrive

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

Saturday 3rd July

Every hour from
10.30am - 3.30pm

Free - book your session
when you arrive

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when you arrive

Family Workshop

Lucy Schofield with students from the School of Art

all
ages

Join Lucy for a half-hour workshop and have a go at making your own book. Workshops run every hour from 10.30am-3.30pm. Book your session when you arrive.

New Fairy Tales Family Workshops

Faye Durston and Claire Massey

all
ages

Join Faye and Claire to follow a fairy tale trail: choose your own once upon a time, explore fairy tale settings, make up a baddy and hunt for magical objects on your journey to find a happily ever after.

Create your own new fairy tale, with plenty of dressing up, drawing and fun. Just visit their stall and put your name down to join the trail. For a taste of what's in store visit www.newfairytales.co.uk for their online magazine, suitable for readers of all ages, dedicated to publishing new fairy tales.



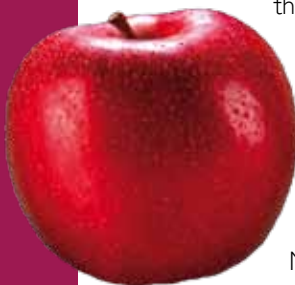
Twilight and the Science of Vampires

all
ages

Have you ever thought that a bite from an insect, animal – or vampire! – could inject millions of microbes into your blood stream? Track the spread of different types of infection using a dye that glows an eerie colour under ultra violet light.

Lots of ghoulish activities accompanied by readings from *Twilight*. Get into the spirit of the session by coming dressed as a vampire (if you wish), and go away with your own temporary tattoo vampire neck bite.

Led by Jo Verran, Professor of Microbiology at Manchester Metropolitan University.



The Computer Science Magic Show

all
ages

Computer science is behind today's technological 'magic' – from audio compression to imaging the human brain. See clever conjuring tricks that will challenge you to work out how they are done. We then reveal how the same techniques that make the 'magic' work are responsible for some of the most interesting computer science applications around.

Led by lifelong amateur magician Peter McOwan, Professor of Computer Science at Queen Mary, University of London. For further details visit www.cs4fn.org.

Free - join in when you arrive

Monkey King: Journey to the West

all
ages

Children from the Huaxia Chinese School will perform their show, based on the classic book and developed as part of the Manchester International Festival. The performance will be in Mandarin, with English subtitles.

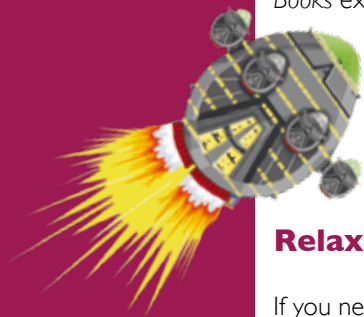
Free - no need to book

1.15 - 1.45pm



Saturday 3rd July

Every hour from
11am - 3pm



Festival Tours

all
ages

Throughout the day, there will be tours from the Geoffrey Manton Building to the Holden Gallery for the *Out of Schools, 2010: Telling Stories* and *Reflective Stories* exhibitions and over to the University's Special Collections for the *A to Z of Children's Books* exhibition.

Get together at the tour meeting point at hourly intervals and our tour guides will show you the way and bring you back when the tour is finished.

Relax, refuel... and get your books signed

If you need to refuel, grab a bite to eat in the Festival Cafe, or take some time out in the family rooms.

Buy books from the Blackwell's and Usborne Festival Bookstalls and get them signed by your favourite writers.

3.15 - 5pm

Free - no need to book

All Saints Park

Picnic in the Park

all
ages

Why not finish off your afternoon by bringing a picnic and joining us in All Saints Park (Grosvenor Square) for a celebration of storytelling, books and drama? There will be performances and mini-workshops by students from Manchester Metropolitan University's Theatre School and storytellers waiting to read.

Come and read, or tell a story, or just listen – everyone is welcome.

Weather permitting!



Ticketed Events



Meet the Author Frank Cottrell Boyce

8+
years

Fly me to the moon! Writer of *Millions*, *Cosmic* and *Framed*, Frank Cottrell Boyce will enthral listeners with his stories. Tell him which is your favourite and ask him to sign a copy – he can't wait to meet you.

Why not bring an illustration, or draw one while you're here for Frank's Cosmic gallery?

10.30 - 11.30am

£5 (£3 concessions)

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

Meet the Author Liz Kessler

6+
years

We're delighted to welcome author Liz Kessler, who is looking forward to bringing Emily Windsnap and Philippa Fisher back to Manchester. Liz will read from and talk about her characters and her books. Come along and join her. Why not bring along your mermaid illustrations to add to Liz's gallery?



11am - 12pm

£5 (£3 concessions)

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West



Illustration: Sarah Gibb
Photograph: P Baraloto



Saturday 3rd July



Meet the Author Steve Cole

8+
years

Captain Teggs is no ordinary dinosaur – he's an Astrosaur! On his incredible spaceship DSS Sauropod, along with his faithful crew, Gypsy, Arx and Iggy, Teggs rights wrongs, fights evil... and eats a lot of grass.



Come along and meet the author, Steve Cole, who'll be reading from and talking about his fantastically successful *Astrosaur*s series, and its spin-off – *Astrosaur Academy*.



author photo www.rebeccajudge.com

11.30am - 12.30pm

£5 (£3 concessions)

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

12 - 12.45pm

Free, but tickets should
be booked

Library Lecture Theatre
Third Floor, Sir Kenneth
Green Library
(Guides will be available
to take you there)

Suitable for adults
(children welcome)

The Practice of Children's Book Illustrations A talk by John Lawrence

all
ages

John Lawrence has illustrated over 150 books, some of which he has also written. His work covers picture books to private press books, including several books for the Folio Society. He has been a part-time lecturer for most of his career and is perhaps most popularly known for his illustration of Philip Pullman's books.

Ticketed Events



Meet the Author Cathy Cassidy

8+
years

Award-winning writer Cathy Cassidy is excited to be with us to read from and to talk about her many books, including *Angel Cake* and her new story *Daizy Star and the Pink Guitar*. Cathy has written so many books – why don't you come along and tell her which is your favourite? She's looking forward to meeting you.



12 - 1pm

£5 (£3 concessions)

Geoffrey Manton
Building, Rosamond
Street West



Paper+Scissors=Pop-up! Paul Johnson's family workshop

8+
years

Kids, bring along your adults to join in the fun of making pop-up books in this workshop for families.

Join book artist Paul Johnson in a practical, family workshop exploring how to create pop-up books. Great fun! Book to avoid disappointment.

12 - 1.45pm

£5 (£3 concessions)

Education Room
Third Floor, Sir Kenneth
Green Library
(Guides will be available
to take you there)



Saturday 3rd July



12.30 - 1.30pm

£5 (£3 concessions)

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

Meet the Author Andrew Cope (and Lara)

8+
years

Come and meet award-winning author Andrew Cope and his pet dog Lara, the inspiration behind the best-selling *Spy Dog* and *Spy Pups* books.

Andrew will be reading from the series and offering insights into what life is like as an author. He'll also be talking about themes of personal potential and how you can get the very best out of life. You may even be able to persuade him to tell you about Lara's next top secret missions.

Andrew will be happy to sign his books and Lara might even give you a paw-print!



Ticketed Events

Meet the Authors

12+
years

Adele Geras and Mary Hoffman

A Romantic and Historical *Stravaganza*. Adele Geras and Mary Hoffman are celebrated for their powerful and imaginative historical fiction for young adults.

Adele's ancient world is accessible and fresh; it is a place where love can be deadly as secrets are revealed, and hearts broken as tragedy unfolds.

Mary's *Stravaganza* series takes place between present day England and Renaissance Talia – a country that is both like and unlike the Italy of our world. History and fantasy are blended into a thrilling mix.

Come along and hear the authors read from and talk about their writing, and answer questions from the audience. They'll be signing copies of their books, available to buy on the day, after the reading.



1.30 - 2.30pm

£5 (£3 concessions)

Geoffrey Manton
Building, Rosamond
Street West

Saturday 3rd July

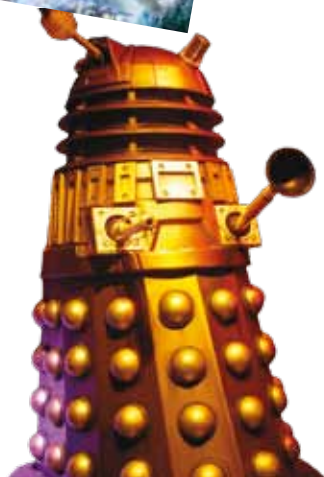


Meet the Doctor Who Authors Daniel Blythe, Stephen Cole and Paul Magrs

12+
years

With the arrival of Matt Smith on our screens this year, the unstoppable Doctor Who is once again at the forefront of the nation's imagination.

Meet three of the authors behind the latest series of Doctor Who novels – Daniel Blythe *Autonomy*, Steve Cole *Sting of the Zygons* and Paul Magrs *Sick Building*. They'll be reading from their stories and talking about writing the Doctor, his companions, his adventures... and his enemies, some of whom you'll have a chance to meet – Daleks and Cybermen will be patrolling the building!



1.30 - 2.30pm

£5 (£3 concessions)

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

Ticketed Events

Doctor Who Green Screen Experience

Have yourself photo-shopped into a scene from the *Doctor Who* television series with the Hyde Fundraisers' green screen experience. Take a photograph home for a donation of £3.50. Charities that will benefit include BBC Children In Need.

11am - 3pm

Sign up on arrival

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

all
ages



Daleks, Cybermen and other Doctor Who characters provided courtesy of the Hyde Fundraisers: www.hydefundraisers.com.



Saturday 3rd July

2.30 - 3.30pm

£5 (£3 concessions)

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

Suitable for 12+ and
adults

12+
years

Teen Fiction: Is there a Future?

Panel discussion with authors Sherry Ashworth, Kevin Brooks, Keith Gray and Jenny Valentine

As the internet both threatens the profit-making basis of the publishing industry and seduces teenagers away from paper books, is there any future for Teen Fiction?

This question, and others, will be discussed by writers who certainly hope so. What can fiction offer teenagers that they get nowhere else? How do you write a book that really appeals to teenagers? And how do you make sure they read it? These questions – and others – will be considered by a panel of the best teen writers around today.

The authors will be happy to sign copies of their books at the end of the event.



The Princess' Blankets

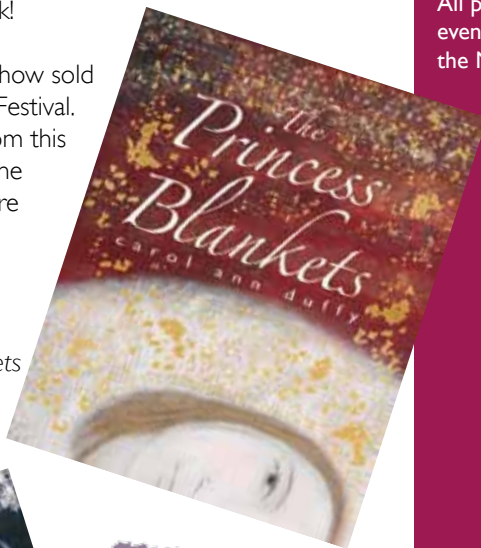
Carol Ann Duffy and John Sampson

6+
years

Come and enter the magical, musical wonderland of *The Princess' Blankets*. Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy will be performing extracts from her eco-fairy-story and other poems with music from John Sampson. The performance space will be decorated with Catherine Hyde's spell-binding illustrations – you'll feel like you're stepping into the book!

This enchanting, interactive show sold out at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Not to be missed! Profits from this event will be split between the NSPCC and funding for future Manchester Metropolitan University outreach projects.

Carol Ann will be signing copies of *The Princess' Blankets* after the event.



3.00 - 4.00pm

£5 (£3 concessions)
Under 2s go free if sitting
on a parent's knee

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

All profits from this
event will be donated to
the NSPCC

Saturday 3rd July



Jackie Kay at St Ann's Church City Centre Reading

all
ages

Join us in the heart of Manchester for an enchanting evening with award-winning author Jackie Kay.

Jackie will be reading from and talking about her writing for children, bringing to life the authentic voices, compassionate style and observational humour that characterise her writing.

This is an event for all the family to enjoy. A selection of Jackie's books will be available to buy from a special Blackwell's stall, and she'll be signing copies after the reading.

6 - 8pm

£7 (£3 concessions)

St Ann's Church
St Ann's Square
Manchester

Wine and soft drinks will be available.



Sunday 4th July

all
ages

Afternoon Tea at The Midland with Sherry Ashworth and Frank Cottrell Boyce

Round off the Festival weekend with afternoon tea and luxury sandwiches, pastries and cakes in the relaxing atmosphere of The Midland Hotel's inviting Wyvern Suite.

Are you sitting comfortably? Then award-winning children's authors Sherry Ashworth and Frank Cottrell Boyce will begin reading from and talking about their writing.

There'll also be a book quiz with special prizes on offer. Play as part of a team, as a family, or by yourself.



2 - 4pm

Tickets £20
(children age 12 and
under £15)

The Wyvern Suite
The Midland Hotel
Peter Street
Manchester
M60 2DS

Suitable for children and
adults

Festival Exhibitions



The Children's Poetry Archive An Interactive Exhibition

all
ages

Poetry doesn't just live in books – it lives in the sound of the words, the voice of the poet. When poets read aloud, they breathe life into the poems. The Poetry Archive is a place where everyone can listen to poetry.

4pm 1 July to 5pm 3 July

Free

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

Throughout the Festival, you'll be able to explore the Children's Poetry Archive and listen to poets from the present, and the past, reading their work. You can interact with the archive at special computer points throughout the Geoffrey Manton atrium, and award-winning poet Jean Sprackland will be around to tell you more about the Archive and answer any questions.

For more on the Children's Poetry Archive visit
www.poetryarchive.org/childrensarchive

10am - 4pm
28 June to 9 July
(except Sunday)

Free

Special Collections
Third Floor, Sir Kenneth
Green Library, All Saints

An A-to-Z of Children's Books Special Collections

all
ages

Exploring the theme of illustration and visual narrative in children's literature, this exhibition will showcase some of the best-loved characters from children's books along with some of the most popular children's authors and illustrators.

Come along anytime or join one of the exhibition tours running throughout the Festival Family Fun Day on Saturday 3rd July.



Telling Stories 'Out of Schools' 2010



Curated by the Manchester School of Art at Manchester Metropolitan University, the theme of this fourth annual exhibition of work by children is narrative and storytelling through all forms of art, craft and design. The partner exhibition is *Reflective Stories, Revisited*, an exhibition of sketchbooks and journals which document the artistic process.

Come along anytime or join one of the exhibition tours running throughout the Festival Family Fun Day on Saturday 3 July. Visit www.holdengallery.mmu.ac.uk or www.artdes.mmu.ac.uk/engagement/outofschools for further details.

Enquiries to Amanda Jones at a.n.jones@mmu.ac.uk or telephone **+44 (0)161 247 1703**.

See page 9 of this programme for details of the exhibition launch event on Friday 2nd July.

Cultural Links Exhibition Manchester City Council



Children and families are invited to come along to Manchester Town Hall to see an archive of writing, illustration and other projects created by children and teachers from Manchester schools and curated by students from MMU's Manchester School of Art. The exhibition shows how children from all over Manchester have interacted with some of the city's cultural venues throughout the year. Workshops and activities for children and families will be on offer all day. Come and join in.

2 July to 14 July

Free

Holden Gallery
Chatham Building
Grosvenor Street

10.30am - 3.30pm

Free entry – no need to book

Manchester Town Hall
Albert Square
Manchester

International Readathon

Free - anyone can join in

Venue - anywhere you decide!

We want people across the world to be reading children's books for the duration of the four-day Festival.

Whether you're a school arranging an in-class reading, a group of adults planning an overnight read of a favourite children's book, a parent or carer reading to a child for ten minutes at bed time, or an absent parent or grandparent wanting to record yourself reading a story to send as a gift – everyone can take part in the Festival Readathon. You can be a group of children doing a sponsored read for charity or an adult reading group enjoying a trip down memory lane.

It doesn't matter where you are, what you read, how long you read for, or who you read to, all you need to do is commit to reading a children's book by signing up for our Readathon on the website www.manchesterchildrensbookfestival.co.uk/readathon or by emailing the Festival Readathon team to register at mcbfreadathon@mmu.ac.uk.

Afterwards, send us your messages, photos or video clips and help us create a buzz about reading.

Let's get the whole world reading!

Events for Schools Beyond the Festival

We are able to offer writer visits, performances and workshops to Greater Manchester schools throughout June. Writers available for school visits include Sherry Ashworth, Mandy Coe, Mike Garry, Zahid Hussein and Anjum Malik.

A further range of outreach activities for primary and secondary schools will be offered by a number of Manchester Metropolitan University faculties and departments throughout June and July. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Festival website at www.manchesterchildrensbookfestival.co.uk.

Many of these events and activities are funded by Greater Manchester Aimhigher and Manchester Metropolitan University through its Widening Participation initiative and are therefore offered free of charge. For all enquiries and advice on the funding status of events please email Kaye Tew at mcbf@mmu.ac.uk or telephone **+44 (0)161 247 1966**.

Children's Voices

We want children's voices to be heard loud and clear throughout the Manchester Children's Book Festival, and in work that continues beyond the Festival weekend.

Young Festival reporters...

Our official Festival reporters have been selected from Craven Wood, Temple Primary and Crumpsall Lane primary schools. Y5 pupils are being trained by journalist and freelance writer, Rachel Broady. Their interviews and reviews will appear on the Manchester Children's Book Festival website and will also be published by our Media Partner, MEN Media and in Festival News, our own special magazine. Look out for our reporters on the Saturday and tell them what you think.

...and Festival tweeters

Our official Festival Tweeters were selected from Chorlton and Newall Green high schools. Performance poet, topical comedienne and journalist Kate Fox is working with Y8 and will help them transform their tweets into a piece of 'Twitter Performance Poetry', a video of which will be posted on the Festival website.

In support of our commitment to making children's voices heard, profits from both the Gala Dinner and the performance of The Princess' Blankets on 2nd July will be split between the NSPCC Child's Voice appeal and future inner-city writing workshops.

Other charities supported by the Festival include Hyde Fundraisers, Precious Lives Appeal and WaterAid.



For Teachers, Writers and Arts Practitioners

Thursday 1 July 2010
11am - 12.30pm

£5 (£3 concession)

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

As well as the extensive programme of public events for children and families, the Festival includes a number of talks, seminars, workshops and panel discussions for teachers, writers and arts practitioners.

Symposium 1

The Children's Trilogy: recession, technology and the killer slush pile

Organised by Manchester writers' group Commonword, this panel discussion will take aspiring and established children's writers through the highs and lows of the children's fiction industry today.

Panellists include literary agent Clare Conville, Chicken House publisher Barry Cunningham, and writers Sophia Bennett, Melvin Burgess and Robert Williams.

Thursday 1 July 2010
4 - 5.30pm

£5 (£3 concession)

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West.

Symposium 2

'When the world is puddle-wonderful': sustaining the links between poetry and childhood

Organised and chaired by poet and educator Mandy Coe, this is a joyful celebration of poetry written for and by young people. It will also showcase a number of innovative ways to inspire and support practitioners and teachers in keeping the connections between poetry and childhood live.

Panellists include poets Anne Caldwell, Michael Rosen and Jean Sprackland, and Bea Colley from the Poetry Society.

Continuing Professional Development

CPD Day for Teachers and Writers

Hosted by the Department of English and Manchester Writing School at Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) this full day programme of masterclass workshops, critical seminars and illustrated talks is led by MMU tutors – among them internationally distinguished children’s authors and researchers, including Sherry Ashworth, Paul Magrs, Jacqueline Roy – and guest writer Liz Kessler.

See Festival website for detailed programme

www.manchesterchildrensbookfestival.co.uk

Talks and Workshops for Teachers, Writers and Arts Practitioners

A series of talks on the history of children’s literature and illustration by leading academics: Dr Andrew Biswell, Professor Diana Donald, Dr David Huxley, John Lawrence, Helen List and Professor Ian Rogerson.

See Festival website for timings of individual talks. Enquiries to lib-spec-coll@mmu.ac.uk or **+44 (0)161 247 6107**.

A practical workshop in making books and illustration led by Paul Johnson

Enquiries to lib-spec-coll@mmu.ac.uk or **+44 (0)161 247 6107**.

Thursday 1 July
10am - 6pm

£70

Includes: Symposium
1 and 2, refreshments
and lunch

Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West

Friday 2 July
10am - 4.45pm

Free – book in advance
on the Festival website

Special Collections
Third Floor, Sir Kenneth
Green Library, All Saints

Friday 2 July
10 - 11.30am and
2 - 3.30pm

£5 (£3 concession)

Special Collections
Third Floor, Sir Kenneth
Green Library, All Saints



General Information

Concessionary rates are available to anyone aged 16 or under, pensioners, students in possession of a valid college or university ID card and any adult attending with a child.

All volunteers must be 18 or over and may need to be CRB checked.

Booking Tickets

You can book tickets for Festival events in advance by visiting www.manchesterchildrensbookfestival.co.uk.

Tickets booked online will be issued electronically, and you will need to print them out and bring them with you to the Festival.

It will also be possible to buy tickets for some events on the door; but these will be subject to availability, so please book online in advance to avoid disappointment.

School and Group Bookings

Greater Manchester Aimhigher and Manchester Metropolitan University Widening Participation have funded a number of free places for schools wishing to attend many of the events in our programme (excluding Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July). If you think your school may qualify for places, or you would like to discuss school or group bookings, please contact Festival Manager Kaye Tew at mcbf@mmu.ac.uk, telephone **+44 (0)161 247 1966**, or see the For Schools page at www.manchesterchildrensbookfestival.co.uk/schools.

Become a Festival Volunteer

If you would like to be a volunteer for the Manchester Children's Book Festival, please sign up via the Festival website at www.manchesterchildrensbookfestival.co.uk/volunteers or contact the Festival Volunteer Coordinators, Suzy Boardman and Duncan Lockhart at mcbfvolunteers@mmu.ac.uk.

Car Parking

Advance ticket holders will have access to free parking (subject to availability) between 10am and 5.30pm on Saturday 3rd July. There is also on-road and multi-storey car parking around the All Saints campus, which must be paid for.

Access

The Manchester Children's Book Festival welcomes disabled visitors. All lecture theatres in the Geoffrey Manton building are equipped with induction loops and are accessible to wheelchair users. All floors of the building are accessible by lift with controls at wheelchair height level. There are 'speaking lifts' with controls in Braille. There are disabled toilet facilities on each floor. Please contact the Festival Team on **+44 (0)161 247 1787/1966** or **mcbf@mmu.ac.uk** if you would like to discuss your individual access needs.

Important Information

Children under 16 attending the Festival must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Manchester Metropolitan University adheres to Health and Safety regulations, but cannot be held responsible for any children left alone on its premises or at Festival events held at outside venues.

Photographers will be present at the Festival and images captured may be used in print or online by Manchester Metropolitan University and other outside organisations (eg regional and national press). If you would prefer not to be photographed, and/or would prefer a child accompanying you not to be photographed, please inform the photographer.

All information in this brochure is correct at the time of going to press and may be subject to change. Please visit **www.manchesterchildrensbookfestival.co.uk** or contact **mcbf@mmu.ac.uk** for the latest details.

Please note that suggested age-ranges are a guide and not a restriction.

Children under 2 years of age sitting on an adult's knee are free at any event.

All members of the Festival Team who may be in direct contact with children under 16 will have been CRB checked.

General Information

How to Find Us

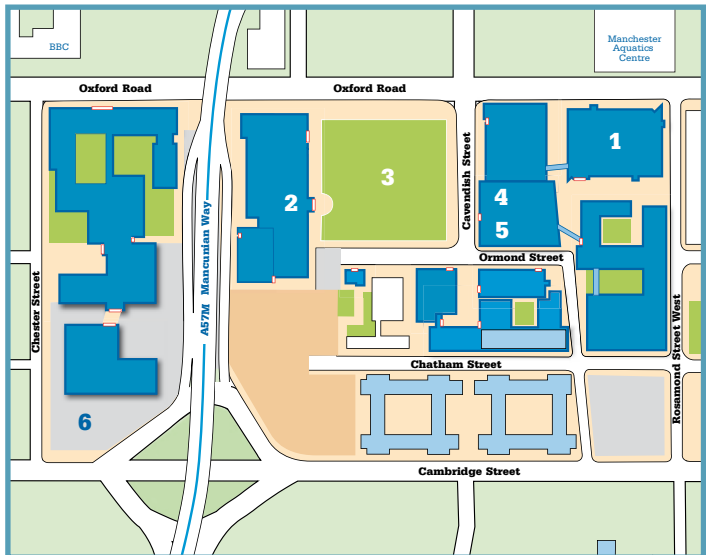
Most Manchester Children's Book Festival events and activities will be taking place at Manchester Metropolitan University's All Saints Campus on Oxford Road in Manchester in the Geoffrey Manton Building, the Grosvenor Building and in the Sir Kenneth Green Library.

The Geoffrey Manton Building is opposite the Aquatics Centre on Oxford Road. Access is via the Rosamond Street West entrance. The Grosvenor Building and the Sir Kenneth Green Library are both adjacent to the All Saints Park (Grosvenor Square).

Getting to the All Saints Campus

Key

- 1 Geoffrey Manton Building
- 2 Sir Kenneth Green Library
- 3 All Saints Park (Grosvenor Square)
- 4 Holden Gallery
- 5 Grosvenor Studios
- 6 John Dalton Car Park



By Rail

Take a train from Piccadilly to Oxford Road station for the All Saints campus. From Victoria station, take the Metrolink tram to St Peter's Square, from which the All Saints campus is a 10 minute walk. Oxford Road station is a five minute walk to the All Saints campus.

By Bus

Take the 147 bus from Piccadilly railway station to the stop outside the BBC on Oxford Road. You can also get numerous buses heading towards south Manchester (bus number 41, 42, 43, 85, 111, 250, 256), which all stop at the All Saints campus.

Visit www.gmpete.com for more information.

By Car

From the M56, south of Manchester, keep in right hand lanes at Junction 3 (signposted city centre) continue from the end of the M56 onto A5103 (Princess Parkway), signposted Manchester city centre. Carry on until you reach a major roundabout with an overpass and take the third exit, signposted Sheffield A57(M). At next roundabout (to get to John Dalton car park for free Saturday parking) take the first exit onto Cambridge Street and turn right onto Chester Street. (The car park entrance is on the right hand side.) Or continue down Chester Street to Oxford Road.

From the M60, north and east of Manchester, exit at Junction 22 and turn right at traffic lights onto A62. Continue until the end and turn left onto A665 then, following signs for Universities, turn right. Bear left just before the road rises to become the Mancunian Way and join the dual carriageway, immediately moving into the right hand filter lane to turn right (signposted Manchester Aquatics Centre) onto Grosvenor Street. Follow sign for Manchester Metropolitan University onto Oxford Road.

From the M602, west of Manchester, proceed to the end of the M602, join the A57(M) (Mancunian Way) and leave by the slip road (signposted Universities) immediately after the Manchester Metropolitan University buildings visible on both sides of the carriageway. Follow the slip road from the Mancunian Way round to the left and join the dual carriageway (Upper Brook Street). Take the first right onto Cavendish Street, then turn right onto Oxford Road.

GPS

Put the postcode M15 6LL into your satellite navigation system to get to the All Saints campus.

Programme at a Glance

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Going on a Bear Hunt (age 3+) Michael Rosen	Geoffrey Manton Building	1.30 - 2.30pm	5
Drawing Stories: Exploring Comics and Graphic Novels Vicki Wheeler	Special Collections, Sir Kenneth Green Library	1.30 - 3.30pm	5
Symposium 2: 'Puddle Wonderful'	Geoffrey Manton Building	4 - 5.30pm	32
Festival Launch Gillian Clarke and Carol Ann Duffy	Geoffrey Manton Building	6 - 8pm	6
See page 31 for details of our Continuing Professional Development Day for Writers and Teachers See also www.manchesterchildrensbookfestival.co.uk for details of additional school events on Thursday, Friday and throughout June			

Friday 2 July

The Princess' Blankets Carol Ann Duffy and John Sampson	Geoffrey Manton Building	1 - 2pm	7
Jenny Valentine at Chorlton High School	Blue Box Theatre Chorlton High School	1.30 - 2.30pm	7
Frank Cottrell Boyce at Longsight Libabry	Longsight Library	1.30 - 2.30pm	8
Meet John Agard and Grace Nichols	Geoffrey Manton Building	1.30 - 2.30pm	8
Ingenious Screening Jeanette Winterson	Geoffrey Manton Building	4.30 - 6pm	9
Out of Schools 2010: Telling Stories Exhibition Launch	Holden Gallery	5.30 - 7pm	9
Gala Dinner Carol Ann Duffy and Jeanette Winterson	Midland Hotel	7 - 10.30pm	10

See page 31 for details of a free series of talks for Writers, Teachers and Arts Practitioners and practical workshops led by Paul Johnson (book artist)
 See also www.manchesterchildrensbookfestival.co.uk for details of additional school events on Thursday, Friday and throughout June.

Saturday 3rd July

Family Fun Day	Geoffrey Manton Building	10am - 5pm	
Meet Frank Cottrell Boyce	Geoffrey Manton Building	10.30 - 11.30am	17
Meet Liz Kessler	Geoffrey Manton Building	11am - 12pm	17
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The Princess' Blankets Carol Ann Duffy and John Sampson	Geoffrey Manton Building	3 - 4pm	25
Picnic in the Park	All Saints Park	3.15 - 5pm	16
Jackie Kay: City Centre Reading	St Ann's Church	6 - 8pm	26

Sunday 4th July

Afternoon tea at The Midland with Sherry Ashworth and Frank Cottrell Boyce	Midland Hotel	2 - 4pm	27
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The Manchester Writing School at Manchester Metropolitan University

Hosting a suite of ambitious degree programmes, a vibrant series of public reading events and a major international writing competition, the Manchester Writing School at Manchester Metropolitan University is a thriving centre of creative excellence, working to benefit the literary community at large.

Creative programmes of study based in the Manchester Writing School include:

- BA (Hons) English and Creative Writing
- MA Creative Writing: Novel and Poetry routes
- Online (distance learning) MA Creative Writing: Novel, Poetry and Writing for Children routes
- A course in literary translation
- A pedagogic studies route for those interested in teaching creative writing
- New for 2011, a new unit in Crime Fiction

Tutors include Simon Armitage, Sherry Ashworth, Heather Beck, Vicki Bertram, Andrew Biswell, Carol Ann Duffy, Nikolai Duffy, Paul Magrs, Jenny Mayhew, Livi Michael, Michael Symmons Roberts, Jacqueline Roy, Nicholas Royle and Jean Sprackland.

For further information visit www.mmu.ac.uk/writingschool or contact James Draper at j.draper@mmu.ac.uk or on +44 (0)161 247 1787.

MMU's Association for Creative Writing and English (ACWE) is home to a leading outreach network, supporting schools and colleges across the region in taking a creative approach to reading and writing. As well as offering funded writing opportunities for schools in the Northwest and beyond, ACWE delivers training for teachers and writers working in primary and secondary schools and community settings, producing an annual anthology of creative work by writers aged 16-19. ACWE's annual *All Write!* competition regularly receives in excess of 400 entries each year from schools and colleges across the Northwest, and beyond; more than 350 young writers have had their work published by MMU in the last five years.

The following continuing professional development units are available:

- Teaching Creative Writing Workshop
- Literature and its Readers

For further information, or to join the ACWE network, visit www.mmu.ac.uk/acwe or contact Kaye Tew at k.tew@mmu.ac.uk.

The Manchester Poetry Prize

2010

First prize: £10,000*
Deadline for entries: Friday 6th August 2010
Entry fee: £15

Judges: Simon Armitage, Lavinia Greenlaw and Daljit Nagra.

The Manchester Writing School at Manchester Metropolitan University is launching the second Manchester Poetry Prize – a major international literary competition celebrating excellence in creative writing.

The Manchester Poetry Prize is open internationally and will award a cash prize of £10,000* to the writer of the best portfolio of poetry submitted. The competition is open to entrants aged 16 or over; there is no upper age limit.

A fees bursary for study at Manchester Metropolitan University will also be awarded to one entrant aged 18-25 as part of the Manchester Young Writer of the Year Award*.

For further information, to enter online or download a postal entry pack, visit **www.manchesterwritingcompetition.co.uk** or contact James Draper at **j.draper@mmu.ac.uk** telephone **+44 (0)161 247 1787**.

*Terms and Conditions apply. See www.manchesterwritingcompetition.co.uk for full details.

Manchester Metropolitan University's annual creative writing competition for 14-18 year olds has resulted in work by more than 350 young writers being published in the *All Write!* anthologies. For these and other publications, please visit **www.mmu.ac.uk/acwe/publications**

The *All Write!* competition is free to enter and open to anyone aged 14-18 (Y9 and above).

The deadline every year is the end of July. The competition entries are judged over the summer and the best 60 or so are selected for publication. All entrants are invited to our annual Celebration event at Manchester Metropolitan University in December, where young writers are presented with copies of their anthology by professional writers. For information about how to enter and on other competitions that might be of interest to young writers visit **www.mmu.ac.uk/acwe/competitions**.

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For further information contact Kaye Tew k.tew@mmu.ac.uk or +44 (0)161 247 1966

Portico Young Writers' Prize

The Portico Library, in collaboration with The Manchester Writing School and ACWE (Association for Creative Writing and English) is this year piloting the first Portico Prize for Young Writers – a new literary competition celebrating writing by young people in Northern England.

Schools and colleges from across the North West of England have nominated their Young Portico Writers, a number of whom have been selected to attend workshops with professional writers Sherry Ashworth, Rachel Broady and

Mandy Coe, and then be mentored by Manchester Metropolitan University's writing students to produce entries for the first Portico Young Writers' Prize.

Winners in three categories – fiction, poetry and journalism – will be presented with their awards at the Portico Prize dinner in October 2010.

Keep an eye on the Portico website at www.theportico.org.uk for further details of this and of next year's competition, or contact Lynne Allan at lynneallan@mac.com.

Children's Novel Pitching Competition

Commonword and Manchester Central Library

Be part of the nail-biting spectacle as six shortlisted authors - all previously unpublished - battle it out in front of an audience to win over our panel of experts.

The winner will earn the right to have their novel critiqued by leaders in the industry.

Competition judges are Sherry Ashworth (award-winning children's writer and creative writing tutor at Manchester Metropolitan University), Julia Churchill (children's agent from The Greenhouse Literary Agency) and Emma Young (children's editor at Macmillan).

**Wednesday 30th June 2010
1.30-3.30pm**

Great Hall, Friends Meeting House,
Mount Street, Manchester, M2 5NS.

Entry for spectators is free, however places are limited so to avoid disappointment please book your place via Marnie Richards at marnie@cultureword.org.uk.

If you have a complete novel in the drawer, we are still looking for manuscripts for readers aged 8 to young adult until 21st May 2010. Please contact Marnie Riches at marnie@cultureword.org.uk for details.



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1-4 July 2010

Feedback

Have you enjoyed the 2010 Manchester Children's Book Festival? If so, please do get in touch to let us know. The Festival is put together with you in mind and your thoughts are very important to us. If you would like to sign up for the Festival mailing list, please visit

www.manchesterchildrensbookfestival.co.uk.

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