**July and August UpdaTED 2016**

**Dear Group Chair**,

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| **Don’t forget Non Fiction**  If you had to recommend a selection of non-fiction titles, where would you begin?   It's a few years since we produced our non-fiction booklist, It's a Fact. We'd like to create an updated list of 100 brilliant non-fiction books for children and young people, and *we'd really love to have the input from your group members*.  Please consult your group and let Zoe ([nnfn@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:nnfn@fcbg.org.uk)) have your suggestions for inclusion on the list by July 31st 2016.  Please note: The list will only include books currently in print in the UK. We are keen to use it to highlight the breadth of non-fiction, in terms of subject matter, style and target age group, and also books which are read for pleasure (rather than educational text books). |
| The Resource Pack for NNFN 2016 is now available to download from the FCBG website. Designed to help groups organise activities during the month, it's packed with ideas and information about making non-fiction books, which is this year's theme. |
| **National Non Fiction November**  When a past Chair, Adam Lancaster first introduced National Non-Fiction Day, we had no idea that a few years later we would be dedicating a whole month to celebrating reading information books for pleasure. This has been largely due to Zoe Toft, who has now stepped down from the Executive Committee and is coordinating NNFN for the last time this year.  We are therefore looking for someone to take up the challenge of organising National Non Fiction November in 2017**.** The position would require the holder to also become a member of the Executive Committee. This is a great opportunity for anyone who has a passion for sharing non-fiction with young people and is also keen to get involved with the Federation of Children’s Book Groups at a national level. You would be welcome to observe our next Exec Meeting on October 8th. We would like the handover to take place in November 2016.  Please get in touch if you would like more details about what is involved by contacting [info@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:info@fcbg.org.uk) or [nnfn@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:nnfn@fcbg.org.uk). |
| **National Share A Story Month**  So many groups have been busy all around the country with activities for National Share A Story Month.  Please make sure you send your reports and photos to Louise Stothard as soon as possible and look at the great photographs on the web site. Her email is [louisestothard@aol.com](mailto:louisestothard@aol.com) and she writes:  We would like to thank Macmillan and Bloomsbury Publishers for their support of NSSM 2016!  Macmillan Publishers chose the photos sent in by Tanya Manners, class teacher at Buxton School, Norfolk as their favourites of children and adults Reading in Unusual Places. They will be sending them a signed copy of Julia Donaldson’s The Detective Dog and other goodies.  They also liked the photos sent in by Jenny Hawke of unusual reading places by Bromley Libraries and will be sending them some bookish goodies too.  Bloomsbury Publishers chose the following photo as their favourite which is from Buxton School. They will be sending them a copy of Are You Sitting Comfortably by Leigh Hodgkinson and a bundle of books. Bloomsbury will also send everyone who sent in photos a poster of the book.  cid:686E501C-D62E-471F-8B4E-E3181F5744E5@home |
| **Blog**  Sue Wilsher reminds you to subscribe to our excellent blog and to let us know if you are experiencing any problems for example, spam filtering.  We invite all groups to write blog posts on future events or fundraising ideas. |
| **We have received the following information which your group may find of interest** |
| **Dates for your diary**  **Celebrating Children’s Literature in the North East**  **Michael Morpurgo, A Lifetime in Stories** is a new exhibition at the Seven Stories National Centre for Children’s books in Newcastle which opens on Saturday 2nd July and will run until June 2017.  David Almond's adaptation of **The Savage** will have its World Premiere at **Live Theatre, Newcastle** from 30 June to 23 July.  **Please let us know if you get the opportunity to attend either of these events.’** |
| **Society of Authors event**  **Adventures in the real world: factual books and reading for pleasure**  19 July, 5.45-8pm, Waterstones Piccadilly, 203-206 Piccadilly, London W1J 9HD  Children love reading about pirates, animals, robots, space, monsters... anything and everything wondrous and exciting. They love adventurous stories and bizarre inventions. And they don't love it any less if what they read is true - so why does Reading for Pleasure so often focus on fiction?  Our panel of experts discusses the huge benefits of reading factual books for pleasure, engaging young  readers who might not enjoy fiction, and broadening the horizons of those who do. **Jenny Broom** is a  publisher at Quarto, producers of the award-winning *Atlas of Adventures*; **Dawn Finch** is President of the  Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, a vociferous library campaigner, trained  librarian and children’s author; **Nicola Morgan**, CWIG Chair, author of award-winning novels, factual books and an expert in the science of readaxation and reading for wellbeing; and **Zoe Toft** of the Federation of Children’s Books Groups, an independent children’s book consultant and oversees Non-Fiction November.  Chaired by **Anne Rooney**, author of around 150 children’s information books on many subjects and Chair  of the SoA's Educational Writers Group.  The talk will be followed by a drinks reception. Tickets for FCBG members cost £10 online booking as SoA  members using an offer code SOA16 or £12 offline by calling the Society of Authors on 0207 373 6642. Please quote event code 571.  Web-page for the event: http://bit.ly/1Qe2p7w |
| **UKLA Book Award Winners 2016**  **The winning book in the 12 to16 + category is the *Lie Tree*** by Francis Hardinge, published by  Macmillan.  **The winning book in the 7 to 11 category is *The Imaginary*** by A.F. Harrold and Emily Gravett,  published by Bloomsbury  **The winning book for the 3 to 6 category is *Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion*** by Alex.T.Smith,  published by Scholastic |
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| **September 10th deadline for the next UpdaTED.**  Don’t forget to send your news to [info@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:info@fcbg.org.uk) |