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Bath Festival of

# Children's Literature



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Friday 23rd September - Sunday 2nd October 2011

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Bath festivals

# Come on in!

Bravo, Bravo for the  
fifth Bath Festival of  
Children's Literature!

For more Mega  
Mash-up fun see the  
event on page 12.

**MEGA MASH-UP**

## Bath Festival of Children's Literature

We can't wait to welcome you  
back to Bath for yet another  
action-packed Festival filled  
with some of the best authors,  
illustrators and storytellers around.

The 2011 festival has the best line-up  
EVER from funny men Jeremy Strong  
and Andy Stanton, to the amazing  
Jacqueline Wilson and check out Friday  
Fright Night on 30th September – a day  
dedicated to all things spooky...!

But don't wait around here, start turning  
the pages now and find an event that  
you're sure to remember forever.

### The Festival Team

## Booking dates

Don't just hang around here, get on and  
book your tickets!

**Friends booking:** Saturday 18 June

**General booking:** Saturday 25 June

(Friends' membership costs just £10 and for  
this you can receive lots of great special  
offers, get one week priority booking and you  
take advantage of our fun-day at Bath Box  
Office on 18 June. For more information on  
how to become a Friend please see page 39.)

## Get involved with the 2011 Bath Kids LitFest as it heads out and about!

There's plenty to get excited about – from our  
'takeaway' programme which takes authors  
into schools, to workshops at First Steps  
Children's Centre in Twerton, to the chance to  
join the Bath Chronicle Young Reviewers team  
and report on Festival events, to our brand  
new Kids LitFest Club! Turn to page 18 for  
more information and how you can join in.

## Follow Us!

Make sure you find out all of the  
juicy Kids LitFest gossip before it's  
even happened!

Keep up-to-date by following us on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/bathkidslit](http://www.facebook.com/bathkidslit) or on Twitter  
[@bathkidslitfest](https://twitter.com/bathkidslitfest).

2011 Writer-in-residence Jeremy Strong will  
also be writing a very special blog dedicated  
to all things Kids LitFest-ish!

Sign up at [www.bathkidslitfest.wordpress.com](http://www.bathkidslitfest.wordpress.com)

## Books and Signings

Waterstones will be selling books at most  
Bath Kids LitFest events and there will often  
also be an opportunity to meet your favourite  
author and get a signed book afterwards.  
For some guests however, due to the size and  
enthusiasm of the audience, it may take some  
time to see everybody!

**Child Protection Policy** – Children under 12 must be accompanied by a ticket buying adult at all Festival events unless  
otherwise stated. Children under 2 who do not require a seat do not require a ticket, unless otherwise stated

# Friday 23rd September

# Saturday 24th September



## Jeremy Strong

A1 4.30–5.30pm, Guildhall, £5 Ages 7+

What better way to start this year's Festival? Come and laugh your socks off with the much-loved **Jeremy Strong** as he takes you on a laughter-filled ride through his own childhood and the inspirations for his bestselling books, including the latest titles in his *Batpants!* and *Cartoon Kid* series. Full of fizzing energy and jolly jokes this event will be a hoot!

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**Jeremy Strong** will also be the 2011 Festival's Writer-in-Residence. Expect to see him around our venues throughout the Festival or follow him on the Kids LitFest blog [www.bathkidslitfest.wordpress.com](http://www.bathkidslitfest.wordpress.com)

Hello! Jeremy Strong here, and I am proud to introduce myself to you as the festival's Writer-In-Residence. That sounds as if I am being kept in a kennel just outside the festival box office, so if you hear loud barking and a tin water bowl suddenly comes frisbee-ing sloppily straight at you – that's ME! This year's festival is jam-packed with goodies, a bit like the best bun-shop but EVEN BETTER. You can keep up with events by reading my daily blog. I shall be at several events myself so if you spot me, give me a wave – I might let you share my doggy bone!

## Roddy Doyle

A2 7–8pm, Guildhall, £6 Age 10 – adult

A treat for all ages! Come along and hear the prize-winning author **Roddy Doyle** talk about his brilliant new book *A Greyhound of a Girl*, a wittily told tale of four generations taking a midnight road trip back to the past with a very special mission... Roddy will be talking to **Lorna Bradbury** from The Daily Telegraph about all his children's books including the hilarious *The Giggler Treatment* and *Wilderness*. An event not to be missed!

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## Andy Stanton's Big Laugh in Bath

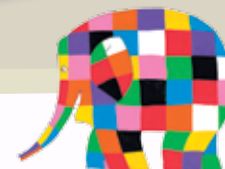
B1 10–11am, Forum, £6.50 Age 7+

Mad, bad and dangerously funny to know! That's **Andy Stanton** – the crazy creator of the ludicrously silly and award-winning *Mr Gum* books. Bring your laughing gear for an event full of laugh-out-loud madness and hear about all the latest *Mr Gum* goings-on from Andy himself!

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## David McKee



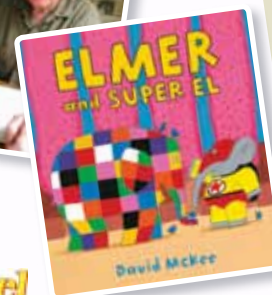
B2 10–10.45am, Guildhall, £6 Age 3+

Join master storyteller, stunning artist and creator of this year's festival front cover **David McKee** for an incredible live drawing celebration, including our favourite elephant Elmer. A special event for all of you who love *King Rollo*, *Mr Benn* and *Not Now Bernard* too!

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## The Amazing Lego-tastic Building Event!

B3 10–11am

B12 1.15–2.15pm Mission Theatre, £5 Age 5+

**Duncan the Brick Master** returns to Bath! Come along to this special LEGO® event and help Duncan our LEGO builder construct a real LEGO model. Team up with your friends as you each build a piece of the model to create the final masterpiece!

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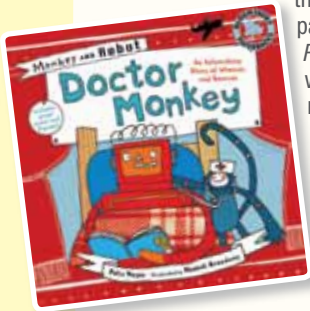
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## Monkey and Robot

B4 10–10.45am, Bath Central Library, £4.50 Age 3–5

Monkey and Robot are the best of friends and are always looking for fun things to do. Join **Hannah Broadway** the brilliant illustrator of the books for an activity packed *Monkey and Robot* workshop. There will be monkey makes, robot readings and lots of best friend fun.

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## Ladybird Tales

B7 11.45am–12.25pm, Mission Theatre, £4.50 Age 3+

Ladybird Live

Ladybird Books and BBC radios' favourite performance poet **Murray Lachlan Young** will host a hilarious and vibrant storytelling extravaganza at Bath Kids LitFest. The show will include filmed segments of famous personalities reading classic fairy tales (like children's TV presenter Andy Day reading *The Three Little Pigs*) and children can join in the fun with dance, rhyme, song and animal noises. Come dressed-up as a Ladybird and join in the fun!

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## The Wrong Pong

B5 11.15am–12noon, Guildhall, £5 Age 6+

Come and meet the brightest new star of children's funny fiction, **Steven Butler**, who also played Horrid Henry in the *Horrid Henry Live* and *Horrid!* stage show. Steven and illustrator **Chris Fisher** will introduce the worlds of Over and Under and live drawing in this laugh-out-loud stinky story of mistaken troll-identity, with a storytelling performance which will delight parents and children alike!

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Horrid Henry's favourite book

## Mine! with Rachel Bright

B8 11.45am–12.30pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50 Age 4+

Sharing when you are a twin means double trouble and there's only one Funny Bunny! How will twins Freddie and Frankie learn to play together nicely? Join wordsmith, illustrator and eternal optimist **Rachel Bright** (*My Sister is an Alien, What Does Daddy Do?*) for storytelling and drawing. You can even make your very own funny bunny to share!

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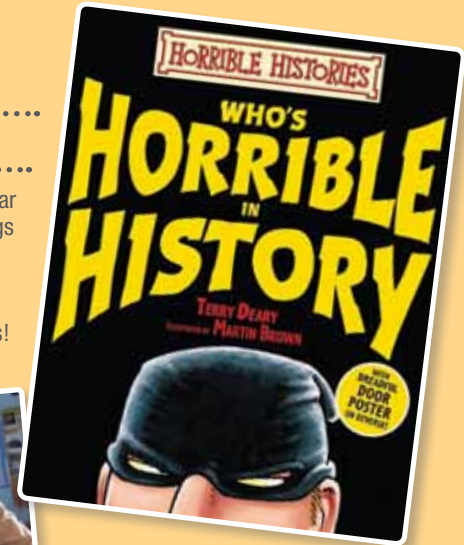
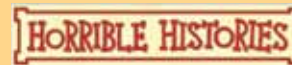


## You Can Draw The Horrible Histories with Martin Brown

B9 12.30–1.30pm, Guildhall, £6 Age 7+

Join **Martin Brown**, illustrator of the phenomenally popular *Horrible Histories* series, to see step-by-step how he brings history to life. From the Groovy Greeks to the Gorgeous Georgians, learn to draw all the nasty bits of history in a witty cartoon style. See how he creates his illustrations the 'horrible' way and join in with your own gory drawings! It's all horribly here for this not-to-be-missed event!

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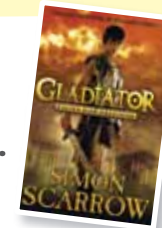


## Gladiator with Simon Scarrow

B10 1–1.45pm, Guildhall, £5 Age 10+

Come and hear the acclaimed historical thriller writer **Simon Scarrow** talk about his debut children's series, which brings the heat and dirt of Ancient Rome to life. In this dynamic event discover the ingredients of a true hero and what it means to fight and survive as a gladiator. The event will also end with a gladiatorial contest, volunteer to take part if you dare!

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## The Great Sheep Shenanigans

B11 1–1.45pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50 Age 3–5

**Peter Bently** and **Mei Matsuoka's** *The Great Dog Bottom Swap* delighted readers with beautiful illustrations and a hilarious story. Come and hear all about their brilliant new book *The Great Sheep Shenanigans* and a wolf called Lou Pine, who needs your help to find the perfect sheep disguise. This is a woolly sheep making workshop you won't want to miss!

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## Cressida Cowell - How to Steal a Dragon's Sword



B13 2-3pm, Forum, £6.50 Age 7+

Join the brilliantly talented and hugely entertaining **Cressida Cowell** for the launch of her brand new book, *How To Steal A Dragon's Sword*, the ninth in her hit series, *How To Train Your Dragon*. The DreamWorks 3D animated film in 2010, starring Hiccup the Viking and his dragon, Toothless was Oscar nominated. Hear all about the two of them and the movie sequel coming in 2014.

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## Francesca Simon



B14 3.15-4.15pm,  
Guildhall, £6 Age 5-8

*Horrid Henry* is everyone's favourite naughty boy! Join author **Francesca Simon** as she introduces the 20th brand new *Horrid Henry* story book: *Horrid Henry and the Zombie Vampire*! Find out what happens when Henry meets the Nudie Foodie, plays Mad Professor and Robot with Perfect Peter, but above all... are you brave enough to discover what happens during a sleepover at a museum infested with 'zombie vampires'?

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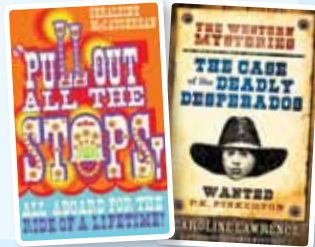


## Caroline Lawrence and Geraldine McCaughrean go West!

B15 3.15-4.15pm, Guildhall Age 10+

Cowboy-tastic! Saddle-up, settle down and join the amazing bestselling and award-winning authors **Caroline Lawrence** (*The Roman Mysteries*) and **Geraldine McCaughrean** (*Peter Pan in Scarlet*) as they head west with their new books which each have a distinctly frontier flavour. Bring your cowboy hats, but leave your horses at the door.

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# Saturday 24th September



## Monster Madness with the Moshi Monsters!



B16 3.15-4pm, Mission Theatre, £5 Age 6+

Unleash your inner moshling and get involved in our Moshi Monster mash-up...create your very own Moshi Monster pet, search for monsters in our giant pictures and come prepared to tell us your very best monster jokes. We'll have a monster amount of glitter, cards and pens and prizes for the best entries! Don't miss out on this amazing chance to meet your favourite monsters, Poppet and Katsuma, who will be making a star-appearance as well!

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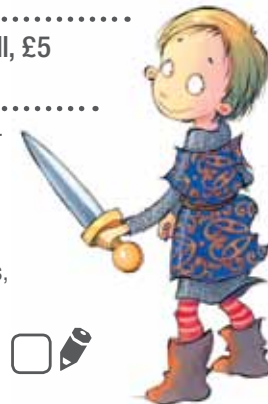


## Sing Something Smelly with Sir Charlie!

B18 5-5.45pm, Guildhall, £5  
Age 4-7

Brilliant author and illustrator **Kristina Stephenson** is returning to Bath for another really big adventure with *Sir Charlie Stinky Socks*! Interactive storytelling, props, music and hilarious songs... don't miss this event!

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## Nicola Davies



B17 3-3.45pm,  
Bath Central Library, £4.50  
Age 7+

**Nicola Davies** was a zoologist and presenter of the Really Wild Show before she wrote *Big Blue Whale* and *Poo: A Brief History of the Unmentionable*. Hear her introduce her new charming series about the ups and downs of a new city farm *Silver Street Farm*. A fun, fact filled event about animals and looking after them.

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## Railway Rabbits

B19 4.30-5.15pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50 Age 5+

Join **Georgie Adams** for a storytelling session based on her brand-new series with the irrepressible *Railway Rabbits*. Heartwarming and hilarious this is an animal adventure series perfect for boys and girls learning to read alone.

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## SCRUM!

B20 5–5.45pm,  
Mission Theatre,  
£5 Age 8–12

Does anyone in your family like rugby? Have they read about it in newspapers, magazines and books? Sports master **Tom Palmer** is the author of the new rugby story, *Scrum!* Join him for his fabulous Rugby Reading Game: a (not very difficult) quiz about rugby, followed by a rugby penalty competition. One family wins a rugby trophy.

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## Eoin Colfer

B21 6–7pm, Guildhall, £6 Age 9+

You lucky people! Returning to Bath for the first time since 2007, **Eoin Colfer** is back to mark the 10th Anniversary of *Artemis Fowl*. Join the utterly brilliant writer of the best-selling series in an adrenaline-fuelled exposé of his teenage criminal mastermind and the dangerous world of armed fairies. Eoin has won an award for his performance at festivals and hilarity is guaranteed!

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# Sunday 25th September

## The Comic Strip Big Fat Book of Knowledge

C1 10–11am, Guildhall, £5 Age 7–9

Learn about everything – from the smallest amoeba to the secrets of the furthest corners of the known Universe – comic strip style! Join **Tracey Turner** and **Sally Kindberg** for a session packed full of fantastic facts and figures all explained in their unique and hilarious comic strips. Fun for all the family!

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## The Peter Rabbit Puppet Show

C2 10–10.40am  
C8 1–1.40am

Mission Theatre, £5 each Age 4–7

Hop along to this charming interactive puppet show where *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* is brought to life! Help Peter escape from Mr McGregor's garden, and don't miss a special appearance from Peter Rabbit himself!

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Numbers limited to 50 children so book early to avoid disappointment!



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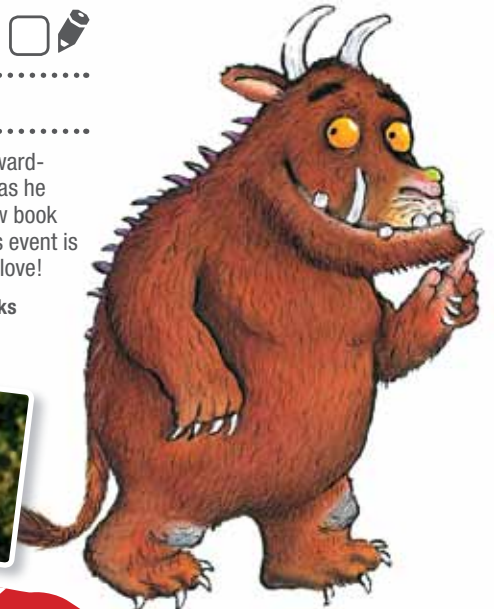


## Axel Scheffler

C3 10.30–11.15am Guildhall, £6 Age 4+

Stand and deliver, and join **Axel Scheffler**, the award-winning illustrator of *The Gruffalo* and *Stick Man*, as he introduces the fantastic new characters in his new book *The Highway Rat*, written by Julia Donaldson. This event is full of drawings and stories that all the family will love!

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See also 4pm in the Mission Theatre.



## Meet the Gallagher Girls with Ally Carter

C4 11am–12noon, Bath Central Library,  
£4.50 Age 10+

Ever fancied yourself as a spy? In her only public event as part of her UK tour, New York Times bestselling author **Ally Carter** surrenders the secrets of the *Gallagher Academy* – the school for female spies! Leave the event armed with the techniques and weapons that all good spies need. Ally will also talk about her exciting new series, *Heist Society*...

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All the way from the USA!

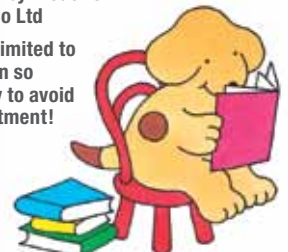
## Where's Spot?

C5 11.30am–12.10pm,  
Mission Theatre, £5 Age 3–5

Where's Spot? Have you seen him? Come along and join in the fun with this storytelling session featuring games, dancing, plus a chance to meet the world's most lovable puppy!

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## Philip Reeve and Moira Young

C6 12noon – 1pm,  
Guildhall, £5 Age 11+

If you love your science fiction and fantasy books dark and mysterious then you are already a fan of **Philip Reeve** (and if not, you should be!). Come and hear him talk about the brand new book in the *Mortal Engines* series: *Scrivener's Moon*. Joining him is debut Bath-based novelist **Moira Young** whose *Blood Red Road* is one of the most anticipated books this year. Epic quests, strange lands and awe-inspiring adventure await you!

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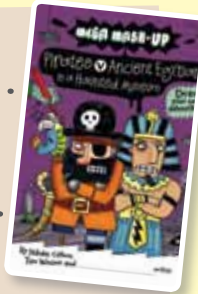
## Mega Mash-up

C7 12.30–1.15pm, Bath  
Central Library, £4.50  
Age 7+

Draw your own adventure with *Mega Mash-Up* creators **Nikalas Catlow** and **Tim Wesson**. What if Robots and Gorillas had a race in a desert? What if Pirates took on ancient Egyptians in a haunted museum? Help Nikalas and Tim finish the illustrations to find out what happens and prepare to laugh while you doodle!

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Mash Up picture on  
page 2



## Are You Having A Laugh? You Will Be!

C9 1.30–2.30pm, Guildhall, £6 Age 7+

Three of the funniest writers get together for a crazy, off the wall look at what makes us laugh. **Francesca Simon's** *Horrid Henry* is everyone's favourite naughty little boy, **Andy Stanton's** ludicrously silly *Mr Gum* books have us in stitches and star of BBC's *The Slammer* **Ciaran Murtagh's** *Dinopants* had us almost wetting ours! Someone is going to try and keep them all under control!

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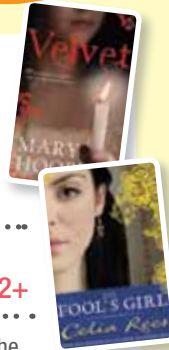


## Celia Rees and Mary Hooper

C10 2–2.45pm,  
Guildhall, £5 Age 12+

Come and hear two of the very best writers of historical fiction: Award-winning **Celia Rees** author of *The Fool's Girl* set in Elizabethan England, and best-selling **Mary Hooper** who takes us back to Victorian London in her new book *Velvet*. Two master storytellers who make history leap of the page – come and hear how they do it!

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## Lydia Monks

C11 2–2.45pm, Bath  
Central Library, £4.50  
Age 3–7

Meet Babbit the bunny: picnics and evading capture by monsters are all in a day's work for this talkative carrot-lover. But how will his flipperty-floppity day end? Join acclaimed and much loved illustrator **Lydia Monks** for a bunny-tastic session and make your own Babbit too!

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## Footy Fever!

C12 2.45–3.30pm,  
Mission Theatre, £5  
Age 7–11

Goal! Join authors and mega-football fans **Helena Pielichaty** and **Tom Palmer** for a fun-filled football event. Expect an interactive session with plenty of goals and take part in the fantastic football quiz! Back of the net!

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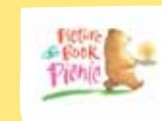


## Make your own Picture Book

C13 3.30–4.30pm,  
Bath Central Library, £4.50  
Age 4–7

Scissors and glue at the ready! Join **Petr Horáček**, author of *The Fly* and the *Suzy Goose* books, to find out how to write and illustrate your very own picture book to take home to read to your friends and family.

Numbers limited to 25 children so book early to avoid disappointment!



## Tony DiTerlizzi

C14 4–5pm, Guildhall, £6  
Age 9–13

All the way  
from the USA!

Don't miss your chance to meet **Tony DiTerlizzi**, the brilliant co-creator and illustrator of *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, on one of his rare visits from the US. A special, live-drawing event full of dragons, space monsters, goblins and other extraordinary creatures. And hear about Tony's amazing book *The Search for Wondla*, the first in a new trilogy.

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# Sunday 25th September

## The Adventures of Tintin

C15 4–5pm,  
Guildhall, £5  
Age 9+



**Michael Farr** is an exceptional TinTinologist (yes, that's a word!) and knows everything there is to know about Hergé's timeless classics. **Mats Lidstrom** is a cellist and huge TinTin fan and has used TinTin as inspiration to compose his own score to the books. Hear everything you've ever wanted to know about TinTin in this very special event.

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## Charlie and The Chocolate Factory Pop Up Workshop

C17 5–6pm, Bath Central Library,  
£4.50 Age 6+

Join pop-up book maestro **Iain Smyth** to see how he made the brilliant *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* pop-up book. Uncover the secrets of tabs and flaps and learn some paper engineering top tips!

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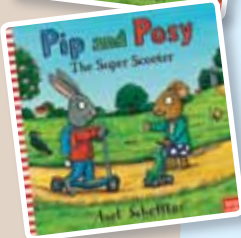
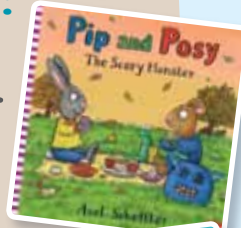


## Axel Scheffler: Pip and Posy

C16 4–4.40pm,  
Mission Theatre,  
£5 Age 3–4

A treat for those younger fans of this treasured author and illustrator. Come and hear **Axel Scheffler** introduce two very special toddlers as they discover friendship and sharing.

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## Angie Sage

C18 6–6.45pm, Guildhall, £5 Age 9+

Believe in Magyk! Your chance to meet the astoundingly imaginative **Angie Sage**, creator of the *Septimus Heap* series. Expect spellbinding stories, the lowdown on *Darke* the new novel in the series and hear all about the plans for *Magyk* the film!

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# Monday 26th September



## Dinosaur Dig!

D1 4.30–5.15pm,  
Bath Central Library,  
£4.50 Age 3–6

Ten dinosaurs digging, digging a very big hole. But what is the hole for? A crashing, bashing, roaring story for everyone who loves dinosaurs and diggers! Come armed with your loudest ROAR and biggest STOMP to meet the creator **Penny Dale** for an event packed full of energy and noise.

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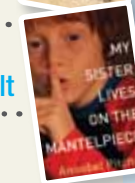


## Alan Gibbons and Annabel Pitcher

D3 6.15–7.15pm,  
Guildhall, £5 Age 12 – adult

Award-winning **Alan Gibbons** is the author of *An Act of Love*, a highly-charged, honest and life-affirming story of a childhood friendship divided by terrorism. **Annabel Pitcher**'s compelling and courageous debut novel *My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece* is the story of one family struggling to come to terms with an act of violence that has torn them apart. Two accomplished writers whose writing explores real issues affecting young people today. In conversation with **Eleanor Updale**, author of the *Montmorency* series.

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## Queens of Teen

D2 5–6pm, Guildhall, £5 Age 10+

To celebrate the best teen writing for girls, here are some of the best authors around! Come hear reigning *Queen of Teen* **Cathy Cassidy** talk about her new book *Marshmallow Skye*, **Joanna Nadin**, author of the hugely popular *Rachel Riley* novels introduces *Buttercup Mash*, **Samantha Macintosh** on her laugh-out loud *Lula does the Hula* and author of the best-selling *Ally's World* series **Karen McCombie** tells us about *Six Words and a Wish*.

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## David Almond, Melvin Burgess and Meg Rosoff

D4 7.30–8.30pm, Guildhall, £6 Age 12 – adult

We are delighted to welcome three stars of contemporary young adult and crossover fiction: master storyteller **David Almond** introduces his latest *Kill All Enemies* and the incredibly insightful **Meg Rosoff** talks about her new book *There Is No Dog*. Whether you're a fan of their books, want to know more about writing for young adults or hear what teens are reading, this event will be a treat for all ages! In conversation with the broadcaster **James Naughtie**.

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# Tuesday 27th September



## Animal Fun with Kathryn White



E1 4–4.45pm,  
Guildhall, £4.50 Age 3–7

Get ready to become your favourite animal in this wild event with **Kathryn White** author of *The Nutty Nut Chase*, *Here Comes the Crocodile*, *Click Clack Crocodile's Back* and *When Will It Snow*. Hear the Kathryn read the story and then create animal masks to become part of the story!

Supported by Little Tiger Press



## Chicken House Party

E2 6–7pm, Guildhall, £5  
Age 12 – adult

So you would like to be a published children's author? What are the things that *really* matter when writing for children? **Barry Cunningham** OBE, founder of Chicken House publishing (and the man behind *Harry Potter*) will be hosting this exclusive children's publishing masterclass with help from local Chicken House writers, **C.J. Skuse**, **Rachel Ward** and **Lucy Christopher**. This special evening will be *the* event for those already writing for children, those thinking about it, or those who are just plain passionate about children's books.

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# Wednesday 28th September

## Charles Fuge's Astonishing Animal ABC

F1 4.30–5.15pm,  
Guildhall, £4.50 Age 3+



An Arty Aardvark, a Dancing Dodo, an Outraged Owl and a Sleepy Sloth are just some of the astonishing creatures in this highly original animal alphabet. Join prize-winning illustrator **Charles Fuge** to marvel at their extraordinary antics – and try to guess which fantastic creature is zig-zag-zooming its way to Z...!

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Books



## Celebrating Jane Austen

F2 7–8pm, Guildhall, £5  
Age 12 – adult



To celebrate 200 years since the first publication of Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*, a beautiful new edition is being published here in Bath. Join writer, teacher and passionate Austenite **Katharine Reeve** and a panel of Austen enthusiasts for a lively discussion. Is Jane's language of love relevant for young people? Discover the secrets revealed in letters, her own lapses of good behaviour and what inspired her to write some of the world's best-loved novels.

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# Thursday 29th September



## Stories For A Fragile Planet



G1 4.30–5.15pm, Guildhall, £4.50 Age 4–7

Get your pencils and drawing pads out in the company of **Jane Ray**, illustrator of *Stories for a Fragile Planet*, for a collection of environmental tales from all over the world, including Ancient Greece, the Far East and Japan. Jane's astonishing drawings of flowers and animals will inspire everyone to create some magical sketches.

Supported by Lion Children's Books



## Vikings!

G2 6–7pm, Guildhall, £5 Age 10 – adult

Join **Kevin Crossley-Holland** (*Bracelet of Bones*) and **Marie-Louise Jensen** (*Sigrun's Secret*) as they talk about all things Viking with author **Tony Bradman**. Come hear about folk tales, myths, legends, heroes and heroines and why the Norsemen continue to inspire stories today.

Supported by Oxford University Press and Quercus



## Writing for Children and Teenagers

G3 7.30–8.30pm, Guildhall Ages 12 – adult

An event for anyone who's thinking of writing for children and teenagers and wants to learn more. Published graduates from the MA in Writing for Young People at Bath Spa University will discuss this specialist craft with course director **Julia Green**. There will be short readings from works in progress by **Gill Lewis**, **Sam Gayton** and **Karen Saunders** – as well as the University's Writer-in-Residence **Marcus Sedgwick**. **Jodie Marsh** from literary agents *United Agents* will be on hand to present the prize for the 'Most Promising Writer for Young People' from the MA on the night.

Supported by Oxford University Press, Andersen Press, Orion Children's Books and Gullane Children's Books.

In association with Bath Spa's Research Centre for Contemporary Writing



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# Learning & Participation

Our Learning & Participation programme will take all the fun of the Festival to children and young people across Bath and North East Somerset. Here are a few more ways you can get involved in the Festival – join our Kids Litfest Club, organise an author visit to your school or sign up to be a Young Reviewer – read on to find out more...

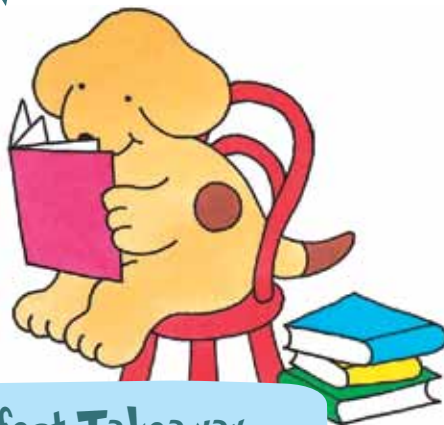


## Kids Litfest Club

If you are crazy about reading and everything book related then join our Kids Litfest Club and get closer to the festival. It costs nothing to join and you are immediately entered into a prize draw to win an author visit to your school.

## Write Team

An exhibition about our flagship creative writing in schools project, the Write Team, will be on in Bath Central Library throughout the festival showcasing the work of the young people involved and our research findings. Come and find out more about how creative writing can transform the lives of young people and teachers.



## Kids Litfest Takeaway

We have a delicious feast of writers and illustrators available throughout the festival which can be delivered directly to your door. This year's menu includes Jason Wallace, winner of the Costa Children's Book Award 2011, the amazing Philip Ardagh and super talented Elen Caldecot.

Our writers will spark and inspire young imaginations and offer fascinating insights into the world of writing books.

New for 2011 are a series of school events where special events and authors from our festival programme are handpicked to go to selected schools throughout the week of the festival – visit our website for more details about the schools who are hosting these events and how you can apply to host an event in 2012.

## Young Reviewers

If you are interested in journalism and would like to see your words in print then join our Young Reviewers team. This exciting year-long project will give you loads of opportunities to review, discuss and digest some of the best arts and sports events in Bath supported by a crack team of writers and the Festival staff.

We will be launching the project in August. To find out more visit our website or email [education@bathfestivals.org.uk](mailto:education@bathfestivals.org.uk)

## Kids Big Bath Read Inspiring Young Readers

We couldn't resist selecting a book by our Writer-in-Residence, **Jeremy Strong**, as this year's Kids Big Bath Read. *Cartoon Kid* is the first in a brilliant new series all about Casper, his best friend Pete and their class mates – join them on their adventures where they meet the nasty, ghastly Vampire Twins, Curly Wurly Girly, the Incredible Sulk, Snotbox and the other superheroes in Mr Butternut's class.

For younger readers we have included another book in the Kids Big Bath Read, *Elmer and Grandpa Eldo* by **David McKee** – Elmer is on his way to visit his Grandpa Eldo. He has great fun reminding Eldo of all the things they used to do together, but is Eldo quite as forgetful as Elmer thinks? He may be old but he is an elephant after all. And elephants never forget. Do they?

To find out how to receive free books for your school or library please contact the Bath Festivals Education Team – details below.



## Book Tots

It's never too early to start reading books! As part of this project we will be running a series of workshops for very young children and their families in Twerton and Whiteway. We will be entering and exploring the magical worlds of stories and children's own imaginations through storytelling, art, music and theatre.

This project is in partnership with First Steps Bath, Bath and North East Somerset Library Service, Bookstart, the egg theatre and 5x5x5=Creativity.

## THE EGG SHOW



**B6** Sat 24 & Sun 25 Sept 11.30am & 3pm  
Mon 26 & Tues 27 Sept 10am & 1pm  
£7/£5.50 children **Age 2-6**

**Bath Theatre Royal Box Office: 01225 448844**

As part of our Book Tots the egg is hosting a mesmerising theatre show about air created specially for young children based on a beautiful picture book by Giovanni Ranaldi. Come and see the show and then stay on to talk to Giovanni about her book.

## Find out more

For more information about any of the above projects or to find out how to host a Schools Event in 2012, please contact the Bath Festivals Education Team:  
[education@bathfestivals.org.uk](mailto:education@bathfestivals.org.uk)



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# Event Listings

Bath Festival of  
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## FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

**A1 Jeremy Strong** 4.30–5.30pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 7+

**A2 Roddy Doyle** 7–8pm, Guildhall, £6, Age: 10 – adult

## SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

**B1 Andy Stanton's Big Laugh in Bath** 10–11am, Forum, £6.50, Age: 7+

**B2 David McKee** 10–10.45am, Guildhall, £6, Age: 3+

**B3 The Amazing Lego–tastic Building Event!** 10–11am, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 5+

**B4 Monkey and Robot** 10–10.45am, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 3–5

**B5 The Wrong Pong** 11.15–12noon, Guildhall, £5, Age: 6+

**B7 Ladybird Tales** 11.45am–12.25pm, Mission Theatre, £4.50, Age: 3+

**B8 Mine! with Rachel Bright** 11.45am–12.30pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 4+

**B9 You Can Draw The Horrible Histories with Martin Brown** 12.30–1.30pm, Guildhall, £6, Age: 7+

**B10 Gladiator with Simon Scarrow** 1–1.45 pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 10+

**B11 The Great Sheep Shenanigans** 1–1.45pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 3–5

**B12 The Amazing Lego–tastic Building Event!** 1.15–2.15pm, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 5+

**B13 Cressida Cowell – How to Steal a Dragon's Sword** 2–3pm, Forum, £6.50, Age: 7+

**B14 Francesca Simon** 3.15–4.15pm, Guildhall, £6, Age: 5–8

**B15 Caroline Lawrence and Geraldine McCaughrean go West!** 3.15–4.15pm, Guildhall, Age: 10+

**B16 Monster Madness with the Moshi Monsters!** 3.15–4pm, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 6+

**B17 Nicola Davies** 3–3.45pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 7+

**B18 Sing Something Smelly with Sir Charlie!** 5–5.45pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 4–7

**B19 Railway Rabbits** 4.30–5.15pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 5+

**B20 SCRUM!** 5–5.45pm, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 8–12

**B21 Eoin Colfer** 6–7pm, Guildhall, £6, Age: 9+

## SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

**C1 The Comic Strip Big Fat Book of Knowledge** 10–11am, Guildhall, £5, Age: 7–9

**C2 The Peter Rabbit Puppet Show** 10–10.40am, Mission Theatre, £5

**C3 Axel Scheffler** 10.30–11.15 Guildhall, £6, Age: 4+

**C4 Meet the Gallagher Girls with Ally Carter** 11am–12noon, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 10+

**C5 Where's Spot?** 11.30am–12.10pm, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 3–5

**C6 Philip Reeve and Moira Young** 12noon–1pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 11+

**C7 Mega Mash-Up** 12.30–1.15pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 7+

**C8 The Peter Rabbit Puppet Show** 1–1.40am, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 4–7

**C9 Are You Having A Laugh? You Will Be!** 1.30–2.30pm, Guildhall, £6, Age: 7+

**C10 Celia Rees and Mary Hooper** 2–2.45pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 12+

**C11 Lydia Monks** 2–2.45pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 3–7

**C12 Footy Fever!** 2.45–3.30pm, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 7–11

**C13 Make your own Picture Book** 3.30–4.30pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 4–7

**C14 Tony DiTerlizzi** 4–5pm, Guildhall, £6, Age: 9–13

**C15 The Adventures of TinTin** 4–5pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 9+

**C16 Axel Scheffler: Pip and Posy** 4–4.40pm, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 3–4

**C17 Charlie and The Chocolate Factory Pop-Up Workshop** 5–6pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 6+

**C18 Angie Sage** 6 – 6.45pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 9+

## MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

**D1 Dinosaur Dig!** 4.30–5.15pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 3–6

**D2 Queens of Teen** 5–6pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 10+

**D3 Alan Gibbons and Annabel Pitcher** 6.15–7.15pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 12 – adult

**D4 David Almond, Melvin Burgess and Meg Rosoff** 7.30–8.30pm, Guildhall, £6, Age: 12 – adult

## TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

**E1 Animal Fun with Kathryn White** 4–4.45pm, Guildhall, £4.50, Age: 3–7

**E2 Chicken House Party** 6–7pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 12 – adult

## WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

**F1 Charles Fuge's Astonishing Animal ABC** 4.30–5.15pm, Guildhall, £4.50, Age: 3+

**F2 Celebrating Jane Austen** 7–8pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 12 – adult

## THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

**G1 Stories For A Fragile Planet** 4.30–5.15, Guildhall, £4.50, Age: 4–7

**G2 Vikings!** 6–7pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 10–adult

**G3 Writing for Children and Teenagers** 7.30–8.30pm, Guildhall, Age: 12 – adult

## FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

**H1 Dave Grimstone – Undead Ed** 4.30–5.15pm, Guildhall, £4.50, Age: 9+

**H2 Steve Feasey** 5–5.45pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 11+

**H3 Masters of Dark Fiction** 6–6.45pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 12+

**H4 Darren Shan and Charlie Higson** 7–8pm, Guildhall, £6, Age: 11+

## SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER

**J1 Welcome to Wymeweald:** Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell 10–11am, Guildhall, £6, Age: 12+

**J2 Pirate Fun with Jonny Duddle** 10–10.45am, Guildhall, £5, Age: 4–6

**J3 Waybuloo** 10–10.40am, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 3+

**J4 Kate Costello – The Breakfast Club** 11.30–12.15pm, The Forum, £5, Age: 10+

**J5 Robert Muchamore** 11.30am–12.30pm, Forum, £6.50, Age: 10+

**J6 What on Earth?** 11.30–12.30, Guildhall, £5, Age: 8+

**J7 Waybuloo** 11.30–12.10pm, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 3+

**J8 Sophie and the Shadow Woods** 12.15–1pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 7+

**J9 Monster Mates** 1–1.45pm, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 3+

**J10 All Aboard for Thomas The Tank Engine!** 1–1.45pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 3+

**J11 School for Bandits** 1–1.45pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 5–7

**J12 John Boyne** 2–2.45pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 9+

**J13 Monster Mates** 2.30–3.15pm, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 3+

**J14 Jacqueline Wilson** 3–4pm, Forum, £6.50, Age: 8+

**J15 Happy Birthday, Peepo!** 3–3.45pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 2+

**J16 Tales from India with Jamila Gavin** 4–4.45pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 7+

**J17 Beast Quest** 4.15–5pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 7+

**J18 Angel with L. A. Weatherley** 4.30–5.15pm, Mission Theatre, £5, Age: 14+

**J19 Princess Evie's Ponies** 4.30–5.15pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 4–7

**J20 Fallen with Lauren Kate** 6–7pm, Guildhall, £6, Age: 12+

## SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

**K1 Meerkat Madness** 10–10.45am, Guildhall, £5, Age: 7+

**K2 Kipper and Friends** 10–10.45am, Guildhall, £4.50, Age: 3+

**K3 The Very Hungry Caterpillar** 10–10.45am, Mission Theatre, £4.50, Age: 2+

**K4 Tales from the Dark Side: John Connolly and Will Hill** 11am–12noon, Bath Central Library, £5, Age: 10+

**K5 Barefoot Bear Party** 11.30am–12.30pm, Mission Theatre, £4.50, Age: 3+

**K6 Dragons! Dragons! Dragons!** 12.15–1.15pm, Guildhall, £6, Age: 9+

**K7 Judith Kerr** 12.15–1.15pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 9+

**K8 Happy Birthday, Peepo!** 12–12.45pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 2–5

**K9 Little Miss Princess** 1–2pm, Mission Theatre, £4.50, Age: 3+

**K10 Amazing Esme** 1.30–2.15, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 5+

**K11 A Magical Art Event with James Mayhew** 2–3.30pm, The Holburne Museum, £6, Age: 5+

**K12 Whizz along with Winnie and Korky Paul** 2–2.50pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 5–85

**K13 Live and Unleashed: Louise Rennison** 2.30–3.30pm, Guildhall, £6, Age: 13+

**K14 Little Miss Princess** 2.30–3.30pm, Mission Theatre, £4.50, Age: 3+

**K15 The Etherington Brothers' Comic-Making Workshop** 3–4pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 7+

**K16 Doctor Who** 4–5pm, Guildhall, £5, Age: 6+

**K17 Holly Webb** 4–4.45pm, Mission Theatre, £4.50, Age: 5+

**K18 Having a Laff with Jonathan Meres** 4–5pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50, Age: 9+

**K19 Meet Mackenzie Crook** 5.30–6.30pm, Guildhall, £6, Age: 8+



# Friday 30th September

## David Grimstone

H1 4.30–5.15pm, Guildhall, £4.50 Age 9+

Come along if you dare! Forget everything you've ever seen or heard about werewolves, zombies and vampires. Join **David Grimstone** who will tell you the single most important fact you'll ever learn: being undead sucks. Learn what it's like to be undead in this gory 'n' gruesome interactive event.

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# FRIGHT NIGHT!



## Masters of Dark Fiction

H3 6–6.45pm, Guildhall, £5 Age 12+

If you're easily scared, stay away from **William Hussey** and **K J Wignall**! Come hear William talk about *Witchfinder* and experience a 17th century witch trial. Experience life, death and destiny with K J's first book *Blood* in *The Mercian Trilogy*. Gothic storytelling at it's horrific best. Brace yourself for some particularly scary stories!

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**Kirsty McKay,**  
author of  
*Undead*, is our

**Fright Night MC**  
and will be at all  
the events!

**She dares you to  
impress her with  
your best Zombie  
impression!**

## Steve Feasey

H2 5–5.45pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50 Age 11+

Are you Team Werewolf? Then get ready for **Steve Feasey**'s brilliantly bloodthirsty *Changeling* series following teenage werewolf Trey on dangerous journeys through the dark Netherworld. Shapeshifters, a battle-angel and a particularly nasty Necrotoph are some of the terrifying characters Steve has invented. Come hear him talk about them, horror movies and why horror couldn't exist without werewolves.

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## Darren Shan and Charlie Higson

H4 7–8pm, Guildhall, £6 Age 11+

An event not to be missed! Come along and bring our first Friday Fright Night to a bloody, magnificent and gruesomely gory end with two of the biggest names in horror writing coming together to talk about the undead!

Come dressed as a Zombie, Demon, Vampire or Monster and be prepared to meet some ghoulish creatures...not for the faint-hearted. You have been warned! Attend if you dare!

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# Saturday 1st October

## Welcome to Wurmewald: Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell

J1 10–11am, Guildhall, £6 Age 12+

Join the award-winning creators of *The Edge Chronicles*, *Far-Flung Adventures* and *Barnaby Grimes* for a brand new high octane, fantasy epic *Wurmewald*. Let Paul take you on a journey to a wild-west world where awesome dragon-like beasts roam supreme, while Chris shows you how he creates the amazing illustrations that bring this new world to life.

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## Waybuloo

J3 10–10.40am,  
J7 11.30am–12.10pm,  
Mission Theatre, £5  
each Age 3+

Hihi! Enter a magical place called Nara; a land of happiness and laughter that's home to the Piplings. Join **Liz Fost** for an interactive story-time and afterwards relax doing your favourite animal yogo moves from the show. Plus get to meet one of the Piplings!

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Waybuloo goodie-bags for all who attend. Numbers limited to 50 children so book early to avoid disappointment!



## Pirate Fun with Jonny Duddle

J2 10–10.45am,  
Guildhall, £5  
Age 4–6

Ahoy there me hearties! Join in a swashbuckling adventure with **Jonny Duddle**, best-selling author and illustrator of *The Pirate Cruncher* and *The Jolley-Rogers*. Jonny's monsterish tales were inspired by his role as an artist on the *Pirates of the Caribbean* computer game. All buccaneers welcome in your best pirate costumes!

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## Kate Costello - The Breakfast Club

J4 11.30–12.15pm, The Forum,  
£5 Age 10+

Join **Kate Costello** for a free yummy breakfast of tasty muffins and delicious hot chocolate! Have a girly chat about her exciting new series, *The Breakfast Club*, the first in a series of books about the lives of four glam girls living in über cool Notting Hill.

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# Saturday 1st October



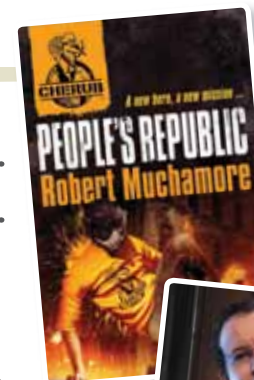
## Robert Muchamore

J5 11.30am–12.30pm, Forum, £6.50 Age 10+

*CHERUB* and *Henderson's Boys* author **Robert Muchamore** talks about a typical writing day, which involves wasps, fake swear words, doing five hundred push-ups and e-mails to his A-list celebrity friends. He may also mention *People's Republic*, the first in his brand new series of *CHERUB* adventures.

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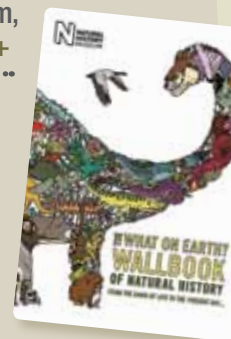
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## What on Earth?

J6 11.30am–12.30pm,  
Guildhall, £5 Age 8+

Embark on an epic journey from the earliest microbes 4 billion years ago to the most successful species living today in a unique interactive workshop with author and historian **Christopher Lloyd**. Using a giant edition of his unique *What on Earth? Wallbook of Natural History*, published in collaboration with The Natural History Museum, Christopher will connect the dots of the past revealing the deepest secrets of the most successful species in the extraordinary story of life on Earth.



## Sophie and the Shadow Woods

J8 12.15–1pm, Bath Central Library,  
£4.50 Age 7+

Only one girl can save the world... Join **Linda Chapman** and **Lee Weatherley** as they talk about their brilliant feisty heroine Sophie Smith and her mission to keep us all safe from the mischievous shadow creatures of the Shadow Woods. An event for girls thirsty for a little adventure, magic and fighting goblins!

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## Monster Mates

J9 1–1.45pm

J13 2.30–3.15pm, Mission Theatre, £5 Age 3+

Monsters, mischief and a little mayhem with **Sam Lloyd** and her award winning *Monster Mates* puppet books. Ernie the Eye Monster and Nosey Norman are the new Mini-Monster Mates joining the gang. Come and join in the fun and make your own monster masks.

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## All Aboard for Thomas The Tank Engine!

J10 1–1.45pm, Guildhall, £5 Age 3+

Join in the fun with the most famous of all trains – a cheeky little blue tank engine called Thomas. The engines' adventures take place on a steam railway on the Island of Sodor, under the watchful eye of The Fat Controller. Come along to enjoy a tale from storyteller **Liz Fost** and meet the Fat Controller himself!

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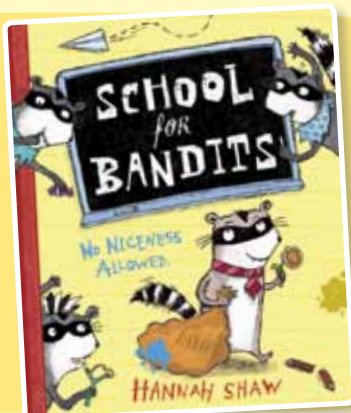


## School for Bandits

J11 1–1.45pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50 Age 5–7

Top illustrator **Hannah Shaw** (*The Great Hamster Massacre*, *The Sleep Sheep*) is on hand with lots of drawing tips for you! Come hear about her books *Evil Weasel* and *Errol* and meet Ralph Raccoon who's off to *School for Bandits*. Get ready for an arty, interactive event! Weasel-tastic!

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## Jacqueline Wilson

J14 3–4pm, Forum, £6.50

Age 8+

Come and hear the utterly brilliant **Jacqueline Wilson** talk about her fantastic books, and hear a sneak preview of *Sapphire Battersea*, the brand new sequel to *Hetty Feather*. There will be a chance for you to ask your own question and a limited book signing after the event.

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As we only have Jacqueline for a limited time so the first 200 tickets sold will be eligible to get their books signed. Sign up as a Friend to guarantee early booking. See page 40 for more information.

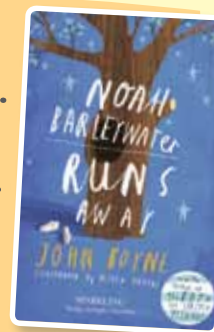


## John Boyne

J12 2–2.45pm, Guildhall, £5 Age 9+

Come and see **John Boyne**, author of the international best-seller for older readers, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, as he talks about his wonderful new thought-provoking fable *Noah Barleywater Runs Away*, a story of adventure, wonder, broken promises and the choices we make. Sweet, funny and full of eccentric characters, we think you will love the chance to hear from John himself!

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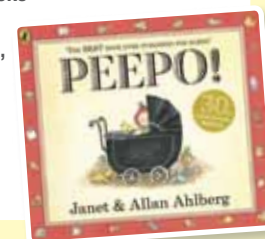
## Happy Birthday, Peepo!

J15 3–3.45pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50 Age 2+

A fun, lively and interactive celebration of Janet and Allan Ahlberg's wonderful book on the 30th anniversary of its publication. With a special storytelling session presented by experienced children's workshop leader **Justine de Mierre**, there'll be lots of games, songs and activities to enjoy!

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Numbers limited to 25 children, plus adults, so book early to avoid disappointment!



# Saturday 1st October

## Tales from India with Jamila Gavin

J16 4–4.45pm,  
Guildhall, £5 Age 7+

Come on a journey with master storyteller **Jamila Gavin**, author of *Coram Boy*, as she reads from her new collection of cherished tales from her own childhood. *Tales from India* tells of great floods, romance and epic battles between good and evil. An event for all the family.

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## Beast Quest

J17  
4.15–5pm,  
Guildhall, £5  
Age 7+

Calling all valiant knights and questors! Six mystical beasts are guarding magical golden armour for the evil wizard Marvel. Help the good wizard Aduro, in this interactive event, to solve cryptic puzzles and free the beasts from Marvel's evil spell. Exclusive goodies for all participants.

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# Saturday 1st October



## Fallen with Lauren Kate

J20 6–7pm, Guildhall, £6 Age 12+

Forget about Vampires, it's all about Angels! **Lauren Kate's** phenomenal *Fallen* series has us all hooked on the 5,000 year relationship between Luce and Daniel and the curse that condemns their love. On a rare trip from the US, this is Lauren's first trip to the Festival and we are delighted! Come hear first hand about the latest in the series *Passion* and what the future holds for Luce and Daniel!

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# Sunday 2nd October

## Meerkat Madness

K1 10–10.45am, Guildhall, £5 Age 7+

**Ian Whybrow** creator of *The Little Wolf* series is back with more hilarious adventures featuring Uncle Fearless, Skeema, Mimi and Little Dream – the all-star cast of *Meerkat Madness*. Hear Ian bring the meerkat world to life in his own unique and funny way!

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## Angel with L. A. Weatherley

J18 4.30–5.15pm,  
Mission Theatre,  
£5 Age 14+

In a world where angels are beyond redemption, Alex thinks he's found one that might deserve mercy. Alex is a ruthless assassin – of angels. Forget everything you've heard about Angels before...Join **L A Weatherley** on the publication day of eagerly awaited follow up to *Angel*, *Angel Fire*, which continues the epic tale of love, destiny and sacrifice.

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## Princess Evie's Ponies

J19 4.30–5.15pm, Bath Central  
Library, £4.50 Age 4–7

Princess Evie is crazy about her ponies. But Princess Evie's ponies aren't like any other ponies – whenever Princess Evie rides them, she is whisked away on a magical adventure in a faraway land...join **Sarah KilBride** for activities and pony fun. Come dressed in your best princess costume!

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## Kipper and Friends

K2 10–10.45am, Guildhall, £4.50 Age 3+

Come and meet your favourite little dog *Kipper*, created by Mick Inkpen. Hear all about his friends, including Wibbly Pig who has ten balloons to play with in his latest adventure, if only he can keep hold of them! Join in as wonderful storyteller **Liz Fost** leads us in stories and songs. A party not to be missed!

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## The Very Hungry Caterpillar ☐

K3 10–10.45am, Mission Theatre, £4.50 Age 2+

A special storytelling session to celebrate Eric Carle's much-loved classic. Presented by experienced children's workshop leader **Liz Burton-King** this is a fun event with games, songs, activities and an interactive telling of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

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## Barefoot Bear Party

K5 11.30–12.30pm, Mission Theatre, £4.50 Age 3+

It's Barefoot Bear's Birthday and you're invited to his party! Bring your own bear, wear a bear mask or just listen in awe as **Stella Blackstone** gives a live reading of Bear's latest adventure. With party paraphernalia and games it's an event not to be missed for any little bear lovers.

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## Tales from the Dark Side: John Connolly and Will Hill

K4 11am–12noon, Bath Central Library, £5 Age 10+

Grown-ups know **John Connolly** best-selling mystery thrillers but we loved his first children's novel *The Book of Lost Things*. Come hear him talk about his new demonic and darkly comic tale *Hell's Bells* which follows hero Samuel Johnson to hell and back. Joining him is debut writer **Will Hill**, whose *Department 19* uncovers a secret government department dedicated to fighting supernatural powers. If you like horror with a bit of a twist, then these are two authors you can't miss!

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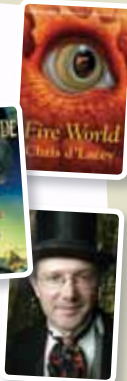


## Dragons! Dragons! Dragons! ☐

K6 12.15–1.15pm, Guildhall, £6 Age 9+

Everything you ever wanted or need to know about Dragons in one event! Experts **Chris d'Lacey** (*The Last Dragon Chronicles*) and **Jasper Fforde** (*The Last Dragon Slayer*) are joined by **Dr Ernest Drake** (aka **Dugald Steer**), eminent author of *The Dragonology Chronicles* to discuss how they have written about these rare animals and the worlds they inhabit. The future of Dragons depends on their wisdom and knowledge being passed onto all you aspiring Dragonologists!

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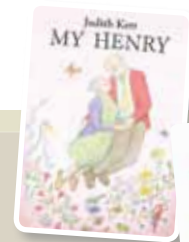
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## Judith Kerr

K7 12.15–1.15pm, Guildhall, £6 Age 9+

Don't miss the chance to meet the wonderful **Judith Kerr**! Judith talks about her latest book *My Henry*, as well as her other books including *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and *Mog*, and her childhood escaping Nazi Germany.

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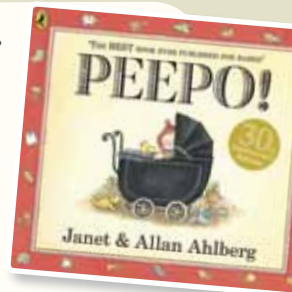
## Happy Birthday, Peepo! ☐

K8 12–12.45pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50 Age 2+

A fun, lively and interactive celebration of Janet and Allan Ahlberg's wonderful book on the 30th anniversary of its publication. With a special storytelling session presented by experienced children's workshop leader **Justine de Mierre**, there'll be lots of games, songs and activities to enjoy!

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## Little Miss Princess

K9 1–2pm  
K14 2.30–3.30pm, Mission Theatre, £4.50 Age 3+

Do you want to be a little princess? Well come along and make your own princess crown and hear all about *Little Miss Princess*, the latest addition to the Mr. Men and Little Miss series. Storyteller **Liz Fost** will be leading the activities – fun is guaranteed! *Little Miss Princess* goodies for all who attend!

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## Amazing Esme

K10 1.30–2.15pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50 Age 5+

Come one, come all, and join the fun! A gorgeous new series introducing the dazzling circus acrobat, Esme Miranda, and her trusty side-kick, Donk – the ugly but loveable donkey! Mrs Larder, the housekeeper will entertain and delight – perhaps with an imaginary food fight or a spot of tight rope walking.

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## A Magical Art Event with James Mayhew

K11 2–3.30pm, The Holburne Museum, £6 Age 5+

Join **James Mayhew**, the creator of the wonderful *Katie in Scotland* stories which introduce young children to art, for a magical event at Holburne Museum. Parents and children can take in the splendour of the Picture Gallery and the masterpieces on display there with storytelling and amazing 'upside-down' painting from James. Then the children will use the Clore Learning Space to create their own masterpieces, whilst parents relax in the coffee shop.

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## Whizz along with Winnie and Korky Paul

K12 2–2.50pm, Guildhall, £5 Age 5–85

Have fun with **Korky Paul**, the much-loved, award-winning illustrator! An energy-filled event of quick sketching and story-book adventures from his *Winnie the Witch* books including the brand new *Winnie under the Sea*.

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## Live and Unleashed: Louise Rennison

K13 2.30–3.30pm, Guildhall, £6 Age 13+

Well hello there fabby-fab lovers of all things Georgia Nicolson and Tallulah Casey! Are you ready for some wisdomosity on life, luuurve and the cosmic horn? Then join the brilliant and tres amusant author **Louise Rennison** (winner of The Roald Dahl Funny Prize) for more boys, snogging and bad acting in her new *Withering Tights* series.

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## The Etherington Brothers Comic-Making Workshop

K15 3–4pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50 Age 7+

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## The Monsters of Doctor Who with Justin Richards

K16 4–5pm, Guildhall, £5 Age 6+

Ever wondered what Daleks are made of? Or how many times the Doctor has battled the dreaded Cybermen? Or which planet the Ice Warriors come from? This is your chance to hear everything you ever wanted to know about your favourite Time Lord's most infamous foes. Come along and ask Doctor Who expert and author **Justin Richards** all your burning questions. You'll get a prize if he doesn't know the answer!

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Why not dress up as your favourite Doctor Who character? You could be Amy Pond, The Doctor or even a Dalek!



## Holly Webb

K17 4–4.45pm, Mission Theatre, £4.50 Age 5+

What are your favourite, cute animals? Find out in this interactive event with **Holly Webb** author of *Lost in the Snow*, *Alfie all Alone*, *My Naughty Little Puppy* and many more. Hear Holly read from her best-selling books, see cute pictures that inspire her and become a character from one of her books with a craft activity for children and adults.

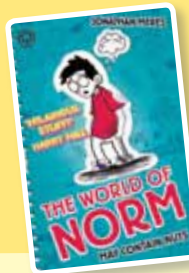
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## Having a Laff with Jonathan Meres

K18 4–5pm, Bath Central Library, £4.50 Age 9+

*Adrian Mole* meets *diary of a Wimpy Kid* in **Jonathan Meres'** *World of Norm*. Packed with laughs, this is not your ordinary book or your ordinary author! Come and find out what made Harry Hill say, 'Hilarious stuff from one of my comic heroes'.

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## Meet Mackenzie Crook

K19 5.30–6.30pm, Guildhall, £6 Age 8+

Pirates of the Caribbean and *The Office* actor, **Mackenzie Crook**, introduces his wonderfully enchanting debut for children, *The Windvale Sprites*. Full of charm and humour and containing his own beautiful illustrations, follow Asa as he embarks on a mission to find out if fairies really exist. Come and meet Mackenzie and hear all about his love of illustrating, writing and of course acting!

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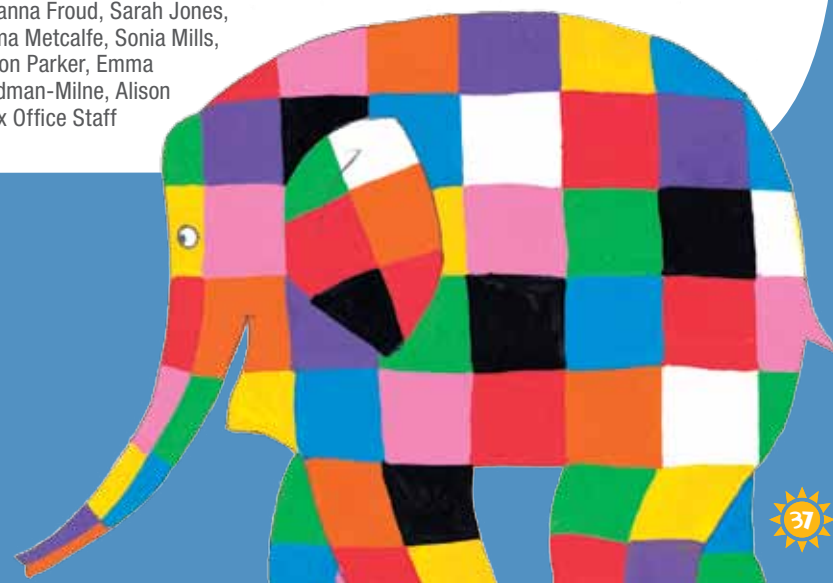
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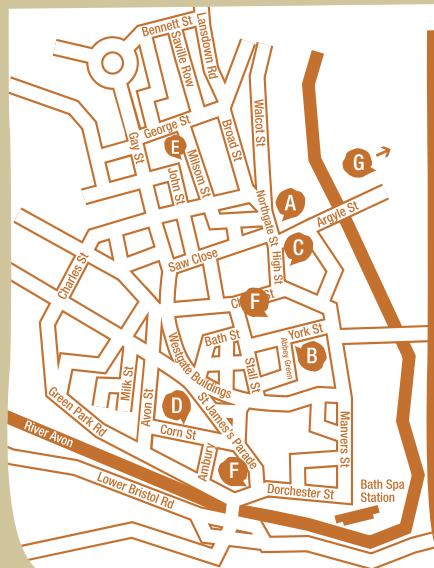
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