

# SLS High-Lights

April 2016

## Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards 2016

What is it about lies and good fiction? Three of this year's short-listed titles have lies in the title. One is already a prize winner: *The Lie Tree* by Frances Hardinge, one by a debut author: *Lies We Tell Ourselves* by Robin Talley; and one is by previous shortlisted author Nick Lake: *There Will Be Lies*.

Apart from this intriguing trio, there are previous shortlisted authors: Marcus Sedgwick with his enigmatic *Ghosts of Heaven*; Patrick Ness with a very original take on zombie literature *The Rest of Us Just Live Here*, and Sarah Crossan's *One*, a heart wrenching story about conjoined twins. Jenny Valentine is no stranger to winning awards: will *Fire Colour One* be the top favourite for Carnegie, or maybe it will be Kate Saunders' brilliant sequel to E. Nesbit's *Five Children and It: Five Children on the Western Front*?

If you and your shadowing group would like to join School Library Service for a morning of debate and fun, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, the national awards announcement day, Wymondham High Academy is kindly hosting several groups, but could possibly accommodate more. If you're interested in coming along, please let us know.

We will also be looking at the Kate Greenaway nominations, which include several titles suitable for high schools, and offer a rich variety of styles and themes, every one totally different but equally enjoyable.

There is an added bonus this year. For the first time one each of the shortlisted titles will be awarded an Amnesty International Honour commendation, as a recognition of the importance fiction has in opening all our eyes to human rights, from birth onward through life.

Be part of the discussion! Visit [www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/shadowing](http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/shadowing) for details, and remember: no lying...



The CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards

## UEA FLY Festival 2016

Now in its third year, the University of East Anglia's FLY Festival of Literature for Young People have announced their programme for 2016, here: [www.uea.ac.uk/fly/programme](http://www.uea.ac.uk/fly/programme)

Taking place 20<sup>th</sup>– 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016, the festival is aimed at secondary school students (11– 18 year olds) and aims to inspire young people to read for pleasure, develop a love of books and to discover the power of writing. There are author events, readings and workshops from an array of wonderful speakers including (amongst others!) Children's Laureate Chris Riddell, the award-winning David Almond, Carnegie 2015 winner Tanya Landman and Lisa Williamson, this year's Waterstones Children's Book Prize winner.

There is also an Inspiring Reading Conference for teachers, librarians and educators on the theme of *Raiding the Past to Write the Present*, featuring authors Celia Rees and Catherine Johnson.

For more information, visit the website above– we recommend booking soon, to ensure you don't miss out! For info, email [fly@uea.ac.uk](mailto:fly@uea.ac.uk)



Norfolk County Council

## Shelf Help – Reading Well for young people

A national service promoting well-being for young people launched on April 12th and is now available from libraries in Norfolk.

Shelf Help – Reading Well for Young People books have been chosen by young people and health experts to help with difficult feelings and experiences that can affect wellbeing.

The books have information and advice as well as personal stories about dealing with anxiety, depression or stress and experiences such as bullying.

A range of titles are available at each Norfolk Library along with a user guide and some titles will soon be available on our SLS schools eBook platform. For more information please ask at your local library or visit: <http://www.readinghack.org.uk/readingwell>



## Volunteers needed to help with the Big Friendly Read

Please promote the following to your students:

Are you aged between 13 – 25? Then Norfolk libraries need your help this summer.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Big Friendly Read summer reading challenge that will take place at libraries across Norfolk. Volunteering sessions take place between the end of June and beginning of September, during the school holidays. We ask for a commitment of 2 hours per week although there can be scope to do more depending on the activities which are running at your library.

Young volunteers are vital to supporting the Summer Reading Challenge within libraries. In Norfolk libraries we work with young volunteers to ensure that children taking part are encouraged to keep their reading skills up during the holidays.



Challenge Champions volunteer alongside library staff to do the following:

- Register young readers for the challenge
- Talk to children about reading and what the challenge involves
- Help children to select books by sharing reading recommendations
- Work with staff to prepare activities
- Use creative skills to assist with craft activities and preparing displays

Reading Hack allows volunteers to use their strongest skills and vary the core Challenge Champion role. As a Reading Hack volunteer, young people can get involved with activities such as:

- Setting up a reading group for young people
- Producing content to share on social media such as book reviews, reading recommendations and reports on what is happening within their library
- Holding a regular storytelling session
- Helping with activities taking place within the library

For more information on reading hack visit: [www.readinghack.org.uk](http://www.readinghack.org.uk)

If your young people are interested in helping out this summer, speak to staff at the local library or e-mail [volunteercontact@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:volunteercontact@norfolk.gov.uk) to request an application pack.

## Author visits– news and updates

Building on the success of our existing partnerships, we're pleased to announce that we've added authors **Helen Moss** (visits for KS2 & 3) and **Alex Scarrow** (visits for KS3 & 4) to our school visit offer. Both are looking forward to visiting Norfolk schools; many of you may have met Helen and Alex when they took part in our regional heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz last November.

We are of course still working with **Steve Parker** and **Alexander Gordon Smith**, both of whom are highly recommended for KS3 & 4 visits.

You can find more information about our new and updated author visit offer by looking at the following flyer: [www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk/Communication/Details/11579](http://www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk/Communication/Details/11579) or get in touch with the SLS office for further details and to secure a booking for your school.

## Summer INSET

You can also now book onto courses via SLA Online – visit [www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.s4s.norfolk.gov.uk)

### Motivating Readers

Wednesday 25th May  
9.30am– 12.30pm

SLS Training Room,  
County Hall, **Norwich**

A half day course for Literacy coordinators, librarians, upper Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 teachers to develop strategies for engaging with reluctant readers

**Course leader:** Mandy Steel, SLS Librarian  
**Cost:** 1 SLS Token

## Win free books for your disadvantaged children!

The Siobhan Dowd Trust are running a competition for schools to win up to £1000 for disadvantaged young people to choose books at a local independent bookseller. This is a brilliant idea: in a single competition it both encourages young readers and supports independent booksellers.

Entry is simple and the closing date for our region is Sept 30th. They especially want to know how your school engages disadvantaged young readers.

For more details, visit <http://www.siobhandowdtrust.com/schools-campaign/>

## Norfolk Shelf Talk blog

Have you visited the Norfolk Shelf Talk blog yet? The blog provides news and information about what libraries offer, a site dedicated to the library and information needs of Norfolk's young people and was established as a result of consulting them about what they wanted to see.

It's currently being hosted by pupils from Litcham School, who took over duties from Old Buckenham High last term– their hard work had set the bar very high!

To see what we're talking about, visit <http://norfolkshelftalk.edublogs.org/>

We also recommend, as always, that you visit our own Book Trolley blog, for news, reviews and other related info: <http://norfolksls.wordpress.com>

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