



# ALIA CYSS Group Bulletin

March 2016

Dear ALIA CYSS elist subscribers,

## Australian Children's Laureate

Congratulations **Leigh Hobbs** - Australian Children's Laureate for 2016/17.

Read more about Leigh Hobbs and the cartoon characters he has created – Old Tom, Mr Chicken, Horrible Harriet:

- <http://www.childrenslaureate.org.au/2016/02/leigh-hobbs-is-the-new-australian-childrens-laureate/>
- <http://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/books/artist-and-author-leigh-hobbs-named-as-new-australian-childrens-laureate-20160207-gmn1ah.html>
- [http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/gallery/2016/feb/09/australian-illustrated-childrens-books?CMP=share\\_btn\\_tw](http://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/gallery/2016/feb/09/australian-illustrated-childrens-books?CMP=share_btn_tw)

[It's your story calendar!](#)

Leigh Hobbs's first initiative as Laureate – a calendar poster for inspiring, creating and sharing stories.

For news about Laureate events, subscribe to the Children's Laureate newsletter.

<http://www.childrenslaureate.org.au/newsletter/>

## Kim Gamble

This past month we heard the awful news of Kim Gamble's death.

*Gamble's publisher Allen & Unwin writes:*

'We're extremely saddened to share news that Kim Gamble has died, but in Tashi and all his other work he leaves an incredible legacy of timeless illustration that has enraptured children worldwide.

'Kim's capacity for intricate detail, the creation of vivid characters, his humour and affection, and wonderful use of colour shone through in all his artwork, and having played a huge part in our history of children's publishing he'll be sorely missed but very fondly remembered.'



## Australia Day 2016 Awards

**Ann James** (Children's book illustrator) and **Ann Haddon** (former Teacher Librarian) have together taken several initiatives to promote and support children's literature in Australia and have served on ACLA and CBCA Committees. They have both received an AM (Member in the General Division) for significant services to children's literature.

**Jackie French**, renowned Australian children's author and literacy advocate, received an Order of Australia (AM).

## General Interest

### ACMA report

*Aussie teens online* – Report by Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) on how teenagers are using the Internet.

This report is the first step in researching other issues of teenage Internet use, such as online safety. <http://www.acma.gov.au/theACMA/engage-blogs/engage-blogs/Research-snapshots/Aussie-teens-online>

*Screen time and reading time*. Article in Better Reading magazine

[http://www.betterreading.com.au/kids-ya/screen-time-and-reading-time-never-the-twain-shall-meet/?utm\\_term=Screen+time+and+reading+time&utm\\_content=buffer07864&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](http://www.betterreading.com.au/kids-ya/screen-time-and-reading-time-never-the-twain-shall-meet/?utm_term=Screen+time+and+reading+time&utm_content=buffer07864&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

### Celebrities' letters encourage children to read

The Guardian reproduces some of the letters written in 1971 by famous people encouraging children to read and value their new public library in Troy Michigan.

[http://www.theguardian.com/books/gallery/2016/feb/05/a-library-room-full-of-friends-stars-letters-to-young-readers?CMP=share\\_btn\\_tw](http://www.theguardian.com/books/gallery/2016/feb/05/a-library-room-full-of-friends-stars-letters-to-young-readers?CMP=share_btn_tw)

A similar project was completed recently to mark National Libraries Day 2016 in the UK.

<http://www.theguardian.com/books/2016/feb/05/love-letters-to-libraries-robin-ince-meg-rosoff-and-other-famous-names-check-in>

Download new **OZ YA posters** <https://www.alia.org.au/ideas-campaigns-and-events-your-library>

### Dr Seuss books remade in yarn

Creative knitters at Ferntree Gully Library in Victoria have knitted Dr Seuss books in yarn.

<http://mashable.com/2016/02/22/yarn-bomb-childhood-book/#nIASNYgCBPq>

## Awards

### INKY

Applications to be an INKY award judge open on 27 Feb <https://insideadog.com.au/page/inky-awards>



### **Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award**

Australian authors Libby Gleeson, Ursula Dubosarsky, Morris Gleitzman, Alison Lester, Markus Zusak & Melina Marchetta are among the 215 nominees for 2016!

### **Redgum Book Club's National Young Writers' Award**

[Short List Announced for 2016](#) . Winners will be announced first week in March.

## **PD and Events**

### National

#### **Harmony Day**

Date: 21 March 2016

Theme: Our diversity is our strength

[Register your event](#)

For ideas and information: <http://www.harmony.gov.au/>

#### **National Simultaneous Storytime 2016**

Date: Wednesday 25 May @ 11am

I got this hat / by Jol and Kate Temple

For more information and to register: <https://www.alia.org.au/nss>

Plenty of downloadable resources and activity ideas on the website too.

#### **ALIA National 2016 Conference**

Date: 29 Aug – 2 Sept 2016

Venue: Adelaide Convention Centre

Registrations open 14 March <https://nationalconference.alia.org.au/>

[Draft program](#) has been released.



### **Weaving Stories Together - Sydney International Storytelling Conference**

Date: May 27-29 2016, *Through the Prism of Story* [Australian Storytelling Guild \(NSW\)](#)

### Victoria

March

#### **CBCA Victoria**

When: Clayton's Night – 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 6:30pm

Venue: Trinity Grammar School

See: [www.cbcavic.org.au](http://www.cbcavic.org.au)

### Skool Library Trek

When: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

<https://www.alia.org.au/events/13767/skool-library-trek>

[Register online](#)

April

### CBCA Victoria

To celebrate announcement of notable books for 2016

When: Night of the Notables – 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

Venue: Library at the Dock, Docklands

See: [www.cbcavic.org.au](http://www.cbcavic.org.au)

NSW

April



### ONCE UPON A TIME- A Celebration of 50 Years of IBBY Australia

Date: Saturday 2nd April 2016 | 10 am till 2.30 pm

Venue: Santa Maria del Monte School Strathfield NSW

Featuring Dr Mark MacLeod, Libby Gleeson, Bronwyn Bancroft and Ursula Dubosarsky

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/once-upon-a-time-a-celebration-of-50-years-of-ibby-australia-tickets-19438571290>

May:



### 12<sup>th</sup> National CBCA Conference

Date: 20 – 21 May 2016

Venue: The Menzies, Sydney

A full program and other details [National Conference website.](#)

<http://www.trybooking.com/JPQF> OR <http://www.trybooking.com/168745>

Western Australia

### IBBY Australia's Golden Anniversary Quiz Night

#### International Children's Book Day

When: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Apr 16 – 6:30 for 7:00-9:30pm.

Venue: Perth and Tattersalls Bowling Club. 2 Plain St, Perth.

RSVP: Jenni Woodroffe [jennij@iinet.net.au](mailto:jennij@iinet.net.au)



## Tasmania

Tamar Valley Writers Festival

When: 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March

SCBWI Australia New Zealand will be presenting at the festival.

## **Pinterest**

With new Pin boards added there are many inspirational ideas on our Pinterest account.

**Follow us on Pinterest:** <https://www.pinterest.com/cyssalia/>

## **Useful Websites**

### **Storytime blogs**

Our committee member, Melinda Allan finds these storytime blogs very useful for ideas for storytime activities.

- <http://missmegsstorytime.com/>
- <http://sunflowerstorytime.com/>
- <http://storytimekatie.com/>
- <http://jbrary.com/>

### **Love OZ YA**

A blog site dedicated to promoting Australian YA literature

<http://loveozya.tumblr.com/>

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