

Cambridge Literary Festival

Children's
Programme
7–10 April

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Geek Girl

Horrible Science

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Welcome

Welcome to Cambridge Literary Festival 2016. We have a bigger than ever weekend of events for children of all ages which is full of everything from Horrible Science to Geek Girl, James Bond to Roman Mysteries and Mr Gum to the Walker Books Big Draw for budding young illustrators. With the help of BAFTA and MOBO award winner Akala and his Hip-Hop Shakespeare talk we will be paying our respects to William Shakespeare on the 400th anniversary of his death. We are delighted, and grateful, to welcome Carter Jonas Bradshaws as Principal Sponsor of the children's programme.

All children's events take place in the Cambridge Union and cost £6. We work hard to keep ticket prices low for children and students.

There are lots of events for grown-ups too! For full details visit www.cambridgeliteraryfestival.com

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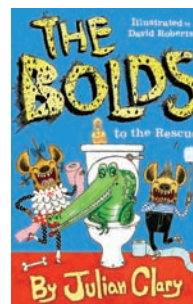
Thursday 7 April



You're A Bad Man, Mr Gum! Andy Stanton

1-2pm | Age 6+

Mr Gum is a complete horror who hates children, animals and fun ... not to mention corn on the cob. This book is about him, an angry fairy who lives in his bathtub, Jake the dog and a little girl called Polly. PLUS there are heroes and sweets and adventures and EVERYTHING. *You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!* is the first hilarious book in the internationally best-selling series by Andy Stanton, winning the Blue Peter Book Award (twice) and the Roald Dahl Funny Prize. Join Andy to celebrate the 10th anniversary of *Mr Gum's* first publication.



The Bolds Julian Clary & David Roberts

2.30-3.30pm | Age 7+

Comedian, entertainer and writer, Julian Clary, and award-winning illustrator, David Roberts, introduce their latest book, *The Bolds to the Rescue*, about a family of hyenas living in an ordinary suburban street. An unmissable event packed with wildly hilarious readings in Julian's unique style, live drawing from David, and lots of laughter.



Friday 8 April



The Dinosaur That Pooped

10.15-11am | Age 5+

Created from *The Dinosaur That Pooped* picture book series, host Alastair Watson brings the books to life with help from The Dinosaur himself! Expect dinosaur impressions, live drawing, a dinosaur rhyme, and gross games like Guess Poo. The event includes exclusive video clips from *The Dinosaur That Pooped* creators, McBusted's Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter, plus all those who purchase books on the day will get the chance to have their book stamped by Dino!

WARNING: CONTAINS DINOSAUR POO!



The Wimpy Kid Show

11.30am-12.30pm | Age 8+

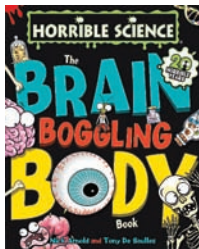
Great family entertainment and a must for all *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* fans. Alastair Watson brings the books to life with fun activities including *The Wimpy Kid Draw-Along* and *The Wimpy Wars! Quiz*. The event also includes exclusive clips of author Jeff Kinney talking about writing the books, his involvement with the films and demonstrating how he draws the characters. Suitable for 8+. (Books purchased on the day can be stamped with an exclusive Wimpy Kid Show stamp).



Squishy McFluff Pip Jones

11.30am–12.30pm | Age 3+

When Mum has to go into hospital, Squishy and Ava go to stay with Mad Nana Dot who has a spotty house and eats fried eggs with bananas. Dragged around on all kinds of errands, Squishy and Ava invent their own kind of fun – with hilarious results. Join Ava and her imaginary cat, Squishy McFluff, as they get into all sorts of trouble in this charming and loveable rhyming story by award-winning children's author Pip Jones.

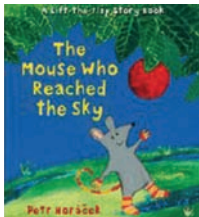


Horrible Science Nick Arnold

1–2pm | Age 6+

If you think that science is boring, think again! This wacky comedy show brings Nick Arnold's multi-award winning *Horrible Science* series to life. Packed with all things gross, grisly and gratifyingly gruesome, it celebrates the best belly-churning bits of science. Nick Arnold offers awful answers and foul facts about the world around us in this horribly hilarious event.

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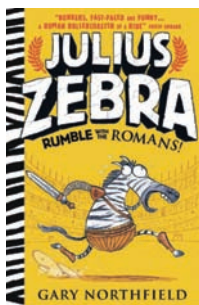


The Walker Books Big Draw with Petr Horacek

1–2.30pm | Ages 5–9

Ready, set, DRAW! Roll up your sleeves, prepare to get messy and create a GIANT picture book with your friends, in this hands-on event combining storytelling and art. In this session for younger children, Kate Greenaway Medal shortlisted author and illustrator Petr Horacek (*Suzy Goose*, *Puffin Peter*) will share some of the secrets behind his bold and imaginative books. Every drawing tells a story... so come along and create your own!

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The Walker Books Big Draw with Gary Northfield

3–4.30pm | Ages 10–14

Calling all budding young artists! Do you dream of becoming a famous illustrator? Come along and learn how to design kooky characters, invent animated adventures and create a GIANT picture book with your friends. In this session for older children, much-loved cartoonist Gary Northfield (*Beano*, *Horrible Histories*, *National Geographic*) and author of *Julius Zebra* will reveal some of the tricks of his trade. An event for those who love to draw just as much as those who think they can't!

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Jolly Foul Play Robin Stevens

3–4pm | Age 8+

When the Head Girl of Deepdean School is murdered with a hockey stick, it's up to Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong to investigate. Join Robin Stevens for an event filled with murder mysteries, dastardly villains and bun breaks! Hear Robin read from the book and share her inspiration behind the series, and create your very own detective story. There will also be the chance to ask your burning questions, like any good detective! Robin Stevens is winner of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2014 (Young Fiction) and has garnered a loyal fan base of the most unladylike crime enthusiasts. A jolly event that promises plenty of foul play!



Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam Tracey Corderoy

10–11am | Age 4+

Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam have swapped a life of crime for baking cakes in their café. But now there's a new robber in town – the infamous Kitty-le-Claw! When there's a midnight robbery at the bank, can the two baker dogs save the day? Join Tracey Corderoy for an action-packed event filled with read-aloud rhyme and storytelling.



Young Bond Steve Cole

11.30am–12.30pm | Age 12+

Lights. Camera. Murder. Young Bond is back in his most action-packed, explosive adventure yet. Rammed with car chases, fight scenes, glamorous parties and an obligatory final shoot-out, this fast-moving adrenaline rush brings to life the young James Bond and promises to thrill and surprise avid Bond fans. Join Steve Cole, best-selling children's author and lifelong Ian Fleming fan, for a genuine James Bond experience.



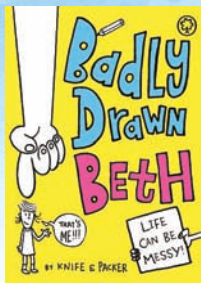
Hip-Hop Shakespeare Akala

1–2pm | £12/£6 | Age 10+

If Shakespeare were alive today, would he write hip-hop like Jay Z and Eminem? BAFTA and MOBO Award winner Akala thinks that he would. In this lively and entertaining event, Akala marks the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death whilst demonstrating the startling similarities between Shakespeare and hip-hop. Guaranteed to inspire, surprise and engage a new audience with Shakespeare. A passionate and fast-paced event for all ages.

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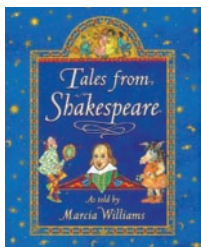
Saturday 9 April



Badly Drawn Beth Knife & Packer

1–2pm | Age 7+

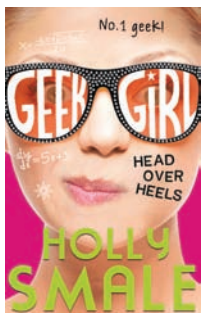
"So, I'm surrounded by crocodiles, holding a briefcase full of fish fingers, I'm wearing a swamp monster mask AND MISS PRIMULA IS ABOUT TO CALL MY PARENTS." Meet Beth, the anarchic and hilarious heroine who just can't help getting into trouble! With a mad illustration on every page, Beth lets her imagination run wild and encourages all children in the audience to do the same. Join cartoonists Knife & Packer, authors of Children's TV series *Fleabag Monkey Face*, in this interactive and fun-filled event.



Tales From Shakespeare Marcia Williams

2.30–3.30pm | Age 8 +

2016 commemorates 400 years since the death of William Shakespeare. In this special Shakespeare-themed event, cartoonist and children's author Marcia Williams will bring the Bard's work vividly to life. Come up on stage if you dare and help Marcia re-enact *The Tempest*, using masks, props and plenty of drama.



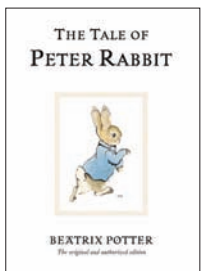
Geek Girl Holly Smale

4–5pm | Age 11+

Harriet has plans, big plans, but on a whirlwind trip to India, she realises that life and people don't follow plans – especially when it comes to love. *Head Over Heels* by award-winning author, Holly Smale, is the latest instalment of the hugely popular and best-selling *Geek Girl* series. Holly spent two years as a teenage catwalk model before finding her own cool and clever voice, winning the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2014. Come and hear Holly talk about her geek-but-chic heroine, Harriet, who turns the idea of the 'Perfect Model' on its head.

Chaired by Alice Wroe, Founder of the Herstory Project.

Sunday 10 April



The Magical World of Beatrix Potter – a 150th Anniversary Celebration

10–11am | Age 2+

Naughty Peter Rabbit has gone missing! Dive into the magical world of Beatrix Potter, help some of her classic characters organise a search party to find Britain's best-loved rabbit, and listen to *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* narrated by a live storyteller. Beatrix Potter has sold over 45 million books worldwide. Join us, 150 years after her birth to celebrate this incredible woman, artist, botanist, visionary, trailblazer and, of course, author. An event for the whole family. All ages welcome.

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Sunday 10 April



Princess Arabella Mylo Freeman

11.30am–12.30pm | Age 4+

What do you give to a little princess who already has everything? Ruby-encrusted roller skates? A golden bicycle? A cuddly mouse? A doll's pram? No. Princess Arabella wants something different for her birthday ... an elephant. Set in Africa, the latest instalment of Mylo Freeman's delightful *Princess Arabella* series is a charming tale about birthdays for young children.

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The Jasmine Sneeze Nadine Kaadan

1–2pm | Age 6+

Atishoo! Haroun the cat loves spending his days snoozing in the sunlit courtyards of Damascus, but one thing always ruins his sleep and makes him sneeze – jasmine! When Haroun hatches a plot to fix the problem, he accidentally angers the Jasmine Spirit who plots her revenge in a cunning and hilarious way. Award-winning Syrian author and illustrator Nadine Kaadan draws on Syria's rich heritage and Arab culture to inspire this beautiful book, using art and storytelling to help young children understand aspects of Syrian culture not shown in media reports of war-torn cities.

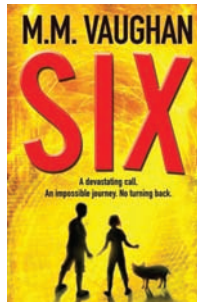


Roman Mysteries and Quests

Caroline Lawrence

2.30–3.30pm | Age 12+

Best-selling author Caroline Lawrence has written over 30 historical novels for children, mostly set in ancient Rome. In a fun and lively talk, find out how Caroline develops ideas, finds character and plots her stories. Illustrated with images from the *Roman Mysteries* TV series and Caroline's own travels, you'll also hear about her latest exciting project, *The Roman Quests*, and a re-telling of a story from Virgil.



Six Monica Vaughan

4–5pm | Age 9+

This action-packed page-turner questions the world around us: the perils of technology, global environmental issues and sinister enterprises. Join author Monica Vaughan and dive into the top-secret world of *Six*, a thrilling and chilling sci-fi mystery that isn't afraid to tackle controversial topics. We can't guarantee you'll come out alive.

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of hearing.

Venue

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serving a wide range of snacks and
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a break between events or relax
with friends.

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the festival gardens.

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