

Devon School Library Service News

Out of the shadows

Shadowing the **Carnegie Award** gets bigger and better each year and in Devon and Torbay last term **232 students** from **21 secondary schools** took part in shadowing events.

The students read all the titles on the Award shortlist to decide their favourite, resulting in many animated discussions, strongly-held opinions and friendly disagreements before the winner was announced on 7th July : **Tamar** by local author **Mal Peet**.

In **North Devon** four secondary schools shadowed the award: **Bideford, Holsworthy, Great Torrington** and **South Molton** met together at the Early Excellence Centre in Torrington for their showdown. During the summer term, Janet Broomhead from Barnstaple SLC visited each school to present the shortlist and talk about the criteria used by the national judges. On the day itself, the students hotly debated their choices and voted **Clay** by **David Almond** their winner. They are already planning next year's event and hope to get Mal Peet as a guest speaker. Some Year 7 students from **South Molton CC** also shadowed the **Greenaway Medal** with pupils in year 5 & 6 from two Barnstaple primary schools, **Sticklepath** and **Yeo Valley**, but that's another story (in pictures!)



Students and staff from the four schools



Exmouth Community College students presenting 'Tamar'

Across **Central Devon**, eight schools covered on Crediton to enjoy each others' presentations, from video to rap to dance drama. Their winning book was **Tamar** and the students were thrilled when guest author **Kevin Brooks** announced it was also the national winner. The schools involved were **Exmouth, Honiton, Sidmouth, St. Luke's, St. Peter's, West Exe, Tavistock** and the host school **Queen Elizabeth's CC**.

The **South Devon** event is long-established and they've got the whole thing down to a fine art. This year 100+ students and 26 adults from 9 colleges championed their choices, and the runaway winner was **Framed** by **Frank Cottrell Boyce**. After a picnic lunch, local author **Patrick Cooper** entertained the audience. Schools taking part were **Coombeshead, Dartmouth, Dawlish, Kingsbridge, Knowles Hill, Paignton, St. Cuthbert Mayne, Westlands** and the host **KEVICC**.



Westlands' students presenting 'The white darkness' by Geraldine McCaughrean

Would your school would like to be involved with the Carnegie Award next year? It's well worth it, and great fun! Get in touch with your local School Library Centre for more details or check out the CKG website www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk



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INSET from SLS

Back by popular demand, the amazing **Pauline Carr** will demonstrate how to **Show off with Style!** on **May 10th 2007**. This instructive and entertaining event is always oversubscribed and places are limited, so book early. Venue to be confirmed.

The **School Library Association** training course **Extended Schools and the School Library** will be held on **6th March 2007** at **St. Cuthbert's Conference Centre**, Buckfastleigh. The trainer is Anne Harding. Contact www.sla.org.uk to book.

Recommended websites

www.contemporarywriters.com a site with information about hundreds of British authors who write for adults and children, giving biographical details as well as critical perspectives of their work.

www.meettheauthor.co.uk very addictive site with video clips of authors talking about their books.

Book reviews

Julie Hearne *Ivy*

Follow Ivy in this intriguing tale that finds her caught up in criminal activities in Victorian London. Spotted by a wealthy pre-Raphaelite painter because of her beauty, she becomes his muse. His mother however is determined to get rid of her! *KS3/4*

Catherine Webb *The extraordinary and unusual adventures of Horatio Lyle*

Still on the Victorian theme, the main character Horatio is a scientist, inventor and part-time policeman. Dastardly deeds are afoot in this action-packed humorous tale, with Horatio and his proteges determined to solve the crime-wave sweeping London. *KS3/4*

Catherine Webb *The obsidian dagger: being the further adventures of Horatio Lyle*

Horatio is on the case once again, with mystery, murders and mayhem rife in the City. Fast-paced and action-packed, we follow our hero as "they" are trying to kill him. *Good fun for KS3/4*

And for something utterly different

Anne Fine *The road of bones*

A dark, compelling tale set in not-quite-Russia under a murderous totalitarian regime, where Yuri grows to young manhood in grim and horrible circumstances. Vividly depicted in gruesome detail, this is a challenging book to make you think. *Powerful stuff for KS3 and above*

Topic Boxes

Topic box, topic box, topics all the way.....

oh what fun it is ... trying to turn around **6,000** boxes of **93,700** books during the Christmas season. Don't forget to send in your topic requests for the January term, the earlier the better. Please **post, email, fax** or **phone** them to us by **December 1st** to give us a fighting chance of getting the new topics to you at the start of term.



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