

Saturday 18th August

10.00-13.00 Rory's Stories with Natalia Beylis | Dock - Foyer | Open to all ages | FREE

9 cubes, 54 images, 10 million combinations, infinite stories... Natalia Beylis leads a drop-in workshop using the fabulous Rory's Story Cubes for children to invent their own stories.

11.00-11.50 Niamh Sharkey Laureate na nÓg | Dock - Auditorium | Open to all ages | FREE

Niamh Sharkey is Ireland's current Children's Laureate. Children of all ages and parents will find out all about what it means to be Ireland's Laureate na nÓg and Niamh will introduce children to the wonderful world of book illustration.

12.00-12.30 The Big Bad Wolf Show by Liam Farrell | Dock - Auditorium | Age 4-8 | FREE

Liam Farrell looks at the fairy tales from a different point of view. As far as he is concerned there would be no fairy tales without the bad guy. Think about it, Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs would never have been heard of if it was not for The Big Bad Wolf...

14.00-14.45 Reading with Alan Earley | Reading Room | Age 9-12 | FREE

Described by Eoin Colfer, author of Artemis Fowl as "a brilliant creation... fast-paced and thrilling" and by Image Magazine as "an exciting fantasy novel", *Arthur Quinn and the World Serpent* is the first of a trilogy and a thrilling read for anyone 8+!

14.45-15.00 Interview with Alan Earley led by Matthew Callan | Reading Room | Age 9-12 | FREE

Matthew Callan is 13 years old and is very excited about interviewing a REAL author! He is looking forward to asking some really tough questions!

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15.00-15.50 Writing Workshop with Gerry Boland | Dock - Auditorium | Age 6-8 | €5

Gerry Boland has been giving creative writing workshops for children in the North West for many years and is a firm favourite among schools and literary festivals (max. 12 participants).

16.00-17.00 Getting Started in Writing with Liam Farrell | Dock - Auditorium | Age 9-12 | €5

As well as his earlier reading, Liam Farrell will also give a talk on 'Getting Started in Writing' for 5th & 6th class Primary School and early Secondary School students (max. 12 participants).

18.00-19.40 Film: 'The Princess Bride' | Carrick Cineplex | Open to all ages | €4

A classic fairy tale, with swordplay, giants, an evil prince, a beautiful princess, and yes, some kissing (as read by a kindly grandfather).

Sunday 19th August

11.00-12.00 Writing Workshop with Garrett Carr | Dock - Art Room | Age 9-12 | €5

This will be a writing and drawing workshop, taking as its starting point some real monsters that live in the deep oceans of the world – or possibly the Shannon! (max. 12 participants).

11.00-12.00 Reading with Gerry Boland | Dock - Auditorium | Age 6-8 | FREE

Nearly everyone in my class had a pet of some sort. Lots of them had dogs, and a fair few had cats, budgies and goldfish. But no one I knew had a grizzly bear sleeping in the garden shed, or sat beside a grizzly bear most nights watching TV.

12.00-13.00 Colin McElwain & Kieran Mark Crowley | Dock - Auditorium | Age 9-12 | FREE

Colm and Kieran will talk about their all time favourite books and the books that inspired them in their writing. Have you a favourite? Bring it with you.

12.00-13.00 Choosing Books with Orlagh Kelly | Reading Room | For parents | FREE

Owner of the Reading Room Bookshop, Orlagh Kelly has a keen sense of what book suits what kind of child. In this talk, Orlagh will advise parents on the best books to choose for your children.

14.00-15.00 Garrett Carr & Kieran Mark Crowley | Reading Room | Age 9-12 | FREE

For this reading Garrett will be joined by Kieran Mark Crowley whose recent book *Colm and the Lazarus Key* has been shortlisted for The Bisto Book of the Year Award - the most prestigious awards for children's books in Ireland.

15.00-16.30 Storymaking Jam Session | Dock - Auditorium | Open to all ages | FREE

To finish off Carrick on Shannon's first Children's Literature Festival Gerry Boland, Colin McElwain and Kieran Mark Crowley join forces in a lively storymaking jam session. Audience participation a must!

17.30-19.10 Film: 'Dr. Seuss - The Lorax' | Carrick Cineplex | Open to all ages | €4

A 12-year-old boy searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams. To find it he must discover the story of the Lorax, the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world.

Around a bidden lake in the mountains is a perfect place. The people there live long and contented lives. But not for much...



CARRICK ON SHANNON Children's Literature Festival

Leitrim County Council, The Reading Room and The Dock are delighted to present the inaugural Carrick on Shannon Children's Literature Festival. The festival aims to provide accessible high quality opportunities for children and young people to engage with the arts.

Books are a wonderful doorway for a child onto endless imaginary playgrounds of the mind. According to Philip Pullman, author of the Northern Lights trilogy, "After nourishment, shelter and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the world", and contrary to any notion that children's books are in anyway less important than general fiction, we tend to agree with him when he also says, "There are some themes, some subjects, too large for adult fiction; they can only be dealt with adequately in a children's book".

For these couple of days we are very excited to have brought together some of Ireland's leading authors for a programme of readings, workshops and activities. We hope you find the event equally exciting and enticing. Enjoy!

Booking and Information

While many of the events during Carrick on Shannon Children's Literature Festival are free of charge, booking in advance is essential for all events except 'The Princess Bride', 'Rory's Stories' and events at the Reading Room. Please note that all workshops are limited to a maximum of 12 children. (Early booking is highly recommended). All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

For booking and further information:
The Dock, Carrick on Shannon | 071 96 50828 | www.thedock.ie



