

## 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!

**14.00-17.00 Rory's Stories with Natalia Beylis | Dock - Foyer | Open to all ages | FREE**

**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.

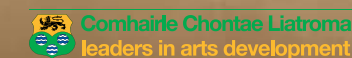
Books are a wonderful doorway for a child onto endless imaginary playgrounds of the mind. According to Philip Pullman, author of the Northern Lights trilogy, "After nourishment, shelter and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the world", and contrary to any notion that children's books 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](http://www.thedock.ie)





## Facilitators / Artists

**Alan Early** was born in Leitrim and now lives in Dublin. He studied in the National Film School, Dun Laoghaire and co-founded Annville Films. From an early age he would write and illustrate short stories about Banshees and ghost animals. His first attempt at writing while he was still at school was about, amongst other things, a telepathic fish. His interest in Viking lore inspired the critically acclaimed 'Father of Lies' trilogy. His first book in the series, 'Arthur Quinn and the World Serpent' was shortlisted in the 2011 Bord Gais Energy Irish Book Awards. The sequel, 'Arthur Quinn and the Fenris Wolf' will be published later this year.

**Liam Farrell** is a fulltime Children's Author & Storyteller living and working in Maynooth, County Kildare. His books are all stories he used to tell his own children Jeremy and Lydia when they were small and now he has put them into book format for his grandsons and granddaughter. His most recent book is 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf'.

**Orlagh Kelly** runs The Reading Room Bookshop in Carrick on Shannon. The shop stocks a wide and eclectic range of books, catering for all tastes. Orlagh is a passionate advocate of books and reading.

**Colm McElwain** was raised and educated in Monaghan. He has a BA Hons in PE and likes reading books, watching films and playing sport. He has always loved storytelling, whether through literature or film. 'James Clyde and the Diamonds of Orchestra' is his first novel and brings a very fulfilling creative experience spanning a number of years to an end.

**Niamh Sharkey** is an award-winning author and illustrator of children's picture books and is Ireland's Laureate na nOg 2012 -2014. Her books have won numerous awards including the prestigious Mother Goose Award and The Bisto Book of the Year. Niamh's books have been translated into over twenty languages. Her current titles with Walker Books include 'The Ravenous Beast', 'Santasaurus' and her new title 'On the Road with Mavis and Marge' which won the Junior Book of the Year at the Irish Book Awards. Niamh lives in Dublin with her family.

**Natalia Beylis** is an artist who has been living in County Leitrim since 2006. She spends her time creating books full of comics and characters inspired by the animals and myths that inhabit the County. Originally from Ukraine, Natalia grew up in the United States and studied creative writing at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. Currently Natalia teaches art and bookmaking workshops for children and is involved with the monthly Family Fun Days at the Dock Arts Centre. Her first children's story book, 'The Yeti and The Mermaid' will be coming out in Summer 2013.

**Gerry Boland** Born in Dublin but now living in Roscommon, Gerry Boland is a writer, teacher and committed environmentalist. He recently published his second book about the unusual adventures of Marco, a rather remarkable grizzly bear, who has escaped from the zoo. His first book, 'Marco Moves In', was published in 2011, and was nominated for an Irish Book Award.

**Garrett Carr** was born in 1975 and comes from a town in the west of Ireland a bit like 'Ballydog'. He has a background in illustration. He has worked for governmental agencies in his native Ireland and for development agencies in Latin America. He now lives in Belfast, where he contributes to the city's burgeoning literary scene with publications, exhibitions and readings. His books so far are 'The Badness of Ballydog', 'Lost Dogs' and 'Deep Deep Down'. They follow the adventures of three teens, Andrew, May and Ewan, as they battle monsters and sometimes each other.

**Kieran Mark Crowley** is from Cork. His first book, 'Colm & the Lazarus Key' was shortlisted for the Bisto Children's Book of the Year Award 2010, as well as being one of the Irish Times recommended reads for 2009. Courageous, handsome, tall - none of these words describe Kieran. He works in a large warehouse during the day and writes in his spare time. The sequel 'Colm and the Ghost Revenge' has just been published and he is currently working on a slightly scary screenplay.

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