



Thames Valley Network

Study Day

The Joy of

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

at

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Children's literature has changed over the centuries but the enjoyment remains the same and is passed down from generation to generation, no matter the format. From the oral to e-books, we will always love stories, no matter the culture, country nor creed. Today this programme will reflect their particular influences on the literature of today.

We are privileged to have as our speakers:

Geraldine McCaughrean – She has written more than 160 books, mostly for children, whose works have been translated into 45 languages worldwide. In 2006 she won the chance to write the authorized sequel to Peter Pan called *Peter Pan in Scarlet*.

Geraldine is the recipient of many awards including the Carnegie Medal, the Michael L. Prinz Award, the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and the Smarties Bronze three times. This year sees the relaunch of her 5 adult novels.

Daniel Hahn is an author, editor and translator. He undertook to edit the new edition of the Oxford Companion to Children's Literature, last compiled in 1984. This is the definitive dictionary/companion and his immaculate research has resulted in a further 900 entries being added! He works closely with a number of organisations that support writers and translators, literacy, free speech and human rights.

John Foster - The first books John wrote were school textbooks! But he always enjoyed poetry and so, in 1979, when given the opportunity to compile a series of children's poetry books he jumped at the chance. He's been compiling poetry anthologies ever since. He's lost count of the number, but it must be somewhere between 150 and 200 as well as having also written twelve books of his own poetry. I can't imagine any schoolchild not knowing his poetry nor having seen nor heard him!

Bill Laar – Educationalist and storyteller extraordinaire. Bill works with schools and teachers around the country and overseas, as an adviser and consultant, and regularly contributes, as a speaker, to national and international educational Conferences. In his talks and writing, he addresses a wide range of educational issues, especially leadership, curriculum, literacy, narrative, children's literature and creativity in schools.

Draft programme for the day is as follows:

10.00	Arrival, Registration, Coffee
10.30-10.45	Introductory talk
11.00 – 11.50	Daniel Hahn
11.55 – 12.45	John Foster
12.50 – 1.45	LUNCH (by ticket only)
1.50 – 2.35	Geraldine McCaughrean in conversation with Mark Thornton (manager of Mostly Books)
2.40 – 3.20	Bill Laar

PLEASE NOTE: There is parking for the disabled in the grounds of the Press and general parking in Wellington Street in the employees' carpark. Directions will be detailed in Joining Instructions, which will be circulated one month ahead of the actual event. The Study Day Fee is £15 for members of TVN U3As, £17.50 for non-members. This includes participation in the full programme plus coffee/tea. Lunch £12. There is space to sit if you prefer to bring your own lunch but please note that only those who are having the lunch will be able to help themselves to drinks at lunchtime.

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