



CBCA ACT NEWS

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Hello All and welcome to our second newsletter for 2009! We are now almost half-way through the year – some events behind us but the biggest ones still to come. Things seem to be ticking over smoothly in our Branch at the moment, so thank you to all our committee members who keep things running behind the scenes.

I am happy to say we have a new Merchandise Officer! Her name is Kathleen Kinsella. Kathleen works at Canberra High School and has been involved with young people and books for many years. We are very pleased to have her and I would like to thank her for taking on this position.

Our Clayton's Night and Short List Dinner were both successful and well attended. Thank you everyone for coming along, and thanks especially to our Clayton's Judges for all their reading and for presenting on the Night. For more information about these events, please see our Events Report on page 3. The next event we have coming up is our Judge's Talk – for more information about this please see page 5.

We are currently raising money for our Christmas Book Appeal. Keep an eye out for people selling raffle tickets and merchandise at our events! There's more information about the raffle on page 2. All proceeds from the sale of the tickets and the merchandise will go towards buying books as Christmas presents for disadvantaged kids in the ACT. I'd like to thank everyone who donated prizes, and Rachael Hind for organising it all into a cohesive whole.

Please enjoy our May newsletter!

Rebecca Kemble
President
CBCA ACT Branch

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Judge's Talk, 28th May

Come along to hear 2008/2009 ACT Judge Michael Janssen-Gibson talk about the 2009 Short List, the 2009 Notables and the judging process. An entertaining speaker, Michael will answer your questions and discuss the books with us. This event can count towards your professional development, so please come along! For more information see the flyer on page 4.

CBCA Book of the Year Award Announcement, 21st August

We are pleased to say that this year the Announcement Ceremony will be held at the Belconnen Public Library. It will include performances and refreshments as well as the announcement of the winners and honour books of the Book of the Year Awards. More information will be given closer to the time.

Book Week, 22nd August to 28th of August

The Book Week Theme this year is Book Safari! See other pages in this newsletter for more information about visiting authors and Book Week merchandise.

CHILDREN'S BOOK APPEAL RAFFLE 2009!

To raise money to buy books as Christmas presents for disadvantaged children in the ACT we are once again running a raffle. The raffle prize is a basket of goodies valued at approximately \$250.00. These include:

- CBCA Merchandise (cooler bag, lanyard, t-shirt)
- Gift voucher from Jacaranda Books value of \$20
- Various books
- Board books
- CDs
- Green cleaning products
- Chocolates
- Bryson's *Dictionary for Writers and Editors*

Tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5, and they are available from Rebecca Kemble (act@cbca.org.au) Rachael Hind (rachael.hind@stmonicas.cg.catholic.edu.au) Margaret Carmody (M.Carmody@signadou.acu.edu.au) or Dot Hepburn (dorothy.hepburn@ed.act.edu.au).

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Judge's Talk on Thursday the 28th of May. Please help us continue to provide this valuable service!



Don't miss your chance to win fantastic goodies while supporting a great cause

Recent Award Winners

May Gibbs Fellow 2009

Canberra author Tracey Hawkins has been offered a May Gibbs Fellowship in Melbourne in June 2009.

Tracey says "Needless to say I am thrilled and what a wonderful opportunity to work on my new picture book for a month without any interruption."

Tracey's book will be released late 2010. For more information about the May Gibbs Fellowships please see <http://www.maygibbs.org.au/>



The Children's Book Council of Australia Awards Foundation

Proudly Funding Prizes for the Children's Book of the Year Awards

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<http://cbca.org.au/foundation.htm>

- EVENT REPORTS -

THE CLAYTON'S NIGHT AND THE SHORT LIST DINNER

On the 24th of March the ACT Branch had its annual Clayton's Night at the Centre for Teaching and Learning in Stirling. We had five presenters from the Branch share with us their favourite Australian books from 2008 that had been entered into the 2009 CBCA Book of the Year Awards.

Dot Hepburn was up first and shared her picks from the Picture Book category. She was followed by Amanda de Jongh with the Younger Readers category - which consistently has the highest number of entrants. New member Jacqui Lucas was up next with the Eve Pownell Information Book section.

After a light supper Rachael Hind presented the Early Childhood books and local author Tracey Hawkins shared the Older Readers category with us.

I'd like to thank everyone who came along. We had over 30 people and it made for a good evening! I'd also like to thank everyone who bought merchandise to support the Children's Book Appeal; and Jacaranda Bookshop who came along and brought copies of the Clayton's Shortlist with them to sell on the night.

Most of all I'd like to thank our presenters - most of whom had never done it before! It can sometimes seem a daunting task - especially when faced with 300-odd Younger Readers books or 400 page Older Readers books! Well done everyone.

The Clayton's Night was closely followed by the Short List Dinner, only one week after on Tuesday the 31st of March. The CBCA Book of the Year Award Short List had been announced that day and we went out that evening to celebrate.

The Dinner was held at the City Labour Club in Garema Place. We had an evening of stimulating discussion and good food. Our ACT Judge Michael Janssen-Gibson was on hand to discuss the Short List with us. Michael had just gotten off the plane from Queensland where he had spent the weekend at the Judges Conference and that day at the National Short List Announcement in Brisbane.

Thank you to everyone who came along, and to everyone who bought merchandise and raffle tickets to support our Christmas Book Appeal!

BRANCH ARCHIVES FIND A NEW HOME

The CBCA ACT Branch Archives are now housed in the ACT Heritage Library in Woden. Pat Smith and Rebecca Kemble delivered the archives to Antoinette Buchanan of the ACT Heritage Library on the 20th of February this year.

These archives provide an historical record of the CBCA in the ACT and a record of the ACT Branch's role in the development of the CBCA in Australia.

With an awareness of the need to keep items of enduring value and to enable access by future researchers, Rosalie Richards and Pat Smith have spent the past two years examining, weeding and organising the records of the ACT Branch. They also created a box list and an overview of the archives for ease of access. This can be accessed via the Heritage Library's website at: http://www.library.act.gov.au/find/history/search/Manuscript_Collections.



The archives include an almost complete set of minutes spanning over 50 years

The records reflect the depth and range of work carried out over the 52 years of the Branch's existence. An almost complete set of minutes describes this work in detail.

As well, documents and correspondence show the evolution of specific initiatives, such as the annual Christmas Book commitment.

For Pat and Rosalie, a highlight of working on the archives was the lively, often humorous correspondence written by Lu Rees while serving on the Executive of the ACT Branch.

Members of the ACT Branch are indebted to the careful collection of documents by Lu Rees and Laurie Copping, as well as numerous past and present members.



Rebecca Kemble (CBCA ACT President) with Antoinette Buchanan of the ACT Heritage Library

By Pat Smith and Rosalie Richards

WHAT'S UP IN THE LU REES ARCHIVES?

More papers, archives and artworks

We have accepted papers and artwork from Elizabeth Honey, Jackie French and Wendy Orr under the Cultural Gifts Scheme this year. These offer opportunities to see novels and picture books in the process of creation with dummies, storyboards, sketches, final artwork, and many, many drafts of a novel to get it just right. Wendy Orr's work on her feature film, *Nim's Island*, is especially interesting. We hope to display some of this at an opening sometime this year.

Here's a piece of special news: the Lu Rees Archives has officially passed the one million dollars worth of papers, manuscripts and artworks it has received since 1994 from 27 donors. For a small Archive this is quite an achievement. We'd like to say thank you for the Branch's support of our many endeavours and the annual donation of \$1,000, which supports various activities.

Teenage Passion—continued

In the last newsletter, I mentioned we'd received all the letters Australian authors and illustrators wrote to teenager Jonathan Appleton who created *Rippa Reading* about authors, illustrators and books. We began a search for all 52 issues of the journal, and have found all but 14. We just may have found a source for these too. The Archives will be the only library in Australia with a full run of this journal. It features authors and illustrators during the 1980s (many young emerging creators) through the mid 1990s. This is an amazing testimony to the enthusiasm of a young male who has continued his love of children's literature as an editor of children's books at Orion Publishing in London.

Duplicate books—a success story

We weeded the collection of duplicate books and books donated to us that don't suit our collection last year and this year. It's been a hugely successful venture for us. We've enjoyed meeting so many people who go away happy with a much loved book from childhood or discover a new author or illustrator. One person bought every Ethel Turner and Mary Grant Bruce title we had. Another person spoke no English at home, but wanted her two-year-old grandson to grow up with children's books, especially favourite Australian books. We had plenty of these for her. She planned to read them too.

Creating picture books

For the third year, we were visited by artist Franki Spark and her class of continuing education students from ANU who are studying how to illustrate picture books. We put out a big collection of artwork relating to Andrew McLean's illustrations for *My Dog* by John Heffernan. This book is about Bosnian refugees and is very moving and topical given continuing conflicts and displaced people around the world. Andrew donated the images he had clipped from newspapers as inspiration for place, people and emotion, his many character sketches for the little boy and the dog, and different versions of art for particular pages. Just listening to Franki we all learned so much about inspiration, media, character development, colour, shape, intent and much more. The book is highly memorable, made more so by seeing this art from an artist's perspective.

By Belle Alderman

MESSAGE ABOUT BOOK SALE

To accommodate its growing collection, the Lu Rees archives are selling books which are surplus to its needs. For just \$5 for a hardback and \$4 for a paperback, you could pick up out of print books, award winners and author signed copies. The money raised will go towards supporting the Archives in the future.

Although the archives staff cannot search for a particular title for you, they are happy for you to come have a look. The books are in small boxes in the Lu Rees Archives.

Lu Rees opening hours are: Mon-Tues 9.30-5.30pm

Wed 9.30-11.30am

Thursday 9-5pm

If none of these times suit, please email me at belle.alderman@canberra.edu.au and she will try to make a time to suit you. The Lu Rees archives are located at the University of Canberra Library. Books will be available for purchase until May 30.



Judge's Talk 2009

Come and hear the ACT Judge Michael Janssen-Gibson talk about the 2009 Short List and the judging process

It can count towards your professional development!

When: Thursday the 28th of May 7pm

Where: Orana School, Unwin PI Weston Creek

Cost: \$10.00 non-members, free for members

Light supper included

RSVP to Rebecca Kemble act@cbca.org.au by Monday 25th May. Thanks!



THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA AWARDS

The Children's Book Council of Australia has pleasure in announcing

THE 2009 SHORT LIST

Book of the Year: Older Readers

These books are for mature readers.

CORNISH, D.M.	<i>Monster Blood Tattoo Book</i>	Omnibus Books, Scholastic Australia
EATON, Anthony	<i>Two: Lamplighter</i>	Woolshed Press, Random House Australia
FRENCH, Jackie	<i>Into White Silence</i>	HarperCollinsPublishers
MARCHETTA, Melina	<i>A Rose for the Anzac Boys</i>	Viking, Penguin Group Australia
MOLONEY, James	<i>Finnikin of the Rock</i>	Penguin Group Australia
TAN, Shaun	<i>Kill the Possum</i>	Allen & Unwin
	<i>Tales from Outer Suburbia</i>	

Book of the Year: Younger Readers

Intended for independent younger readers.

BATESON, Catherine	<i>The Wish Pony</i>	Woolshed Press, Random House Australia
FUSSELL, Sandy	<i>Polar Boy</i>	Walker Books
GLEITZMAN, Morris	<i>Then</i>	Viking, Penguin Group Australia
HARRIS, Christine	<i>Audrey of the Outback</i>	Little Hare Books
Illus: JAMES, Ann		
MILLARD, Glenda	<i>Perry Angel's Suitcase</i>	ABC Books
Illus: KING, Stephen Michael		
RODDA, Emily	<i>The Wizard of Rondo</i>	Omnibus Books, Scholastic Australia

Book of the Year: Early Childhood

Intended for children in the pre-reading to early reading stages.

GRAHAM, Bob	<i>How to Heal a Broken Wing</i>	Walker Books
KING, Stephen Michael	<i>Leaf</i>	Scholastic Australia
MCKIMMIE, Chris	<i>Special Kev</i>	Allen & Unwin
MILLARD, Glenda	<i>Applesauce and the Christmas</i>	ABC Books
Illus: KING, Stephen Michael	<i>Miracle</i>	
SULLIVAN, Rosemary	<i>Tom Tom</i>	Working Title Press
Illus: HUXLEY, Dee		
WILD, Margaret	<i>Puffling</i>	Omnibus Books, Scholastic Australia
Illus: VIVAS, Julie		



The Children's Book Council of Australia
2009 Book Week Merchandise Order Form



Book Safari 22- 28 August 2009

Book Week Merchandise Items	QTY	Non members price including GST	Members discount price including GST	Amount
Book Week Poster – rolled		\$7.00	\$6.50	
Short List poster –rolled		\$7.00	\$6.50	
Short List Information Book 2009		\$15.00	\$12.50	
Notable Australian Children's Books 2009		\$15.00	\$12.50	
Bookmarks colour only pk/10		\$10.00	\$8.00	
Badges –metal/pin		\$3.50	\$3.00	
Balloons pk/10		\$9.00	\$7.50	
Stickers (35 stickers/ sheet)		\$4.00	\$3.00	
Library/ shopping bag		\$10.00	\$8.50	
CBCA Book of the Year Award Sticker Set (5 winners, 10 honour, 33 short list, 24 notables)		\$10.00	\$9.00	
BANNER -Indoor/ Outdoor Full colour promotional banner 2mx1m		\$190.00	\$180.00	
Lapel Pin –pewter with CBCA Logo		\$10.00	\$9.00	
Key Ring - pewter with CBCA Logo		\$13.0	\$11.00	
Award stickers set 5 winner, 10 honour, 33 shortlist, 24 notable		\$10.00	\$9.00	
Postage & handling (excluding poster tube) Rolled poster Mailing			\$8.00 \$5.00	
CBCA Membership no. _____		Total payment to be Included in order		
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ABN 20 024 451 638 To avoid disappointment please ensure orders are placed **ASAP**, as late orders cannot be guaranteed. Merchandise Officer, Kathleen Kinsella, can be contacted at Kathleen.Kinsella@ed.act.edu.au, or on Fax number 6205 7006.