



School Library Association Manchester Branch



WELCOME

The SLA Manchester Branch was set up for the benefit of school librarians in Greater Manchester by a group of professionals who wanted to share best practice, shout about particular initiatives and get more training opportunities for librarians around the local area.

The group is run on a professional basis, with committee members, agendas, targets etc. but always in a friendly manner and as a positive experience for everyone involved.

If you would like to be part of this group or if you would like to contribute to this newsletter with any of your stories, please, send an email to:

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We'd love to hear from you all!

The SLAM Committee

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FUTURE EVENTS



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Future Events



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SLAM AUTUMN EVENT 2015

Waterstone's Deansgate

Wednesday 11th November 2015

14:00—17:00 pm

Talk by Waterstones Children's Buyer

Bestsellers and latest trends in the children's book market & Book Buying session

Book Art Workshop with Kate Buffon

<http://www.katebuffon.co.uk/>

Author talk: JON MAYHEW

<http://www.jonmayhew.co.uk/about.htm>

Social/Pizza/Networking TBC

SLAM AGM 2016

Elizabeth Gaskell House

Thursday 17th March 2016

16:30—18:00

AGM & Tour around the house

Possible social (TBC)

<http://www.elizabethgaskellhouse.co.uk/>

SLAM Training Day 2016

Venue: TBC

Date: TBC (May 2016)

09:00—16:00

Reluctant Readers with Anne Harding

<http://www.anneharding.net/>

Please book your place
in advance [here](#)

SLAM SPONSORSHIP

Every year SLAM offers some of its members the opportunity to attend one of the days of the SLA weekend course for free!

My report on the day:

I have to start by saying that I had never been to a SLA weekend course before, so I was both excited about the prospect of being in a room full of librarians and bookish people, and a bit apprehensive about what to expect from the day for the very same reasons!... Well, I was not disappointed. The day started on a high. Both Frank Cottrell Boyce's talk and my first seminar "Ways to Innovate the Classroom using technology" were fantastic. Mr FCB never disappoints with his funny and witty remarks about books and reading, and it was great to hear him defend libraries and librarians so passionately.

Likewise, Lenny Dutton's all tech-based session was a real open-minder. Her presentation was full of useful information and the hand-outs well worth keeping safe for future reference. I was motivated and inspired through and through and by the end of her 60 minutes talk, I just wanted to be like Lenny when I grew up. I just needed to get the rest of the school on-board and beg for months in order to get the money needed for all this technology...but I'll keep trying nonetheless. Lenny proved to us that it can all be well worth-it.

Exhibition time was also really good. I felt like a little kid filling my bag with all the leaflets, freebies and proofs that the reps were giving away. Again, lots of new initiatives and authors to check on my return to the library.

A lovely lunch catching up with some fellow librarians was followed by Lin Smith's session on "Effective Information Literacy..." and Paul Register's talk about the Stan Lee Excelsior Award. Paul is infectious in his love for graphic novels and I gained quite a lot of points amongst my students when I told them I had met *Watchmen* collaborator Dave Gibbons. His talk about his new role as the first comics' laureate and his account of his childhood experiences with comics was very interesting. Mainly, I was happy to have Paul Register's overview on how to go about running the Stan Lee Excelsior Award from scratch to finish because it is something that I plan to do next January. The seminar was useful, practical and meaningful, just like overall the rest of the day had been.

Many thanks to SLAM again for allowing me to attend this conference.

I really enjoyed myself!

Susana Sanchez-Gonzalez



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CILIP School Library Group

<http://www.cilip.org.uk/about/special-interest-groups/school-libraries-group>

Heart of the School

<http://heartoftheschool.edublogs.org/>

Yahoo School Librarians Network

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sln/>



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