

THE SILENT BOOKS EXHIBITION

FROM THE WORLD TO LAMPEDUSA AND BACK.

Courtesy of iBbY Ireland.

iBbY Ireland

In response to the waves of refugees from Africa and the Middle East arriving in the Italian island of Lampedusa, iBbY (International Board on Books for Young People) launched the project 'Silent Books, from the world to Lampedusa and back' in 2012. The project involved creating the first library on Lampedusa to be used by local and immigrant children. The second part of the project required creating a collection of silent books (wordless

picturebooks) that could be understood and enjoyed by children regardless of language. Over 100 titles from over 20 countries were collected from iBbY National Sections. One set of books was deposited in Rome, another delivered to the library in Lampedusa and a further set was part of a traveling exhibition which will be in dlr Lexicon from 2-29 May! See inside for events organized by dlr Libraries as part of this exhibition.



LAUNCH OF THE SILENT BOOKS EXHIBITION WITH LAUREATE NA NÓG P.J. LYNCH

Monday 8 May from 11.00am–12.30pm

dlr LexIcon, Children's Library, Level 4

Organised by iBBY Ireland, this event will be attended by other Irish authors and illustrators and will include a short workshop and talk about the exhibition.

Ages 3rd–5th class. Local schools.

Bookings by phoning 280 1147 or email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

1 class per school. Max 3 schools.

NATION CREATION WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOOLS

Silent Books Workshops with author Debbie Thomas and illustrator Tatyana Feeney.

2 hour sessions from 10.30am–12.30pm:

Wed 3 May

Thurs 4 May

Tues 9 May

Thurs 11 May

Tues 16 May

Thurs 18 May

Tues 23 May

Thurs 25 May

dlr LexIcon, Level 5, Room 2

Participants will browse the exhibition and explore how Silent Books are accessible to all. Learning how and why the collection started on Lampedusa, they will appreciate that refugees have 'lost' their nation and how devastating this can be. The children will then invent a new nation – perhaps their ideal one – with the help of the illustrator. They will create laws, flags, language, food, sports, folk tales etc. using words and pictures, and bring it all together in their own patchwork island/nation.

Ages 3rd–6th classes

Bookings by phoning 280 1147 or email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie.

1 class per session (max 30 in group)

BABY BOOK CLUB SPECIAL

Wednesday 10 May, 10.00am

Children's Library, Level 4

Organised by library staff, this session features some books from The Silent Books Exhibition.

Ages 0–3. All welcome.

CEARDLANNA 'SILENT BOOKS'

LE SADHBH DEVLIN

Ag 10.00–11.30am agus 12.00–1.30pm

Dé Céadaoin 17 Bealtaine

Leibhéal 5, Seomra 2. Rang 1–3

Beidh Sadhbh Devlin ag caint le páistí mar gheall ar an taispeántas 'Silent Books' agus beidh na páistí ag tarraingt nithe éagsúla le chéile agus a scéalta féin a chruthú.

Áirithintí: 280 1147 agus dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie

AUTHOR VISIT WITH JANE MITCHELL

**award-winning author of *A Dangerous Crossing*,
based on the experiences of real Syrian families.**

Friday 26 May

dlr LexIcon, Children's Library, Level 4

**2 x 1 hour long sessions from 10.00–11.00am and
11.30am–12.30pm**

Ages 5th–6th classes.

Bookings by phoning 280 1147 or email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie



SILENT BOOKS FAMILY DAY

Saturday 20 May

HELEN BARRY WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG FAMILIES.

Level 5 Room 4, 10.00am, 12.00pm & 2.30pm.

Max of 8 families per session. Parents remain with young children. Workshops suitable for ages 3-6 and are 75 minutes long.

Bookings by phoning 280 1147 or email dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie.

EXHIBITION DROP IN TIME WITH JENNY DUFFY

**Level 5 Room 2 from 11.00am-1.00pm
and 2.00-3.00pm**

Drop in sessions for families with picturebook enthusiast and Gutter Bookshop staff member Jenny Duffy. Browse the collection at your leisure.

No booking necessary.

FAMILY DRAW-A-LONG WITH MARIE-LOUISE FITZPATRICK

Studio Theatre at 2.30pm and 3.45pm

Join award-winning author/illustrator Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick for a fun family event based on her latest book *Owl Bat Bat Owl*.

Suitable for all ages, especially young families. Adults get to draw too!

No booking necessary. First come, first served.

REGULAR FEATURES

ACTIVITY SHEET

Enjoy some fun activities with The Silent Books Activity Sheet, created by author Debbie Thomas.

FEATURED SILENT BOOKS

Follow dlr Libraries on social media to see regular features highlighting books from The Silent Books Exhibition throughout the month of May.

SPRING INTO STORYTIME WITH LIBRARY STAFF Children's Library, Level 4

Tuesdays 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 May at 3.00pm

Featuring books from The Silent Books Exhibition. *Ages 3-6. All welcome.*

VIDEO BLOGS

Listen to our Writer in Residence, Sarah Webb, dlr Lexlcon librarians and other special guests as they chat about some of the picturebooks from The Silent Books Exhibition.

VISITORS BOOK

Visit The Silent Books Exhibition and let us know what part of Ireland or the world that you come from. Tell us what book or books in the exhibition meant something to you.



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WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO WRITE A PROPER BOOK? FOCUS ON PICTUREBOOKS.

A DAY FOR PICTUREBOOK WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS.

Saturday 27 May
10.00am to 3.45pm
dIr Lexicon Studio

Programmed and hosted by dIr Writer in Residence, Sarah Webb, supported by dIr Lexicon.

Presented in association with Children's Books Ireland and iBbY Ireland

Booking: Eventbrite – Search for When Are You Going to Write a Proper Book? Picturebooks
Cost: €25 (plus booking fee – includes coffee and lunch) €15 concessions

After the sell-out success of our last day for children's writers and illustrators we are back with another event packed with information and facts about all aspects of picturebooks.

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9.30am	Registration
10–11.00am	What Makes a Brilliant Picturebook and Do They Have to Rhyme? <i>Chair: Sarah Webb, dIr Writer in Residence.</i> The answer is no! Hear the case for rhythm and rhyme by poet Lucinda Jacobs who will also conduct a quick workshop on rhyme scheme, and the case for prose by Valerie Coghlan. They will also talk about their favourite picturebooks and why they work.
11–11.20pm	Coffee Break
11.20am–12.20pm	What Comes First, the Words or the Pictures? <i>Chair: Sarah Webb</i> An introduction to the world of picturebooks with award-winning picturebook writers and illustrators Michael Emberley, Chris Judge, Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick and Mary Murphy. They will talk about the different stages of producing a picturebook and also the ups and downs of life as a full time writer/illustrator.
12.20–12.50pm	Shhh! Silent Books iBbY Ireland's President, Jane O'Hanlon will introduce the iBbY Silent Books Collection and Exhibition. Jane will give a brief illustrated talk on the importance of wordless picturebooks.
12.50–1.05pm	Conversations about Leaving, Loss and Lampedusa Martin Doran and students from St. Laurence College, Loughlinstown present their Yellow Flag Project.
1.05–2.00pm	Lunch. Plus a chance to look at the picturebooks from the Silent Books Exhibition.
2.00–3.15pm	Is It Me You're Looking For? <i>Chair: Aoife Murray, Children's Books Ireland</i> Find out what publishers want from illustrators and writers with Walker Picturebook Publisher and Creative Director, Deirdre McDermott, Publisher at Futa Fata, Tadhg MacDhonnagáin and O'Brien Press Design Manager, Emma Byrne. Margaret Anne Suggs from Illustrators Ireland highlights the pros and cons of illustration agents v literary agents. Find out about fees, advances and royalties too.
3.20–4.00pm	If I Could Tell You Just One Thing Picturebook Boot Camp's Adrienne Geoghegan shares the most common mistakes writers and illustrators make and gives her tips for writing and illustrating a great picturebook.