

May Conference and AGM 2016

'Opening Doors: The School Library in a Culturally Diverse Society'

Friday, 6th May 2016,
1pm -5pm
Pearse Street Library
Pearse Street
Dublin 2

Programme

1pm – 1.30: Registration (*Tea/coffee and sandwiches*)

1.30 – 2: SLARI AGM

2 – 3.30: Alec Williams: 'A Library For Everyone'

3.30 – 4: *Break (Tea/coffee and biscuits)*

4 – 5pm: Jane Mitchell, author

5pm: Finish

There will be an opportunity at registration and at the break to browse and buy books at the Little Island stand.

Alec Williams:

Alec Williams works as a storyteller, trainer, consultant, writer and speaker. An enthusiast for children's reading, his experience managing UK library services has given him an extensive knowledge of children's books, and the power of stories.

Alec has written articles, spoken at conferences, and appeared on radio and TV in the UK.

He gives talks on children's reading, and trains teachers, parents, and librarians, both in the UK and around the world – as well as being a frequent visitor to schools, telling stories!

Alec is a former Chair of the SLA and runs training courses for them. He has previously run a course for the SLA called *A Reading Culture for Every Culture* which looked at multicultural reading in today's environment and at ways to reach young people of different cultures.

Jane Mitchell, author:

Jane Mitchell has published 6 books and 3 short stories for children and young adults. Her writing is widely acclaimed: she has won national and regional awards and her stories have been broadcast, anthologized and translated into other languages, as well as included on the English curriculum for Irish primary and secondary schools.

Jane has twice won awards in the Irish Book of the Year Awards. She won the overall Book of the Year Award for her first book, *When Starts Stop Spinning*, and was the first recipient of the Children's Choice Award for her last novel, *Chalkline*.

Jane has given writing workshops and presentations to adults in, among other places, Trinity College, Froebel College and the Irish Writers' Centre. She is much in demand to talk to children and adults about reading and writing skills in schools, libraries and art centres. She lives in Dublin. More information can be found on Jane's website: www.janemitchell.ie and on her Twitter feed @JMitchellwriter.

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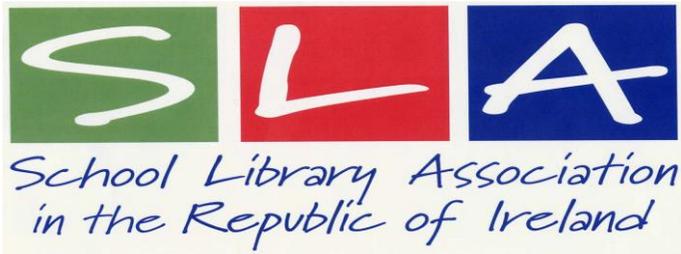
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