

TeenLibrarian

Monthly Newsletter

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Editorial

I am not going to lie – this has been a tough year for everybody! We have lost more libraries, beloved actors and musicians and seen what is possibly the beginning of the end for the European Union; or at least active UK involvement in it and I am not even going to mention what is happening in America!

It has not been all bad though, TeenLibrarian hit 10 years – I did not think that was going to happen so thank you again to all subscribers and article contributors. My daughter turned one, there were a record number of nominations for the CILIP Carnegie & Kate Greenaway Awards and TeenLibrarian was nominated for a blogging award – there are some details on that bit of news at the end of this month's newsletter, if you think that it deserves an award then please feel free to vote.

I have also seen quite a lot of positive press about Teen Vogue magazine – they have been brutally honest about the president-elect of the USA, dang I appear to have mentioned America. Their coverage has been seriously excellent compared to much of the mainstream press:

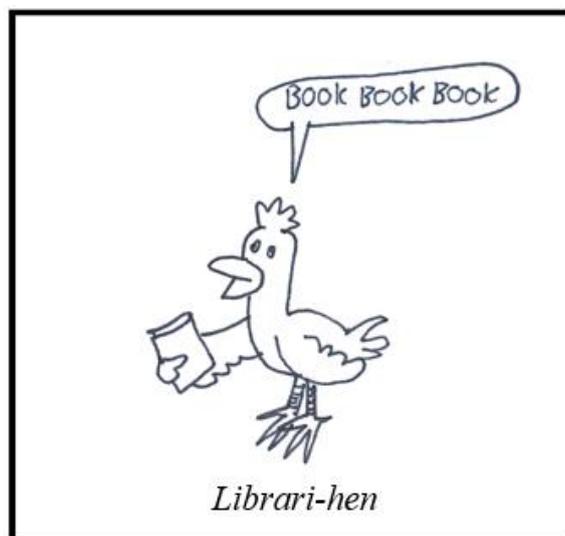
<http://www.teenvogue.com/story/donald-trump-is-gaslighting-america>

One of the things I think we can all continue doing in the coming year is making sure that everyone that comes to us has access to reliable and accurate information and resources to counter the growing threat of this 'post-truth' world we increasingly find ourselves in!

Before I sign off for the end of 2016 I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas, a Joyful Yule, a Wonderful Hanukkah, a Relaxing Festivus, a fabulous Kwanzaa and nothing but the best for 2017. If I have accidentally omitted a religious celebration occurring over this time I do apologise!

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Human Rights

Melanie Chadwick

Each year to link in with World Human Rights day, 10th December, I take the opportunity in school to highlight issues around human rights. I take assemblies and encourage the students to take part in the Amnesty International Write for Rights campaign and this has helped me start conversations and discussions with students on topics that they can really feel passionate about. This year, inspired by the CILIP Honour prize, I am also using the opportunity to highlight some of the library's fiction books which deal with some human rights issues. I have made a display of the books, each containing a bookmark with a relevant article from the declaration of human rights printed on it (I have used the simple and direct wording from the book *We Are All Born Free*, ISBN 978-1-84507-650-4). There are plenty of free resources available to use from the internet - <https://www.humanrightslogo.net/> for the human rights logo and posters, <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/write-rights-2016> for the Write for Rights campaign and videos of some of the cases can be found on YouTube, <https://www.amnesty.org.uk/amnesty-cilip-honour-carnegie-and-kate-greenaway> for information on the CILIP honour and a booklist covering all ages. We had a great response to our Write for Rights campaign last year, these are just a few of the kid's responses that we sent off (the display is made from photocopies). It is also great when you can update pupils with news of positive outcomes for people they have campaigned on behalf of.



Stars of comedy and film support search for best young comedy writer

Richard Curtis, Sir Lenny Henry, Miranda Hart, Sara Pascoe, and David Walliams give their backing to a new BBC joke writing competition and literacy campaign for children aged 6 to 12.

BBC Learning today launched a brand new competition in association with Comic Relief, Blue Peter and the National Literacy Trust to encourage children to have a giggle in the classroom and to get involved with Red Nose Day 2017. Following on from the success of BBC Comedy Classroom [launched in April 2016] which saw Sarah Jayne, Samuel and Tom crowned as the future of British comedy, the 'Red Nose Day Comedy Classroom with Blue Peter' competition will provide resources

to teachers and call upon children aged 6-12 across the UK to write three funny, original and creative jokes.

The winners in each age category (age 6-8 and 9-12) will see their rib-tickling jokes performed live on a special Red Nose Day Blue Peter programme in March next year. They'll also have a chance to visit the Blue Peter studio to see the programme and will receive an orange Blue Peter competition winner's badge, a signed certificate and a Comedy Classroom trophy. The final judging panel will include both Richard Curtis and Miranda Hart.

Teachers will be able to nurture their future comedy geniuses by using free downloadable classroom resources and activities produced by the National Literacy Trust with BBC Learning. Activities will include contributions from a host of comedic stars including David Walliams, Sir Lenny Henry, Sara Pascoe, Doc Brown and Peter Kay. All of these resources can be easily integrated into lessons about joke writing and to put on comedy shows to get involved with Red Nose Day; and are drawn from the curriculum requirements for literacy and build on key reading, writing and speaking skills.

Richard Curtis, writer, director and Comic Relief co-founder shows his support by saying; "We take comedy very seriously at Comic Relief. In our 32 years of Red Nose Days, we've raised more than £1billion for our amazing projects here in the UK and in Africa – so it's great to be partnering with the BBC's Comedy Classroom to help children write their own jokes and comedy for Red Nose Day 2017. It's a fantastic way to get involved in Red Nose Day and we hope we might even uncover the next generation of comedy writers. Good luck."

The competition closes on 28 February 2017. For further details of entry visit bbc.co.uk/comedyclassroom

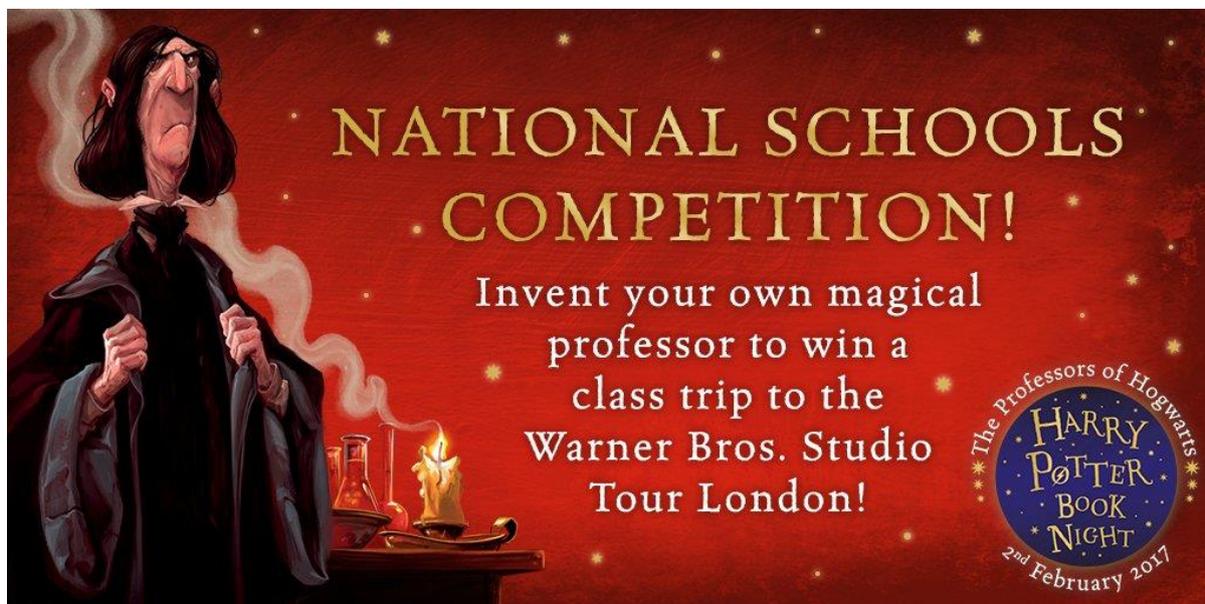
Libraries Opportunities for Everyone Innovation Fund

The Libraries Opportunities for Everyone Innovation Fund will enable library services to trial innovative projects that will benefit disadvantaged people and places in England. This activity could include:

- Improving access for people to, and better use of technology by, library services
- Increasing literacy
- Increasing opportunities for disabled users
- Increasing children's access to and use of libraries
- Supporting employment opportunities
- Supporting businesses to establish and grow
- Supporting creativity, use of new technologies and new business opportunities
- Improving health and wellbeing
- Increasing arts and cultural activity through libraries

The lead applicant must be a local authority library service in England. This includes organisations that have been commissioned to deliver the whole library service on behalf of local authorities.

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/libraries-opportunities-everyone-innovation-fund>



To celebrate Harry Potter Book Night: The Professors of Hogwarts we have launched a magical national schools competition!

THE PRIZES: One lucky class, of up to 30 pupils, will win a trip of a lifetime to discover the magic of Harry Potter at the Warner Bros. Studio Tour London, as well as a hardback box set of the seven Harry Potter books and Harry Potter themed goody bags! PLUS 25 lucky runners-up will also win copies of the books and themed goody bags.

HOW TO ENTER: To be in with a chance of winning the above prizes, we want you to ask your students to invent their own **MAGICAL PROFESSOR**. Download the template [here](#).

Send your completed entries to:

Harry Potter Book Night Schools Competition
Bloomsbury Children's Marketing
50 Bedford Square
London
WC1B 3DP

OR scan your entry and email it to childrensmarketing@bloomsbury.com with 'Harry Potter Book Night Schools Competition 2017' in the subject header. Don't forget to include your student's name, their age, as well as the school's name and your contact number or email address, so we can contact you if you're a winner.

Competition closes 10th February 2017

[Win a theatre prize worth £1,000 from Nick Hern Books and Theatre Tokens](#)

One very lucky winner will receive a copy of every single Nick Hern Books publication of 2016 - a huge, amazing mix of award-winning plays, essential practical guides and fascinating theatre reads worth more than £900.

For full details and to enter, follow this link: <http://woobox.com/dk2y28/EF13a>



Blog awards seem to have become a thing over the past few years, I know that TeenLibrarian has ended up on a number of lists detailing educational and library blogs of note over the years but this is the first time that it has been nominated for a gong.

I am not asking anyone (friends. colleagues & family) to vote for me because that would be a bit tacky but if you have used TL at all over the years and think it deserving of a nod then by all means please do.

<http://blogawardsuk.co.uk/ukba2017/entries/teen-librarian>

Know your sources

An infographic guide to helping you understand and choose your information sources

<http://www.pcc.edu/library/scripts/know-your-sources/index.html>

Helper Bird

Helper Bird is a Google Chrome extension to the existing OpenDyslexic font which overrides all fonts on a webpage to make them easier to read.

<http://bee-it.co.uk/primary-edtech-news/free-app-breaks-down-internet-barriers-for-people-with-dyslexia/>

#TeenLibChat

School Librarian Lucas Maxwell has started a new twitter chat group. The first held on the 3rd September focused on library displays was really successful, to catch up on what was discussed you can read all the tweets on Storify: <https://storify.com/lucasjmaxwell/teenlibchat>

The next discussion will take place on the 7th January at 6:30pm

