



Welcome to the IBBY Ireland newsletter! Winter 2019

IBBY Ireland is the Irish branch of the International Board on Books for Young People.

In this issue: our Honours List winners for 2020, forthcoming IBBY events and an update on recent IBBY Ireland projects.

And our warmest Christmas wishes to you all - Nollaig Shona!

Nollaig Shona

from all of us at
IBBY Ireland



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Happy Christmas from IBBY Ireland to all of our readers

From IBBY Ireland's President, Jane O'Hanlon

Welcome to the IBBY Ireland Christmas newsletter to round off a terrific year in 2019, at the end of which IBBY Ireland moved to becoming a CLG (company limited by guarantee). This has been necessary in order to comply with good governance but it also shows the new growth which has taken place under the stewardship of the committee elected in 2016. As President of IBBY Ireland I

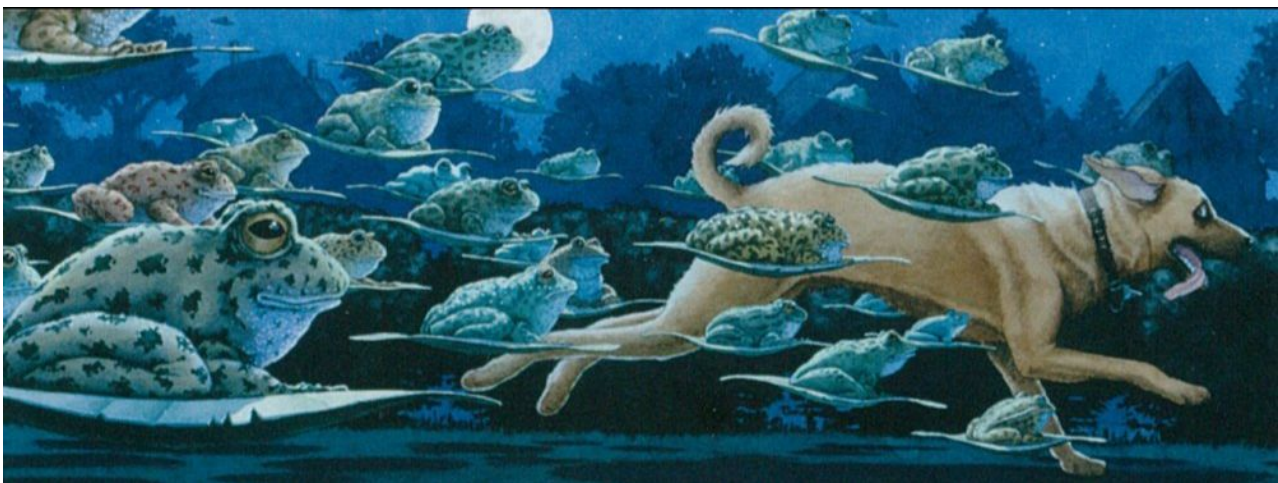
IBBY here at home and particularly on the international stage through our affiliation with the 80+ IBBY Sections around the world. Having Irish Writers/Illustrators and publishers nominated to the IBBY Honour List, the Hans Christian Andersen Award, along with the continued and growing popularity of the Silent Books collection, are all testament to the importance of an international network of dedicated children's book experts and enthusiasts. This is based on the fundamental principle of the importance of universal access to literacy.

As we end 2019 we are delighted to announce that the picture book maker David Weisner will give the Annual IBBY Ireland Lecture on Friday 28th February in the Institute of Education, DCU, in Drumcondra. David Weisner will also give the keynote address at our Symposium the following day (See Eventbrite for booking in January).

May I also take this opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Jane O'Hanlon

David Weisner - IBBY annual lecture



We're so excited to welcome the author and illustrator of silent books, David Weisner, to Ireland for the IBBY annual lecture on 28th February 2020. The three-time winner of the Caldecott Medal for illustration, best known for wordless picture books like 'Flotsam', 'Tuesday' and 'Art & Max' will speak in DCU, Dublin. More details and booking information will be on our website.

And as if that wasn't exciting enough, we have planned a full day's symposium on children's literature the following day, 29th February, also in DCU. This will feature some of our most cherished local children's authors and illustrators, as well as another session with David Weisner. More info to follow, but mark the date in your diaries!

Ibby Honours List 2020

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to announce the Irish writers and illustrators who have been chosen for Ibbby Ireland's Honours List 2020.

The IBBY Honour List is a unique biennial survey of what is best in children's literature worldwide; it presents the work of outstanding children's book writers, illustrators and translators.

Winners of the 3 categories are as follows:

English writing: John Chambers for 'Mucking About', published by Little Island.

Irish writing: Caoimhe Nic Lochlainn for 'Scéalta le hInsint don Ghealach', published by Cois Life.

Illustration: Shona Shirley Macdonald for 'The Pooka Party', published by O'Brien.

Comhghairdeas ó chroí and our most heartfelt congratulations to all of those shortlisted and chosen.



Silent Books making a noise around Ireland

Our Ibbby Ireland collection of Silent Books has been on tour visiting Garter Lane Gallery in Waterford and St. Paul's Community College, also in Waterford. It is back in Dublin for the moment being used in DCU from where they will be travelling to Mount Seskin in Tallaght for January, coming back to DCU for our annual lecture. The feedback has been very positive wherever the collection has visited, whether with primary, second level or even third level students.

Bratislava Illustration Biennial

IBBY, Illustrators Ireland, and Culture Ireland supported the presentation of eleven illustrators at the Bratislava Illustration Biennial, Bratislava, Slovakia, from 21 - 28 October 2019. After a nation-wide call-out,

odd year and is sponsored by UNSECO, the Minister for Culture of the Slovak Republic, IBBY and Bibiana (International House of Children's Illustration). It is an international illustration/children's book festival with lectures, workshops, awards and cultural events supporting the main exhibition.

CONGRATULATIONS to the selected illustrators: Dermot Flynn, Tarsila Kruse, Martin Beckett, Paula McGloin, Michael Emberley, Margaret Anne Suggs, Jennifer Farley, Tatyana Feeney, Giovana Medeiros, Sheena Dempsey and Shona Shirley Macdonald!



People, Places and Possibilities: Syrian Stories in County Clare

Syrian families living in County Clare have been storytelling, writing and illustrating in a project funded by IBBY Ireland, Clare Libraries and Poetry Ireland. 'Connections' has brought children and mothers together from Scoil Mhainchín in Ennistymon to weave stories, recall their own experiences in Syria, Lebanon and Ireland, and dream their futures. As well as developing literacy, the family groups have built oral skills through games and activities, with children often translating for their parents. Their work will be printed in a booklet and launched in January at Ennistymon Library.

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New members needed!

IBBY Ireland has had amazing success in the 2018-2019 period. With all of our achievements in building bridges through stories across Ireland we are indebted to our membership. We need membership to increase for 2019-2020 so we can continue to provide the excellent services we have done.

Join us [here](#) or donate [there](#).

Dates for your diary



28th & 29th February 2020

28th Feb: Annual IbbY Lecture by David Weisner, DCU, Dublin

29th Feb: One-day symposium on children's literature, DCU, Dublin

Get in touch!

If you have an item about noteworthy recent books, awards, news or upcoming events in children's literature which you'd like to be included, let us know!

If you would like to be involved with IBBY Ireland, support our work or simply have a question, just fill in the [contact form](#) or email newsletter@ibbyireland.ie

Looking forward to hearing from you,
The IBBY Ireland team

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