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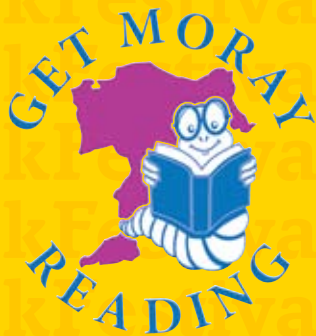
Get Moray Reading



Book Festival

Elgin Library
17th – 19th
September 2009

Celebrating Scottish writing, publishing
and illustration, promoting reading and
encouraging debate.



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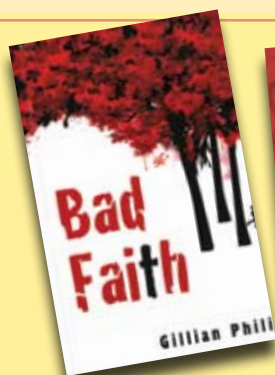
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Book Festival Programme

Thursday 17th September

9.30am	Launch by Angus Robertson MP. Welcome by Jeff Hamilton, Chair of Children's & Young People's Services.		
9.45am	Author Session	Chae Strathie	P1
9.45am	Author Session	Margaret Ryan	P4-5
11.00am	Storytime		Under 5s
11.30am	Author Session	Debi Giori	P3-4
12.30pm	Musical Interlude		
1.30pm	Author Session	Gillian Philip	S2-3
2.00pm	Author Session	Margaret Ryan	P4-5
2.00pm	Author Session	Debi Giori	P3-4
4.00pm	Author Session	Chae Strathie	Families
7.30pm	Author Session	Joan Lingard	Adults
7.30pm	Poetry Workshop	Colin Will	Adults



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Friday 18th September

10.00am	Rhymetime		For babies and toddlers
10.15am	Author Session	Debi Gliori	P1-2
11.15am	Storytime	Playgroup/Nursery	Under 5s
11.30am	Author Session	Joan Lingard	P6-7
12.30pm		Musical Interlude	
1.30pm	Author Session	Debi Gliori	P1-2
1.45pm	Poetry Workshop	Colin Will	S1-2
2.00pm	Author Session	Margaret Ryan	P4-5
4.00pm	Craft Session		For 7-10 yr olds
7.30pm	Author Session	Charlie Allan	Adults
7.30pm	Author Session	Laura Jackson	Adults

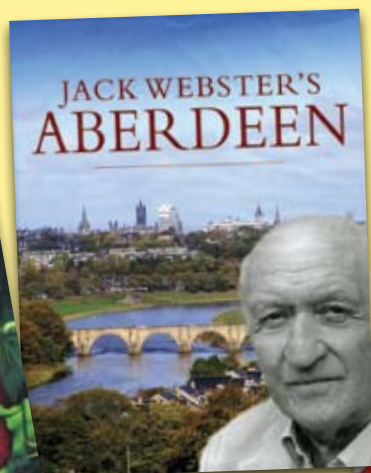


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Saturday 19th September

10.15am	Storytime		For younger children
11.00am	Author Session	Beano Event – Barrie Appleby	Families
11.00am	Author Session	Jess Smith & Sheila Stewart	Adults
11.15am	Craft Session		For 7 –10 year olds
2.00pm	Author Session	Jack Webster	Adults
2.00pm	Poetry Workshop	Colin Will	For 8 -11 year olds
2.30pm	Storytime		For younger children



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Charlie Allan was born in Stirling and was brought up on the farms of Aberdeenshire before going to Aberdeen University, where he graduated with a first in economics. He taught economics in Glasgow, Strathclyde and St Andrews Universities until 1974 when he gave up academic life to return to his family to farm at Little Ardo, Methlick in Aberdeenshire. This return coincided with the beginnings of a broadcasting career which included five years as a producer for BBC radio's farming output in Scotland and stint for the BBC World Service. He went on to write a column for the Press and Journal every week for ten years and is now in the 19th year of his column Farmer's Diary for the Herald.

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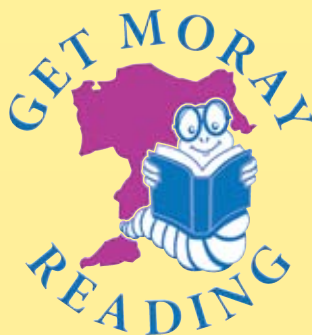
Barrie Appleby is a published editor and an illustrator of children's books. He is the illustrator of many Beano novels aimed at the younger reader, mainly Dennis The Menace but also a few Minnie The Minx and Bash Street Kids titles as well. Barrie also works on the weekly title.

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Debi Giori is an award-winning author and illustrator of many books for children, including the very popular Mr Bear series. She won the Children's Book Award picture book section, and was shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal in 1997. 'Pure Dead Magic', the start of a trilogy, was her first novel. Debi lives in Scotland, near Edinburgh.

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Local biographer **Laura Jackson** was a legal secretary before turning to full-time writing in 1992 when her first book, 'Golden stone: the untold life and mysterious death of Brian Jones', was published. Her books have been translated into eight languages and she has interviewed hundreds of people from all walks of life over the last twenty-odd years. Laura's last book 'Steve Tyler: the biography' is her 16th and she is currently working on a project due to be published this year.



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Joan Lingard was born in Edinburgh but grew up in Belfast where she lived until she was eighteen. She has three grown up daughters and now lives permanently in Edinburgh with her Canadian husband. She is an internationally renowned author and has to date published 16 novels for adults and more than 40 books for children. Joan Lingard is a versatile and prolific author whose novels are based upon challenging themes - very often the struggle for individual freedom in the face of social conflict. In 1998, Joan was awarded an MBE for Services to Children's Literature.

Gillian Philip was born in Glasgow and now lives in Elgin. Whilst living abroad she took up writing professionally and had many short stories published in magazines. On her return to Scotland, following the birth of her children, she decided to concentrate on writing for young adults. Her first full length novel, *Bad Faith*, was published in October 2008 by Strident Publishing and her second, *Crossing The Line*, was published by Bloomsbury in April 2009.

Margaret Ryan was born in Paisley in Scotland and now lives in Greenock with her husband. She has two children and was a primary teacher before she became a full-time writer. She has written over eighty books for children between the ages of five and eleven. Margaret has had children's stories on T.V. and radio, and has also been commissioned to write books for schools, children's poetry, and a series of books for reluctant readers. She travels extensively throughout Scotland, England and Wales visiting schools and libraries. In 2000, she won the Scottish Arts' Council Book Award for 'The Queen's Birthday Hat'. She believes that author visits should be fun.

Jess Smith lives near Crieff, is married and has three children and six grandchildren. She is a traditional storyteller from Scotland's Perthshire travelling people. She has written three books on her life travelling the country in an old bus with her parents and seven sisters who came and went over a period spanning ten years. She has also written 'Sookin' Berries', a volume of stories orally passed down through generations of travelling children and a novel entitled 'Bruar's Rest'. As a traditional storyteller she is in great demand for performances throughout Scotland.

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Sheila Stewart is one of Scotland's best, and best-loved traditional singers. In the field of traditional music, she is totally unique. Sheila's family tradition of song and story is rooted in one of the oldest oral cultures in Europe, kept alive among the travelling people. She has an unmistakable singing style and also a rich repertoire of old folk tales, comic tales, Jack tales, Burker tales and tales of Traveller life, as well as a store of outstanding songs and ballads. Now in her seventies, Sheila Stewart is the last in the line of the Stewarts of Blair, a long lineage of traditional travellers and storytellers.

Chae Strathie writer of children's picture books, was born in Kirkcaldy, Fife. Chae started writing silly stuff for children in his 20's and cites AA Milne, Roald Dahl, Bagpuss creator Oliver Postgate and Morris Sendak as the main influences in his career. He works as a sub-editor for a national newspaper based in Dundee and lives in a quiet fishing village in Fife with his wife and daughter.

Chae has written a third book with his current publishers. 'My Mum' was published in January.

Jack Webster grew up in the Aberdeenshire village of Maud, and attended Robert Gordon's College in Aberdeen. He then worked for various Aberdeen newspapers including the Press and Journal, the Evening Express, and national papers the Daily Express and The Herald. He has been honoured with several awards: The Bank of Scotland Columnist of the Year, 1996, UK Speaker of the Year, 1996 and was awarded an honorary degree from the University of Aberdeen, 2000. He has written extensively on Scottish history, written a play, 'Grassic Gibbon' depicting the life of J. Leslie Mitchell and is the author of several books about his childhood and career. Last year, Jack launched Scottish Local History Week at Provost Skene's House in Aberdeen.

Colin Will was born in Edinburgh in 1942, and mostly lived in West Lothian before settling in Dunbar in 2000. Formerly a scientific librarian, Colin has had four poetry collections published. He has been widely published in a large number of literary and other magazines. His poetry is 'a poetry of place', and his themes reflect a love of people and the natural world, often in language derived from his scientific background.

Colin has been Moray libraries' Poet Partner since 2008.

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Storytelling

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Also featuring the characters Mog & Kipper

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