

Cambridge Literary Festival

Children's Programme 13–15 April 2018

Highlights include
Adrian Edmondson
Fitz & Will
Harry Hill
Robert Macfarlane
Sarah McIntyre
Chris Priestley
Chris Riddell
Julian Sedgwick
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Welcome to Cambridge Literary Festival 2018. Young people are the thinkers, leaders and innovators of tomorrow, so as ever this year's Children's Programme is bursting with lively events to ignite and inspire children's passion for reading and adventure: from experiencing the ancient art of 13th-century Persian storytelling to meeting Cambridge cats and real-life beetles. Budding artists can join UK Children's Laureate 2015-17 Chris Riddell for plenty of doodling fun as he opens the festival, whilst young historians can enjoy a tale of Tudor intrigue with TV historian Lucy Worsley. Comedy stars Harry Hill and Adrian Edmondson each take to the stage for an hour of side-splitting fun and Festival Patron Robert Macfarlane presents his celebration of nature and language with *The Lost Words*. Come along and allow your imagination to soar.

Anna Millward, Children's Curator

Preview events | Saturday 7 April

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Chris Riddell

1-2pm | Anglia Ruskin University | £11/£8 | Age 9+

Ready, steady, DRAW! Opening the festival in style is former UK Children's Laureate Chris Riddell, for an hour of doodles, drawing and arty adventures. After two years travelling the length and breadth of the country, visiting schools, libraries and festivals, and meeting thousands of children, his book *Travels with My Sketchbook* is filled with sketches and scribbles from his daily Laureate Log.



Chris Riddell & Chris Priestley

The Sketch Off: Goth Girl vs. Werewolf Boy

3.30-4.30pm | Anglia Ruskin University | £9/£7 | Age 9+

Two illustrators. One hour. LOTS of gloom, gargoyles, ghosts and spooky shenanigans. What will happen? Join former Children's Laureate 2015-17 Chris Riddell and award-winning illustrator Chris Priestley for a spine-tingling, scribble-tastic event as they delve into the dark world of Goth Girl's Ghastly-Gorm Hall and the terrifying Maudlin Towers. Expect the unexpected in this frightfully fun event for children. Pens at the ready.

Tales by Rumi: A Pardekхани Experience

11-11.45am | Union Library | £8/£6 | Age 4+

Long, long ago in Persia, storytellers (*pardekhan*s) travelled the empire with illustrations painted on to a large canvas (*parde*). As they travelled from town to town, they would display their canvas before the crowd and narrate their story. Come and experience the ancient storytelling practice of *pardekхани* with award-winning Alia Alzougbi and discover the ancient tales of the 13th-century Persian poet, scholar and Sufi mystic, Rumi.



Nadia Shireen

The Bumblebear

12.15-1pm | Union Library | £8/£6 | Ages 0-5 years

BZZZ! Cheeky, sneaky Norman the bear has a cunning plot to trick the bees and steal their honey – but in his best bee onesie, how long will his disguise last? Come along and meet Norman and friends in this draw-along event fizzing with fun, lead by prize-winning author and illustrator Nadia Shireen. Pencils at the ready!



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Sarah McIntyre

The New Neighbours

1.30-2.30pm | Palmerston Room | £9/£7 | Age 5+

When new neighbours move in to the tower block, what will the other residents of Pickle Rye think? Giggle away as you hop, trot and totter down the stairs in this hilarious new children's book from BookTrust Writer-Illustrator in Residence 2017 Sarah McIntyre and learn just how important it is to leave judgements and prejudices behind.

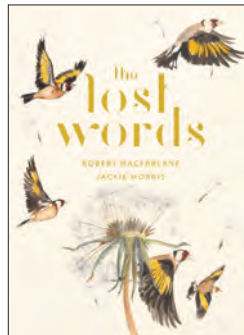




Benji Davies
The Grotlyn

10-11am | Union Library | £8/£6 | Age 5+

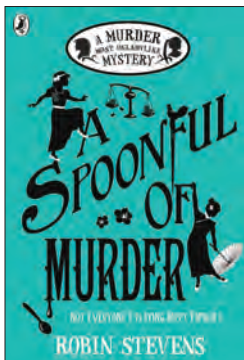
What is the mysterious Grotlyn? What sort of creature could it be, scuttling across the town, frightening everyone in its path? A beautifully illustrated rhyming tale about things that go BUMP in the night by picture book prize-winning author-illustrator of *Grandad's Island* Benji Davies.



Robert Macfarlane & Jackie Morris
The Lost Words

11.30am-12.30pm | Union Chamber | £13/£10

Join award-winning writer and festival patron Robert Macfarlane and acclaimed artist Jackie Morris in a celebration of nature and language. *The Lost Words: A Spell Book* is a praise-song, in word and image, to the living world around us – from acorns to wrens – and a magical attempt to close the growing gap between childhood and nature. This enchanting book “for children aged 1 to 100” has become a phenomenon since its publication in October, and is already in use in hundreds of schools and nurseries across the country. Come and hear summoning spells spoken, and see otters and kingfishers drawn live on stage.



Robin Stevens
A Spoonful of Murder

1-2pm | The Winstanley | £9/£7 | Age 9+

When Hazel Wong's beloved grandfather passes away, Daisy Wells is all too happy to accompany her friend (and Detective Society Vice President) to Hazel's family estate in beautiful, bustling Hong Kong. But when they arrive things don't go to plan for Hazel: she has been framed for murder! Join Robin Stevens, author of the best-selling *Murder Most Unladylike* series, as she presents the latest adventure for Daisy and Hazel who must work together like never before, confronting dangerous gangs, mysterious suspects and sinister private detectives to solve the murder and clear Hazel's name – before it's too late...



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Lucy Worsley
Lady Mary

2.30-3.30pm | Union Chamber | £10/£8 | Age 11+

Join BBC TV presenter, historian and Chief Curator at Historic Royal Palaces Lucy Worsley for a tale of Tudor intrigue. In her third novel for children, *Lady Mary*, she recounts the most famous and explosive divorce in history: that of the monarch King Henry VIII and Queen Catherine of Aragon. Told through the eyes of the young Princess Mary, this thrilling tale brings one of the most exciting events in British history to life as never before.



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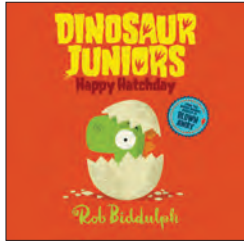
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Fitz & Will

10-10.45am | Union Library | £8/£6 | Age 3+

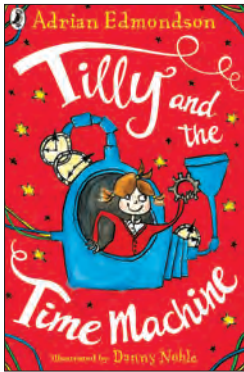
Meet Fitz and Will, the Cambridge cats! Fancy-foot Fitz and Whisker-twitch Will swap the River Cam for the River Thames and travel to London to watch the famous Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Race. But will the cats bring luck or will their mischief be the downfall of the Cambridge crew? Come along and join these naughty cats on their latest adventure with author Laura Robson Brown and series creator Katherine Mann. An interactive, fun filled costume event including singing – you can even meet the cats at the end.





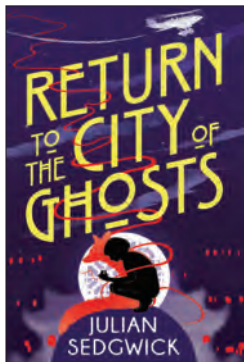
Rob Biddulph
Dinosaur Juniors

11.15am-12pm | Union Library | £8/£6 | Ages 3-7
Happy Hatchday! Meet Otto, Winnie and Greg (osaurus) and all the other dinosaur juniors as they voyage through life's ups and downs. Bursting with colour, rhythm and rhymes, *Dinosaur Juniors* is the first book for younger children by Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2015 winner Rob Biddulph.



Adrian Edmondson Tilly and the Time Machine

11.30am-12.30pm | Union Chamber | £10/£8 | Age 7+
Join comedy star of *The Young Ones*, BBC's *War and Peace* and *Celebrity MasterChef* winner 2013, Adrian Edmondson, for a time-travelling adventure with a twist! When Tilly's dad invents a time machine in their back garden, there is one problem: Tilly's dad has become stuck in the past, and now she must follow him through history – from the Battle of Trafalgar to tea with Queen Victoria – to get him back. Come along and help build a time-travelling machine on stage in this hilarious, interactive event with one of the UK's best-loved actors.



Julian Sedgwick
The Ghosts of Shanghai

1-2pm | The Winstanley | £8/£6 | Ages 9-12
Ruby is on a mission: to save Charlie, who has been swept away by the powerful River Yangtze. But the world she loves is broken by danger and fear and, surrounded by ghosts, she must cross from one world to the other and venture deeper in to the realm of spirits. A thrilling conclusion to the *Ghosts of Shanghai* by award-winning author of the *Mysterium Trilogy*, Julian Sedgwick.



Harry Hill presents
Matt Millz

2.30-3.30pm | Union Chamber | £10/£8 | Ages 8-12
What do you get if you cross Harry Hill, a children's book and the Cambridge Union stage? We aren't sure but we certainly can't wait to find out. Join star of TV *Burp* and *You've Been Framed* Harry Hill for an hour of hilarious, side-splitting fun as he presents his latest children's book all about Matt Millz – Britain's youngest comedian. Crammed full of tips for being funny plus examples of past hilarity from the best in comedy, what better way to spend a Sunday afternoon?



M. G. Leonard
Battle of the Beetles

4-5pm | Union Library | £8/£6 | Age 9+
Did you know that the bombardier beetle shoots boiling hot acid from its bottom? That the rhinoceros beetle can lift 850 times its own weight? That a firefly is basically a beetle with a lamp in its belly? Join award-winning queen of the creepy crawlies, M. G. Leonard, for the final instalment in the Beetle Boy trilogy, *Battle of the Beetles*, and help Darkus and his friends stop the villainous Lucretia Cutter unleashing her hoard of giant Frankenstein beetles against humanity. Come along for this bug-tastic adventure – and have the chance to meet some real beetles after the event!



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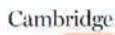
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