



# CBCA ACT NEWS

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Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2011! I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and productive 2011, and I hope your holiday period was safe and festive. It has been a challenging start to the year, weather-wise – floods, fires, storms, cyclones – and even here in Canberra we have been having very un-Canberra like weather! I hope we can all do something to help out in some way with the devastation up north.

It will be another busy year of children's literature related events – Jeannie Baker will be visiting and giving a talk at the National Gallery, our annual Clayton' Night will be on, Emily Rodda will be giving a talk at the University of Canberra for Harmony Day... And that's just March!

I'd like to thank everyone who has volunteered to be on the ACT Branch Committee for 2011. We very much value your input and hard work! We are still looking for someone (or someones) to take on the newly created position of Event Coordinator(s) – organising the Branch events. Email me at [act@cbca.org.au](mailto:act@cbca.org.au) if you are interested in taking this on. Also next year we will be looking for a new Author Visits Coordinator (or Coordinators). Let me know if you are interested in doing this – we can organise a hand over this year with the current Author Visits Coordinator, Rachael Hind.

I would also like to thank our Conference Working Party, which is currently investigating options for the 2014 CBCA National Conference, to be held here in Canberra. Remember that the ACT will become the next National Executive in only 2 short years, so please let me know if you can help out in any way with this! We still need more members to be the NE.

Thanks everyone, and see you in 2011!

Rebecca Kemble  
President

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**Children's Book Week Seminar:** Julie Long

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## 2011 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 March, 5:30pm: Jeannie Baker at the National Gallery of Australia – lecture and book signing

17 March, 6:30pm: Claytons Night (soon to be renamed!) Centre for Teaching & Learning, Stirling

23 March, 5:30pm: Emily Rodda Keynote Address, University of Canberra, Building 24

12 April, 12 noon: Short List Announcement

12 April: Short List Dinner – TBC

May: Judge's Talk – TBC

19 August: Children's Book of the Year Award Announcement

20-26 August: Children's Book Week. Slogan: One world, many stories

September/October: AGM – TBC

November: Christmas Shopping Night – TBC

### **CBCA Awards Foundation**

Proudly Funding Prizes for the  
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*Donations to the CBCA Awards Foundation are tax deductible and can be sent to: PO Box 172, Blackheath NSW 2785*

## RECENT AWARD WINNERS

Canberra's very own Stephanie Owen Reeder has been chosen for inclusion in the prestigious Outstanding Books For Young People With Disabilities 2011! Her book *I've got a feeling* has been included in the list, which is a biennial publication, and will involve a touring exhibition. There will be a presentation of the 2011 list at the IBBY stand at the Bologna Book Fair 28-31st March. Congratulations Stephanie!



Shaun Tan has been nominated for Best Short Film (Animated) for *The Lost Thing* in the 2011 Academy Awards (Oscars). Congratulations to Shaun and everyone involved in the film production!

A list of all the 2011 American Library Association award winners follows:

John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature:

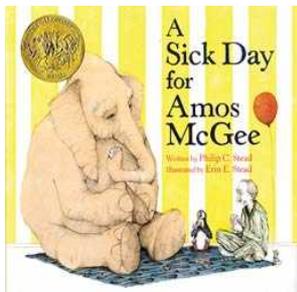
*Moon over Manifest*, written by Clare Vanderpool.



Four Newbery Honor Books also were named:

*Turtle in Paradise*, by Jennifer L. Holm and published by Random House Children's Books,  
*Heart of a Samurai*, written by Margi Preus and published by Amulet Books,  
*Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night*, written by Joyce Kilmer, illustrated by Rick Allen,  
*One Crazy Summer*, by Rita Williams-Garcia and published by Amistad.

Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children:



*A Sick Day for Amos McGee*,  
illustrated by Erin E. Stead.

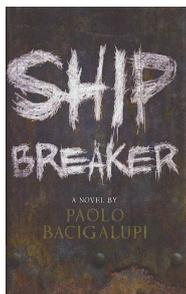
## RECENT AWARD WINNERS continued

Two Caldecott Honor Books also were named:

*Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave*, illustrated by Bryan Collier, written by Laban Carrick Hill and published by Little, Brown and Company,  
*Interrupting Chicken*, written and illustrated by David Ezra Stein and published by Candlewick Press.

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults:

*Ship Breaker*, written by Paolo Bacigalupi.



Four Printz Honor Books also were named:

*Stolen*, by Lucy Christopher and published by Chicken House,  
*Please Ignore Vera Dietz*, by A.S. King and published by Alfred A. Knopf,  
*Revolver*, by Marcus Sedgwick and published by Roaring Brook Press,  
*Nothing*, by Janne Teller and published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers.

## JUDGE'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2011 ROSEMARY THOMAS, ACT JUDGE 2010-2011

At present I am inundated with boxes, 5 arrived over December and of course there are thick Younger Readers and Older Readers among them, always the way! On top of this as a family we celebrated two 60<sup>th</sup> and one 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, two new grandchildren (one North and one South of Canberra region), a wedding anniversary and Christmas-New Year celebrations, quite an exhausting time! I must admit I did get behind in my reading but the family gave me a week off regular babysitting duties to catch up on my reports, annotations and boxes, so kind of them to help me get back on track.

I have found some gems in amongst the most unlikely submissions so it does pay to read them all! The book tally so far this year is 372; we may or may not receive another box by the end of February. Angels-fallen and wayward seem to be a trend in Older Readers this year and an increase in self-published books. The Picture Book and Early Childhood sections seem to be dropping in the number of entries as well. The graphic artwork in some of the picture books is quite amazing with the mixture of computer generated graphics and handcrafted work producing some intricate and eye catching picture books. Arrangements have been finalised for our conference in Adelaide and flights booked. I am looking forward to the stimulating discussions to come and my early morning walks on Adelaide beaches (helps clear the head for the heavy day ahead).

We are down one judge this year, the Northern Territory judge withdrew early in the judging round due to health reasons but it will not stop the rest of us from completing the task!

Congratulations to our new Judge for 2012-2013.

## THE EVENT FORMERLY KNOWN AS CLAYTONS NIGHT!

When: Thursday 17th March 2011

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Dve, Stirling

What: Hear your fellow members predict which books they think will be shortlisted for 2011 and why! Get a rundown of last year's best books! Enjoy a light supper, and have a chance to look at and purchase the "shortlisted" books.

Cost: Free for members, \$10 for non members

RSVP: to [act@cbca.org.au](mailto:act@cbca.org.au) for catering purposes.

This year we have decided to rename the event – not many people understand the Claytons reference any more. We will be asking for suggestions for a new name from members, and then you can vote on your favourite! Watch this space...

## CHRISTMAS BOOK APPEAL

Christmas is over and we are pleased to say that we managed to deliver approximately 600 books to the underprivileged children in Canberra.

In the words from Helen Pappas " On behalf of Care and Protection Services and the Child and Family Centres I would like to thank you and the Children's Book Council of the ACT for the wonderful books that have been provided. There will be a great number of children and families who will be very appreciative of the generous donation, not to mention staff that get great pleasure in delivering these books to children across the ACT."

As well as the generous people and businesses mentioned in the November newsletter, we would also like to thank Walker Books, John Cohen editor/publisher of *Reading Time*, John Marsden and Borders of Canberra who also were very generous in donating to our cause. A pleasant surprise came too in the form of a cheque from Karen Wilson, Ainslie Primary School. I believe Rosemary Thomas played a great part in this.

A big thank you to Mollie B for helping deliver the books to Galilee.

It was definitely a year of learning but with the support of our donors and the Canberra CBCA we are looking forward to doing it all again this year.

Jill Howard and Elena Battye

### Special Event For Your Diary

Emily Rodda will be our honoured guest and speaker on Wednesday 23 March 2011, as part of Harmony Day celebrations. Emily's books are published in 28 languages and have sold 10 million copies around the world. She'll be speaking on 'Australian Children's Books in Many Languages' to celebrate the cataloguing of 470 overseas editions in 20 languages for the Archives. We sought funds to pay for the cataloguing and gratefully received financial support from nine embassies in Canberra, Scholastic Australia Publisher, the Australia- Japan Foundation, and a private donor. It has been a year-long project and we're pleased the end is near. At the event, there will be a display of the many translations, and we will also formally accept Emily's donation to the Archives of her papers and manuscripts, along with puzzles, games, Anime comics and DVDs, toy characters and 4 gigantic boxes of fan letters from children. You will be invited, but put it in your diary now!

Details: Ann Harding Conference Centre, building 24 on the University of Canberra campus, Wednesday 23 March 2011, from 5.30-7.30pm. This event is sponsored by the University of Canberra. There will be a dinner (pay your own) for CBCA members following the event with Emily Rodda and her husband as our guests.

Associated events: The National Library of Australia will feature an event for children and their parents, with book signings on Thursday afternoon 24 March. The ACT Public Library will feature Emily Rodda in an event for children at one of their libraries on Thursday morning 24 March.

### Community Heritage Grant

This was one of our successful grants this year. It provides two experts to judge the Archives' significance and our preservation needs. We'll use these reports in applying for further grants. Here are a few comments from the significance report:

- The collection is extremely strong in overseas editions, including translations of Australian children's books. 'The Lu Rees Archives' holdings of children's books published in the years after 1960 are extremely strong and are probably only matched by those of the National Library and three or four of the State Libraries'.
- [The research files] 'constitute a major body of research material and one that, in its comprehensiveness, is almost certainly unmatched in Australia.'
- [The Children's Book Week Artwork] is of considerable value to researchers studying the artistic development of particular illustrators and to others studying the messages and ideas inherent in the artwork and slogans'.
- [The Walter McVitty Photograph Collection] is a significant resource for researchers, in bringing together in one place images of many of the most important figures in Australian children's literature from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century to recent times'.
- The research significance of the collection is greatly enhanced by the related material dating from the same period: foreign language editions, reviews, articles, audiotapes, theses and journals. It is this diversity of material, and the myriad personal and thematic links between the different materials, that have attracted literary historians, biographers and other researchers to the Archives are likely to attract many more in the future.'

## LU REES ARCHIVES NEWS *continued*

### Help!

We regularly add all sorts of items to our research files on Australian children's authors and illustrators. Do you regularly read the *Sydney Morning Herald* or *The Melbourne Age*? Or the Canberra weeklies like the *Canberra City News*, *Canberra Weekly* or *The Canberra Chronicle*? We desperately need any articles that appear about Australian children's literature or Australian children's authors and illustrators for our files. We'd appreciate your clipping these, with their source details and page, and sending or giving them to us at a CBC meeting. If you can help, please give me a ring on 6201 2062 (Mon-Tues).

### Bob Graham Exhibition

The Archives holds Australia's largest collection of Bob Graham's original artwork for his many picture books and French comics about Charlotte and Henri. Our collection goes back to his first book, *Pete and Roland* (1981) and up to contemporary books like *How to Heal a Broken Wing*. With the Books Illustrated Melbourne curators, we are planning a 30-year retrospective exhibition of his artwork and related Archives' material to coincide with the Adelaide CBC Conference, Multistoried, to be held on 17-19 May 2012. We'd like to bring the exhibition back to Canberra in time for Canberra's centenary celebrations in 2013. Presently, we are sourcing grants to make this possible.

### More Grant Writing

We have recently applied to Perpetual Philanthropic Services for funding to customise EQUELLA, an internationally known learning objects repository, migrate our research files to EQUELLA and update our research files. We won't know the results until the end of June this year.



# The Children's Book Council of Australia

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- The opportunity to meet and network with other people committed to the same objectives, including some of Australia's leading authors and illustrators
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