

# Check It Out 2!

## Children's Newsletter

### Roxboro Library **FREE** Newsletter – 2009, Issue No.1

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**Roxboro Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 10.00am-5.30pm (Closed 1.00-2.00pm)

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**Caherdavin Library Opening Hours:** Monday 3.00pm – 7.30pm, Wednesday 5.00pm – 8.00pm & Friday 10.00am – 12.00pm

### Closed Bank Holiday Weekends

#### Did you know that it is free to join the library?

All you have to do to join is get a parent or guardian to come into the library with you to sign your registration form... and then you are a member of the library and can borrow books.

**P.S. Parents need to bring proof of address with them when they come in to join children up.**



moment. To enter all you have to do is write a 250 word story based on the painting that is on the Official Entry Form. To download an entry form, go to [www.irishbookawards.com](http://www.irishbookawards.com) & click on the DAA Children's Short Story Competition link at the bottom of the page.

**The closing date for entries is the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2009!**



#### **New MP3 Books!**

We now have children's books that are loaded on a MP3 player for you to listen to. All you have to do is plug headphones into the unit & listen away!

These can be great to listen to on long car journeys or when you are going to bed! Here's a list of some of the ones we have:

**Goodknight** – Steve Barlow

**Lion Boy** – Zizou Corder

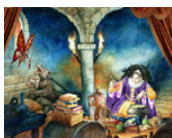
**Snail Boy & the Toilet Bots** – Susan Gates

**Princess Academy** – Shannon Hale  
**Whispering to Witches** – Anna Dale

#### **From the Page to the Screen!**



The latest children's book to be made into a movie is Coraline by Neil Gaiman. It tells the story of Coraline and her parents who move to a new apartment. Coraline's parents always seem to be busy so sets about exploring the new apartment block and finds her way to an alternate world. Here she discovers she has an 'Other' mother and father who look exactly like her real parents except they have buttons for eyes. Soon things start to get scary for Coraline in the other



**Dublin Airport Authority Children's Short Story Competition**

The 2009 DAA Children's Story Competition is running at the

world as she realises that her 'Other' mother is evil. To find out more about the movie go to <http://coraline.com> which is the official movie website. Here you can watch a trailer & explore the world of the movie.

To find out more about the book go to [www.mousecircus.com](http://www.mousecircus.com) This is the official Neil Gaiman website for Children. Here you can find out about the author and his other books, get downloads & posters and play games.

**Remember to stay safe when you are using the Internet – for more information look at the Irish Internet Safety Awareness website: [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie)**



**If you are a member of Limerick City Library you can use our computers but you have to have a parent or guardian with you.**



**Book Review:**  
***Cairo Jim on the Trail to ChaCha Muchos*** by Geoffrey McSkimming

This book tells the story of a well-known archaeologist called Cairo Jim (he also thinks he's a bit of a poet but after reading some of his poetry I'm not so sure!). Cairo Jim is on the trail of a mysterious city called ChaCha Muchos: Lost City of the Dancers which is supposed to be high in the mountains of Peru. Legends say that the people who lived in ChaCha Muchos danced themselves to death. Helping him on his adventure are Doris the macaw and Brenda the Wonder Camel. But Cairo Jim isn't the only person looking for the lost city...there is also a baddy called

Captain Neptune Bone. I liked this book because it was funny & interesting. I would definitely say that anyone who likes adventures or archaeology would like this book.

**Thanks Chris for the great review.**

This book is actually the first book in the Cairo Jim Series. When the author was a boy he looked at an old film and was fascinated by the flickering picture of a man in a funny helmet & baggy shorts, an imposing macaw and a clever looking camel. Years later he discovered who they were and since then he has spent a lot of his time retracing their footsteps. If you want to read more about the author & the story behind Cairo Jim take a look at [www.walker.co.uk/bookshelf/cairo-jim-author-feature.aspx](http://www.walker.co.uk/bookshelf/cairo-jim-author-feature.aspx) To take a quiz about his adventures go to [www.walker.co.uk/bookshelf/cairo-jim-quiz.aspx](http://www.walker.co.uk/bookshelf/cairo-jim-quiz.aspx)

If you want to find out more about Peru, National Geographic has some good information on <http://kidsnationalgeographic.com/Places/Find/Peru> or if you are interested in archaeology try <http://digonsite.com> This site is all about archaeology and has lots of information & fun quizzes.



***New Books in Roxboro!***

***The English Roses:***  
***Goodbye Grace?*** – Madonna,  
***Cosmic*** – Frank Cottrell Boyce,  
***Den of Thieves*** – Julia Golding,  
***The White Horse of Zennor*** – Michael Morpurgo, ***Magic Puppy: Party Dreams*** – Sue Bentley, ***Genie Us!*** – Steve Cole & Linda Chapman ***Zodiac Girls: Star Child*** – Cathy Hopkins, ***The Seventh Tower: The Fall*** – Garth Nix, ***The Sleeping Sword*** – Michael Morpurgo, ***Bearkeeper*** – Josh Lacey, ***Football Mad*** – Alan MacDonald, ***Septimus Heap:***

***Queste*** – Angie Sage, ***Arthur High King of Britain*** – Michael Morpurgo, ***Jessica Juniper*** – Emerald Everhart, ***Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls: Moving Day*** – Meg Cabot, ***Mo's Mischievous: You're No Fun, Mum*** – Hongying Yang, ***Marley: a Dog Like No Other*** – John Grogan, ***Flaming Olympics*** – Michael Coleman, ***Dead Cool*** – Peter Clover, ***Harald Hardnut*** – Tony Bradman, ***Young Dracula*** – Michael Lawrence, ***Stat Man Goes Greek & Stat Man*** – Alan Durant.

***New Children's Music CDs***  
***Canaimis le Chéile, Children's Action Songs, Children's 4 Seasons Action songs, Children's Let's Move to Music, Children's Tables in Song - Addition & Subtraction, Children's Tables in Song - Multiplication & Division, An tAmhránaí Óg, Children's Alphabet Through Song***

***Top 10 Reads***

Here's a list of the top 10 most borrowed books for the year so far!

- 1. *Horrid Henry Strikes It Rich*** - Francesca Simon
- 2. *Alice Again*** - Judi Curtin
- 3. *The BFG*** - Roald Dahl
- 4. *Indigo Blue*** - Cathy Cassidy
- 5. *Horrid Henry & the Bogey Babysitter*** - Francesca Simon
- 6. *The Vampire's Assistant*** - Darren Shan
- 7. *Charlie & the Great Glass Elevator*** - Roald Dahl
- 8. *Horrid Henry & the Abominable Snowman*** - Francesca Simon
- 9. *Dizzy*** - Cathy Cassidy
- 10. *Crystal the Snow Fairy*** - Daisy Meadows