

## Literary Calendar

### January:

The Costa Book awards -

<http://www.costabookawards.com/this-year.aspx>

### January /February:

National Storytelling Week -

<http://www.sfs.org.uk/nsw>

### February:

Red House Children's Book Award, the only award in UK voted for solely by children (exact dates vary each year)

<http://www.redhousechildrensbookaward.co.uk/>

National Libraries Day (This month may change in 2013) -

<http://www.nationallibrariesday.org.uk/>

### March:

World Book Day -

<http://www.worldbookday.com/>

World Storytelling Day -

<http://www.storytellingday.net/>

Waterstones Children's Book Prize -

<http://www.waterstones.com/waterstonesweb/navigate.do?pPageID=1185>

### April:

International Children's Book Day -

<http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=269>

### May:

English 4-11 Picture Book Awards -

<http://www.le.ac.uk/engassoc/publications/41112.html>

National Share-a-Story-Month -

<http://www.fcbg.org.uk/national-share-a-story-month/>

Little Rebels Book Award –

<http://littlerebelsaward.wordpress.com/>

**May/June:**

Guardian Children's Fiction -

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guardian\\_Children's\\_Fiction\\_Prize](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guardian_Children's_Fiction_Prize)

Announcement of Children's Laureate (every other year – next one 2013) -

<http://www.childrenslaureate.org.uk/>

Wales Children's Poet Laureate Announced -

<http://www.cllc.org.uk/gwasanaethau-services/plant-children/bardd-plant-cymru>

**July:**

UKLA Book awards -

[http://www.ukla.org/awards/ukla\\_childrens\\_book\\_awards\\_sponsored\\_by\\_mls/](http://www.ukla.org/awards/ukla_childrens_book_awards_sponsored_by_mls/)

The Branford Boase Writing Competition for Young Writers -

<http://www.branfordboaseaward.org.uk/>

**July/August:**

Summer Reading Challenge -

<http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Awards -

<http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/2012awards/>

**September:**

International Literacy Day -

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/unesco/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/international-days/literacy-day/>

Roald Dahl Day -

<http://www.roalddahlday.info/>

Roald Dahl Day Funny Prize Shortlist Announced -

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-blogs-and-press/news/136>

**October:**

National Children's Book Week -

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/children/childrens-book-week/>

National Poetry Day -

<http://www.poetrysociety.org.uk/content/info/npd/>

Wales Young People's Laureate Announced -

<http://youngpeopleslaureate.org/>

Family Learning Week -

[http://www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk/cfl/flf/about\\_the\\_festival.asp](http://www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk/cfl/flf/about_the_festival.asp)

International School Library Day -

<http://www.sla.org.uk/isld.php>

### **November:**

The Blue Peter Book Awards -

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/prizes-and-awards/2>

National Non-Fiction Day -

<http://nnfd.org/>

The School Library Association (SLA) Information Book Award (non-fiction) -

<http://www.sla.org.uk/information-book-award.php>

Royal Society Young People's Book Prize -

<http://royalsociety.org/awards/young-people/>

Sheffield Children's Book Award (There are many regional book prizes. This is one of best regarded) -

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/childrenandyoungpeople/bookawards.html>

### **Other calendars:**

Calendars with births of authors (not just children's authors) –

[http://www.lovereadng.co.uk/literary\\_calendar?month=8](http://www.lovereadng.co.uk/literary_calendar?month=8)

Calendar of a book a day (for children with a US focus) –

<http://childrensbookalmanac.com/>

International Literary Calendar -

<http://www.papertigers.org/wordpress/category/calendar-of-events/>

## **Other International Children's Book Awards**

### **January:**

Newbery and Caldecott Prizes - the 2 biggest US children's book awards (equivalent of Carnegie/ Greenaway awards) -

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/aboutnewbery/aboutnewbery>

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/aboutcaldecott/aboutcaldecott>

### **March:**

Astrid Lindgren Memorial Prize -

<http://astridlindgrenmemorialaward.wordpress.com/>

The Hans Christian Anderson Award -

<http://www.ibby.org/index.php?id=273>

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