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Reading Matters 2015

28-31 May 2015

Ticketing information

Reading Matters Student Program THURSDAY 28 MAY 2015

State Library Victoria

Price: \$14.30 per ticket (one complimentary ticket for teachers per 10)

Reading Matters Conference FRIDAY 29 MAY AND SATURDAY 30 MAY 2015

Arts Centre Melbourne

Price: \$540

Inspiration by Design: Word and Image from the Victoria & Albert Museum FRIDAY 29 MAY 2015

State Library Victoria

Price: included in conference admission

Writing Matters Public Program SUNDAY 31 MAY 2015

State Library Victoria

Free event (bookings essential)

For more Reading Matters information and booking details

Email: learning@slv.vic.gov.au

Phone bookings: 03 8664 7555

Online: slv.vic.gov.au/reading-matters



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Welcome to the 11th Reading Matters, Australia's premier celebration of literature and storytelling for teens. Join us for the ride as this year's program takes us on a voyage into love, adventure, rebellion, courage, magic ... and books.

With some of the finest creative talent from around the globe, we'll hear stories that could change the world for our young people.

Spend time with our wonderful writers, illustrators, YA book fans and colleagues from across the country, as we work together to ensure that Reading Matters.

Anna Burkey, Centre for Youth Literature Manager
at State Library Victoria

The Centre for Youth Literature at State Library Victoria helps connect Australian teenagers with books, stories, writing - and each other.

This program is subject to change.
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Student Program

THURSDAY 28 MAY 2015, 10AM-2PM

Concurrent sessions at State Library Victoria

Price: \$14.30 per ticket



A celebration of all things youth literature! Bring your students to State Library Victoria to hear inspiring Australian and international authors.

Author signings take place at end of program. Books available for purchase throughout this event.

Places are limited.

Student Program Session A

10am start **Laurie Halse Anderson**
Abe Nook
Amie Kaufman & Sean Williams: Spaced Out

12.10pm **Sara Farizan & Will Kostakis: Love and War**
Priya Kuriyan
Sally Gardner

1.30pm



Student Program Session B

10am start **Sally Gardner**
Priya Kuriyan
Sara Farizan & Laurie Halse Anderson: Reality Bites

12.10pm **Jaclyn Moriarty**
Abe Nook
Will Kostakis and Amie Kaufman: He Said, She Said

1.30pm



Professional Program

FRIDAY 29 MAY AND SATURDAY 30 MAY 2015

ANZ Pavilion, Arts Centre Melbourne

Price: \$540

The Reading Matters conference is a two-day celebration of storytelling for young people featuring a range of leading YA authors, fresh new voices and youth literature specialists. Gather to discuss big issues, explore YA trends and celebrate new and established young adult writers.

Author signings take place during breaks in program. Books available for purchase throughout this event.



Inspiration by Design: Word and Image from the Victoria & Albert Museum



FRIDAY 29 MAY 2015

State Library Victoria, 6.30-8.30pm

Price: included in conference admission

Celebrate the halfway point of the Reading Matters journey with an exclusive evening at State Library Victoria spent amid the treasures of London's V&A Museum showcasing some of the world's finest book art, graphics, photography and illustration.

Drinks and canapés included.

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Professional Program: Conference Day 1

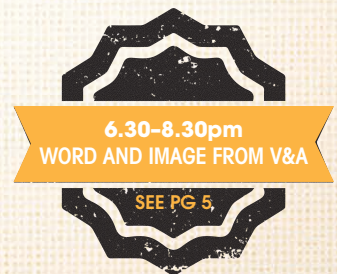
FRIDAY 29 MAY

8.30am	Registration, level 8, ANZ Pavilion, Arts Centre Melbourne	
9.00am	The Inheritors of Language Performance	Abe Nouk
9.05am	Welcome	
9.25am	Young Adult Panel: Talking to the experts – teen readers	Panel of teens
9.55am	The Hard Stuff Presentation: Courage and the real conversation	Laurie Halse Anderson
10.35am	Break	



11.05am	The Weight of the World Panel: Adult responsibilities, teen sensibilities	Erin Gough, Jared Thomas, Sean Williams
11.45am	Nowhere Boys: Interactive Storytelling Engaging teen audiences in new ways	Beth Frey Nowhere Boys Harry Ravenswood
12.25pm	Love Me, Love Me Not Panel: Love, lust and heartbreak	Sara Farizan Amie Kaufman Will Kostakis
1.10pm	Break	

1.55pm	The Talk That Will Lead to Where Presentation	Sally Gardner
2.25pm	Speaking Stories Oral storytelling culture: different ways into words	Creative Rebellion Youth poet – Jayden Pinn Stig Wemyss Fresh Ink, ATYP
2.55pm	The How of Reading Now Panel: The changing reader in the 21st century	Sally Gardner Abe Nouk Jaclyn Moriarty
3.25pm	Break	
3.45pm	Fresh Meet The household names you don't know yet	Clare Atkins Erin Gough Priya Kuriyan
4.15pm	State of Play in YA Reflections on the industry	Industry guests
4.45pm	Shelfies Glimpse into teen reading habits	



Professional Program: Conference Day 2

SATURDAY 30 MAY

8.30am **Coffee & tea**, level 8, ANZ Pavilion, Arts Centre Melbourne

9.00am **Representation Matters** **Sara Farizan**
Presentation:
Diverse voices for all readers

9.40am **We Need Diverse Books** **Clare Atkins**
Panel: Under-represented voices **Sara Farizan**
Abe Nouk
Jared Thomas

10.30am **Anthology Live!** **Abe Nouk**
Performance

10.45am Break

11.15am **Comic Culture** **Tom Taylor**
Presentation: Stories among us

11.40am **Science vs Magic** **Jaclyn Moriarty**
In conversation: Realities of a different kind **Sean Williams**

12.20pm **Our Forgotten Rebels** **Clare Wright**
Presentation: Writing non-fiction for teens

12.45pm Break



1.30pm **Drawn to You** **Priya Kuriyan**
Presentation: Imagery and imagination

2.00pm **Literary Landscapes** **Clare Atkins**
Panel and presentation: **Kyle Hughes-Odgers**
Place, space and everything in-between **Sean Williams**

2.30pm **Hashtag Teen** **Amie Kaufman**
Panel and presentation: Engaging teens, **Will Kostakis**
and young adult advocacy **Tom Taylor**
Kyle Hughes-Odgers

3.10pm Break

3.30pm **The End** **Sally Gardner**
In conversation: Continents collide **Laurie Halse Anderson**

4.15pm **Information and Inspiration** **Centre for Youth Literature**
Trends and take-homes from Reading Matters 2015



Reading Matters Author Biographies



Clare Atkins' debut novel *Nona & Me* was written while living in Arnhem Land. She has worked as a scriptwriter for successful television series including *All Saints* and *Home & Away*.



Sara Farizan (US) is the daughter of Iranian immigrants, living in San Francisco. She is the acclaimed author of *If You Could Be Mine* and *Tell Me Again How a Crush Should Feel*.



Sally Gardner (UK) is a multi-award-winning novelist whose work has been translated into more than 22 languages. Her novel *Maggot Moon* won both the Costa Children's Book Prize and the Carnegie Medal 2013. She is also an avid spokesperson for dyslexia.



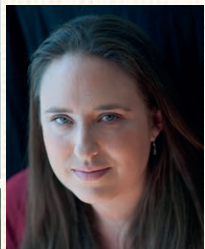
Erin Gough is a Sydney-based writer whose debut novel, *The Flywheel*, was a winner of Hardie Grant Egmont's Ampersand Project.



Laurie Halse Anderson (US) is a multi-award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author known for tackling tough subjects with humour and sensitivity. Her most recent book is *The Impossible Knife of Memory*.



Kyle Hughes-Odgers is a visual artist, exhibiting artwork across Australia and internationally. Kyle and Meg McKinlay (author) won the 2013 SCBWI Crystal Kite Award for Australia/New Zealand for the children's book *Ten Tiny Things*.



Amie Kaufman is the co-author of the *Starbound* series. *These Broken Stars* (*Starbound* #1) won the Aurealis Award for Best YA Novel, was shortlisted for the Gold Inky Award, and was the Huffington Post's Best YA Book of 2013.



Will Kostakis is an author and freelance journalist. He was 19 when his debut novel *Loathing Lola* was released. His latest release, *The First Third* was shortlisted for the 2014 CBCA awards (Older Readers category) and won the 2014 Gold Inky Award.

Priya Kuriyan (India) is an independent animation filmmaker and illustrator based in Delhi. She has directed educational films and a short animation film for the Children's Film Society of India, and illustrated many children's books and comics.

Abe Nook is an author, slam poet, spoken-word performer, and hip hop artist. He is also the Director of Creative Rebellion Youth Enterprises.

Jaclyn Moriarty is the prize-winning, bestselling author of novels for young adults and adults, including *Feeling Sorry for Celia*. Her latest acclaimed series is *The Colours of Madeleine*.

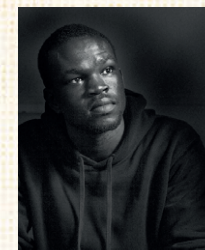
Tom Taylor is a multi-award-winning and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, playwright and screenwriter. He is best known as the writer of the bestselling DC Comics series *Injustice: Gods Among Us* and *Marvel's Superior Ironman*.

Jared Thomas is a Nukunu person of the Southern Flinders Ranges. His novel *Calypso Summer* was shortlisted for the 2014 Victorian Premier's Award for Indigenous Writing.

Sean Williams is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, who has written over 40 novels for readers of all ages. His latest is *Crash*, book two of the *Twinmaker* series.

Clare Wright is an Australian historian, author and broadcaster. Her latest non-fiction release, *The Forgotten Rebels of Eureka*, was the 2014 winner of the Stella Prize.

A list of full author biographies can be found at slv.vic.gov.au/reading-matters



Writing Matters: Public Program

SUNDAY 31 MAY, 11AM-4PM

Free event

State Library Victoria

Get a taste of writerly delights and let your book nerd shine at our first Reading Matters Public Program. Come and meet your favourite international and Australian authors, as well as other like-minded YA fans.

Discover the writing process behind a range of genre fiction at our author sessions. Relax in the chill-out zone, express your inner geek in our activity space, and – of course – stock up on great books to read and fun merch to wear.

PROGRAM

11am

Science Fiction with **Amie Kaufman & Sean Williams**

12pm

Pop Culture with **Clare Atkins & Will Kostakis**

2pm

Contemporary Fiction with **Laurie Halse Anderson & Sara Farizan**

3pm

Fantasy with **Sally Gardner & Jaclyn Moriarty**

All sessions are 45 minutes. Bookings are essential.

Author signings take place after each session.
Bookseller in operation throughout the event.



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