



We're still working towards that permanent museum but, meanwhile, we're making sure everyone can enjoy a story-filled summer...

Summer events around Oxfordshire

Saturday 13th May 2006 5pm - 6pm

ENDYMION SPRING

A unique opportunity for children to see behind the scenes at Oxford's world-famous Bodleian Library. Meet author Matthew Skelton and discover how libraries and printing inspired his gripping adventure story *Endymion Spring*.

*** Special Story Museum family tours of the library will take place during the afternoon. See Duke Humfrey's Library, the Upper Reading Room and you might even spot a Harry Potter film location.

The Divinity School, Bodleian Library

Tickets £5 per person, to include tea & cake.

Tours £2 extra, from Tickets Oxford at the Oxford Playhouse 01865 305 305

Family event for 7-13 year olds

Saturday 17th June 2006 2.30pm

SUE HEAP & FRIENDS

A delightful children's workshop by Smarties Prize winning writer and illustrator Sue Heap. Join her for a special afternoon of story telling, including *Cowboy Baby* and *Handbag Friends*, and help Sue make a GIANT PICTURE to be displayed in West Ox Arts.

Bampton Village Hall

Tickets £4 from WOA 01993 850137 or

e-mail westoxarts@yahoo.co.uk

Family event for 3-7 year olds

Saturday 24th June 2.30pm

WRITE, DRAW, DINOSAUR!

JOHN FOSTER & KORKY PAUL

A double act of dinosaur fun with performance poet John Foster presenting the words and popular children's book illustrator Korky Paul drawing the pictures. *Dinosaur Poems* is just one of many anthologies of children's poetry over which this dynamic duo has collaborated. Meet some dinosaur friends from the past and help John and Korky create a new one!

Jacqueline du Pré Music Building

St Hilda's College, Cowley Place, Oxford

All tickets £5 from Tickets Oxford 01865 305 305

Family event for 5-12 year olds

This event will be repeated at The Theatre Chipping Norton on Saturday 9th September

Dramatic news

We are delighted that David Wood OBE, 'the national children's playwright', will be joining our trustee board. As actor, writer and director, David has been creating inspirational, award-winning children's productions for nearly 40 years including *The BFG*, *Tom's Midnight Garden* and *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*. His latest creative project is the Queen's 80th birthday tea party in June, at which story characters from Winnie the Pooh to Harry Potter will entertain thousands of children at Buckingham Palace.

Every picture tells a story

After watching award-winning children's illustrators Sue Heap and Nick Sharratt at a packed event in February, these enthusiastic children got down to some serious monster drawing!



Making stories

We were delighted to be part of this year's Oxford Literary Festival, coordinating schools workshops at Oxford Playhouse on 17th March. Award-winning author and illustrator, Mini Grey, showed Year 2s from Glory Farm School, Bicester how to create a new picture book character. Everybody left with their own distinctive Action Mouse. Author and storyteller, Adam Guillain, mesmerised everyone with extraordinary tales, some old, some very new, invented on the spot with inspired suggestions from sixty Year 4s from St Barnabas School, Oxford and Deddington School.

Better than telly

Our school storydays go from strength to strength. After our 20-school pilot of *The Minotaur* last term, over 90% of the teachers and children gave us full-marks, one young enthusiast pronouncing the experience 'better than telly'. Chris Smith, our school service director (below), is currently putting the finishing touches to *The Tree of Life* storyday, which will involve many different activities: smelling, tasting, looking, listening, touching and role playing with objects and costumes from the story. The first performance is at Edward Feild School, Kidlington in May. [Teachers: we have a few vacant dates in term 6.] This term, as part of our Arts Council project, Chris is also working with Year 2 and Year 6 pupils at Wood Farm First School, Headington, to discover what kinds of stories the children most like hearing and creating. We are planning a second residency this Autumn funded by the Dragon School Sale and the Tolkien Trust which will explore the impact of intensive story-based activity on children's learning.



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Saturday 8th July 2006 2pm 3pm 4pm

LET'S WEAVE A STORY

Storyteller Adam Guillain will be telling stories specially written for and inspired by the Basketmakers' Exhibition. Tales of baskets old and new, from far and wide, all woven together with music and song.

The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock
FREE family event suitable for all ages

Saturday 15th July 2006 2.30pm

THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE

Story presentation and robot-making workshop. Cult children's author and illustrator Ted Dewan re-tells this classic tale, using slides and music in an updated version featuring not brooms, but inept electronic robots! See the story, hear the music (Ted's own synthesizer version of Dukas' famous scherzo) and then join Ted in a wacky robot-making workshop for parents and children.

The Theatre, Chipping Norton
Tickets £5 from Box Office 01608 642350
Family event for 4-11 year olds

The write stuff

After her triumphant Story Museum event at Oxford Playhouse in February, with her illustrator Nick Sharratt, Jacqueline Wilson took the opportunity to award prizes to the winners of BBC Radio Oxford's children's writing competition.



Pictured above with Jacqueline Wilson are Holly Laverick, Nicola Evans, Katie McKay, Zoe Abbot, Gilly McMullin (overall winner) and Zoe Wilks (illustration winner). Winning entries are included in *The Traveller's Tale and other Stories* published on 13 May. Available through schools. Recommended donation to Children in Need: £1.

Want to help the Story Museum to grow?

We welcome donations however large or small. Please send cheques (made out to 'The Story Museum') to our office or, better still, contact us first so we can post or email you a simple gift aid form so we can claim the tax on your donation.

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