

World Book Day DVD Transcript

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Today is World Book Day and we have got a lot of events in libraries across Wrexham County Borough. We have got five authors in total some are for children and we also have an adult event

Andrew Fusek Peters – Author

It's called the lottery situation – if you go back to detective thrillers from the nineteenth century.

I am really here to talk about the primacy of books and the primacy of writing and reading because without writing and reading the imagination and creativity you have nothing in life. To escape into another world that is not a TV programme where you have to think for yourself and imagine it out; it's dreams, it's ideas, it's imagination.

“We usually read a lot at home because we love to read.”

“About 3 or 4 hours a day I read”

“I can get through a book a day if I try hard enough.”

Vicki Williams – Library Assistant

It's been a treasure hunt for children of Cefn Mawr School

I've been dressing up as Burglar Bill and we've given out clues that have been hidden in books.

The winning team is Jack, Lauren and Hannah.

They were excited, they enjoyed it and hopefully when they leave they are not afraid to come back.

Ellen Caldecott – Author

Thank you very much to Rhostyllen School – we're all going to tell a story today, together.

It's actually great to come to a place like this and just chat to kids who have read your work or have just got great ideas of their own.

We have been going through ideas about how to write a story

One of the nicest things is to realise that authors are people and that books are just written by ordinary people who had a good idea.

It is great to meet an author because I want to be an author when I am older

It gives them the confidence to think 'I could actually work creatively and get to meet authors who do that'. It's great.

And to start off with, the winner of the North Wales Award

Gee Williams – North Wales Pure Gold Fiction Award winner

"It was an incredible buzz you always try to be quite cool about this but to think that people from area with my background would like my book. As a writer the idea that you get some connection with readers is just the best thing that you can imagine."

One of these teenager who spent hours and hours writing awful poetry

Gareth R Roberts – author

Lots of people from all different backgrounds thinking about a certain subject, in today's case it was books. There's no greater subject than books because everyone has point of view about books, and hopefully people will be turned onto books more than they been in the past.

Today has been about children, enjoying books and meeting authors, and it has brought back to me the pleasure of working in a library and reading books.

I'm reading at the moment 'The Diary of Anne Frank'

The boy in the striped pyjamas.

Secret Seven

Harry Potter

Enid Blyton

Birdsong by Sebastian Franks

World Ward II books

Mortal Engines by an author called Philip Reeve

Books by Anthony Horowitz

Horrid Henry

Something that is really adventurous

We've really enjoyed World Book Day at Cefn Mawr Library

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