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Festival of Children's Literature



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- 64 sessions



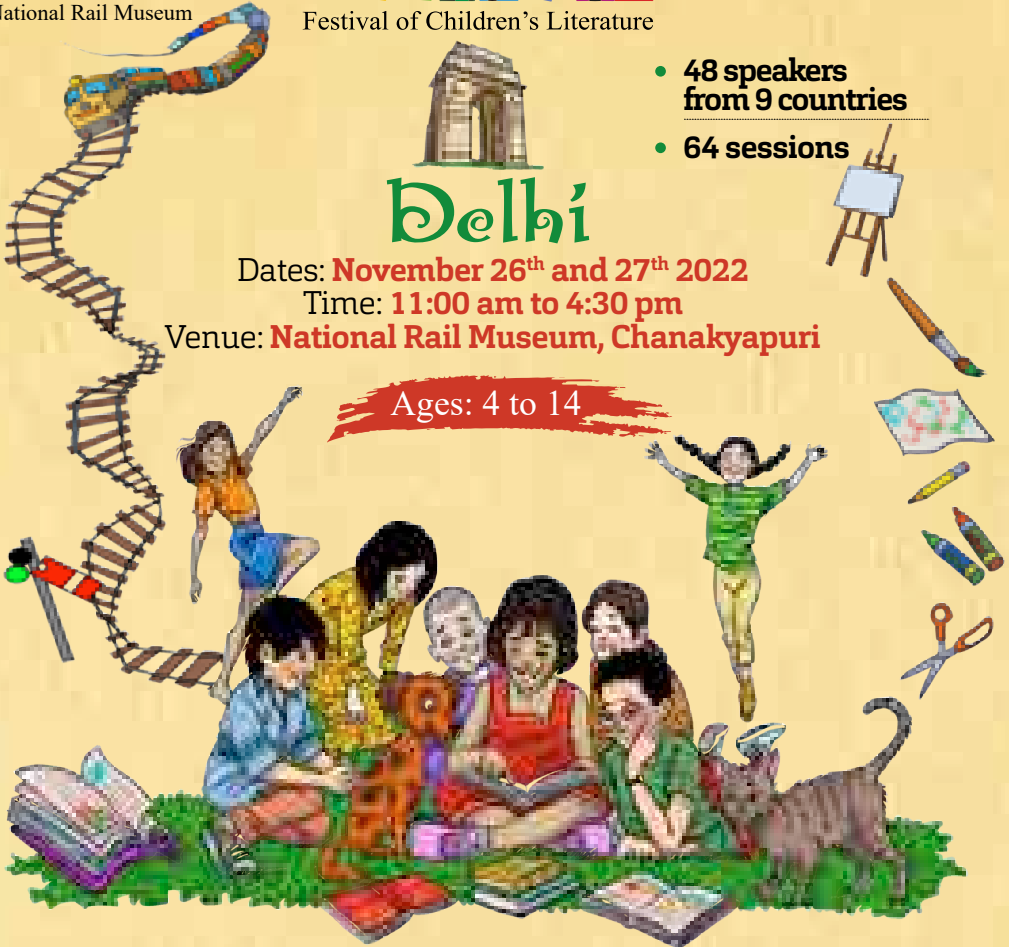
Delhi

Dates: **November 26th and 27th 2022**

Time: **11:00 am to 4:30 pm**

Venue: **National Rail Museum, Chanakyapuri**

Ages: 4 to 14



Entry into Rail Museum is ticketed

Entry to sessions on first come, first seated basis.

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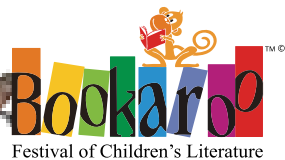
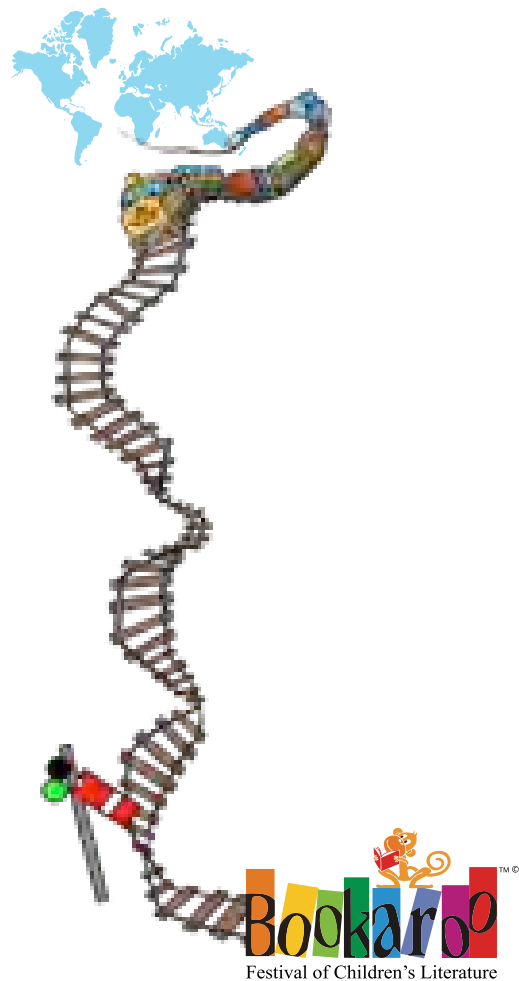
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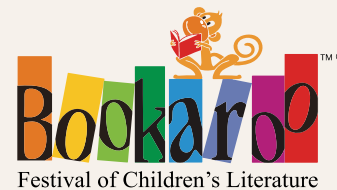


ABOUT BOOKAROO

Based in New Delhi, Bookaroo Trust is committed to bringing good literature to children and spread the joy of reading. Promoting book-related events, Bookaroo works in tandem with writers, illustrators, storytellers, arts councils, embassies, publishers, editors and schools.

Bookaroo is a winner of the Festival of the Year Award at the International Excellence Awards in the 2017 London Book Fair. The festival that began in 2008 - and has travelled to 17 cities (16 in India and one in Malaysia) with 39 editions in 14 years - focuses on Reading for Pleasure.

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Dear friend,

Just a few weeks ago, we received a very interesting mail that set us thinking. *I visited Bookaroo Children's Literature Festival in 2014. It was part of an educational tour from my school in Madhya Pradesh. Getting the freedom to witness the world of creative expressions in the form of books, art and visuals was indescribable.*

I felt extremely grateful that the Bookaroo is back and I am looking forward to joyful and enlightening experiences while not only communicating with visitors and experts in the literary field but also getting acquainted with the nuances of organising such festivals.

When Aatika came for her first Bookaroo, we were in the festival's 10th overall edition after having travelled to 3 cities. This year, when she comes on board as a volunteer, the festival will be into its 40th edition, after having travelled to 17 cities in the interim.

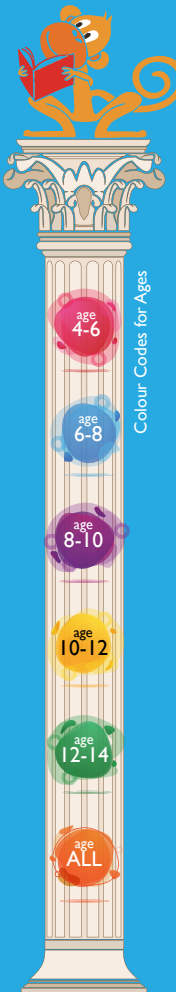
That mail just reinforced what we have felt all along. There are children who do not think of Bookaroo as just a forced weekend outing. There are children who seriously consider giving back to Bookaroo when they grow up. There are children who are serious about the sessions they attend and the speakers they meet. There are children who have serious fun in Bookaroo. And it works both ways - the speakers at Bookaroo too have fun. A lot of fun after all the hard work they put in.

Aatika's was one of the many, many letters and messages that we have received from fans of Bookaroo. To this list, we can add the authors, illustrators, storytellers, volunteers, publishers, arts councils, embassies and sponsor-supporters. To top it all, our core support team has been with us for the past 12 years. One can't ask for more.

It is heartwarming to think that Bookaroo is in safe hands as we move forward.

We are looking forward to the next 40 - and more. But for now, go ahead and enjoy the magnificent spread that our speakers, all 48 of them - from India and abroad - have for you.

Swati & Venkatesh
Festival Directors



Kahani Tree

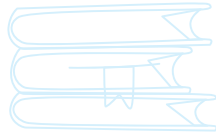
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*CHU CHU KARTI AYI CHIDIYA,
IK KAHANI LAYI CHIDIYA*

Shefali Malhotra
Supported by Tulika

Shefali needs help to find the jamun thief in the jungle but beware of the lurking figure of Jokhu. Now who could that be? *(In Hindi)*



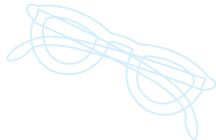
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OUT OF THE BOX

Seema Wahi Mukherjee

Things are peeping, jumping, leaping out of Seema's box. What could they be?



12:30 - 13:00

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KAHANI KA PITAARA

Vasundhara Bahuguna

Supported by the Japan Foundation

Come, watch and listen as Vasundhara lets the cat out of the Kamishibai box. *(In Hindi)*



13:00 - 13:30

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*ONE WORLD, MANY STORIES.
ONE STORY, MANY WORLDS.*

Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan

Supported by Red Panda

Your stories or my stories? Imagined or real? Folktale or first-person reflections? Dip into a treasure box of tales from around the world.



14:00 - 14:30

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MAIN JAISI HOON VAISI HOON

Rohini Vij

Supported by Parag, an initiative of Tata Trusts

Would you like to meet some girls and boys, like you, who want azadi? From what, you ask? Well, from being just the way they are! Join in for this fun story-drama session and discover the true meaning of freedom. *(In Hindi)*



14:30 - 15:00

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GAANON KA JADOO

Neeta Joshi

Can you find songs in the market? Is there magic in songs? Come, let's find answers to these questions through Neeta Joshi's fun stories told in her inimitable style. *(In Hindi)*



15:30 - 16:00

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TELI AUR IMLI KE PED KE SHAITAN

Samvedna

A little eagerness, some curiosity and loads of fun! *(In Hindi)*



16:00 - 16:30

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THE FAREWELL PRESENT

Kathrin Rohmann

Supported by Goethe Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan

Leila from Syria starts her new life in Germany. Everything is different. Fortunately there is a magic gift in her pocket. But in the first week in her new school she loses it. What happens next?

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26th November, 2022 SATURDAY

The Yard

11:00 - 12:00



OF BEST FRIENDS AND BULLIES

Maya Spark a.k.a. Mamathi Chari

Supported by Readomania

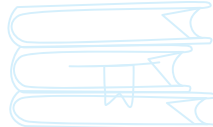
Win the world, with your best friend by your side!

Stand up to bullies that make you cry!

Who's your best friend? Why?

How to bully-free your life?

Let's figure this, 'Zoe and Scruffy style'!



12:30 - 13:30



I CAN'T DRAW

Nic and Inês

Supported by the Embassy of Portugal, Cultural Centre

So you think art is only for the talented? Come on this crazy ride as we prove to you that all you need to start is a page, a pencil, and these cool tricks.



14:00 - 15:00



CURIOSITY EXPRESS

Lakshmi Shankar

Supported by Hachette India

It's time to board the History Express! Visit a temple with secret vaults richer than a gold mine. Discover a two-thousand-year-old underground art gallery. And finally, chill for a while in the coolest building in the country!



15:30 - 16:30



AVI FIGHTS A MONSTER

Tanya Majmudar

Supported by Kalpavriksh

How do you handle your emotions? How does being in nature make you feel? Join Avi in an emotional ride as he fights monsters, climbs trees and learns to talk about his feelings.

26th November, 2022 SATURDAY

Auditorium

11:00 - 12:00



ISLAND OF ADVENTURE

Deepak Dalal

Sponsored by Puffin

Wielding arrows and spears, the Jarawa who live in the magnificent forests of the Andaman Islands fiercely protect their wild abode.

Join Vikram, Aditya and Chitra as they embark on a voyage along this fabulous coast.



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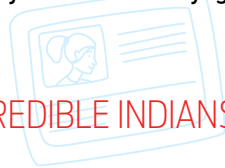


DO YOU KNOW THESE INCREDIBLE INDIANS?

Ashwitha Jayakumar

Supported by HarperCollins

The history of modern India is filled with interesting people who did some pretty fantastic things. Test how well you know the makers of modern India and pick up a fun fact or three!



14:00 - 15:00



AMAZING ANCIENT INDIAN NRIs

Archana Garodia Gupta and Shruti Garodia

Supported by Hachette India

From the ancient Indian prince who invented Kung Fu to the intriguing Indian origins of Mozzarella cheese, come listen to fascinating true stories about Indians who went to faraway countries thousands of years ago and left their mark!



15:30 - 16:30



ON THE TRAIL OF THE MAGNIFICENT SNOW LEOPARD

Deepak Dalal

Sponsored by Puffin

Joining a team of ecologists and explorers, Vikram and Aditya set off on an expedition to the Zaskar Mountains of Ladakh to search for the elusive animal, also known as the grey ghost of the Himalayas.



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The Platform

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GROWING A DRAGON'S TALE

Cheryl Rao

Supported by HarperCollins

Wouldn't you like to put your own spin to a dragon's tale? Here's your chance to swing this dragon's tail this way and that as we work on the tale...

12:30 - 13:30

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THE HUNGRY ALPHABET

Ambika Karandikar & Rohini Vij

Supported by Adidev Press

Kh is for *Khichri* and *khana* and J is for *Jalebli*! Join in for a delicious story-drama and art session for all food lovers out there.

14:00 - 15:00

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CREATE YOUR OWN PLANET!

Avanika, Nayan Keshan, Devika Awasthi, Priyal Mote

Supported by DK India

Travel millions of light years away in search of distant worlds. Let your imagination run wild as you design your own spaceships, create your own planet, and imagine the aliens that live on it!

15:30 - 16:30

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ROOSTERS AND OTHER STRANGE PETS

Anushka Ravishankar

Supported by Tara Books & Puffin

People have pet dogs, cats and goldfish, but how many people have a pet rooster? Team up with Anushka to write some poems of your own about strange pets - real or imaginary and draw them too.

26th November, 2022 SATURDAY

Crafty Corner

Limited Seating

11:00 - 12:00

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KHEL KHEL MEIN VIGYAN

Pratika Gupta

Supported by Eklavya

Calling all science lovers! Join Pratika to learn some easy DIY tricks of science. *(In Hindi)*

12:30 - 13:30

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PUPPETARIA

Seema Wahi Mukherjee

Crazy folds, the paper holds
Lo behold! What unfolds?

A dragon, a dog,
A rabbit or a blue bird!

14:00 - 15:00

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TOYS ON THE MOVE!

Deepa Balsavar

Supported by Parag, an initiative of Tata Trusts

Toys that hop and jump and pop,
Toys that move and never stop!
Come with a whoop and come at a run,
To the toy workshop - it's bags of fun!

15:30 - 16:30

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UNIQUELY YOU

Estelle Billon-Spagnol

Supported by Institut Francais

Draw an animal, a monster or simply a potato, give it a name and let's go on an adventure! Everyone has the power to imagine stories. You just have to listen to your emotions.

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Doodle Wall

Limited Seating

11:00 - 12:00



DAY AND NIGHT

Emma Virke

Supported by the Embassy of Sweden

Can the dreams at night help us get what we want during the day? Join Emma in making a panorama painting from sunrise to sunset and let your dreams blend with others in the darkness of the night

12:30 - 13:30



MEET THE MONSTERS

Canato Jimo

Supported by Parag, an initiative of Tata Trusts

Big, yellow eyes with long, scratchy feathers. Long, spindly legs that stick to ceilings. Stoopy, droopy body with long, wild hair. Come meet the fantastic monsters, and perhaps create one of your own too!

14:00 - 15:00



PLAYING WITH THE INVISIBLE

Mariona Cabassa

Supported by the Embassy of Spain & AECID

What does it take to create fantastic flora and fauna? Look around you, add some imagination, sprinkle a little reality - and voila!

15:30 - 16:30



A FORGOTTEN GENIUS

Sahitya Rani & Rohini Vij

Supported by Adidev Press

Here is a star Indian woman scientist who made a big difference but received no glory. Come listen to the inspiring story of Bibha Chowdhuri from storyteller Rohini Vij and doodle away a science-y, space-y, starry mural with Sahitya.

26th November, 2022 SATURDAY

Curio Corner

11:00 - 12:00



FLOW LIKE A RIVER AND SHINE LIKE THE SUN!

Ishani Lauren Naidu

Supported by HarperCollins

What happens when you combine a rushing river, the perfect mud puddle, and a whole bottle of shampoo? Let's find out what healthy balance and moderation look like by playing with all of the extremes!

12:30 - 13:30



THE SECRET GRANDPARENT

Madhurima Vidyarthi

Sponsored by Puffin

Nini thought she knew her grandmother really well. Till the day Minima stopped being a grandmother and became an artist! How well do you know your grandparent? Shall we find out?

14:00 - 15:00



SAFETY ROCKS!

Seema Chari

Supported by Hachette India

Are you a safety champ? Do you handle emergencies well? Here's your chance to meet author Seema Chari, show off your safety skills and save the day!

15:30 - 16:30



INSIDE ABANINDRANATH TAGORE'S HOUSE

Likla

Supported by Art1st

Little boxes. Little houses. Little windows to peep through. And what are the stories that live in the little box-like homes around us? Join Likla to create a city of stories around her book 'Abanindranath's House of Stories'.

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Kahani Tree

11:00 - 11:30

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WHAT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY WISH?

Raisha Lalwani

Supported by Rupa

Get set for a sneak peek into Ben's whimsical world where birthday wishes come true, colours depict moods, caterpillars dance their way into becoming butterflies and siblings become 'Best Friends'. All in a fun, interactive session.

11:30 - 12:00

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TWO STORIES

Emma Virke

Supported by the Embassy of Sweden

Can you help the old man find his glasses and hat - and his moustache? And how will you help a sad little cloud that is told not to cry?

12:30 - 13:00

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PUPPET ON A STICK

Deepa Balsavar

Supported by Parag, an initiative of Tata Trusts

Join author-illustrator Deepa Balsavar and her cast of puppets to listen to an original story that has been specially woven for you.

13:00 - 13:30

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ARE YOU SMARTYPANTS?

Anushka Ravishankar

Supported by Tara Books & Puffin

Why do things fall down and not up? What do plants eat? Are we actually monkeys? Come join Anushka as she asks questions about science - some serious and some silly, and reads from her books in the Science for Smartypants series.

14:00 - 14:30

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SO JAO! SUNDAR SAPNON MEIN KHO JAO!

Samvedna

Close your eyes, open your ears. What do you hear?
(In Hindi)

14:30 - 15:00

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EXCITED OR NERVOUS? WILL YOU RUN OR WILL YOU STAY?

Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan

Supported by HarperCollins

Not every hero's costume is a cape. Parvati the Elephant dresses for the occasion with bells, feathers and jewels and saves the day. Come hear Shobha read this adventure story.

15:30 - 16:00

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MELTING POT

Anupama Jain

Supported by Readomania

Engaging tales of Indian legends, mythical beings, wise creatures, villainous souls and their splendid adventures. Anupama presents a narration of immortal sagas, everlasting wisdom from her book, Kings, Saviours & Scoundrels.

16:00 - 16:30

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ARE YOU HUNGRY TO READ THE WAY I AM?

Arti Sonthalia

Supported by Scholastic India

Do you want to escape from everything and everybody and hide just because you need to finish the ending of your book? If yes, then you must be as hungry to read as Arti is!

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The Yard

11:00 - 12:00

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SWEET TREAT!

Vibha Batra

Supported by **Scholastic India**

Let's treat, er, tease our brains (and tastebuds) by playing a fun *meethai-mishti* quiz. Then, come up with an exciting story starring our favourite sugary-syrupy delights. And round it off by creating our very own Dessert Anthem.

12:30 - 13:30

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CHAMPAKVAN

Sonal Goyal

Supported by **Rupa**

There's Cheeku the rabbit hiding inside an oval, two circles that look like Jumpy the monkey, and a rectangle that Damru the donkey. Join us in this fun time with shapes at *Champakvan!*

14:00 - 15:00

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THE BIGGER THEY ARE...

Arti Sonthalia

Supported by **Scholastic India**

I am not a bully! I have never been bullied! Is there truth in any one of these statements? If yes, let's join Arti Sonthalia to find out how sometimes we all can be bullies and be bullied.

15:30 - 16:30

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LAUGH, LEARN, REPEAT

Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan

Supported by **Aleph**

How many lines in a limerick? Do you like paneer and roti, or ham and Swiss cheese? Does your mother wear a sari? What rhythm sounds like the "da dum" of your heartbeat? Come and discover how much fun you can have with poems.

Auditorium

11:00 - 12:00

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AAO CHALEIN MASAI MARA

Rohini Vij

Supported by **Parag, an initiative of Tata Trusts**

Whether you like exploring the wild or prefer your cosy corner at home, these real-life adventures of two audacious women wandering through the wilderness of Masai Mara are sure to excite you! Come, let's re-live this fascinating and inspiring story-drama. *(In Hindi)*

12:30 - 13:30

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GLÜCKSBRINGER

Kathrin Rohmann

Supported by **Goethe Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan**

When Leila has to leave Syria she carries one precious gift from her grandmother's beautiful garden that had roses, basil, tomatoes, olives, figs, apricots, lemons and walnuts. What happens when she loses that present?

14:00 - 15:00

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FUN FACTS AND TEMPLES

Sudha G Tilak

Supported by **Hachette India**

Here's a blast from the past! A quiz and a talkathon about magical, funny, quirky, and yummy stories about temples around us. What could temples teach us about love, friendship, schooling, food, dance and drawing, music and magic?

15:30 - 16:30

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DECODING MYSTERIES OF HISTORY

Lakshmi Shankar

Supported by **Hachette India**

What secrets were discovered when an ancient script was decoded? How did a bunch of stolen maps help create the richest company of all time? Join ace storyteller Lakshmi Shankar of Storytrails on an unusual journey through Indian history.

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GIVE WINGS TO YOUR IDEAS

Aparna Sundaresan

Supported by Amar Chitra Katha & Tinkle

So, you think writing a story is tough, huh? It could be as easy as playing a fun game. Find out how with Aparna.

12:30 - 13:30

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NONSENSE MAKES THE MOST SENSE

Arunava Sinha

Supported by Talking Cub

Can the office boss's moustache be stolen? Can a goat give grammar lessons? When it's Sukumar Ray, anything and everything is possible. And you can't stop laughing.

14:00 - 15:00

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RHYMING WITH POODLES EATING NOODLES

Emma Virke

Supported by the Embassy of Sweden

Can you make a rhyme of whatever comes to your mind? The stranger the better! There must be something you can find! Then we draw the rhymes with colour and glory and turn them all into a silly story.

15:30 - 16:30

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LET THE ADVENTURES BEGIN

Archana Garodia Gupta and Shruti Garodia

Supported by Hachette India

What if you found yourself in the middle of a battle between powerful kings, or caught for conspiring against a moody emperor? Join the four History Hunters and their adorable elephant friend, Elfu, as they meet famous historical figures.

27th November, 2022 **SUNDAY**

Crafty Corner

Limited Seating

11:00 - 12:00

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KHEL KHEL MEIN VIGYAN

Pratika Gupta

Supported by Eklavya

Love Science? Join Pratika for some sciencetastic activities! (In Hindi)

12:30 - 13:30

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TINY TALES OF MIGHTY HEROES

Ashwitha Jayakumar & Swarnavo Datta

Sponsored by Puffin

Who is Ganesha and what makes him special? Come and find out in this session that has storytelling, drawing and even craft to know this mighty mythological hero better.

14:00 - 15:00

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MONSTER MASKS

Deepa Balsavar

Supported by Parag, an initiative of Tata Trusts

Want to be a frogosaurus? Or a big-eared, lump-eating, many-eyed Dogaslog? Well then, the Monster Mask workshop is just for you! Make a mask so scary, you will frighten even yourself!

15:30 - 16:30

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FUNNY FACES

Nic and Inês

Supported by the Embassy of Portugal, Cultural Centre

Just a single sheet of paper is all you need to make this book that will have your illustrated character crying and laughing with the turn of a page.

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Doodle Wall

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PLAYING WITH THE INVISIBLE

Mariona Cabassa

Supported by the Embassy of Spain & AECID

Bring the invisible to life with just a few shapes and colours with Mariona. Take back ideas and watch them grow.

12:30 - 13:30

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I CAN'T DOODLE

Nic and Inês

Supported by the Embassy of Portugal, Cultural Centre

Come along and help us fill this wall with drawings. It will not be difficult. We're going to show you some unconventional techniques that will fill it up in no time. Are you game?

14:00 - 15:00

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MAKE YOUR OWN SUPERHERO

Vineet Nair

Supported by Amar Chitra Katha & Tinkle

Join us in a fun, interactive session where you can think up and draw your very own Superhero, complete with superpowers and super gadgets!

15:30 - 16:30

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JUNGLE IN THE CITY

Estelle Billon-Spagnol

Supported by Institut Francais

Imagine our rooms, our houses and our cities overflowing with plants and animals. Some real and some imaginary.

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A PATHWAY OF STORIES

Cheryl Rao

Supported by HarperCollins

Whose story would you like to tell and whose would you like to read? Make your choices, walk down your path and see where your decisions take you...

12:30 - 13:30

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OF MISFITS AND MADCAP (MIS)ADVENTURES

Divya Anand

Sponsored by Puffin

Hone your detective skills - and your coding skills - all at the same time! That's what Madhu did when she faced the dilemma of her life.

14:00 - 15:00

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ARE YOU SECRETLY A TRICKSTER?

Simran Bhui

Supported by Rupa

Unleash your creative spirit by navigating your fears and saying yes to inspiration in this fun-filled 60-minute session with Simran.

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A FOR ARCHITECTURE

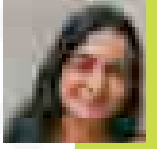
Tilottama Shome

Supported by Talking Cub

Go on a journey into India's architectural history with Tilottama Shome as she tells the stories of some of the country's iconic monuments. Participate in a quiz and check out your AQ - Architect Quotient!

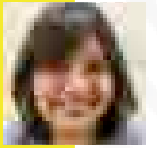
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Look Who's Here!



Ambika Karandikar

Ambika is an independent illustrator and trained Bharatanatyam dancer. She loves to illustrate for children through different mediums. She can be found in her garden where she is in her natural element.



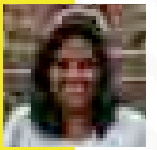
Anupama Jain

Anupama is an author of three well-received books, a co-author of 12 anthologies across genres, a multi-award-winning blogger, closet Master Chef, green thumb, and mentor based in Gurugram.



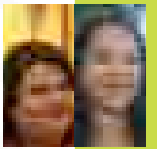
Anushka Ravishankar

Anushka Ravishankar loves science, nonsense and animals, especially cats. She thinks everyone should read a lot, ask many questions (even silly ones) and befriend animals. She really would not recommend crocodiles, though. They have very sharp teeth.



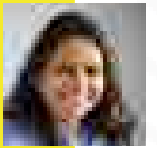
Aparna Sundaresan

Aparna Sundaresan is Tinkle's resident Grammar Police. When not being deputy editor, she can be found (silently) correcting errors on billboards and signages. She is the creator of Tinkle's award-winning NOIS Series.



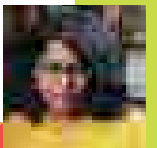
Archana Garodia Gupta and Shruti Garodia

Archana has a knack for weaving delightful nuggets of information into engaging tales for children. She regularly appears as an 'expert' on Kaun Banega Crorepati and has won the 'Champion of Champions' title from BBC Mastermind India. Shruti has an abiding love of history and enjoys taking children back in time through storytelling. She is a keen traveller, and loves new places and experiences - from visiting ancient sites and museums to scuba diving, hiking and sailing a yacht.



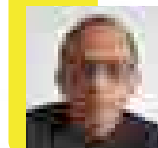
Arti Sonthalia

Arti Sonthalia loves reading, music and chocolates. Her latest fascination is to experiment with new cuisines. The quirkiest the dish, the better! If you do see black smoke coming out of her kitchen you would know she has created a disaster!



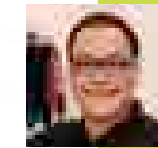
Ashwitha Jayakumar

Ashwitha Jayakumar loves stories set in other times and worlds. When she's not reading about the past and dreaming about time travel, she enjoys reading long fantasy novels, playing video games and building elaborate Lego displays.



Arunava Sinha

Arunava Sinha reads a lot of Bengali books and then writes them again in English. He has given this work the fancy name of translation. He is owned by a dog named Tingmo.



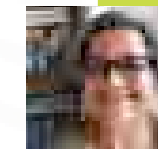
Canato Jimo

Canato Jimo is a picture book maker from Nagaland, currently art directing picture books For Pratham Books, Delhi. He moonlights as a musician, loves to guzzle tea and pop bubble wraps, and is a recovering stationery addict.



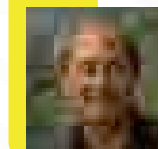
Cheryl Rao

Cheryl Rao likes nothing better than to escape from the everyday world - and somehow manages to do it while walking, travelling, daydreaming, talking to animals and birds and sometimes to herself.



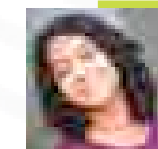
Deepa Balsavar

Deepa Balsavar has grey hair but reads comic books and plays hopscotch. Her daughter has to hide the candy otherwise it would be all gobbled up. You will usually find her among children, animals or the art supplies.



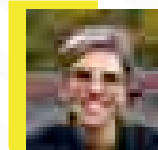
Deepak Dalal

A writer, traveller, trekker and wildlife enthusiast who loves India's wild places, Deepak Dalal enjoys exploring, researching and writing stories (in that order).



Divya Anand

When Divya is thinking up ways not to get into trouble, she writes books about girls with big opinions and bigger ideas. She gets her best ideas when she's hanging upside down or doodling.



Emma Virke

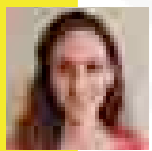
Emma Virke is one of Sweden's most beloved and creative picture book artist and writer. When using rhymes she starts to sing and make readers laugh by using holes in the books in an unexpected way.

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Estelle Billon-Spagnol

As a little girl, Estelle's ideal day was to stay in her room to read, write, draw comics and eat sunflower seeds. Today, that is what she does for a living!



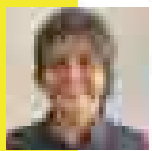
Ishani Lauren Naidu

Ishani finds happiness and inspiration in regular dance parties in the living room with her children. Practicing meditation, yoga and Vedanta learned from her Guru over the past 13 years shows her how to be a joyful parent, grounded teacher and soulful human being.



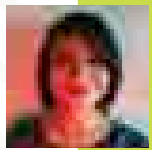
Kathrin Rohmann

Kathrin Rohmann, who lives in Hanover, is an ideas-mechanic, rain-curtain-lover and writer for young readers. She is a trained farmer and her first stories were published under a pseudonym in a German children's magazine and on the radio.



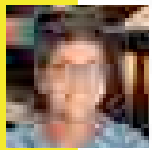
Lakshmi Shankar

Lakshmi Shankar has worked in advertising as a copywriter, as a storyteller with the British Council and as a kindergarten teacher. She now heads operations at Storytrails, an organization that specializes in curating stories about India in various formats.



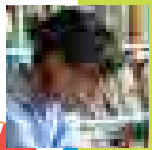
Likla

Likla, an ever-curious learner and a voracious reader, found her calling as a writer. With Art1st, she has been writing children's books about art. She also loves to dance, code, and make digital art and music.



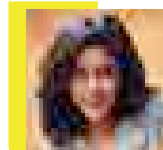
Madhurima Vidyarthi

Madhurima Vidyarthi is never without a pen. An endocrinologist, she writes both prescriptions and stories with equal gusto. She likes to write across a range of subjects, times and ages.



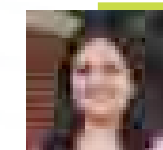
Mariona Cabassa

Mariona Cabassa comes from Catalonia, Spain. A student of art in Barcelona and research in Strasbourg she has illustrated over 80 children's books. She has worked as an illustrator, painter, installation-maker and tattoo artist.



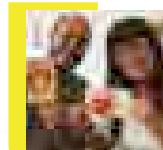
Maya Spark a.k.a. Mamathi Chari

In her wild garden home by a blue sea Maya Spark a.k.a Mamathi lives with her three dragons writing great adventures of magic and mystery. Maya is also actively passionate about animal rescue.



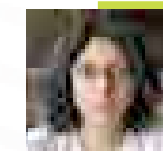
Neeta Joshi

A performance storyteller and dramatist, Neeta Joshi, works with schools and NGOs. While she podcasts her stories on various platforms, her YouTube channel is called ChipNTales.



Nic and Inês

This artist-teacher-author-publisher couple went mad one day and started doing what they are passionate about. They now take their art workshops, that they began in their living room, all across the world.



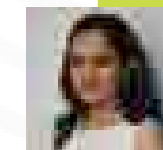
Pratika Gupta

Science and Math are Pratika's favourites. She is the editor of a science magazine and uses her editing scissors to great effect. She likes to listen to songs and hum along. She prefers children as friends.



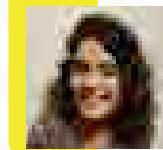
Raisha Lalwani

A reader by day and a writer by night, Raisha Lalwani is a homemaker, poetess, trained Hindustani Music vocalist, Tedx speaker. Through her initiative 'Write Vent Breathe' and webinars and workshops she is an inspiration for budding authors.



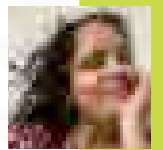
Rohini Vij

Rohini lives many lives because of the stories she tells. As a story educator and founder of NutSpace, she is actively involved in the early years space. She is passionate about voice acting and drama



Sahitya Rani

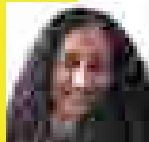
Sahitya Rani is an artist based in Mumbai. While not illustrating children's books, she's usually watching anime, drinking filter coffee and befriending the sunbirds outside her window.



Samvedna

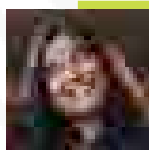
Samvedna's childhood was spent climbing columns and bannisters, peering below, marvelling at the mundane as folks went about their day-to-day work. Her bookshelves throbbed with Russian, Czech, Irish, German, Japanese and Chinese folktales.

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Seema Chari

Seema Chari is an author, quizmaster, anchor, media professional and co-founder of Xpress Minds Edutainment, India's leading quizzing company. She has written more than 20 books on general knowledge, quizzing and trivia, and fiction for young readers.



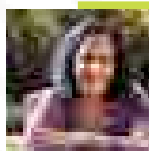
Seema Wahi Mukherjee

Seema Wahi Mukherjee loves to add surprise and suspense to her stories by pulling out puppets and props from her *jaadu ka pitara*, with a dash of drama and a sprinkling of songs.



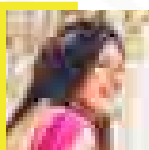
Shefali Malhotra

Shefali hates being an adult. This storyteller, entrepreneur, mother and student-of-life who raises readers at bukumuk.com, loves to dance and tell jokes. She learnt to eat, play and love from her dog.



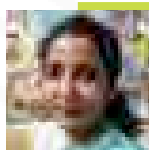
Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan

Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan uses her voice and words to make stories and poems come alive. She loves story-telling whether in rhyme or in prose. Shobha is a National Award-winning voiceover talent and her books have won recognition both in the US and in India.



Simran Bhui

Simran is an author whose work is an attempt at discovery and vulnerability with a touch of the whimsy for good measure. She was born in New Delhi, where she grew up with her parents and two siblings.



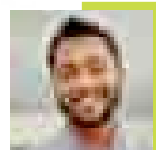
Sonal Goyal

Sonal creates art and art creates Sonal. She loves to draw and paint. It is almost impossible to find a blank sheet of paper on her table... she fills them all up!



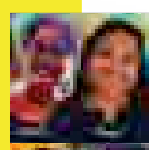
Sudha G Tilak

Sudha G Tilak only takes up jobs that allow her to tell stories - tall and truthful. A journalist for many years, she loves to engage with young minds. Sudha lives in Gurgaon with her husband, son and imaginary pets, Posto, the ginger cat and Idli, the Labrador.



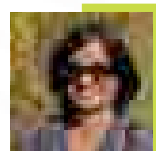
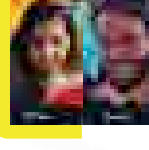
Swarnavo Datta

A corporate trainer by day and a children's book illustrator by night, Swarnavo is fond of cooking, taking care of his potted lemon tree and collecting more picture books than he can store.



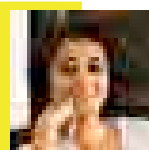
Team DK – Avanika, Nayan Keshan, Devika Awasthi and Priyal Mote

The four-member team from DK Publishing India has Priyal, who is crazy about children's illustrations and drawing in general; Avanika, who loves creating art and books and sharing the joy of both with everyone; Nayan, an avid reader who enjoys making books, especially for children and Devika, who has always loved reading and creating visual stories.



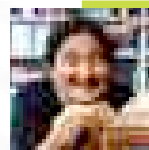
Tanya Majmudar

Tanya Majmudar loves eating desserts, trekking in the rainforest to look for frogs and re-reading her favourite books from her childhood.



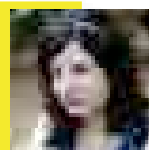
Tilottama Shome

An architect by training, Tilottama Shome has travelled widely, visiting ancient monuments and bat-infested caves. Her interest in history and architecture led her to write Taj Mahal and The Kailash Temple at Ellora.



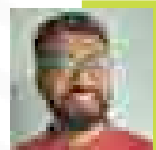
Vasundhara Bahuguna

Words tumbling forth like a string of rainbow-coloured scarves. And there she is, rapidly weaving kaleidoscopic patterns with them. Banter some. Quick witted. An engineer, a dreamer. That's Vasundhara Bahuguna for you.



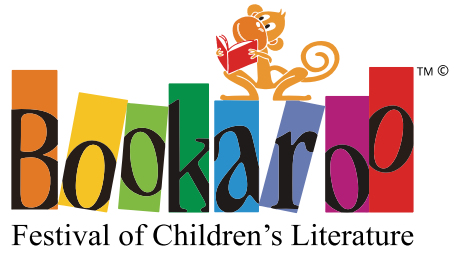
Vibha Batra

Sweets are Vibha's first love (with desserts coming a close second). If lawmakers spend half as much time thinking about the common man as she does about meetha-mithai-mishti, the biggest problems in the world could be solved.



Vineet Nair

In the past 10 years Vineet Nair has created many memorable characters for Tinkle - from Wingstar the reluctant Manipuri superhero to Yog Yodha to Wai Knot and not the least, the scheming Tantri the Mantri.



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