

What is YLG?

The Youth Libraries Group of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) is the organisation of choice for librarians, information professionals and all those working with or interested in children's and young people's books, reading development, the promotion of libraries and reading for pleasure

Our 3000 members come from a wide range of workplaces – public libraries, schools, school library services, colleges, universities and early years settings. We also welcome and have many student, non-working and international members.

With twelve groups across the United Kingdom we form one of the largest and liveliest special interest groups in CILIP.

What does YLG do?

- Promotes excellence in children and young people's literature by organising, judging and publicising the most prestigious children's book awards in the UK – the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway medals.
- Advocates quality provision of public and school library services to children and young people by disseminating best practice on professional issues.



- Inspires, supports and represents all those working in or with library services for children and young people through its publications, annual conference, meetings, training courses and events.
- Provides specialist expertise, knowledge and advice to CILIP, the Government, the book trade and related professions on issues relating to books, reading and library services for children and young people.
- Creates opportunities to network with colleagues and those in related professions.

The Annual Conference

This is acknowledged as a 'must attend' event for everyone involved with the promotion of reading and books for children and young people. It sets the current agenda for library services for children and young people, ensuring a proactive response to key national priorities. It provides essential Continuing Professional Development with:

- Inspirational speakers, seminars, practical workshops, exhibitions and forums.
- The chance to enhance knowledge and awareness of the best children's literature, network with publishers and to meet favourite authors and illustrators
- The opportunity to share good practice and make contacts with fellow practitioners and acknowledged experts in their field



The CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals

The CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway medals are acknowledged by authors, illustrators, publishers, the book trade and the press as the most prestigious and respected awards in the UK children's book world. All CILIP members have the opportunity to nominate books for each medal. Only YLG members, however, can become one of the judges on the panel, each elected to represent one of the sub-groups across the UK. Please see www.ckg.org.uk for further details.

Website

YLG maintains a regularly updated website at www.ylg.org.uk containing current awareness, news items and links as well as a host of useful information for YLG members.

The History of YLG and the CKG awards is explored in a series of fascinating pages only available to website registered YLG members. See the Welcome page for further information.

Youth Library Review

Youth Library Review (YLR) is the official journal of YLG and is published annually in spring. It is full of articles, letters and comment on the issues that really matter to all those committed to children's literature and libraries. YLG actively encourages submissions and news from members.

Publications

YLG publishes practical guides on the important current issues for library services for children and young people and other occasional publications. For information on ordering publications please visit the YLG website

What's in it for me?

For CILIP YLG members:

- Youth Library Review
- Membership discount on publications, training courses and national conference fees
- A supportive network of fellow practitioners
- Local training and events
- The YLG website and e-list to discuss current issues and to find information, help and advice

This information is available in Large Print format as a downloadable PDF file from www.ylg.org.uk



For subscribing members

Individuals who are not members of CILIP may become Subscribing Members of YLG and will share the benefits of CILIP YLG membership. They may not, however, become officers of YLG, at regional or national level, and cannot nominate or judge in the CKG process.

This opportunity is available to all those with an interest in literature and library services for children and young people, including, but not exclusively:

- Authors and illustrators
- Publishers, Booksellers and all those involved in the book trade
- Teachers and academics involved with the development of reading and the promotion of reading for pleasure

For further information see the online application form on www.ylg.org.uk



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