

PROGRAM

TOGETHER IN THE MOORLAND

INTERNATIONAL
CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH
LITERATURE FESTIVAL IN REYKJAVIK
OCTOBER 14th–16th 2021
AT THE NORDIC HOUSE

THURSDAY OCTOBER 14th
FRIDAY OCTOBER 15th
SATURDAY OCTOBER 16th

Symposium
Workshops for school groups
Workshops and stories for families

*All workshops and events are free of charge and registration on tix.is
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Thursday October 14th

SYMPOSIUM

Lectures and panel discussions on current topics in children's literature

Auditorium | The symposium will be in English | Streamed | Registration on tix.is

09:15–09:25 | MÝRIN – OPENING

Minister for the Environment and Natural Resources Guðmundur Ingi Guðbrandsson opens the conference.

09:30–10:30 | NATURE AND THE HUMAN BEING

In this seminar we will discuss how the relation between man and nature is depicted in children's literature, both new and old. We will also consider the value of using literature to have conversations with children about nature, its properties, values and how their own identity is shaped by the way they mirror themselves in nature, see themselves as part of it or consider it as something external. Participants in the seminar are **Gunnar Theodór Eggertsson** (IS), **Jurga Vile** (LI), **Lina Itagaki** (LI) and **Watse Sybesma** (NE).

Moderator: Ólafur Páll Jónsson

10:30–10:45 | COFFEE BREAK

10:45–11:15 | THE NORDIC BOOKWORM

The Nordic bookworm (Den nordiska bokslukaren) is a new project to promote reading that provides inroads into the world of Nordic children's literature. By producing educational support material for current Nordic picture books, the project puts children into contact with the treasure trove that is Nordic literature, with the help of adult readers. **Mikaela Wickström** from Nordic Culture Point in Finland.

11:15–12:15 | NATURE AND CLIMATE CHANGES

How do you write for children about climate change? How can children's literature help us foster deeper relations between us and the environment? Are some literary forms better suited for mediating the challenge of climate change and hope for a better future? Climate change threatens ecosystems and human societies and young readers will feel its effects intimately in their lifetime. This panel opens up a discussion between authors of children's literature and scholars about

their approaches and challenges in mediating the reality of climate change to their readers. Participants are **Eva Rún Þorgeirsdóttir** (IS), **Guðni Elísson** (IS), **Hildur Knútsdóttir** (IS), **Kristin Roskifte** (NO) and **Sævar Helgi Bragason** (IS).

Moderator: Sólveig Ásta Sigurðardóttir

12:15–12:40 | LUNCH BREAK

12:40–13:00 | INTERVIEW

Moomin Characters Ltd are dedicated to preserving and furthering Tove Jansson's legacy, but how do they do it? Did you know that *Moomins* was the first ever TV-program aired in Japan? And is it really true that the character Sophia, in Tove Jansson's *The Summer Book* was based upon Tove's niece, Sophia Jansson? Nordic House head librarian, **Erling Kjærbo** (FO) interviewed **Sophia Jansson** (FI), the Chairman of the Board and Creative Director of Moomin Characters Ltd, and **Roleff Kråkström** (FI), the managing director of Moomin Characters Ltd, about Tove Jansson, the Moomins and nature, during their visit to Reykjavik literary festival 2021.

13:00–14:15 | MEET AUTHORS FROM THE BALTIC COUNTRIES

An author talks with **Agnese Vanaga** and **Anna Vaivare** from Latvia, **Indrek Koff** and **Kertu Sillaste** from Estonia and **Jurga Vile** and **Lina Itagaki** from Lithuania.

Moderator: Brynhildur Heiðar- og Ómarsdóttir

14:15–14:30 | COFFEE BREAK

14:30–15:30 | CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF THE FUTURE

The world is changing and children's literature must keep up. Will the role of children's books change in the upcoming decades? Will its importance dwindle? And how will the publication industry evolve to cater to the needs of new readers while minimizing environmental impact? Participants in the seminar are **Agnese Vanaga** (LV), **Andri Snær Magnason** (IS), **Fiona Khan** (SA), **Linda Bondestam** (FI) and **Timo Parvela** (FI).

Moderator: Arndís Þórarinsdóttir

Friday October 15th

WORKSHOPS for school groups

9:00–9:50 | CAPTURING IDEAS

How does a story come alive? First you must get the idea, and then what? In this writing workshop **Hildur Knútsdóttir** will discuss what it takes to turn an idea into a story.

Auditorium | In Icelandic | Registration on myrinfestival@gmail.com | Age 11-15

9:15–10:00 | GOOD NIGHT EARTH

Bring your favourite stuffed animal to a story time and workshop with **Linda Bondestam** from Finland. Linda reads her book *Good Night Earth* and talks to the children about bedtime. The children will paint and cut out an animal and a bed for it, and then it goes to sleep. Finally, the children tell a story about their animal. **Diljá Sigursveinsdóttir** interprets in Icelandic.

The Green House | In English and Icelandic | Registration on myrinfestival@gmail.com | Age 5-7

9:15–10:15 | THE MOOMINS

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Children's library | In Icelandic and English | Registration on myrinfestival@gmail.com | Age 5

10:00–10:50 | MEET THE AUTHOR

Have you read the Kepler62 books? Would you like to meet one of the authors of the book series, **Timo Parvela** from Finland, and get the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the book series with him?

Auditorium | In English | Registration on myrinfestival@gmail.com | Age 10-12

10:30–11:10 | LET'S BE CALM

Stories have a powerful effect on us. They can be funny, exciting and playful but they can also evoke peace and calmness. In the workshop with **Eva Rún Þorgeirsdóttir** we use the power of the imagination to create a story together that takes us on a fun and beautiful journey - and makes us feel good. A creative and healing moment where we conjure up the coveted and precious calmness.

Alvar stofa | In Icelandic | Registration on myrinfestival@gmail.com | Age 8-9

10:30–11:20 | EVERYBODY COUNTS

Hurray that we are all different! *Everybody Counts*, by **Kristin Roskifte** from Norway, is a fun and lively book where you can count people, follow them and see how their stories intertwine. The book contains many secrets that curious and sharp-eyed readers can discover. A workshop and reading in Norwegian and Icelandic. **Kristin** reads the book in Norwegian and **Hildur Heimisdóttir** in Icelandic.

Children's library | In Norwegian and Icelandic | Registration on myrinfestival@gmail.com | Age 8-9

11:00–11:50 | FRIENDLY BAG

Agnese Vanaga from Latvia talks about her book *Plastic Hooligans* and about pollution and how important it is to take good care of nature. The children get to paint on environmentally friendly bags in a workshop with **Agnese** and **Anna Vaivare**.

Auditorium | In English | Registration on myrinfestival@gmail.com | Age 5-12

11:30–12:00 | MOOMINTROLL AND LITTLE MY

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Children's library | In English | Registration on myrinfestival@gmail.com | Age 3-6

12:05–12:50 | ONE LONG JOURNEY

A story time and workshop with **Kertu Sillaste** from Estonia. **Kertu** reads her silent book *HELP!* and introduces the drawing methods she uses in her books. She teaches the children how to make their own silent book about a long journey and in the end, they can show and read it to the other children.

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Children's library | In Icelandic and English | Registration on myrinfestival@gmail.com | Age 5-8

13:00–13:50 | LETTERS IN MATCH BOXES

Workshop with **Jurga Vile** and **Lina Itagaki** from Lithuania based on their book *Siberian haiku*. The children imagine that they are in a post office with small packages. Everyone will receive a match box and fold a sheet of long piece of paper into a leporello to fit inside the box. Then the *haiku* poem will be distributed to each one (or the children can create a poem by themselves, if inspired). We will rewrite the *haiku* onto the leporello and illustrate it. A story can be created as a comic, using each fold as a page, or drawn as one long drawing. At the end we will draw the cover for the match box to make it look like a little book.

Auditorium | In English | Registration on myrinfestival@gmail.com | Age 8-12

13:25–14:15 | COMICS CREATION

A workshop with teachers from the Icelandic Comics Society (ÍMS), an association of professionals in comics in Iceland, in characterization for Manga, Japanese comics. Discussion of how characters in Manga are created, which often are concerned with environmental and social issues, and a lesson on creation of Manga characters.

Children's library | In Icelandic and English | Registration on myrinfestival@gmail.com | Age 12-16

Saturday October 16th

STORY TIME AND WORKSHOPS for families

10:00–11:00 | THE LATVIAN SCHOOL IN ICELAND

Agnese Vanaga and **Anna Vaivare** meet the children in the Latvian school in Iceland at the Nordic House. All Latvian speaking families are encouraged to participate.

Children's library | In Latvian | Registration on tix.is | All age

10:45–11:00 | MOOMINTROLL AND LITTLE MY

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Auditorium | In English | Registration on tix.is | All age

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Children's library | In Icelandic | Registration on tix.is | All age

11:15–12:00 | FROM SOUND TO STORY

A workshop with **Indrek Koff** from Estonia, about finding inspiration in sounds. After listening to different sounds, the participants start imagining a character who could produce those sounds and draw it on paper. We will then give the new character life by inventing a story.

Auditorium | In English | Registration on tix.is | Age from 5

11:45–12:15 | STORY TIME IN FINNISH

Timo Parvela reads a story in Finnish. All Finnish speaking families are encouraged to participate.

Alvar stofa | In Finnish | Registration on tix.is | All age

12:00–12:45 | STORY TIME IN LITHUANIAN

Jurga Vile and **Lina Itagaki** read a story for the children of the Lithuanian school in Iceland - at the Nordic House.

Children's library | In Lithuanian | Age 8-15

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Auditorium | In English | Registration on tix.is | All age

12:45–13:15 | STORY TIME IN SWEDISH

Linda Bondestam reads a story in Swedish. All Swedish speaking families are encouraged to participate.

Alvar stofa | In Swedish | Registration on tix.is | All age

13:00–13:45 | STORY TIME IN ESTONIAN

Kertu Sillaste and **Indrek Koff** read from their works. All Estonian speaking families are encouraged to participate.

Children's library | In Estonian | Registration on tix.is | All age

13:00–13:45 | THE AMAZING SOLAR SYSTEM

Workshop with **Sævar Helgi Bragason** where we imagine what it would be like to visit various strange places in our solar system. We draw the places and follow in the footsteps of future astronauts who explore them.

Auditorium | In Icelandic | Registration on tix.is | Age 6-10

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Alvar stofa | In Norwegian | Registration on tix.is | All age

14:00–14:30 | STORY TIME IN ICELANDIC

Lára Garðarsdóttir reads her book *Flökkusaga*. The story revolves around two polar bears who are forced to move and must deal with challenging tasks in new areas such as falling into the group.

Children's library | In Icelandic | Registration on tix.is | Age 3-7

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Children's library | In English | Registration on tix.is | All age

15:00–16:00 | MIGRATION, REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS – SEMINAR

Is it possible to use stories and illustrations to increase children's understanding of the lives of others? Can books build bridges between different cultures? **Anna Vaivare** (LV), **Indrek Koff** (ER), **Kertu Sillaste** (ER), **Kristín Helga Gunnarsdóttir** (IS) and **Lára Garðarsdóttir** (IS) describe how they have dealt with these questions and other issues related to migration, refugees and immigrants in their work.

Moderator: Guðrún Lára Pétursdóttir

Auditorium | In English | Registration on tix.is