

PROGRAM

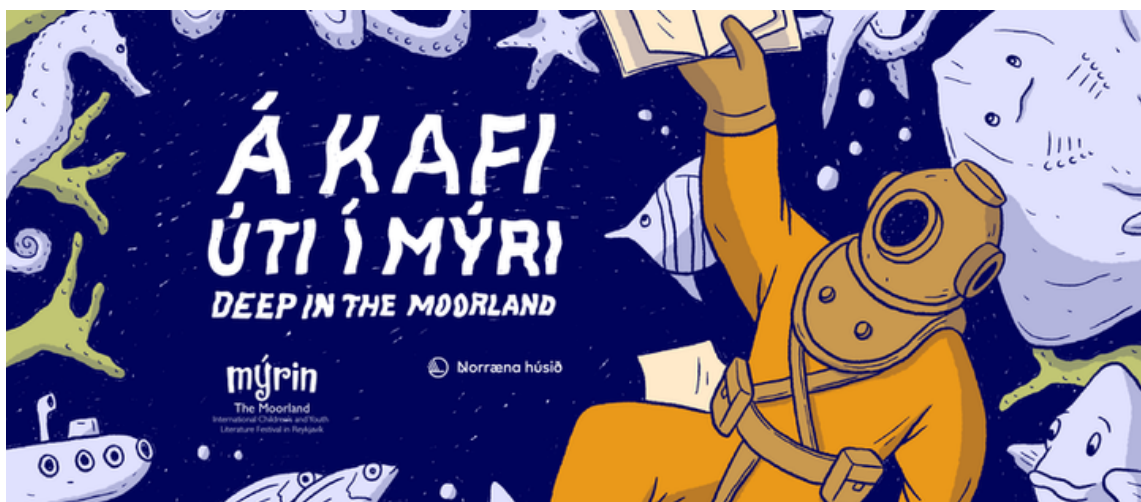
DEEP IN THE MOORLAND MÝRIN 2023

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH
LITERATURE FESTIVAL
AT THE NORDIC HOUSE
IN REYKJAVÍK 12 - 14 OCTOBER 2023

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER
FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER
SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

Symposium
Workshops for school groups
Workshops for families

Entry to all events is free and registrations are made at myrinfestival@gmail.com



Thursday October 12

SYMPOSIUM

Auditorium / The seminars will be held in English unless otherwise stated

- 9:00 – 9:10 **THE OPENING OF MÝRIN 2023**
- Svandís Svavarsdóttir, Minister of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries opens the conference.
- 9:15 – 9:45 **READING AND INTERVIEW WITH JESSICA LOVE (US)**
- Author of the book *Julian is a mermaid*. Sólvieg Ásta Sigurðardóttir, literary critic, chats with the author.
- 9:45 – 10:00 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:00 – 11:00 **PANEL: THE SEA AND FANTASY IN PICTURES**
- Illustrators Anna Fiske (NO), Jenni Desmond (UK), Anais Brunet (FR) and Linda Ólafsdóttir (IS) talk about the sea and fantasy in their books. Writer Margrét Tryggvadóttir (IS) moderates the panel.
- 11:15 – 11:45 **READING AND INTERVIEW WITH KENT KIELSEN (GL)**
- Author of the book *The Parliament of the Animals*. The reading takes place in Greenlandic and the conversation in Danish.
- 12:00 – 12:30 **LUNCHBREAK**

12:30 - 12:50 THE NORDIC BOOKWORM

A project whose aim is to promote the reading of Nordic children's literature. Mikaela Wickström from Nordisk kulturkontakt in Finland presents the project.

13:00 - 14:00 PANEL: THE SEA AND FANTASY IN STORIES

The Icelandic writers Kristín Björg Sigurvinsdóttir, Gunnar Theodór Eggertsson, Ævar Þór Benediktsson and Eva Rún Þorgeirsdóttir discuss their stories about the sea. Illustrator Nick White (UK) moderates the panel.

14:00 - 15:30 BREAK

Participants are encouraged to make their way to Vesturbæjarlaugin swimming pool and *dive* into social connection Icelandic style.

15:30 - 17:00 MASTERCLASS WITH ILLUSTRATORS

Illustrators offer insights into their creative processes and give participants short assignments. How is history made? How can the imagination be stimulated? Participants can choose between two workshops: Nick White (Alvar meeting room) and Lena Frölander-Ulf (Aino meeting room).

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17:00 HAPPY HOUR

Drinks offered by the French Embassy.

Friday October 13

WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOOL GROUPS

Registration at myrinfestival@gmail.com.

9:00 – 9:50

SEA FANTASY WITH KRISTÍN BJÖRG (IS)

Reading and writing workshop for 8th to 10th grade. With Kristín Björg Sigurvinsdóttir, the author of the trilogy *Mystic Runes*. The author reads from her books and guides the students in a writing workshop. How is history made? Where do you start? In Icelandic. Location: Auditorium, Nordic House.

9:30 – 10:20

SEA ANIMALS WITH ANNA FISKE (NO)

Illustration workshop for 1st to 3rd grade. The Norwegian writer Anna Fiske reads from her work *Hello Sea!* and leads a illustration workshop on sea animals. How do you draw an octopus? In Icelandic and English.

Location: Children's library, Nordic House.

10:30 – 11:20

PROTECTION OF THE SEA WITH KENT KIELSEN (GL)

Reading and workshop for 4th to 7th grade. Greenlandic writer Kent Kielsen reads from the book *Parliament of the Animals* and talks to students about the importance of protecting the sea and marine life. Afterwards, students create placards with important messages. In Icelandic and English. Location: Auditorium, Nordic House.

11:00 – 11:50 **UNDERSEAS RELAXATION WITH EVA RÚN (IS)**

For 3rd to 6th grade. Eva Rún Þorgeirsdóttir, the author of the book about the Shell Monsters, leads relaxation in the children's library's underseas cave in Icelandic.

12:30 – 13:10 **MEET AND GREET WITH ÆVAR ÞÓR (IS)**

Reading and meeting with the author for 4th to 7th grade. Would you like to meet the writer Ævar Þór Benediktsson and chat with him about his stories? In this workshop Ævar Þór will read from his stories about the sea and answer questions. In Icelandic. Location: Auditorium, Nordic House.

13:30 – 14:10 **SEA FANTASY WITH GUNNAR THEODÓR (IS)**

Reading and writing workshop for 8th to 10th grades Gunnar Theodór reads from his books and guides the students in a writing workshop. How is history made? How can we draw inspiration from the environment around us? In Icelandic. Location: Auditorium, Nordic House.

Saturday October 14

WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES

Registration at myrinfestival@gmail.com.

10:00 – 10:45 **UNDERSEA RELAXATION WITH EVA RÚN (IS)**

For children 6–12 years old and their parents. Eva Rún Þorgeirsdóttir, the author of the book about the Shell Monsters, reads a relaxing story in the children's library's underwater cave. In Icelandic.

Location: Children's library, Nordic House.

10:00 – 10:45 **WHALE WORKSHOP WITH JENNI DESMOND (UK)**

For 3–7 years old and their parents. Here the participants learn about Jenni's story about the blue whale and create their own whale. The workshop takes place in Icelandic and English.

Location: Auditorium, Nordic House.

11:00 – 11:45 **GUIDED TOUR OF THE UNDERSEAS EXHIBITION**

All ages. Guided tour of the Underseas Exhibition. Erling Kjærbo and Hrafnhildur Gissurardóttir guide guests through the wonders of the sea.

Location: Children's library, Nordic House.

11:00 – 11:45

WATERSLIDE WORKSHOP WITH NICK WHITE (UK)

For 8-12 year old. Design your own water slide using scissors, glue and paper in any color. Let your imagination run wild! What water slide have you always wanted to see come to life? The workshop takes place in Icelandic and English.

Location: Auditorium, Nordic House.

13:00 – 13:45

MERMAID WORKSHOP WITH JESSICA LOVE (US)

All ages. Design your own mermaid costume! What are the characteristics of mermaids? How do they dress and prepare for a ball? Here you can find out everything you always wanted to know about mermaids and at the same time create your own mermaid. The workshop takes place in Icelandic and English.

Location: Auditorium, Nordic House.

14:00 – 14:50

UNDERSEAS BALL!

All ages. We finish the festival with a ball in the underseas cave of the children's library. DJ Lóa of FM Belfast, confetti and party! AND even more fun if you show up in a mermaid or sea animal costume.

Location: Children's library, Nordic House.