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Bringing Children  
& Books Together



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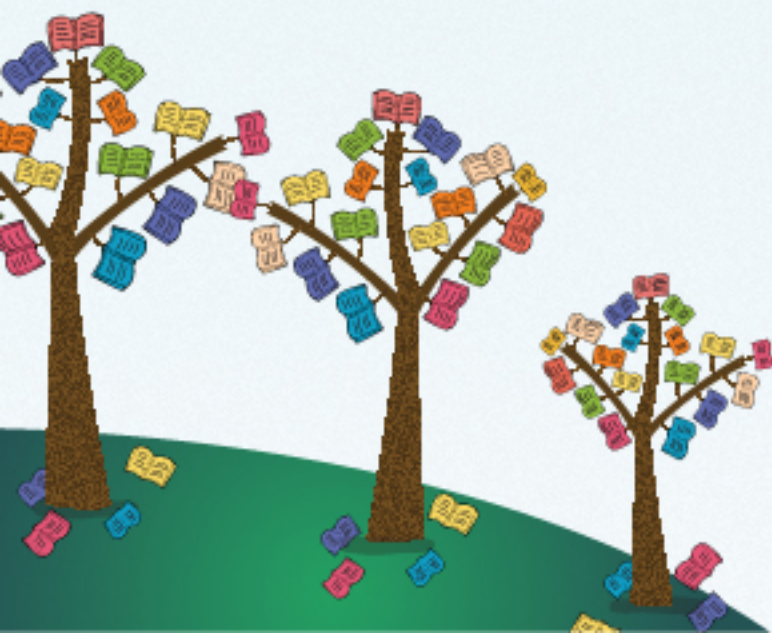
**Festival of Children's Literature**

16th - 17th April 2016 Pustaka Negeri Sarawak, Kuching

## *Bookaroo brings the joy of books to Kuching*

The only festival in Borneo celebrating children's literature brings you two days of exciting activities with storytellers, authors, illustrators, and performers. And a fantastic bookshop to browse in.

*Come and enter the colourful world of books*



# SATURDAY 16 APRIL

11:00 - 11:30

BARUQ

ages 4-6

## Tea Talk | Grace Rongrong

Time for tea...or is it?

**(In Mandarin) (Limited to 50)**

(Supported by IKA Picture Story House)

11:30 - 12:00

BARUQ

ages 4-6

## Forest Fables | Kamini Ramachandran

Enter the magical world of animals that talk, and journey with them through the forest of fables. **(In English) (Limited to 100)**

(Supported by Moonshadow Stories)

11:00 - 12:00

THE AUDITORIUM

ages 8-10

## The Most Amazing Story a Man Ever Loved to Tell? |

Mark Greenwood

There is not a stir or a whisper when Mark Greenwood steps onto the stage to tell the most amazing story a man ever lived to tell. But are Mark's miraculous tales really true? Or is he the greatest liar on earth? **(In English)**

11:00 - 12:00

STUDIO

ages 10-12

## Encore! | Mahaya Mohd Yassin

Seorang pengkarya mampu menghasilkan puisi yang lebih baik jika mendapat penghargaan daripada pendengarnya. Tetapi apa sebenarnya yang terkandung dalam sebuah puisi yang mampu memukau para pendengar? Puan Mahaya ada beberapa petunjuk yang ingin dikongsikan.

**(In Bahasa Melayu) (Limited to 50)** (Supported by Kota Buku)

11:00 - 12:00

THE WORKSHOP

ages 10-12

## Sereni and Shentel | Sereni and Shentel

Discover how to turn dreams into reality through friendship, laughter, hard work and a little headband magic. **(In English) (Limited to 50)**

11:00 - 12:00

CRAFTY CORNER

ages 6-8

## Dragon Masks | Emma Nicholson

Have you ever pretended to be a dragon? I have. Come and hear me telling my dragon story and make your own dragon mask. **(In English) (Limited to 50)**

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DOODLE WALL

ages 8-10

## Marvellous Menagerie | Lim Lay Koon

Rhinoceroses, elephants, sharks and polar bears! What animals would you like to see in this marvellous menagerie? **(In English) (Limited to 50)**

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THE COVE

all ages

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## **Storytime with Nor Azhar Ishak | Nor Azhar Ishak**

Join Nor Azhar Ishak a.k.a NAI as he takes on you on a journey up the mountain, through the forest, under the sea... all in your world of imagination! **(In Bahasa Melayu and English)** (Supported by Kota Buku)

13:00 - 13:30

**BARUQ**

ages 6-8

## **Seri Cicirama Cantik | Mama Tok**

Mari mendengar sebuah cerita mengenai seekor rama-rama yang sangat cantik tetapi sombong, suka bercakap besar dan agak keras kepala. **(In Bahasa Melayu) (Limited to 100)** (Supported by Kota Buku)

12:30 - 13:30

**THE AUDITORIUM**

ages 8-10

## **Reading and Writing a Comic Script | Tom McLaughlin**

Discover how to put pictures and words together to create an exciting comic strip of your own. Pencils ready! **(In English) (Limited to 50)**

12:30 - 13:30

**STUDIO**

ages 8-10

## **The Three Smelly Bachelors and Other Stories |**

Heidi Shamsuddin

Join Heidi as we go back in time to find out about the musician and actor, P. Ramlee. Did he really star in a movie about three smelly bachelors? Make sure to bring your dancing shoes!

**(In English and Bahasa Melayu) (Limited to 80)** (Supported by Oyez Books)

12:30 - 13:30

**THE WORKSHOP**

ages 6-8

## **Phoenix Song | Tutu Dutta**

What is a Phoenix? What kind of magic does it have? Find out what happens to a boy who thinks a phoenix is only found in fairy tales!

**(In English) (Limited to 60)**

12:30 - 13:30

**CRAFTY CORNER**

ages 4-6

## **Bewitching Books | Yitping Tay**

Jump into the magical world of books.

**(In Mandarin) (Limited to 50)** (Supported by IKA Picture Story House)

12:30 - 13:30

**DOODLE WALL**

ages 10-12

## **Doodle Frenzy | David Liew and Valentina Trivedi**

Roll the dice, choose your colour and let your drawing grow and grow and GROW!

**(In English)**

12:30 - 13:30

**THE COVE**

ages 10-12

## **Children of the Rainforest | Nau Sidu**

Listen to the cries from the rainforest.

**(In English)** (Supported by the Wildlife Conservation Society)

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**THE COVE**

all ages

## **Tales of Wit and Wisdom |** Valentina Trivedi

Animals can be smart, dumb, scary or funny. The biggest and scariest may be the silliest, whilst the smallest and shyest may be the wisest. **(In English)**

## **Mat, Mit, Mut |** Mama Tok

Mat, Mit dan Mut memerlukan pertolongan kalian! Bersiap sedia untuk memainkan peranan anda dalam penceritaan berdrاما ini bersama Mama Tok. **(In Bahasa Melayu) (Limited to 100)** (Supported by Kota Buku)

## **Breathing New Life into Myths and Legends |**

Mark Greenwood

The past is full of adventures, curious characters and strange objects. Come on a voyage of discovery and hear the History Hunter breathe life into myths and legends. **(In English)**

## **How a Book is Made |** Emma Nicholson

You dream up a story, add some drawings and - hey presto! - your book is finished. Or is it? Come and find out how to make it look good enough for your friends to read? **(In English) (Limited to 50)**  
(Supported by Princess Petunia's Dragon)

## **Menghasilkan Puisi yang Indah |** Mahaya Mohd Yassin

Mari cuba mencipta irama yang dihasilkan oleh puisi dan perkataan. Jom selami jiwa dan fikiran, merubahnya menjadi perkataan untuk hasilkan puisi-puisi indah, sambil menyanyi dan bersandiwara bersama Puan Mahaya. **(In Bahasa Melayu) (Limited to 50)** (Supported by Kota Buku)

## **Tree of Life |** Raymond Lee and Sasya Zuzu

Make your very own Tree of Life. **(In English) (Limited to 50)**

## **Jungle Book |** Frané Lessac

Go on a jungle book safari and discover why Malaysia has one of the most amazing jungles in the world. Create your own doodle in this drawing workshop with Frané Lessac. **(In English)**

## **Dream Jars**

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**BARUQ**

ages 6-8

## **Story Fun |** Sie Ling

Join Sie Ling for a story about a rooster, a treasure bowl and more  
**(In Mandarin) (Limited to 80)**

16:00 - 16:30

**BARUQ**

ages 6-8

## **Riddlearoo! |** Kamini Ramachandran

Time to put on your thinking caps! Can you help solve a riddle or three?  
**(In English) (Limited to 100)** (Supported by Moonshadow Stories)

15:30 - 16:30

**THE AUDITORIUM**

ages 10-100

## **Bhoma - What Remains is... |** Parnab Mukherjee

...the majesty and mystery of the rainforest. **(In English)**  
(Supported by Best of Kolkata Campus)

15:30 - 16:30

**STUDIO**

ages 8-10

## **Timeless Tales of Malaysia |** Tutu Dutta

What is the secret of the princess who vanished? Can the prince find her?  
Take part in a play and find out for yourself! **(In English) (Limited to 50)**

15:30 - 16:30

**THE WORKSHOP**

ages 8-10

## **Big and Small |** David Liew

Two best friends, a canoe and a river race. The trophy was as good as theirs - until they came face-to-face-to with the saying "Size DOES matter"...  
**(In English) (Limited to 50)**

15:30 - 16:30

**CRAFTY CORNER**

ages 4-6

## **The Art Experience |** Nor Azhar Ishak

Join the coolest mini art workshop in town. Whether you are the next great artist or just want to have fun, create your very own masterpiece with a little help from Nor Azhar Ishak a.k.a. NAI.  
**(In Bahasa Melayu and English) (Limited to 50)**  
(Supported by Kota Buku)

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**DOODLE WALL**

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## **Marvellous Menagerie |** Lim Lay Koon

Rhinoceroses, elephants, sharks and polar bears! What animals would you like to see in this marvellous menagerie? **(In English) (Limited to 50)**  
(Supported by Oyez Books)

# SUNDAY 17 APRIL

11:00 - 11:30

**BARUQ**

ages 10-12

## **Topsy Turvy Tales |** Valentina Trivedi

Problems are never straightforward so why should solutions be?

**(In English)**

11:30 - 12:00

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ages 10-12

## **Storytime with Nor Azhar Ishak |** Nor Azhar Ishak

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11:00 - 12:00

**THE AUDITORIUM**

ages 6-8

## **The Drummer Boy |** Mark Greenwood

Find your rhythm and step to the beat of a different drum in this exciting, musical presentation based on Mark's book, Drummer Boy of John John.

**(In English)**

11:00 - 12:00

**STUDIO**

ages 8-10

## **A Band of Gorillas |** Lim Lay Koon

Gorillas in a rock band? Swans in a ballet? Elephants in a parade? What a busy bunch of animals! **(In English) (Limited to 50)**

(Supported by Oyez Books)

11:00 - 12:00

**THE WORKSHOP**

ages 8-10

## **Menjaga Penggunaan Bahasa |** Mahaya Mohd Yassin

Apabila mendengar sebuah puisi dengan teliti, kemungkinan anda akan jumpabeberapa pesanan tersirat. Bagaimana pesanan sebegini boleh dimasukkan dalam sebuah puisi dengan cara yang berhemah dan sopan? Jom belajar dengan Puan Mahaya! **(In Bahasa Melayu) (Limited to 50)**

(Supported by Kota Buku)

11:00 - 12:00

**CRAFTY CORNER**

ages 4-6

## **Dragon Masks |** Emma Nicholson

Have you ever pretended to be a dragon? I have. Come and hear me telling my dragon story and make your own dragon mask.

**(In English) (Limited to 50)** (Supported by Princess Petunia's Dragon)

11:00 - 12:00

**DOODLE WALL**

ages 8-10

## **If I were a ... |** Raymond Lee

...what would you be? A crocodile? A tree? A chair? A river?

How about the sun? Let's say you're a sun. Would your family be the solar system? Where would you live - a giant shoe? **(In English) (Limited to 50)**

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all ages

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**BARUQ**

ages 6-8

## **Seekor Biawak, Seekor Ular!**

### **Seutas Tali, Sekeping Kertas! | Mama Tok**

Jom menyanyi, menari dan bermain bersama Mama Tok!  
**(In Bahasa Melayu) (Limited to 100)** (Supported by Kota Buku)

13:00 - 13:30

**BARUQ**

ages 6-8

## **Tales of Wonder | Kamini Ramachandran**

Let Kamini Ramachandran transport you to a time long, long ago and a place far, far away with her tales of wonder and magic. **(In English) (Limited to 100)**  
(Supported by Moonshadow Stories)

12:30 - 13:30

**THE AUDITORIUM**

all ages

## **Mythical Sounds | Beez Buskerz**

Traditional tales, traditional instruments and traditional rhythms of Borneo.  
**(In Bahasa Melayu and English)**

12:30 - 13:30

**STUDIO**

ages 8-10

## **Malaysia's Football Hero | Heidi Shamsuddin**

Let's meet Malaysia's greatest football legend, Mokhtar Dahari who is best known as SuperMokh! Why was Mokhtar so good at football? What was his secret? Join Heidi to find out. **(In English and Bahasa Melayu) (Limited to 80)**  
(Supported by Oyez Books)

12:30 - 13:30

**THE WORKSHOP**

ages 10-12

## **Grandfather Tree | David Liew**

In the Old Forest stands Grandfather Tree – older than the rivers... older than the hills... some say as old as time. Help tell the story of his journey from seed to forest giant. **(In English) (Limited to 50)**

12:30 - 13:30

**CRAFTY CORNER**

ages 8-10

## **Watercolour Wonders | Sasya Zuzu**

Dive into the magical world of water colours as you splish and splash your way to creating beautiful works of art. Release your inner artist and discover different ways of creating textures and patterns through painting.  
**(In English) (Limited to 50)**

12:30 - 13:30

**DOODLE WALL**

ages 10-12

## **Our Majestic River | Frané Lessac**

Doodle a cruise along the Sarawak River. Take part and create your own drawing in an amazing river adventure in this workshop with Frané Lessac.  
**(In English)**



# SUNDAY 17 APRIL

14:00 - 14:30

**BARUQ**

ages 4-6

## **Durian Delight |** Sie Ling

The King of fruits, but is it sweet, sour, spicy or salty?

**(In Mandarin) (Limited to 80)**

14:30 - 15:00

**BARUQ**

ages 4-6

## **Monster Tales |** Kamini Ramachandran

Join Kamini Ramachandran for stories of monsters and strange creatures.

Shh! What was that noise? Who goes there? Did you see that shadow?

**(In English) (Limited to 100)** (Supported by Moonshadow Stories)

14:00 - 15:00

**THE AUDITORIUM**

ages 10-100

## **Why is the Sky So Blue? |** Parnab Mukherjee

Step into the blueness of the sky and test your powers to conjure up dreams of hope. **(In English)** (Supported by Best of Kolkata Campus)

14:00 - 15:00

**STUDIO**

ages 6-8

## **Atuk's Awesome, Astounding, Amazing Sarong |**

Lim Lay Koon

What is so awesome, astounding and amazing about Atuk's sarong?

Comes with sarong demo, silly games and drawing fun. Batteries not

included. **(In English) (Limited to 50)** (Supported by Oyez Books)

14:00 - 15:00

**THE WORKSHOP**

all ages

## **Meraikan Puisi |** Mahaya Mohd Yassin

Mari menyelami dunia yang diselubungi dengan melodi dan irama bahasa.

Sebuah puisi mampu menghiburkan, meransang dan menyinari minda dan hati. Puan Mahaya akan menunjukkan anda bagaimana dan mengapa.

**(In Bahasa Melayu) (Limited to 50)** (Supported by Kota Buku)

14:00 - 15:00

**CRAFTY CORNER**

ages 6-8

## **Calling All Earthlings! |** Yitping Tay

Show your care. Make every day an earth day. Together we can make a

difference. **(In Mandarin) (Limited to 50)**

(Supported by IKA Picture Story House)

14:00 - 15:00

**DOODLE WALL**

ages 8-10

## **Under the Sea |** Nor Azhar Ishak

What lies under the sea? Re-create the amazing underwater world together with Nor Azhar Ishak, the writer and illustrator of Under the Sea.

**(In Bahasa Melayu and English)** (Supported by Kota Buku)

14:00 - 15:00

**THE COVE**

ages 10-12

## **Rigih and the Witch of the Moon Lake |** Tutu Dutta

Who is the mysterious Witch of Moon Lake? How is she connected with Rigih?

Read along with the author and take part in a fun Questions & Answers session.

**(In English) (Limited to 50)**

# SUNDAY 17 APRIL

15:30 - 16:00

**BARUQ**

ages 8-10

## **A Splash of Stories** | Valentina Trived

Glub...glub.....glub..... dive deep into this pool of stories and come up drenched in their enchanting spell! Meet some quirky people, some wise animals and join them in their adventures. **(In English)**

16:00 - 16:30

**BARUQ**

ages 8-10

## **Si Hitam , Gagak Yang Malang** | Mama Tok

Mari mendengar Mama Tok bercerita tentang Si Hitam. Apakah yang menyebabkan Si Hitam begitu sedih, dan kenapa dia enggan terbang bersama kawan-kawannya? **(In Bahasa Melayu) (Limited to 100)**  
(Supported by Kota Buku)

15:30 - 16:30

**THE AUDITORIUM**

ages 4-6

## **Around the World in 60 Minutes** | Frané Lessac

Go on a book safari and travel to the islands of the Caribbean the deserts of the Sahara and the jungles of the Amazon. Come and be enchanted by the world of stories. **(In English)**

15:30 - 16:30

**STUDIO**

ages 10-12

## **The Story Behind the National Anthem** |

Heidi Shamsuddin

Travel back in time with Heidi to find out how we got our National Anthem 'Negaraku'. Did the song really come from the Seychelles? And who chose this song as our anthem? **(In English and Bahasa Melayu) (Limited to 80)**  
(Supported by Oyez Books)

15:30 - 16:30

**THE WORKSHOP**

ages 6-8

## **Where Do Ideas Come From?** | Emma Nicholson

Do you have lots of funny stories popping up in your head? I do. So where do they come from? Is there a magic trick to make them appear when you want to write a story? **(In English) (Limited to 50)**  
(Supported by Princess Petunia's Dragon)

15:30 - 16:30

**CRAFTY CORNER**

ages 10-12

## **Paper Capers** | Raymond Lee and Sasya Zuzu

Make your very own pop-up.  
**(In English) (Limited to 50)**

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# PEOPLE YOU WILL MEET

\***Beez Buskerz** are buskers young and old from Trust schools, SK Tabuan and SMK Seri Setia.

\*After years of drawing funny pictures to entertain his bored history students, **David Liew** decided that it was more fun to be paid to draw those funny pictures... and maybe tell a few stories along the way.

\***Emma Nicholson** has never lived in a castle. Or owned a pet dragon. Or hidden gobstopper sweets in her ear... although she does have a dent in her left ear like the pet dragon in her story.

\*Ever since **Frané Lessac** could walk, she'd wander off with her little red wagon trailing behind having adventures. Nowadays, Frané spends a lot of time travelling on planes, flying through clouds and dreaming up stories and paintings to share.

\***Grace Rongrong** is an early years lecturer by profession, but a storyteller by passion.

**Heidi Shamsuddin** used to arrest ships and feed people in a former life, but she now spends her days travelling through time and telling stories. She has written a series of time-travelling books.

\***Kamini Ramachandran** teaches, performs, directs, produces and organizes all things storytelling. Through MoonShadow Stories she has shared her vast repertoire of stories all over the world, delighting audiences both young and old.

**Lim Lay Koon** used to work with computers but some aliens in a spaceship told her that she should write silly stories, draw funny pictures and make children's books. So she did. Don't ever disobey aliens.

# PEOPLE YOU WILL MEET

**Mahaya Mohd Yassin's** repertoire of work includes poems, short stories, picture books, a memoir and reviews. With many awards to her credit, she is equally at home with young children and teens.

**Mama Tok** is a Malaysian storyteller whose use of movement and drama as she spins her stories, captivates audiences. Mama Tok won the Best Narrator at the 16th International Storytelling Festival in Tabriz, Iran.

\***Mark Greenwood** is a man of mystery – best known as the History Hunter. He enjoys sailing on ghost ships, searching for lost treasure, wrestling crocodiles and telling the greatest stories on earth... and he writes amazing books.

**Nau Sidu** is a conservation educator, working with the Orang-utan Conservation Project in Sarawak. She is passionate about her work with local communities and students, believing that love for animals is sown through reading stories.

**Nor Azhar Ishak a.k.a. NAI** is a science museum educator and award-winning picture book writer/illustrator. His favourite pastimes include painting in batik and acrylics and sharing stories whilst his favourite people are children!

\***Parnab Mukherjee** is one of the leading alternative theatre nomads of the sub-continent. He is a spoken word performer, independent media analyst, curator and a performance consultant by profession.

**Raymond Lee** has trouble describing himself. He likes big tables with big pieces of paper on them, and the colour yellow. Sometimes he thinks about making things and sometimes he makes things.

**Sasya Zuzu** is a freelance graphic designer and illustrator who has always had a passion for art. When she is not drawing, she buries her nose in a book and is off to fairyland.

# PEOPLE YOU WILL MEET

**Sereni and Shentel** are best friends and accidental, but highly successful, headband designers. Having turned their story into a book they are also writers and publishers.

**Sie Ling** is a well-known radio personality and voice-over artist who enjoys sharing her love and passion for Chinese culture with young children through various forms of performing arts.

\***Tom McLaughlin** is a teacher who has taught Science and English for many years. He published his first comic book in 2010 and his second in 2015. He lives in Kuching with his wife and son.

\***Tutu Dutta** is a raconteur of tales and the keeper of old knowledge and wisdom. She also writes when she is not busy collecting folktales and is the author of seven books.

\***Valentina Trivedi** believes that pebbles and teapots have feelings too. When she is not telling stories, she is busy weaving tales about everything around her. She is an education consultant, scriptwriter, filmmaker and copywriter.

\***Yitping Tay** is a mother of three, bookstore owner, storyteller and passionate book evangelist! Books and stories are her lifeblood and she wants to share them and their treasures with young and old alike.

\*Also participated in Bookaroo in the City



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## **There will be more!**

It does not end here. If this edition of Pustaka Bookaroo has left you wanting more, we have lined up a taste of what you can expect round the year.

Come August, and Bookaroo will play its part in the Rainforest World Music Festival, that brings together some of the world's best musicians.

Set against the magnificent backdrop of Mount Santubong, it will be a great way to have fun with books and reading.  
Don't forget these dates.

**Date: August 6-7, 2016**

**Time: 2:30-5:30 PM**

## **See you there!**

PS: Keep an eye out. Bookaroo could pop up somewhere near you very soon.

## **THANK YOU!**

Pustaka Bookaroo would not be the same without friends who support us in many ways. In addition to all our sponsors and supporters, we would like to thank The Racegoers and Rosemary and Brian Giles for contributing to the cause of bringing children and books together.