

The Tower Hamlets Book Award 2018

Guidelines and Checklist of Suggested Activities



Date	Milestones	What to do and other ideas	✓
September	Launch the Tower Hamlets Book Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look out for your free set of the shortlisted books and make them available to years five and six – you can order more copies from the Schools Library Service or from your usual supplier. 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Download PowerPoint presentation of the shortlist from our website – www.towerhamlets-sls.org.uk/thba18 	
	Pupils read books on shortlist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set a date for a motivating and exciting launch of the Book Award in school with pupils and staff and plan e.g. an assembly, author visit, special day of activities. Make sure the rest of the staff and senior management know about the book award and involve them too. 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start a Chatterbooks reading group to focus on the six shortlisted books. Contact sylvia.cummins@towerhamlets.gov.uk or phone the Schools Library Service on 020 7364 6428 for more information and reading club packs and resources. 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The THBA shortlist was chosen from the 2018 Schools Library Service <i>Must Read</i> booklist and Teen Booklist (see www.towerhamlets-sls.org.uk). Have your pupils read any of the other books on the lists? 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the synopsis of each book. Ask your book group which book they think will win and why. Write down their predictions and keep them until the final to see if they are correct. 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage pupils to research the shortlisted authors and explore their other books. 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire small incentives – pens, bookmarks, stickers – and give them out to pupils for each book on the shortlist they read. 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange for your reading club to present each book at a series of assemblies in a way that motivates the rest of the year group / school to read it. Get pupils or staff to read hooks from books to entice other pupils to read them or act out part of the book 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devise ways to gather pupils' different points of view about the books – they don't all have to like the same books. 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start working on the Book Award art competition (see www.towerhamlets-sls.org.uk/thba18) 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up displays in classrooms and in the library using the Book Award posters and PowerPoint presentation 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give pupils a reading diary to record what they think of each book they read or keep a display chart with pupils' ratings 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite authors to speak or give workshops (the Schools Library Service can help to contact authors). Some authors will do Skype sessions with your class, or look out for podcasts. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arrange to hold joint reading club meetings with other primary/secondary schools to discuss the books 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hold a debate and/or a quiz afternoon. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plan a reading day or reading week with a Readathon. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Write in the school newsletter about the Award and the pupils taking part. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Send a letter home to parents informing them about book award events and inviting them to read with their child. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recruit a book award promotions / events committee of staff, pupils and parents. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Post a page on the school website OR ask pupils to design a page after launch and run as a competition. 	
October Preparation for Grand Finale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From Monday 1st October register to attend the Grand Finale on Wednesday 21st November at Canary Wharf. ▪ If you have a place at the Finale, choose pupil champions to attend (maximum numbers tbc). 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decide if you wish to present a book at the finale, and let the Schools Library Service know <i>which book</i> by Friday 2nd November. ▪ There is time for eight schools to present a book at the finale – these are chosen to ensure a least one presentation for each title on the shortlist. ▪ Presentations will be judged on the group's ability to deliver their presentation in an entertaining, interesting and exciting way that will appeal to a pupil audience and inspire pupils to read their chosen book. Time limit: 3 minutes. ▪ You could: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Perform a play about the book or perform an extract from the book (cliff hanger) ▪ Dress up and role play as characters from the book ▪ Show video footage of what pupils in their school think or video footage of pupils voting ▪ Show an author interview (real from website, or made up with pupil dressed up as author) ▪ Show a website page they designed to promote the book in their school <p>n.b. even if your club does not get to present a book at the Finale, they can perform for a school assembly!</p>	
November Send in your votes Grand Finale – meet to vote for winner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy enough ballot papers (emailed to you and available on website) for every pupil taking part in the voting. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Voting can be at an assembly, in the classroom or in the library. Have a ballot box. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Perform your group's presentation at a school assembly 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you cannot attend the Finale, ensure your votes reach the Schools Library Service by Tuesday 20th November 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Announce winner in your school newsletter, on plasma screens, at assembly 	

December Celebrate the winner	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Invite the winning author to visit your school▪ Plan your next reading event	
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