



# THE NEEV LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2023

October 7-8, 2023

Neev Academy,  
Yemalur, Bengaluru

# Sessions for Young Children



For **5-7 years**  
and **6-8 years**



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## Day 01

## October 7



# Stage 2

## Kahani Manch

Stage on the Grass Field

9 am-10 am



**Introduction by NLF volunteer**

Duration: 5m



**For 6-8 years**

**Books for Readers of All Hues**  
**Jyoti Rajan Gopal**, author of *My Paati's Saris*, on what goes into making a book that speaks to different cultures

Duration: 40m



**Performance by Goshtarang in Hindi: Pu Bu**

A lighthearted take on body functions

Duration: 10m

10 am-11 am



**Introduction by NLF volunteer**

Duration: 5m



**Interactive Session by Geeta Ramanujam**

**For 5-7 years; 6-8 years**

Join **Geeta Ramanujam** Master Storyteller as she regales with the story Gaegul the Green Frog from her book *Tales from the World*

Duration: 40m



**Performance by Goshtarang in Hindi Gudiya**

A poem around the persona of a doll, symbolizing innocence, loyalty, and a comforting presence

Duration: 10m

11 am-12 pm



**Introduction by NLF volunteer**

Duration: 5m



**For 6-8 years**

**Spotlight on Small Moments**

Interact with the author

**Chatura Rao** to understand how little things lead to big discoveries in *The Sweet Shop Wars* and her other books.

Duration: 40m



### **Performance by Goshtarang in English Glibbeish Gibberish:**

This composition invites viewers to join a world of delightful chaos and creativity, celebrating whimsy and joyful abandon

*Duration: 10m*

12 pm - 1 pm



### **Introduction by Neev volunteer**

*Duration: 5m*

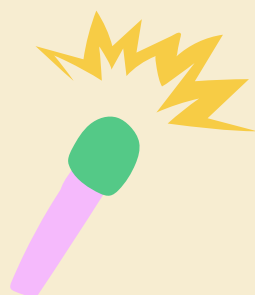


### **For 6-8 years**

### **A Coming Together of a Community**

Explore the author **Sadaf Siddique**'s inspiration for her wordless book *My Street* that shows how the people of a locality, from different communities and classes, come together to help a child in his moment of crisis.

*Duration: 40m*



### **Performance by Goshtarang in Hindi Bade Aalsi Bhaluram**

A poem that humorously depicts the lazy and mischievous Bhaluram, who spends his day creating conflicts, making people call him "Taaluram" instead.

*Duration: 10m*

1-2 pm

### **Lunch**

6 to 7.30 pm



**Motley** presents "Beastly Tales", a collection of fables for our times - poems and short stories by Vikram Seth and James Thurber.

These amusing, perceptive and sometimes scary parallels between animals and humans reflect the best and worst of both. These pieces contain the essence of what Motley has been attempting over the last 15 years: to perform on stage without any trappings and to have the words alone convey these wonderful characters and great stories. This is a show for all ages but specially geared to convey to children that there is more to poetry than just rhyming couplets.



# Venue 3

## Kitab Ghar

11 - 11.45 am



**For 5-7 years**

**Book Launch** of *The Great Cookie Chaos* written by Jessica Shaw and illustrated by Pauline Gregory  
Presented by **Daffodil Lane Books**

Explore this adaptation of an international book around the theme of counting, with insights on vocabulary and team work for readers to dwell on. **Sanya Podar**, writer and publisher, Daffodil Lane Books, will introduce readers to the book with a reading and activity session

2-3 pm



**For 6-8 years**

**Introduction by NLF volunteer**

*Duration: 5m*



**Ordinary Childhoods, Extraordinary Lives**

Translating great lives with remarkable events into an interesting story spanning a few pages requires skills that the author **Mamta Nainy** has honed with the Magic Makers series. Interact with the author on her personal journey of making a book in the series titled *Roshan's Road to Music*.



**Performance by Goshtarang in English Moin and the Monster**

Moin forges a bond with his very own monster, leading to fun times for everyone involved

*Duration: 10m*

3-4 pm



**Introduction by NLF volunteer**

*Duration: 5m*



**For 6-8 years**

### **Green Comfort**

Are there green spaces that you've been to that are your favourites? What is it about them that appeals to you, like they did to Avi from **Tanya Majmudar's** book, *The Monster Who Could Not Climb A Tree*. Find out more from the author.

*Duration: 40m*



### **Performance by Goshtarang in English Indian Weavers**

Cycle through life's key stages with the garments that weavers weave

*Duration: 10m*



4 pm-4:45 pm



**For 6-8 years**

### **Book Launch** of *Mahalaxmi Goes to Mysore* (hOle book) by Niyatee Sharma

Presented by Duckbill Books

In a story that portrays innocence, authenticity, and kindness in young children, follow two friends Ira and Mahalakshmi as they work to solve a problem. When Mahalaxmi can't join the class trip to Mysore, Ira knows she has to find a way. What does she do? Find some clues with the author **Niyatee Sharma** with a reading from the book followed by an activity.

*Duration: 45m*



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**Day 02**  
**October 8**



# Stage 1

## Kathashala

EPDM Lawn

9 am-10 am



### Performance by Goshtarang in Hindi Birthday Chocolate

Tutul wants to gift her friend a chocolate as a birthday present but her parents are busy. What will Tutul do?

9 am to 9.30 am

### NLF Student Co-Chair speaks about her journey with the festival this year

9.30 to 9.35 am

### Students from Neev Academy speak about their experience with the 2023 NLF Reading Challenge

9.35 to 9.55 am

10 am-11 am



### Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m



For 6-8 years

Join **Muthoni Muchemi** for an interactive storytelling session about ***The Matatu from Watamu that Drove into the Sea*** - the story of a naughty driver who drives carelessly into the sea, damaging Kenya's gorgeous coral reefs and the wonderful creatures who live there. They come together to teach him a lesson.

Duration: 40m



### An energizer by Goshtarang

Duration: 10m

11 am-12 pm



### Introduction by NLF volunteer

Duration: 5m







**For 5-7 years**

**Local and Global Childhoods:**

View the A-Z of diverse cultures from a child's view to understand how we are different but also have shared commonalities.

**Akhila Das Blah**, co-founder, Indigrow Kids, tells us more.

*Duration: 40m*



**Performance by Goshtarang in English What If**

A playful depiction of the fears, struggles, and uncertainties that lurk at night

*Duration: 10m*



# Venue 3 Kitab Ghar

11 - 11.45 am



**For 5-7 years**

**Book Launch of Sringeri Srinivas Keeps his Promise** by **Rohini Nilekani, Angie, and Upesh**

Presented by **Pratham Books Sringeri Srinivas from**

**Chikooru says Hello:** The sensational Sringeri Srinivas is back in this brand-new installment of his adventures. In the book, *Sringeri Srinivas Keeps his Promise*, find out what happens to our hero's oh-so-long hair that he vows to cut once scientists find a fix for the Covid-19 pandemic. Interact with the creators of the series, author **Rohini Nilekani**, and the illustrators **Angie** and **Upesh**, to ask them all your questions about Sringeri Srinivas, during their reading and activity session around the book.

*Duration: 45m*

12 pm-1 pm



**Introduction by NLF volunteer**

*Duration: 5m*



**For 5-7 years; 6-8 years**

**Bedtime, without Sleep Signs:**

Pattu wakes up one night to find Mr Thookam (Mr Sleep) gone! Where oh where could he be? Pattu and her sister set out on a night-time search to find out. Join storyteller **Priya Muthukumar** as she creeps alongside the darkened rooms along side the two lead characters in the book, *Where is Mr Thookam?*

*Duration: 40m*



**Performance by Goshtarang of**

a poem by A Poem by  
Vi Da Karandikar

*Duration: 10m*

1-2 pm

**Lunch**

2-3 pm



**Introduction by NLF volunteer**

*Duration: 5m*

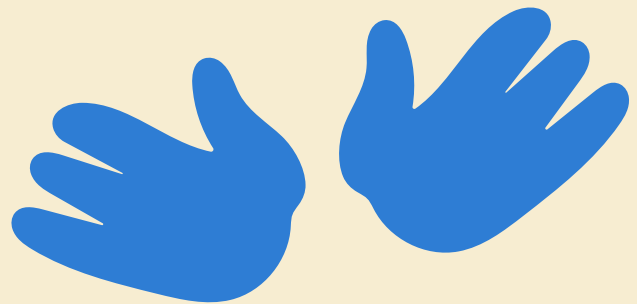


**For 6-8 years**

**Small and Big Questions:**

A little girl's dream about envisioning women as scientists comes true thanks to her encounter with a scientist from ISRO in **Menaka Raman's** newest book, *How to Reach Mars and Other (Im)possible Things*. Follow the author's path as she takes you down the road to the making of the book.

*Duration: 40m*





## An energizer by Goshtarang

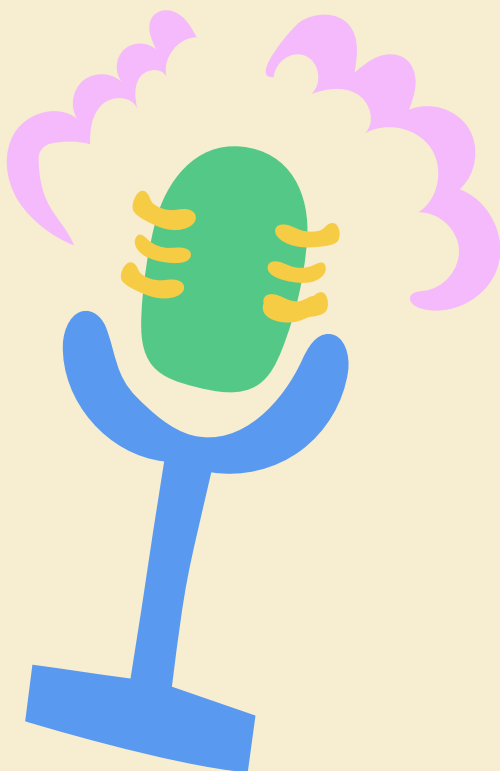
Duration: 10m



## Performance by Goshtarang in Hindi Geet ka Kamal

Upset that she doesn't know any songs, a woman sends her husband to market to bring her one. He creates one and gifts it to her. Does she like it?

Duration: 30m



# Venue 3 Kitab Ghar

3 to 3.45 pm



For 6-8 years

**Book Launch** of *What the Dark Sounds Like* by **Aparna Kapur and Krishna Bala Sheno**

Presented by **Pratham Books**

**A World of Wonder At Our Door:** What does wonder feel like? What does confusion taste like? What does magic look like? Go forth on a journey of the senses with the gorgeous picture book *What the Dark Sounds Like* written by **Aparna Kapur** and illustrated by **Krishna Bala Sheno**. Be a part of a book reading and activity session with the author and the illustrators.

Duration: 45m



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