DAY 02 NLF Schedule

Stages

10.30-11.30 AM

11.30 AM-12.30 PM

12.30-1.30 PM

Kathashala

Performance by Goshtarana

Sessions for Young Children

Kahani Manch

Sessions for 9-12YR

	An energizer for the crowd	
+	Birding Bytes FOR 5-7YR	45min
	Find out about the interesting and incredible ways in which birds around India build their nests in this interactive session with Niyatee Sharma on her book <i>My Nest is the Best.</i>	

Finding the Past in the Present Newbery Honoree **Veera Hiranandani** returns to the world of The Night Diary in her companion book Amil and the After which tells the story of a Hindu-Muslim boy set in post-Partition India, and how he finds his voice through his art. Listen to the author speak about the book, which is on the reading list of the 2025 NLF Reading Challenge, and

how she finds echoes of events from the present as she

writes about our past.



and Giggles! FOR 5-7YR Join Tara and her dino buddy on a wild, wordless adventure as they tackle their fears in the pop-up book Tara Goes Aahhhhh! with author-illustrator Garima Gupta. It's a roar-some ride through emotions, courage, and friendship.* *It is advised for the parent or primary caregiver to be present for this session

Performance by Goshtarang Paploo is a curious, question-asking child whose topsy-

about the world around them through the story Why Paploo Was Perplexed by Devashish Makhija. A Roaring, Meowing, and Barking

turvy tale encourages readers to think differently

Story Time FOR 5-7YR Join award-winning writer and storyteller Paro Anand as she brings her book I Am No Cat/Main Billi Nahin Hoon to life Little ones will meet Bir and his friend Aaliva whom Bir thinks is a cat, and their friends—a lion, a goat, roosters. frogs, bats, dogs, and even butterflies, with them! But wait-are they really who they say they are?



Grand Finale Quiz



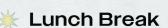
1.30-2.30 PM

2.30-3.30 PM

3.30-4.30 PM

4.30-5.30 PM





45min



Performance by Goshtarang Appukuttan Ko Tolein Kaise - When the young prince wonders how much Appukuttan the elephant weighs. the kingdom tries to solve the puzzle-until clever

siblings, big moments, and making memories, as she takes

you through her journey with her book Wrestling Day

Meenu comes up with an inventive solution, in this story by Indu Harikumar. Sticking Together FOR 5-7YR Join author Theyiesinuo Keditsu for a fun session about

Intersections Finding joy in the intersections of Science and history, or true crime, or archaeology, does expand a reader's worldview. What are the intersections through which an interest in Science could be brought alive for the young. and the young at heart? A conversation between the award-winning Science writer Sam Kean, with Jahnavi Phalkey, Director, Science Gallery, Bengaluru.

Sessions for Adults

Performance by Goshtarang An energizer for the crowd

Sneaky Solve FOR 6-8YR Meet Ana, a spirited third grader, and her merry gang of friends as they take on a day that's anything but ordinary! When Ana's little sister runs out of her classroom in tears, Ana-caught between strict teachers, looming

Memoir Writing

How does a creator depict one's intimate, lived experiences with one's family such that readers across geographies may resonate with it? Find out more from Caldecott honorees Vera Brosgol and LeUven Pham on striking a balance between how much to reveal and when to hold back

on the go, without getting into trouble herself. Find out more in Sanjana Kapur's The Great Sneak-Out, a part of the PoFFS (Pets, Other Animals, Family, Friends, School) series Performance by Goshtarang

Haakancha Pool is a lyrical story by Nidhi Saxena of friends on either side of a river who stay connected by calling out to each other, celebrating acceptance, a

bullies, and the many rules ofc school-must problem-solve

shared bond, and the power of being heard. Feeling Colours FOR 6-8YR In Alankrita Amaya's Can You Draw Love, Abbu?, drawing

feelings takes centre stage. Zova and her Abbu set out to

put emotions on paper, turning love into colours and shapes

Can you imagine what your love would look like on paper? There are no rules, only freedom to feel and explore

Acts of Reading

Books and reading have the power to transform and inspire lives-what one reads as a child will stay with a person forever. How does one keep this going in the age of Netflix's Adolescence? How is the debate on children and screens, which seems to be gaining renewed strength in the UK and the US, playing out? Emily Drabble, from BookTrust UK moderates a discussion, with Joanna Cardenas associate publisher Kokila Books: awardwinning writer Paro Anand, and Dalbir Kaur Madan, founder. One Up Library and Learning Studio.



11.30 AM-12.30 PM

11.30-11.45 AM Suresh Erivat

12-12.15 PM Sanva Podar

12.30-1.30 PM

12.30-12.45 PM Nivatee Sharma Garima Gupta

12.45-1 PM Jerry Pinto Venita Coelho

3.30-4.30 PM

3.30-3.45 PM Varsha Seshan

3.45-4 PM Sudeshna Shome Ghosh Devika Cariana Theyiesinuo Keditsu

> 4-4.15 PM Anita Nair

4.30-5.45 PM

4.30-4.45 PM Sharanya Kunnath Nitin Kushalappa Kavitha Mandana Sanjana Kapur

4.45-5 PM Menaka Raman Meera Iver

5.30-5.45 PM Alankrita Amava



10.30-10.45 AM Munni Monster Madhurima Vidyarthi FOR 5-7YR

> 11-11.15 AM Falling in Love Sujatha Padmanabhar **FOR 9-12YR**

11.30-11.45 AM Ha Ha Hasva Ashok Rajagopalan FOR 6-8YR

12-12.15 PM Perfect the Way You Are Nivatee Sharma FOR 5-7YR

> 12.30-12.45 PM Blame it on the Untz

Lavanya Karthik FOR 6-8YR

1-1.15 PM The Nameless God Savie Karnel

FOR 9-12YR

FOR 5-7YR

2.30-2.45 PM Don't Do It For Candy Neil Flory

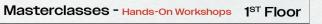
3-315 PM Rosa in a Rush Nandita da Cunha FOR 5-7YR

3.30-3.45 PM

Science for Smartypants Anushka Ravishankar FOR 5-7YR

> 4-4.15 PM Lakshmi's Little Bird Sharanya Kunnath FOR 6-8YR

4.30-4.45 PM What Do We Name This Dog? Menaka Raman FOR 6-8YR



10.30-11.30 AM

Barrington Stoke, a publishing house known for its books

Anecdote to Memoir FOR 18+VR

Explore Drawing Stories, a collection of art and text by writer and award-winning animation film-maker Suresh Eriyat.

Room 108 Creating Books for Reluctant Readers FOR 18+YR 60min Anthony McGowan reflects on creating 7 books with

Room 106 for reluctant readers and children with reading difficulties. Starting Point FOR 18+YR If there's a story in you somewhere, are there ways that you could tap into them to start a writing habit? Find out from

seasoned writer Uma Krishnaswami, MFA faculty at **Room 111** Vermont College of Fine Arts. Book Buzz FOR 18+YR Kokila Books places a strong focus on diversity both in the books that it produces and the team that publishes the

books. Find out how from its associate publisher Joanna Room 105 Beyond Bedtime Stories: Using Picture 45min Books to Talk About Big Feelings FOR 18+YR

Find out from Sanya Podar, founder, Daffodil Lane Books about the space that books may fill in a child's life as they grow up in a digital age Room 104

11.30 AM-12.30 PM

Bollywood, Stories, and the Many Indias FOR 18+YR 45min

Drawing on his book Thinking Aloud, critically acclaimed author Jerry Pinto shares an incisive account about the art of film, translation, his own journey as an educator, and the power of stories to bring us closer together. Room 107

Scenes, Scribbles and Story Magic FOR 18+YR Discover how art, sketches, and visual storytelling can spark imagination, shape characters, and unlock new ways to craft stories that leap off the page with award-winning

author and artist Venita Coelho Room 103 Rooted in Books FOR 18+YR 60min

Emily Drabble helps parents, educators, and librarians reconnect with their childhood reading lives and take stock of how this plays out later. Room 109

STEM Poetry FOR 18+YR Find out from Newbery Honoree Rajani LaRocca about her process of incorporating STEM poems in her work, and take it back to your own, or your students' writing. Room 110

Unpacking Picture Books for Readers and Writers of All Ages FOR 18+YR Find out from Ketki Bedekar of the Liferarian Association how to analyze and interpret picture book illustrations. identify literary devices and themes, develop strategies Room 104 for read-alouds, and create activities around the books.

12.30-1.30 PM

Insider View of Publishing FOR 18+YR Step into the world of literary agenting with Kanishka Gupta, founder of Writer's Side—South Asia's largest literary agency. Room 108 Sketching Stories and Experiences FOR 18+YR Join Dalbir Kaur Madan, founder of One Up Library and Learning Lab, for an engaging, hands-on session on the art

and impact of sketchnoting—a creative and visual way to capture, process, and remember your experiences. BTS: Children's Book Legends FOR 18+YR Delve into the lesser-known details of the lives of children's

book creators who have penned classics that stood the test of time, with Sam Leith, author of The Haunted Wood: A History of Childhood Reading. **Room 106** Second Person, and More 60min

What's it like to write in second-person throughout a story? Newbery Honoree Veera Hiranandani did it skillfully in her book How to Find What You're Not Looking For.

12.30-1.30 PM CONTD.

Books Beyond Borders FOR 18+YR

Shailaia Menon, the first ever jury member from India for the Hans Christian Andersen award, is in conversation with Radhika Shah from Jacaranda Literary Agency, about the qualities that give children's books universal appeal and what truly contributes to a book speaking to a reader beyond borders

2.30-3.30 PM

Ghostly Adventures FOR 9-12YR 45min A train filled with ghosts chugs right into Poltu's vacation plans. He is tasked with finding all of them homes in one

45min

45min

Ghosh, in her latest adventure A Home to Haunt Room 109 Dig Deeper: When Archaeology Meets Al FOR 13-15YR 45min It's official: Al has entered archaeology. So, what happens when the past meets the future? Join archaeologist and

night. Hop aboard this spooky ride with Sudeshna Shome

author Devika Cariapa to discover how the past comes alive through handling, analysing and interpreting objects Room 108 in ways Al may not be able to replicate...yet! Will You Be My Friend? FOR 9-12YR 45min

Dive into the vividness of Lakshmi's Little Bird with Room **110** author-illustrator Sharanya Kunnath. Borders and Barricades FOR 9-12YR 45min Find out why the city of Baramulla has a place in history with **Room 103** Mallika Ravikumar's Battle for Baramulla

Book Launch | Meet Sneaker Paati, the Coolest Grandma Ever! FOR 9-12YR Acclaimed Author Anita Nair introduces children to a fun,

feisty new character as she launches her new book. **Room 111** Sneaker Paati. Emotions in Verse FOR 13-15YR 12-year-old Mahee navigates despair and healing in Fishbowl.

Explore the novel-in-verse form with author Varsha Seshan. Room 104 Royal Lore FOR 13-15YR Through Devika Rangachari's Oueen of Water, learn about

Chola princess Kundavai's life with her brothers. Aditya and Arulmozhi, and of what it meant to be an independent Room 105 woman in 10th century Tanjore

ID-Entities: Stories from the Shadows of the I-Card FOR 13-15YR Acclaimed author Paro Anand bring alives stories from her Hindi book I-Card—tales of identity, labels, and silent Room 107 struggles faced every day by teenagers like you.

Finding Love. Within and With Another FOR 15-18YR Go behind the scenes of the Eisner-winning YA graphic novel

Lunar New Year Love Story with co-creator LeUyen Pham and explore what your depiction of love might look like. Room 106 Picture Hurdles FOR 15-18YR

Ace illustrator and animator Vera Brosgol discusses how she tackled artistic challenges—be it of technique, inspiration, medium, or tools-in her most recent books.

3.30-4.30 PM

A Jungle Adventure FOR 9-12YR In 1185 CE Hoysala, young Devaki holds the fate of the kingdom and her own father in her hands. Does she survive? Find out Room 110 with **Nitin Kushalappa**, author of *A Hoysala Adventure*. Mistakes and Moonshots For 9-12YR

Follow Valarmathi, a young scientist inspired by India's moon missions, as she learns that every stumble is a step toward success, in Menaka Raman's new book, Reaching for the Moon: Lessons from the Chandravaan Missions.

Markers of a Nation Time-travel to the early 1900s to understand the core values behind

our national markers—the flag, emblem, anthem and other symbols. In the process, meet some artists, tech nerds, linguists and even a poetic postman, in this session on the National series by Kavitha Mandana.

Tell us a story

How does it begin Where does it end What comes after And what happens then

Over 365 pages Or under 30 seconds Read us an epic Of heroes and legends

Of great victories Of brave defeats Tell us a tale Save us our seats

Paint us a world With Stories of old and new With stories of me And stories of you

Stories make us connect Stories make us imagine Think. Explore. Discover.

HUMAN

Between Here and There FOR 13-15YR In this thought-provoking session on the bilingual

3.30-4.30 PM CONTD.

English-Hindi book Lines/लकीरें. explore with author Samina Mishra and illustrator Kripa Bhatia what it means to find "here" and "there" in a changing world, even when one feels caught between two homes or two halves of oneself.

45min

Room 111

Room 106

Room 105

45min

45min

Bee-Safe Future FOR 13-15YR In his book. The Last Beekeeper, award-winning author Pablo Cartaya crafts a vision of a climate change-altered version

of Earth in which the survival of humankind comes down to safeguarding the bees.

Of Maps and Mountains FOR 13-15YR Join author Meera Iver as she unveils the gripping true story of the Great Trigonometrical Survey- one of history's greatest scientific adventures! Read more in India in Triangles: The Incredible Story of How India Was Mapped and the Himalayas Measured.

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