What if

Norway 2026 Programme

Norway Café

Hall 30/A12-B9

Monday 13th April

13:00-13:25 **Three languages, one story – indigenous voices in children's literature**
Charlotta Langejan, Linnéa Ellen Knutsen, Peter Dowling, Marit Alette Utsi
Moderator: Nayr Correia Ibrahim
Event hosted by Nord University

13:30-13:55 **Right now! Trends in Norwegian children's literature**
Alexander Løken, Chair of NBU
Event hosted by NBU - Norwegian Writers for Children

14:00-14:25 **KABOOM! The art of writing action in Nordic fantasy**
Authors Håkon Marcus and Arne Lindmo

14:30-15:15 **Accessing books and shared reading experiences in early childhood in Norway. Perspectives from research and practice**
Norway's Minister of Culture and Equality Lubna Jaffery, Professor Trude Hoel and Associate Professor Katarzyna Tunkiel
Event hosted by Norwegian Reading Centre

15:30-15:55 **How to become a children's non-fiction author - and love it every day**
Authors Bjørn Arild Ersland and Ragnhild Holmås
Event hosted by NFFO - The Norwegian Non-Fiction Writers and Translators Association

Tuesday 14th April

10:00-10:40 **New Voices from Norway – helping aspiring authors abroad**
The New Voices programme by NORLA helps aspiring authors learn how to present their work to new markets
Authors Cathrine Sandmæl, Julia Kahrs, Pernille Radeid, Gøril Sæther, Fabian Christensen, Arne Lindmo, Veronica Salinas
Moderator: Oliver Maystad

10:45-11:25 **Paper or screen - what happens to reading in a digital world?**
Author Maja Lunde, author Siri Sjøgren Selmer and Professor Scott Rettberg
Moderator: Marina Heide

11:30-11:55 **Teens turning pages. Challenges, strategies and success stories**
Eira Kluge, Rachel Boden, Valentina Stoeva.
Moderator: Elaina Ryan
Event hosted by Foundation READ

12:00-12:25 **Book Play - a playful introduction to literature**
Author and illustrator Hilde Hodnefjeld and Mia Granum
Event hosted by The Norwegian Festival of Literature

12:30-12:55 **Assessment and feedback that fuels reading motivation.** Using the Read-to-me checklist to provide motivating feedback while reading engaging texts
Author Bjørn Arild Ersland, Associate Professor Bente Walgermo
Moderator: Professor Per Henning Uppstad
Event hosted by Norwegian Reading Centre

13:00-13:25 **Author meets translator**
Author Kristine Rui Slettebakken and translator Alice Tonzig

13:30-13:55 **Book start - why early reading matters. Lessons from across Europe**
Caroline Hill, Daan Beeke
Moderator: Vibeke Røgler
Event hosted by Foundation READ

14:00-14:45 **Silence and music - creating a visual universe in Nobel laureate Jon Fosse's picture books**
Illustrators Øyvind Torseter, Akin Düzakin, Lucio Schiavon
Moderator: Illustrator Stian Hole

15:00-15:25 **Meeting with Norway's fantasy queen, author Siri Pettersen**

15:30-15:55 **Migration, narration and void in Nordic children's literature**
Author and illustrator Hilde Kramer, author Veronica Salinas, Kjersti Lersbryggen Mørk
Event hosted by NBI - The Norwegian Institute for Children's Books

Wednesday 15th April

10:00-10:25 **Bold voices for young readers. The power of daring books**
Author Marta Breen and Eivor Vindenes
Event hosted by Foundation READ

10:30-10:55 **Reading and libraries - how can the book sector work together**
Nicole Pfister Fetz, Willemien Cazzato-Wagner, Anne Bergman, Andrew Cranfield
Moderator: Helene Voldner
Event hosted by Norwegian Library Association

11:00-11:25 **Sámi literature - a unique contribution to the world**
Elisabeth Sheehy, Margit Walsø, Harald Gaski
Moderator: Marit Alette Utsi
Event hosted by Sámiálit

11:30-12:25 **A journey to Norway. Special issue of Andersen magazine**
Martina Russo, Eva Valvo, Karen Frøsland Nystøyl
Event hosted by Andersen

12:30-12:55 **Scafolded sustained silent reading. From local to national resource**
Camilla Michelle Brand, Eira Kluge
Event hosted by The Norwegian Festival of Literature

13:00-13:25 **Queer emotions and love - are they really that different?**
Authors and illustrators Cha Sandmæl, Cathrine Sandmæl
Moderator: Ragnhild Malfang
Event hosted by IBBY Norway

13:30-13:55 **Indigenous literacy - the Sámi languages revitalization through translated books**
Sølvi Riise, Morten Olsen Haugen
Event hosted by Nordland and Trøndelag county libraries

14:00-14:25 **Turning on northern and southern lights in kid lit translation. What if...?**
Chr. Næss, Are Tjihkkom, Eva Valvo
Moderator: Francesca Sophie Giona
Event hosted by CEATL - European Council of Literary Translators' Associations

14:30-14:55 **Youth Literature Award - young readers and contemporary literature**
Eira Kluge, Therese Garshol
Event hosted by The Norwegian Festival of Literature

15:30-15:55 **What If ... there were no education for writers?**
Authors Sanne Mathiassen, Irene Marienborg, Håkon Marcus, Therese Garshol and Steffen Sørum
Moderator: Ole Ivar Burås Storø
Event hosted by NBI - The Norwegian Institute for Children's Books

Thursday 16th April

10:00-10:25 **Nordic Manga - blending global styles and creating something new**
Tormod Løkling, Malin Falch, Cha Sandmæl, Cathrine Sandmæl
Event hosted by TNT

10:30-10:55 **Books for indigenous children in their native language: Why is it important?**
Government support of indigenous literature in Norway
Beate Heide, Harad Gaski
Event hosted by Mun Dajan, Sámi authors' association