Storytale Festival

PRESS RELEASE

October 26th - November 3rd 2019

Storytale Festival is an exciting new book festival founded by Southville residents, ***Ellie Freeman*** and author ***Kate Frost***. Taking place in various venues around the city, it is a week-long festival celebrating the wonderful world of children's books. Accessible and affordable, there'll be something for everyone from interactive and sensory storytelling for tots to inspiring talks and workshops for teens.

Chapter 1 of the ***Storytale Festival*** begins on Friday 25th October 2019, with prequel events leading up to it. Go on adventures with our storytellers as they bring words and pictures to life, and journey through the pages with Bristol's talented children's book authors and illustrators as they give you exclusive access to the tales behind their books.

Storytale's flagship event, ***Wild Writing*** with ***Anna Wilson***, ***Chris Vick*** and ***Mimi Thebo*** will open the main festival on Saturday 26th October with a wildly fun session featuring huge cardboard animals! More wild and wonderful creatures can be discovered during BBC producer ***Justin Anderson's Secrets of Snow Leopards*** event at Stanfords, while children will love being immersed in stories and creating their own characters with illustrators ***Paula Bowles*** and ***Nicola Colton*** during their events, ***Superkitty*** at the Elephant House, and ***Smart Kitties and Mucky Pups*** at Storysmith.

Festival highlights will include a ***Writing for Children*** panel at The Watershed, co-hosted by the ***Bristol Festival of Literature***, along with ***The Picture Book Process*** with illustrator ***Sean Julian*** hosted by ***PIP*** at the Tobacco Factory. Children can get creative and write their own stories in three very different creative writing workshops led by Bristol authors ***Damaris Young***, ***Kate Frost*** and ***Emma Read***. Arnos Vale will be the wonderfully atmospheric woodland setting for storytelling for youngsters in the events, ***Winter Sleep*** and ***"Uh-Oh" Said Flo***. Immersing children in the joy of storytelling will continue with popular YouTuber ***Jenny the Story Lady*** at The Southville Centre, and with ***Pridie Tiernan*** from ***The Wild of the Words*** at Windmill Hill City Farm.

With dozens of events for all ages taking place in various venues throughout Bristol, there'll be something for everyone. ***Storytale Festival*** runs over October half term from 25th October to 3rd November.

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