

FIRST AMAZWI CONFERENCE ON CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

23 & 24 February 2023

Call for Papers

Amazwi South African Museum of Literature invites you to a conference exploring all aspects of children's literature, from picture books to young adult fiction.

We wish to draw together authors, illustrators, translators, academics, publishers, teachers, librarians, booksellers, reviewers and all organisations and individuals working to promote or study children's books, get children reading and get books to children. We encourage all role players in the children's literature ecosystem to meet, present, listen to papers, share projects, engage in discussion and debate, and build networks and connections.

POSSIBLE THEMES FOR PAPERS |

Possible topics include but are not limited to:

- Academic papers on particular authors, illustrators, books or themes
- Multilingualism in children's books
- Reading promotion
- Access to books
- Storytelling
- Indigenous knowledge and children's literature and storytelling
- Children's theatre



- Publishing and bookselling
- Writing for children
- Presentations of work and working process by authors and illustrators
- The role of libraries
- Sharing of projects and work by organisations in the field

We particularly welcome papers on South African children's books

Other themes and ideas relevant to the broad theme of children's literature are welcome.

The 2023 conference will be a hybrid event with both online and in-person components. Virtual access will be through the Zoom platform.

ABSTRACTS

Papers and presentations will be 20 minutes. Abstracts of up to 300 words should be submitted to Crystal Warren at c.warren@amazwi.museum by 13 January 2023. Please include a short biography and indicate whether you wish to present your paper in person or online.

AMAZWI-PUKU STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

The conference will be linked with the Amazwi-Puku Storytelling Festival which takes place on 21 & 22 February 2023 and is aligned with International Mother Language Day. Using storytelling, its overall objective is to continue to facilitate access to and increase availability of literature, especially in indigenous languages. You are very welcome to extend your visit to Makhanda for a day or two to attend the festival. If you would like to share a presentation or do a reading at the festival, please do let us know.

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