

North Ayrshire Library and Information Service
present a

Readers' Day

...for people with a passion for books



Alan Bissett ■ Alex Gray
Robert Low ■ Zoe Strachan

A day for readers to meet and share their love of reading

Saturday 22nd November 2008 9.30 - 3.30

Greenwood Centre Dreghorn

*Tickets £5.00 (inc lunch) from any North Ayrshire library
or tel: 01294 212716*

Welcome to the very first North Ayrshire Libraries Readers' Day. This is an opportunity for people with a passion for books and reading to share that passion with others. There are four of the best authors in Scotland for you to meet and talk with about what they write and what they read. Author Keith Charters will host the event and quiz the authors about their reading influences and writing methods.

The morning programme will start with a panel discussion between the invited authors and Keith Charters. This will be followed by group sessions, each hosted by an author, who will discuss a book selected by them and discuss the pleasures of reading in general. The afternoon programme will start with the authors' own work followed by a question and answer session. Copies of the books selected by the authors for discussion will be provided for you well before the event.

Throughout the day readers will be talking about their favourite books so there will be lots of opportunities to note details of books you might like to read. Over lunch there will be books for sale and a Book Swap stall, so bring along a paperback and swap it for another.

Programme

9.30 am	Registration
10.00 am	Introductions and panel discussion with Keith Charters
10.50 am	Reading groups and coffee
12.05 pm	Reader testimony
12.15 pm	Lunch, Bookshop and Book Swap
1.30 pm	Reader testimony
1.40 pm	Reading groups
2.45 pm	Coffee
3.05 pm	Reader testimony
3.10 pm	Question and answer session and close



Application Form

Each Reading Group session is numbered. Please write the number of your first, second and third choices in the boxes below. Sessions will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. As places are limited, early booking is advised to obtain your first choice. Copies of the books being discussed in your group will be sent to your local library for you to pick up.

Reading Group Sessions

<i>AM</i>						
1	Alan Bissett	Then we came to the end by Joshua Ferris				
2	Alex Gray	The Children of Men by PD James				
3	Robert Low	The Siege by Ismail Kadare				
4	Zoe Strachan	The View from Castle Rock by Alice Munro				
<i>PM</i>						
5	Alan Bissett	The Incredible Adam Spark				
6	Alex Gray	The Riverman				
7	Robert Low	The Wolf Sea				
8	Zoe Strachan	Spin Cycle				
<p>Please detach the booking form below and return it and £5 to any North Ayrshire library. If you are from outwith North Ayrshire please detach, complete and return this form to Greenwood Centre, Greenwood Gate, Dreghorn, Irvine, KA11 4GZ with a cheque made payable to 'North Ayrshire Council'. You will be informed which groups you have been allocated by post and the books will be sent to your local library on 21st October 2008 at the latest.</p>						
AM	First Choice		Second Choice		Third Choice	
PM	First choice		Second Choice		Third Choice	
Name:					Staff Use Only:	
Address:					Date Rec'd	
Tel no:			Your local library:		Time Rec'd	
Email:						

Alan Bissett was born in Falkirk, studied in Stirling and now teaches at Glasgow University. He has written “Boyracers” and “The incredible Adam Spark” : “you’d expect a plumber to be normal and down to earth, so I don’t see why writers shouldn’t be either.”

Alex Gray is a former folk singer, DSS officer and teacher who has now published five crime novels, all set in her native Glasgow. “I’ve always loved the element of mystery....why do people do these terrible things?”

Robert Low worked as a war correspondent in Vietnam, Sarajevo, Romania and Kosovo until “commonsense, age and the concerns of my wife and daughter prevailed” and he settled in Largs. “The Wolf Sea” is the second book of a trilogy of Viking adventures.

Zoe Strachan was born in Irvine and won the Betty Trask Award for her first novel ‘Negative Space’. She now teaches Creative Writing at Glasgow University. Her second novel is ‘Spin Cycle’. “I hated English literature with a passion...but I do just love to read books.”

Keith Charters was born in Edinburgh and worked in marketing for sixteen years before “my two children nagged me to write a book for people their age..it had to have mutants.. and it had to be funny.” “Lee and the consul mutants” was the result, closely followed by “Lee goes for gold” and his latest “Lee’s holiday showdown.”



