

# SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

## Black History Month October 2011

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October secondary schools in Hounslow celebrated Black History Month with a visit from storyteller and poet Jane Grell. Hounslow Manor School and Gumley House Convent School acted as hosts for a session each, and both welcomed visiting pupils from nearby schools: Cranford Community College, Gunnersbury School for Boys, The Green School for Girls, and Brentford School for Girls.

Jane is an experienced performer who has been a teacher for much of her career. Jane grew up in the picturesque village of Delices in Dominica, which is situated in the Eastern Caribbean, in a culture that values the oral tradition. From her knowledge and repertoire of stories she has developed a dynamic delivery which uses musical props and audience participation.

Interspersed with her storytelling she told the pupils about the development of Creole language and patois, the origins of Black History Month, the history of slavery, the influence that Caribbean culture and traditions have had on Britain, the arrival of invited immigrants on *The Windrush*, and many other interesting things about her personal history. Jane also read some of her poetry and invited questions from her audience before ending on a positive note, acknowledging and celebrating our increasingly multi-cultural and inter-woven society.

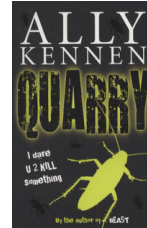
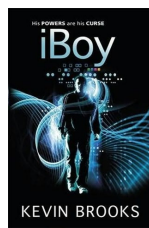
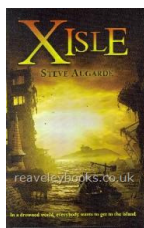
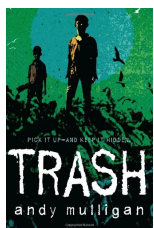
Pupils seemed to appreciate the chance to sit and listen and be entertained, but from Jane's wide ranging asides they also learned some new information about different cultures.



# The Hounslow Teen Read


In September a short listing meeting with school librarians took place to decide on the contenders for The Hounslow Teen Read 2012. It was a difficult decision but we have come up with a list that will hopefully appeal to a wide range of readers.

<b>Boys Don't Cry</b>	<i>Malorie Blackman</i>	Red Fox, April 2011	9780552548625
<b>iBoy</b>	<i>Kevin Brooks</i>	Penguin, July 2010	9780141326108
<b>Quarry</b>	<i>Ally Kennen</i>	Marion Lloyd Books, February 2011	9781407111070
<b>X isle</b>	<i>Steve Augarde</i>	David Fickling Books, September 2010	9781849920124
<b>Trash</b>	<i>Andy Mulligan</i>	David Fickling Books, March 2010	9781849920568
<b>The Double Life of Cassiel Roadnight</b>	<i>Jenny Valentine</i>	HarperCollins, August 2010	9780007283613




Details of how to vote will be sent out about two weeks before the Award event.

Remember that we have already booked Keren David for this on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, 10-11.30am. She was a runner up for last year's award with her book "When I was Joe".

 Our annual Speed date / Read date for Year 9 pupils will be held in the Spring term on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 with Tony Dallas. Details will be sent out after Christmas.

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 The Bookbuzz reading conference for Year 8 will take place in the summer term, week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> June, final date to be agreed.

**We wish you a very Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year**

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