

56th BOLOGNA CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR 1-4 April 2019

The new Mall area and its program of exhibitions and events

2019 is an important year for the children's book fair, as BolognaFiere has launched a vast expansion and restyling plan of its exhibition centre involving, among others, pavilions 29 and 30, historic spaces of the Bologna Children's Book Fair. The area between the two buildings has led to the creation of the **Mall, a true hotspot of the Fair**, the stage of a series of activities and initiatives such as exhibitions, events and business meetings as well as the bookshop.

OUR VOICE: CELEBRATING THE CORETTA SCOTT KING ILLUSTRATOR AWARD

A unique opportunity to learn more about the African American illustration, **Our Voice: Celebrating the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award** is the exhibition organized by the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (Abilene Texas) to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the award, the largest and most complete exhibition of winners and award-winning illustrators since its establishment in 1974. On display are the winning illustrations, while the entire exhibition can be visited digitally thanks to the video and audio files produced by TeachingBooks.net for the Eric Carle Museum.

SILENT BOOK CONTEST - GIANNI DE CONNO AWARD

The annual exhibition dedicated to the shortlisted titles of the Silent Book Contest - Gianni De Conno Award, selected by an international jury, finds this year a new home inside the Mall.

BOOKSHOP

In the hands of the Giannino Stoppani Cultural Cooperative, the historical Bologna Children's Book Fair bookshop has a new location this year, moving from the crowded Service Center into a larger space, continuing to offer the BolognaRagazzi Award titles, of the illustrators on display at BCBF, of the Premio Strega Ragazze e Ragazzi, of the BOP shortlist, of the speakers at the BCBF flagship conferences: an international bookshop entirely dedicated to the protagonists of this edition of the fair.

AUTHORS CAFE

A special space for meetings and readings with authors, seminars to talk about publishing, journalism, market illustrations, publishing professions, classical and digital, and refresher workshops.

BCBF EVENT NETWORK

The BCBF Event Network are a true window on the international collaborations that are increasingly consolidating the leading role in the international children's book market of Bologna Children's Book Fair: the **New York Rights Fair (NYRF)** and the **China Shanghai International Children's Book Fair (CCBF)**.

TALKING PICTURES: SELECTED BOOKS

"Talking Pictures: Selected Books" is the initiative developed in the context of New York Rights Fair that celebrates the best of editorial visual and graphic design produced worldwide in 2018 only. In the new Mall, at the BCBF Event Network stand, visitors can preview the 23 winning and shortlisted volumes of the second edition, selected by a jury chaired by Steven Guarnaccia and composed of the cultural association Hamelin, Sophie Blackall, Joel Smith, Alexandra Leaf and the Publishers Weekly.



PRIZE SHOWCASES

Staging and promoting many of the world's greatest illustration awards, Bologna Children's Book Fair sets up a space each year for the winning works - a small treasure box of the most original illustration trends - for the BOP finalist publishers - Bologna Prize for Best Children's Publishers of the Year and for the two sets of five shortlisted titles of the Premio Strega Ragazze e Ragazzi.

BOOKSELLERS LOUNGE

A place to meet and share experiences between colleagues from all over the world, the Booksellers Lounge is managed by ALIR (Association of Independent Bookstores for Children) and hosts a unique program of events as well as the exhibition "**Books about books and bookshops**", a selection of the most beautiful international titles for children and teenagers on the subject of booksellers, books and bookshops - in short, "books about books".



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