

Following the looping line: a celebration of Margaret Mahy

“...the looping line the pen made was a world line, like the one left behind by the tide ... lines left on beaches and pages everywhere must wind up by going all around the world if one could only follow them.”

The Tricksters

In 2006 Margaret Mahy celebrates her 70th birthday and is the recipient of the Hans Christian Andersen Medal for Writing, awarded by the Jury of the International Board on Books for Young People to “one of the world’s most original re-inventers of language”.

Margaret Mahy’s works are known to children and young adults all over the world. On Sunday 2nd July 2006 Christchurch City Libraries presents a one-day symposium celebrating her life and work in this very important year.

A lively programme of panel discussions, conversations and reader responses will deepen understanding and extend discussion of the work of one of our national treasures. Featuring some of New Zealand’s leading writers for children and some of our most notable commentators on children’s literature, this challenging, celebratory and entertaining programme provides considered information for teachers, librarians, students and readers.

Date: Sunday 2 July 2006.

Venue: Our City O-Tautahi, corner of Oxford Terrace and Worcester Boulevard, Christchurch



Christchurch City Libraries
Ngā Kete Wānanga-o-Ōtautahi
Programme

9.00 – 9.30	Registration and coffee
9.30 – 9.35	Welcome
9.35 – 10.35	Keynote address (Tessa Duder)
10.35 – 10.45	The author and the audience Reader response
10.45 – 11.15	Morning tea
11.15 – 11.25	The author and the audience Reader response
11.25 – 12.15	Lines and legacies Panel discussion: The literary legacy of Margaret Mahy; Claudia Marquis (University of Auckland), Anna Smith (Canterbury University), John McKenzie (Christchurch College of Education), chair Bill Nagelkerke (Children and Young Adult Co-ordinator, Christchurch City Libraries)
12.25 – 1.30	Lunch
1.30 – 2.30	Lines of inspiration Conversation: Margaret Mahy's influence on other writers; David Hill, Joanna Orwin, chair Gavin Bishop
2.30 – 2.40	The author and the audience Reader response
2.40 – 3.15	Life lines: Kate de Goldi in conversation with Margaret Mahy
3.15 – 3.30	Margaret Mahy: a tribute
3.30	Thank you and close Drinks and refreshments

Registrations open on 1st May 2006.
Spaces are limited so early registration is essential

Following the looping line Registration Form

Price \$50.00

Name: _____

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Special dietary requirements: _____

Payment is by cash and cheque only

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