

Bring your children to see and hear stories read by the authors themselves. These lively, fun sessions encourage a love of books and the joy of reading.



KINGSMEAD COLLEGE



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Venue	09h30 - 10h00	10h30 - 11h00	11h30 - 12h00	12h30 - 13h00	13h30 - 14h20 (50 mins)
Story Time Studio	Dive into a story time where we'll explore the enchanting world of Unicorns & Dinosaurs . But the fun doesn't stop there! After the reading, we'll embark on a creative journey of making themed crafts. Age: 4-8 years	Enter into the enchanting world of Gabby and her friends along with Ryder and his team of pups. After the reading, children will get an opportunity to craft their own keepsakes inspired by the world of Gabby's Dollhouse and Paw Patrol . Age: 4-8 years	Join us for a magical afternoon of storytelling. We will dive into the enchanting world of Nosy Crow books, filled with tales that spark the imagination and joy in every reader. After the storytelling, stick around for some hands-on fun with themed activities and crafts inspired by the stories you'll hear. Age: 4-8 years	Calling all Dr Seuss fans! Get ready to dive into the colourful, rhyming world of Dr Seuss. Whether you're a fan of the Cat in the Hat or the Lorax, we have a story for you. After the stories, stick around for exciting Seuss-themed crafts and activities. Age: 4-8 years	We are calling all little readers! Join us as we explore the wonderful world of Mr Men & Little Miss and the Big Bright Feelings series by Tom Percival. We'll be reading stories to help children explore and understand all the big feelings of being small. Exciting activities and crafts will follow the reading. Mr Bump & Little Miss Sunshine will also attend a meet and greet. Age: 4-8 years
Imagination Studio	Read with author Refiloe Moahloli from her new book, <i>A Friend For All Seasons</i> , an endearing story about friendship and empathy that encourages us to express ourselves and support others in doing the same. Age: 4-8	Who will claim the title of the speediest animal in the wild? Join author Roslynn Toerien for crafts and listen to her read from her new book <i>The Speedy Six Olympics</i> to find out for yourself. Age: 4-8	Take a jubilant look at the extraordinary life of world-famous dancer and choreographer, Gregory Maqoma , as he shares with us his legacy book, <i>The Joy Dancer</i> . Gregory had a dream to dance and through his journey of self-discovery he reminds children that their dreams can take them on extraordinary adventures too. Age: 5-8	Organiser of the Kingsmead Young Writers' Competition, Corinne Rosmarin , shares top tips on how to plot a page-turning story in her writing workshop entitled And then what happened? Age: 8-12	You've heard of the Big Five, but which animals make up a lesser known but equally captivating group? Join author Roslynn Toerien for fun crafts and listen to her read from her new book <i>The Forgotten Four</i> to find out for yourself. Age: 4-8
Author Studio	Popcorn the rescue chicken became a beacon of hope for all South Africans and a beloved member of Naomi Holdt's family. Let psychologist, author and speaker Naomi share the story of this feathered social media star who proves that despite the deepest darkness, there is always light ... and it is called hope! Bonus: fun interactive games & prizes. Age: 8-11	Welcome to Deedee's Fabulous Farm! (Well actually it's her back garden and it's open for any and all animals in need!) Lori Anne Preston presents her latest book, <i>Fab Farm</i> , and shows us that being an animal lover and wanting to help has its own set of unique challenges. Age: 7+	On June 16, 1976, Hector Pieterse, an ordinary boy, lost his life after getting caught up in what was supposed to be a peaceful protest. These heartbreaking events finally woke up the world and helped lead to the end of apartheid. Join Hector's sister, Antoinette Sithole as she shares her experiences of that fateful day and reads from Hector, a beautifully illustrated picture book of his life. Age: 7+	Join world-renowned conservationist and founder of Elephants Alive, Marlene McCay , as she reads from the beautifully illustrated, <i>Zoya & Naru - An African Journey of a Boy and an Elephant</i> . This compelling tale of friendship, courage, and hope in the face of adversity will appeal to children of all ages (and their parents too). Age: 5+	World renowned explorer Riaan Manser is truly in a league of his own having circumnavigated the entire continent of Africa by bicycle. His latest book <i>My First Wild Island Adventure</i> tells of how he became the first person to circumnavigate the world's fourth largest island, Madagascar, by kayak - alone and unaided. Get ready to be blown away by a real-life legend. Age: 10+
ABC Studio	With a message for all South African children, Tshwanele Serumola , shows you how to build confidence and resilience from a young age with easy-to-follow rhyming text and bright inclusive illustrations in her new book, <i>Remarkable Me</i> . Age: 2-11	Zandi is a little girl who dreams of the big blue ocean even though she lives far from the sea and hasn't learnt to swim. Join, Zandile Ndlovu , <i>The Black Mermaid</i> , as she shares her empowering and inspiring story about our connection to the natural world, following your dreams, and caring for the environment in <i>Zandi's Song</i> . Age: 3-9	A heartwarming story about the lives of three exceptional children living with disabilities. Let Nkateko Emily Mabasa demonstrate how all our unique qualities reveal the beauty of our differences in her new book, <i>Celebrating Our Differences: Embracing My Superpowers</i> . Age: 3-5	Fun for the young ones! Learning is always fun with proudly South African Tippie The Purple Elephant and her engaging stories of everyday adventures. Join the Kingsmead drama team for an engaging and entertaining look at learning through play! Age: 3-5	Join Dr Mpume Zenda , author of <i>Mommy My Body's Changing</i> , and her daughter Busi for a relaxed yet educational talk around puberty in Getting To Know & Love My Changing Body . Parents and educators can also pick up tips on how to Un-Embarrass the moment and create a safe space to talk about coming of age issues. Age: 9-13
Media Centre	Starting a new school can be daunting but for Ayen being different makes it even harder. Nancy Gaylard shows us how being unique and being ourselves will get us over any obstacle in her book <i>Once Upon a Sign - Ayen's First Day</i> . Age: 9+	Calling all artists! Karen Vermeulen , illustrator of <i>Wanjiku Child of Mine</i> and <i>It's Just Skin Silly</i> invites you to a mini-workshop on how to draw fun and engaging characters. Pencils, paper and crayons provided. Age: 7+	Embrace your uniqueness whilst also trying new things with author Kristien Potgieter and her delightful creation - <i>Bongli Ballarina</i> . Enjoy an interactive character-creating activity and take home some Bongli colouring-in pages too! Age: 6-10	A reading of the picture book <i>Jessie and the Riverine Rabbits</i> by author Marissa Steynberg . Find out who Jessie was, her work in conservation, and how animals become an endangered species. Age: 6-10	Join game designer and animator Luke Calder as he unveils his epic fantasy -- <i>Rodentia: Mosela and the Three Kingdoms</i> . From idea development to character design, world-building to illustration this is a fascinating look at producing a children's fantasy novel. The Mouse King, pesky pirate penguins, and a perilous journey are waiting for you! Age: 7-9
The Book Room	Join us for a truly South African money story as Coco the Money Bunny teaches us a 'magical money lesson'. We will be embarking on an enchanting journey about saving, investing, and compound interest. (Sponsored by Standard Bank - Wealth and Investment) Age: 6-12	Get whisked away into magical worlds and fantasy landscapes through secret portals. But your help is needed. The unicorn world is in trouble and running out of power... Join author Mark Donker as he introduces you to <i>Ylva The Undercover Unicorn</i> and reads from the three books in this delightful fantasy series. Age: 6-9	Join budding conservationist and young writer, Muhammad Wadee for a reading of his book, <i>Charlie Cheeta and the Chain</i> and learn how each and every animal plays an important part in the food chain and the ecosystem. Age: 4-12	A camping trip in the Magaliesburg forces Tia to face her loneliness and rediscover her sense of fun after her best friend leaves for Australia. <i>The Call of the Go Away Bird</i> by Clare Kerchhoff is a coming of age story especially for South African children. Bonus: watch as Clare and her young friends act out some of the scenes just for you! Age: 9+	Let author Neesha Pillay take you on an exciting journey to explore the magnificent wonders of South Africa with her book <i>I Can Explore SA</i> . Join her for a fun game of identifying fabulous places. Age: 4-8

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Conference Room	Girl Power! Join the queen of inspirational historical fiction, Penny Haw (<i>The Woman at the Wheel</i>) for a chat about her new book based on the real life of Bertha Benz, whose husband built the first prototype automobile, which eventually evolved into the Mercedes-Benz marque. Age: 13+	AI in Action: What does it mean for you? Join the conversation with Artificial intelligence guru Arthur Goldstuck , author of <i>Hitchhikers Guide to AI</i> as he shares examples of AI in the real world, and how it is likely to impact your future and career. Age: 13+	The Race To Be Myself. In her memoir, world champion runner Caster Semanya offers an empowering account of her extraordinary life and career, and her trailblazing battle to compete on her own terms. Listen to Caster as she sets the record straight and shares her story of how she became a defiant champion and the role model for a generation. Age: 13+	A Force of Nature. As the co-founder of DigsConnect, Alexandria Procter became SA's youngest startup tech wunderkind at the age of 25 and started the global fourth industrial revolution. Be inspired by her story in <i>Upstart</i> and discover how by filling a need she founded an empire! Age: 13+
Mac Room	Capture the Spirit of Animals. Join illustrator and animal lover, Marisa Steynberg , author of <i>Jessie & The Riverine Rabbits</i> , in an engaging demonstration where she shows you how to spark character ideas and gives tips on how to create your own book. Age: 11+	Writing Masterclass. Join award-winning YA author of <i>The Second Verse</i> and Kingsmead's own, Onke Mazibuko in a special writing workshop to help you create unforgettable fictional characters who give life to your stories! Age: 11+	The Teen Scene. Fiona Snyckers , author of the four-part <i>Trinity</i> series, will be in conversation with Kingsmead English teacher, Robyn Hillowitz , about the differences in writing for teens as opposed to writing for a younger audience. Great insights for both readers and authors of YA fiction. Age: 15+	The Joy of Journalling Antoinette McDonald will hold a Journalling Workshop for all those budding doodlers and those wanting to express their thoughts in a different way.
Teen Studio	Join Dr Mpume Zenda , author of <i>Mommy My Body's Changing</i> , and her daughter Busi for a relaxed yet educational talk around your changing body and environment in <i>Self-Awareness & Sisterhood</i> . Driven predominantly by an interactive and conversational Q&A style, Dr Mpume touches on sensitive issues that affect young women today. Age: 14+	When Fantasy Mirrors Reality... Author of the epic <i>Children of the Storm</i> , Cavan Barry , gives some fascinating insights into how we can draw comparisons between the issues that present themselves to the protagonists in the fantasy world and real life challenges. Age: 13+	Modern Day Mentor. Meet Booktok sensation Jo Watson whose stories on Wattpad have accumulated over 60 million reads from over 119 000 followers! Jo will tell us all about being a contemporary author and how to use apps and social media to your advantage. Age: 13+	Friend or Frenemy? Join Prudence Makau , author of <i>My So-called Friend</i> for an engaging and insightful session that promises to delve deep into the complexities of relationships and the challenges of navigating the ever-changing dynamics of friendship. Age: 13+
Reading Zone	Apocalypse Now. Hannes Barnard , multi-genre author of both English and Afrikaans novels, will be discussing his latest high school offering, <i>The Apocalypse at the End of the Street</i> , a compilation of poetry, short stories, dramas and folklore. Fun, delicious, and something for everyone. Age: 13+	Ask Me Anything. Rumbi Munyaradzi , author of the <i>Gen Z Pocketbook</i> , explores the issue of Imposter Syndrome and other challenges affecting young people today. Join her for a "fireside chat" and get the conversation started! Age: 15+	Vibrant & Youthful Poetry. Award-winning poet and writer, Koleka Putuma , unveils her brand new collection of poems titled <i>We Have Everything We Need to Start Again</i> for the Kingsmead audience. This is an inspiring collection about figuring out who you are and embracing it. Her work explores universal and topical coming-of-age themes and is sharp, thought-provoking, and empowering. Don't miss it! Age: 14+	

Children under 12 R100 to attend all sessions on the children's programme
Students in uniform R100 session ticket
Adults R100 session ticket

