

CILIP Carnegie Greenaway Book Awards 2021

The Carnegie Greenaway awards are the UK's oldest children's book awards recognising outstanding reading experiences created through writing and illustrating books.

Each year CILIP invites reading groups from libraries, schools to take part in the Carnegie/Greenaway shadowing process. The shadowing process is a reading for pleasure initiative where young people read, discuss, and review books that have been shortlisted by librarians to vote for their favourite alongside the judges.

A group of our year 8 students took part shadowing the judging process for the prestigious children's book awards. They read, discussed, and reviewed a selection of books from the shortlist and created their own reading related activities linked to their favourite choices such as baking book cover related cookies! They then shared their activities online and voted for their favourites to win the Shadows Choice Award.

This project took our young people on a huge and exiting journey with one student discovering a distant family member 'Uncle Manny' who is linked to the theme of one of our favourite books from the shortlist **The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys**. You can read the account of Uncle Manny's journey from the Spanish Civil War to Manchester here. The group also created their own dramatization based on their favourite chapters of this book which involved script writing, costume, makeup, acting and filming. The short play has been shared with the author and you can also view this on the Carnegie website here.

The winning book of the shadowing awards was Run Rebel by Manjeet Mann and our students were able to enjoy watching the awards ceremony live with a little celebration to acknowledge their hard work. Well done shadowers!

