



Making their marks

JUDGE Hugh Rose was impressed by the standard of entries in the Guernsey Literary Festival's Bookmark Competition. 'It shows that we have some very talented young people in Guernsey,' he said. Hugh, himself a professional illustrator and creative director of Arts for Impact, was speaking at the prizegiving at the Guille-Allès Library for the four winners in the competition, which attracted 475 entries from all school ages, a number that stunned the organisers. 'The young entrants are working at a much higher level than when I was their age,' he said. The competition was split into four age groups and the winning entries from each section will be printed for use during and in the run-up to the festival, which runs from 10 to 14 May this year. Each winner's school received a book

token for their library and the individual winners were presented with a £25 book voucher by Tony Crawley of competition sponsors Julius Baer. He said the organisation was 'delighted to support the local community and younger people in particular and so it was a great opportunity to be able to sponsor this part of the festival.' The Years 1-2 winner was six-year-old Piers Leak from Vauvert, whose colourful entry was inspired by Halloween, although he was quick to point out that he was not frightened by it. Hugh was impressed that the design could be understood at a glance and yet a closer look showed plenty of interesting detail. 'This is a very clever way of telling a story with images,' he said. Harry Ellis from Beechwood won the Years 3-6 class. The 10-year-old designed a bookmark with a space theme. 'It was



Back row, from left: Melanie Walton of the Guernsey Literary Festival, Oliver McKenna, Tony Crawley of sponsors Julius Baer, Hugh Rose and Cornelia James of the Guille-Allès Library. Front row, from left: Amelia Le Prevost, Piers Leak and Harry Ellis. (Picture by Chris George)

Tim Peake in space that gave me the idea,' he said, adding that he liked books that featured aliens as well as adventure. Hugh said Harry's design would 'look great when the bookmarks are printed. Excellent character design also, as the two characters are very different but look like they belong in the same story.' Amelia Le Prevost won in the Years 7-9 category. The 11-year-old Ladies' College student produced an entry which Hugh described as 'a very clever concept that matched the style of the drawing very well. Very talented.' Explaining her inspiration, Amelia said that some people say they don't read because they can't find anything that

interests them, 'but I wanted to show that there's a book for everyone – they just need help to find it'. Hugh paid tribute to Year 10+ winner Oliver McKenna, 15, of Les Voies. 'This image is eye-catching because of its strong colours and sense of movement, and this will make it a great bookmark.' Oliver said his design was story-based and Hugh felt that it was 'striking and very natural'. The competition was organised by the festival's educational director Melanie Walton and supported by the Guille-Allès Library, the Schools Library Service, the Guernsey Arts Commission and Island Mums.