

New storyteller takes over at the Centre Book Club

The next storyteller who will take over the reading chair at the Book Club at the Centre Livingston is the award-winning author, Lindsay Littleson.

Lindsay is a former teacher from Glasgow who has written nine books, including her latest, Euro Spies, which was published in April this year and she will be in the chair from Saturday 16 December.

The aim of the Book Club is to encourage a love for reading, the joy of discovering new books and the chance for visitors to the shopping centre to meet different authors each month.

The shopping centre set up a free book recycling vending machine to enable people to swap their favourite novels, and the book club grew from that.

Previous authors who have been welcomed at the Book Club include Linda Erskine, Justin Davies and last month, the multi award-winning author and illustrator Catherine Rayner, who has just launched her 21st book, Molly, Olive and Dexter – The Guessing Game.

Lindsay, who began writing for children in 2014 and won the Kelpies Prize for her first children's novel, The Mixed-Up Summer of Lily McLean, will be taking over the reading chair at the Book Club on Saturday at noon.

Her novel, Guardians of the Wild Unicorns, was published in 2019 and was nominated for the Carnegie Medal and shortlisted for both the Stockton Children's Book Prize and East Sussex Children's Book Prize.

Her WW1 novel Shell Hole was shortlisted for the Dundee Great War Children's Book Prize, which inspired her to write another two historical books, A Pattern of Secrets, set in Victorian Paisley and The Titanic Detective Agency.

On the day Lindsay will read extracts from her latest novels, Euro Spies and The Rewilders, which was long listed for the 2022 SPARK! School Book Award. Both are aimed at 8 – 12 year olds.

And then at 2pm the author will read from her favourite festive book, Santa Trap by Jonathan Emmett, aimed at 4 – 7 years – Christmas sweaters are encouraged.

Lindsay said: "I'm really looking forward to my events at the Book Club in The Centre, Livingston. It feels particularly special as I get to read exciting extracts from two of my novels and my favourite Christmas story."

Patrick Robbertze, Centre Director at The Centre, Livingston, said: "The Centre, Livingston Book Club has been a big hit with our visitors to the shopping centre since we launched it in October.

"It's great to welcome a different author every month and hear them reading from their award-winning books and this month, it's even extra special with Lindsay also reading her favourite festive book."

Details of the Book Club can be found on The Centre, Livingston website, www.thecentrelivingston.com and @shopthecentre on Facebook and Instagram.

