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# Competition launched for Scottish primary school libraries

## One Scottish primary school will win £500 worth of books for their library

Floris Books, Scotland's largest children's publisher, is offering one primary school in Scotland the chance to win £500 worth of books for their library.

The independent publisher is asking primary schools throughout Scotland to send them a photograph of pupils enjoying their Kelpies books plus up to 250 words on why it's important to have Scottish books in their library.

The competition is launched ahead of Book Week Scotland (24th–30th November), organised by Scottish Book Trust, which this year focuses on the theme of loving your library.

**Katy Lockwood-Holmes, Publisher at Floris Books said:**

"In these challenging times for school libraries, we at Floris Books passionately believe in the importance of Scottish school libraries with dedicated and knowledgeable staff. We also believe in filling them with books that have characters, locations and themes Scottish children can identify with, as well as literature from across the world, of course."

The winning school will receive their choice of books from Floris' **Picture Kelpies** (Scottish picture books) and **Kelpies** (Scottish children's novels) imprints. The imprints feature books by **award-winning Scottish authors** including Joan Lingard, Lari Don and Janis Mackay.

Three Kelpies books – *Attack of the Giant Robot Chickens* by Alex McCall, *Pirate's Boy* by E.B Colin and *Dark Spell* by Gill Arbuthnott – appear on this year's shortlist for the Scottish Children's Book Awards.

Floris are currently shortlisted for the **Saltire Society Scottish Publisher of the Year** award for, amongst other attributes, publishing books which "play a crucial role in the reading lives of young Scots".

Details on how to apply can be found online at [www.florisbooks.co.uk/librarycomp](http://www.florisbooks.co.uk/librarycomp)

The **deadline** for entries is **31st January 2015** with the winner announced in February 2015.

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### Notes for Editors

1. Floris Books is an independent publisher based in Edinburgh. Established over 30 years ago, it is the largest children's publisher in Scotland and also publishes non-fiction books on alternative living.
2. In 2013, Floris Books celebrated the 10th anniversary of its Kelpies range of children's novels set in Scotland or with Scottish themes, suitable for children from 8 to 12 years old.
3. The Kelpies and Picture Kelpies ranges published by Floris Books are supported by Creative Scotland.

### More Information

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