





#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### WE ARE REGISTERED FOR THE FAMILY ARTS STANDARDS **AND AGE FRIENDLY STANDARDS**

These are for family events and events for older people in our four largest libraries - Beeston, Mansfield Central, West Bridgford and Worksop.

This means we are working hard to make you feel welcome.

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#### **WE ARE REGISTERED AS** AN ARTS AWARD SUPPORTER

Offering a wide cultural programme across our venues. Many of our events are free or incur a very small charge and many can be accessed by young people looking for opportunities locally to help them achieve an Arts Award.



#### **HELP & ADVICE**

#### **BOOKING EVENTS**

Tickets for events can be booked online, in person at the library, or by phone.

Tickets are non-refundable unless an event is cancelled. Programme is subject to change and all details are correct at time of print.

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#### **ACCESS**

Please visit: inspireculture.org.uk/access to find out more about access and facilities at your local library.

# ACCESSIBLE FORMATS

This brochure is available in large format, or text-only.

Visit our website

inspireculture.org.uk/whatson to read online, or a copy can be made available at your local library upon request.

#### WELCOME

# **ARTS & CULTURE** LIVE AT YOUR IBRARY & BEYOND

Summer is here! As the days grow longer and warmer, we are thrilled to present a vibrant season of events for children, families, and the whole community.

This season, we're proud to celebrate our new 'Age Friendly' status, ensuring that our events and facilities are welcoming and accessible to all age groups.

Our Summer Reading Challenge is in full swing, which always attracts thousands of young readers during the holidays! In August, don't miss our brilliant new family theatre show The Greatest Robot Ever, presented by KnottedHawk Productions. Perfect for young children and their grown-ups, join robot Glitch and his best friend Shift on an adventure of self-discovery.

September brings the return of England's largest festival of history and culture with Heritage Open Days, and Nottinghamshire Archives will once again be opening its doors for free behind-the-scenes tours. Join us for fun and interactive Pride in our Place workshops!

Snap up the chance to learn heritage photography skills, plus children can take part in creative map making workshops with artist Edwina Kung. Head over to selected libraries to join in - your creations will even go into an exhibition!

I always look forward to the return of the Inspire Poetry Festival this time of year, which brings acclaimed poets to our libraries for a week of wonderful words. This is a fantastic opportunity to delve into poetry and discover new writers, whether you're new to the genre or a long-time poetry enthusiast!

These are just a few of many exciting activities we have planned, read on to discover what's happening near you.

**Peter Gaw** 



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# Marvellous

The Summer Reading Challenge is produced by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries.

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

**FREE** All Inspire Libraries N

Saturday 6 July - Sunday 1 September

This summer, we're tapping into our imaginations, telling amazing stories, and coming up with lots of fun new creations as we celebrate the creative arts with the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge

The challenge invites children aged 4 - 11, to read six or more library books over the summer. There are stickers for every book read with a medal and certificate for every child who completes the challenge.

Children will be introduced to a cast of characters who are part of their local creative club and getting ready to show their work at a big festival. But... some objects mysteriously go missing from the club's creative toolbox.

JOIN THE CHALLENGE TO HELP THE MARVELLOUS MAKERS SEARCH FOR THE MISSING OBJECTS TO MPLETE THEIR CREATIONS





Celebrating creativity



#### **Family Workshops**

#### **EXPRESSION**

**FREE** Inspire Libraries (A)

#### **ARTIST & AUTHOR SESSIONS:**

Arnold 10am / Wednesday 28 August Bingham 2pm / Wednesday 28 August Hucknall 10am / Thursday 22 August Newark 2pm / Friday 30 August Retford 10am / Thursday 29 August Southwell 10am / Friday 30 August Sutton-in-Ashfield 2pm / Thursday 22 August Worksop 2pm / Thursday 29 August

#### ARTIST ONLY SESSIONS:

Beeston 2pm / Thursday 1 August Kirkby-in-Ashfield 2pm / Friday 23 August Mansfield Central 10am / Friday 23 August West Bridgford 10am / Thursday 1 August

#### **AUTHOR ONLY SESSIONS:**

Beeston 2pm / Friday 16 August Kirkby-in-Ashfield 10am / Saturday 17 August Mansfield Central 2pm / Saturday 17 August West Bridgford 10am / Friday 16 August

Artist in Residence Amanda Rigby will help you to draw your own emotional monster, expressing your feelings through mark-making and colour. Author in Residence poet Mark Grist will be sharing his captivating picture books, Rhinos Don't Cry and his brand-new release, Bears Don't Get Scared. Families can play rhyming games and Mark will help young writers contribute to group poems that focus on what makes us feel brave and uplifted.

Aimed at children aged 7+ but younger siblings welcome.



**FREE** Inspire Libraries (N

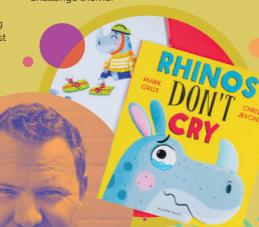
Worksop, Retford & Southwell Libraries

Saturday 13 July - Sunday 8 September

#### **Newark Library**

#### Thursday 25 July - Sunday 8 September

Artist Amanda Rigby and author Mark Grist have worked with groups of primary aged children to make explosive artwork and poems that celebrate the wide range of emotions we feel every day as human beings. Through playful use of metaphor, personification (and a little imagination!) they've collaborated to create this expressive exhibition, inspired by the Summer Reading Challenge theme.







#### **Under 5s**

# **LITTLE CREATIVES WORKSHOPS FREE** Inspire Libraries ®

Arnold 10 Aug / 14 Sept / 12 Oct / 9 Nov

**Balderton 6 Aug** 

Beeston 13 Aug / 10 Sept / 8 Oct / 12 Nov

Bingham 8 Aug / 12 Sept / 10 Oct / 14 Nov

**Hucknall 9 Aug** 

Hucknall - The John Godber Centre

13 Sept / 11 Oct / 8 Nov

Kirkby-in-Ashfield

1 Aug / 5 Sept / 3 Oct / 7 Nov

**Mansfield Central** 

2 Aug / 6 Sept / 4 Oct / 1 Nov

Newark 3 Sept / 1 Oct / 5 Nov

Retford 6 Aug / 3 Sept / 1 Oct / 5 Nov

Southwell 8 Aug / 12 Sept / 10 Oct / 14 Nov

Sutton-in-Ashfield

9 Aug / 13 Sept / 11 Oct / 8 Nov

**West Bridgford** 

15 Aug / 19 Sept / 17 Oct / 21 Nov

Worksop 3 Aug / 7 Sept / 12 Oct / 2 Nov Fun Palace drop-in: 5 Oct

Join us for a creative art session specifically designed by artists for very young children.

The session will help your little one to develop new skills as they splodge, splat, squidge and shine. Share in their active, playful and sometimes messy fun and see their confidence grow as they explore fascinating materials and stimulating creative activities.

There's two sessions available to book:

Either 10am - 10.30am or 11.15am - 12pm

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For children aged 2 - 5.

All children must be accompanied.

inspireculture.org.uk/LittleCreatives



# Community FUN PALACE



#### 10am - 3pm / Saturday 5 October

Fun Palaces is a campaign for culture at the heart of community, and community at the heart of culture.

Once again Worksop Library will join hundreds of Fun Palaces nationally and internationally set to explode with free and fun activities for all!

# COME ALONG AND BE PART OF THE FUN AS YOU TRY OUT DIFFERENT ARTS, SCIENCE, MUSIC AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AIMED AT ANYONE OF ANY AGE.

Every area of the library will be taken over by fun activities – can you get around them all?

Discover your inner artist and create mini works of art or unleash your inner scientist with a range of fun science-based challenges to test your brain. Visit the performance area throughout the day to listen or join in with live music performances.



**LAURA HOWELL** 

£3 children /

FREE accompanying adults

Inspire Libraries (A)

10.30am / Thursday 15 August

**Newark Library** 

2pm / Thursday 15 August

Join Beano artist Laura Howell for an introduction to bringing comic characters to life on the page. In this 60-minute workshop Laura will guide you through the basics of cartooning, as well as sharing a behind-thescenes look at how a Beano page is created, from script to the finished comic in your hand.

For children ages 7 - 11.

#### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Laura Howell likes making comics that make people laugh. In 2006 she became the first woman to draw for the Beano and is currently the artist in charge of everyone's favourite pigtailed powerhouse Minnie the Minx.

Laura has drawn and written for many publications including the **Dandy** and the **DFC**, as well as comic adaptations of Angry Birds and Cartoon Network's Regular Show

In 2021, her artwork was displayed in the Beano: The Art of Breaking the Rules exhibition in Somerset House, London, and can currently be seen in the V&A Museum in Dundee.

Children's Author Event

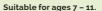
**ART MASTERCLASS** 

FREE accompanying adults

#### 2pm / Thursday 24 October

Kev F Sutherland has written and drawn for The Beano, Doctor Who Adventures and Marvel comics, and now makes graphic novels adapted from Shakespeare. In this two-hour comic masterclass, he'll share everything he knows to teach you how easy it is. Whatever stories you want to tell, Kev can teach you how.

At the end of the class, you'll take away a comic containing a strip by everyone in the class plus an individual caricature by Kev F.

















#### Children's Author Event

# CREAKY CASTLE WITH JANE CLARKE

£3 children /

FREE accompanying adults

Inspire Libraries 🗚

Mansfield Central Library

10.30am / Thursday 31 October

Worksop Library

2pm / Thursday 31 October

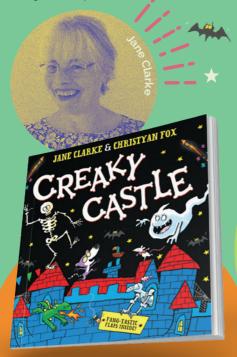
# DARE YOU JOIN AUTHOR JANE CLARKE FOR A SPOOKY VISIT TO CREAKY CASTLE?

A session of frightful fun and bat making based on her picture book, *Creaky Castle*, illustrated by Christyan Fox.

Suitable for children aged 4 - 6.

#### AROUT THE AUTHOR

Jane's many titles include the popular How To... board book series, and picture books, such as the award-winning picture Gilbert the Great. Neon Leon and Tiptoe Tiger. Her series include Dr KittyCat. Al's Awesome Science and Lottie Loves Nature, and she is lead ghost writer of Dinosaur Club.



#### **Family Concert**

#### THE SOUNDS OF MUSIC

**£4** library members / **£7** non-library members

Inspire Libraries 🕭

Worksop Library

1pm / Saturday 9 November

**Newark Library** 

1pm / Saturday 30 November

Travel with us on a magical musical tour to find out how the development of musical instruments changed the sound and the style of music we listen to.

## HELP CREATE NEW SOUNDS FOR THE LIVE BAND AND EXPERIENCE PLAYING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT YOURSELF.

Listen as our band of musicians re-create songs from artists like Pink Floyd and Beyoncé exploring the origin of the sounds used and the cultural heritage they came from and create.

Our concert series is aimed at showing you how musical sounds are created and then used in the music we all know and love. From the invention of the electric guitar to the synthesiser come and watch, listen and play with us.

For children aged 5 - 11 and their grown-ups.



THE MAGICAL
MAJOR OAK:
WINTER AND THE
SPARKLING SNOW

In association with Nottingham Playhouse £2 at 11 Inspire Libraries (A)

#### Monday 18 - Saturday 23 November

Be transported to the legendary land of the Magical Major Oak in this immersive and sensory storytelling experience from Nottingham Playhouse.

Wrap up warm and join Marian and her friends on a magical winter adventure in the forest, with the nurture and wisdom of the Magical Major Oak guiding their way.

Featuring inspiring storytelling to spark the imagination and a host of woodland friends to meet, *The Magical Major Oak: Winter and the Sparkling Snow* is an enchanting interactive adventure.

For children aged 2 -4 (siblings welcome too). inspireculture.org.uk/MagicalMajorOak

#### NOTTING HAM PLAYHOUSE

**Libraries include**: Arnold, Beeston, Bingham, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Mansfield Central, Newark, Retford, Southwell, Sutton-in-Ashfield,





Under 5s
ADVENTURES
IN MUSIC

addresses for

FREE at 12 Inspire Libraries (B)

#### Starting from 9 September

Adventures in Music uses rhythm, music and movement to develop your child's language skills, spark their imagination and build their confidence in exploring and making music.

From pirates to fairies, a mermaid city to a monster mountain - there are 10 FREE sessions in total with a different enchanting theme each week, so you and your little one can clap, stamp, shake, dance and sing!

#### Suitable for children aged 2 - 5.

Children must be supervised throughout the sessions.

**Libraries include:** Beeston, Bingham, Carlton Hill, Cotgrave, Eastwood, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Mansfield Central, Newark, Retford, Stapleford, Sutton-in-Ashfield, and Worksop.

For full dates and times visit

inspireculture.org.uk/Adventures

#### Under 5s

#### THE LULLABY BANK

FREE at 7 Inspire Libraries 

Starting from 11 September

The Lullaby Bank is a chance for mums and babies to relax and bond in a calm space. Sing and listen to melodies from around the world to soothe and uplift.

We will sing a variety of lullables from around the globe, in English and other languages, learn some baby-massage and basic signing, as well as some play time rhymes and songs. The class also offers a breast-feeding safe space, and a chance to connect with other new mums in what can often be a very isolating and exhausting time.

#### Babies aged 0 - 9 months.

**Libraries include:** Arnold, Beeston, Bingham, Carlton Hill, Cotgrave, Eastwood and Stapleford,

A partnership between Inspire Music and Music for Everyone.

inspireculture.org.uk/LullabyBank















#### **Family Workshops**

PRIDE IN OUR PLACE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

**FREE** Inspire Libraries ®

Worksop Library

10am / Saturday 7 September

#### 10am / Saturday 12 October

Snap up this opportunity to take part in a hands-on workshop with photographer Neil Pledger. This two-hour workshop is an introduction to photo composition techniques, specifically tailored to heritage and place photography. It will explore Inspire's Picture Archive, and how to record your local area for future generations, taking Pride in our Place. Please bring your own camera or phone.

Suitable for families with children aged 7\*. All children must be accompanied

#### **Family Workshops**

PRIDE IN OUR PLACE **FAMILY WORKSHOPS** 

**FREE** Inspire Libraries (N

**Harworth and Bircotes Library** 

10am - 12pm / Saturday 24 August

Worksop Library

#### 10am - 12pm / Saturday 14 September

Drop in and join a fun, interactive artist workshop with Edwina Kung. Collaboratively create art maps inspired by historical local maps exploring mark-making, layering, colour and pattern.

Suitable for children and families.

#### **Exhibition**

PRIDE IN OUR PLACE **FREE** Inspire Libraries (N

**Harworth and Bircotes Library** 

Saturday 27 July -Thursday 5 September

Wednesday 11 September -Wednesday 2 October

**Retford Library** 

Friday 11 October -Thursday 28 November

### AN EXHIBITION CELEBRATING PRIDE IN OUR PLACE, HARWORTH AND BIRCOTES.

Contemporary photography of place informed and inspired by Heritage photos from Inspire's collections taken by adults from the community working with professional photographer Neil pledger. The photos are seen alongside artwork based on Heritage maps created by children from the community working with visual artist Edwina Kung.

This project is part-funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. With support from Bassetlaw District Council who are distributing £3.3million to local businesses and communities as part of the UKSPF.









ROUTES – NETWORKS – CONNECTIONS

#### 6 - 15 September 2024

Welcome to England's largest festival of history and culture! Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore.





#### Heritage

TOUR OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHIVES

FREE Nottinghamshire Archives ®

11am / Friday 6 September

2.30pm / Thursday 12 September

Heritage Open Days is 30 years old this year and to celebrate, Nottinghamshire Archives is yet again throwing open the doors for two free tours. Come and see behind the scenes and discover the hidden world of archives!



**MURDER AT THE ARCHIVES!** 

FREE Nottinghamshire Archives ®

10am - 2pm (one hour slots) / Saturday 7 September

#### YOU HAVE BEEN INVITED TO A MURDER!

Visit the Archives where you will find clues and question subjects to discover the culprit of this historical crime.

#### Heritage

**EXPLORING LOCAL MAPS** 

**FREE** Inspire Libraries ®

Newark Library

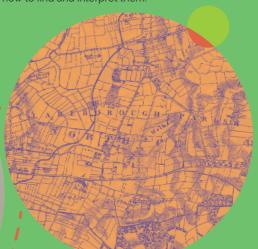
2pm / Tuesday 10 September

**Retford Library** 

#### 10am / Saturday 14 September

Join one of our heritage librarians for a group session where they will demonstrate the range and variety of local maps available in Inspire libraries, with hints and tips on how to find and interpret them.







#### Heritage Talk

#### **MANSFIELD MISCELLANY**

£3 Mansfield Central Library ®

#### 2pm / Tuesday 17 September

Join local historian Denis Hill for a fascinating delve into some lesser-known aspects of Mansfield's long and varied history - wind and water mills, theatres, local inventions, a military tank in the park, a steam powered bus, a huge water wheel, a circular saw, and a long-lost folly. Come along and enjoy this whistle stop tour of Mansfield's enthralling heritage.

#### Heritage Talk

#### HISTORIC BUILDING MYTH-BUSTING

£3 Inspire Libraries ®

**Worksop Library** 

2pm / Wednesday 18 September

West Bridgford Library

#### 2pm / Tuesday 29 October

Archaeologist and author James Wright will be speaking about his new book Historic Building Myth-busting. Go to any ancient building in Nottinghamshire and there will be interesting, exciting, and romantic stories presented to the visitor. They are commonly believed and widely repeated - but are they really true? Secret passages linking ancient buildings, spiral staircases giving advantage to right-handed defenders, ship timbers used for building, or blocked doors in churches to keep out the Devil, James will explain the development of such myths and the underlying truths behind them.



#### Heritage Talk

#### **LADIES, LACE & LAW BREAKERS**

£3 Beeston Library ®

#### 2pm / Wednesday 18 September

Community Historian Mo Cooper will take you on a virtual tour of the streets of Nottingham's Lace Market, looking at the women who lived and worked there grand ladies, lace workers, and those who were transported for their 'crimes'.



#### Heritage

#### **FAMILY HISTORY ONE TO ONE SESSIONS**

FREE Online or phone (B)

#### 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm or 3.30pm / **Tuesday 8 October**

Looking for hints on how to discover more about your family's history?

Sign up for a FREE one-to-one conversation with one of our librarians.

Family History Surgery for beginners by phone or video call.



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2pm / Wednesday 23 October

Join one of our heritage librarians for a small group session to talk about the history of Nottinghamshire's parish registers and look at some of the fascinating stories they contain.

PARISH REGISTERS OF BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES AND BURIALS ARE A MAJOR RESOURCE FOR ANYONE BEGINNING THEIR FAMILY HISTORY.

The Nottinghamshire records are now available via **Ancestry.co.uk** which is FREE to use in Inspire Libraries and at Nottinghamshire Archives.

Heritage Talk

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PIT PONY

**£3** Mansfield Library **B** 

2pm / Tuesday 19 November

THIS TALK CELEBRATES
THE TREMENDOUS EFFORTS
OF THE COUNTY'S PIT PONIES.

With first-hand accounts from former pony drivers and freshly discovered documentary and photographic evidence, buildings archaeologist Janine Buckley delves deeply into the lives of a workforce that gave all they had. Learn how their working conditions changed over time, and how they are remembered by their former handlers.

All attendees will receive a complimentary book.

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Colliery Stables & the Nottinghamshire Pit Pony Janine Buckley



JOIN US FOR THIS FITTING TRIBUTE TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S HIDDEN HEROES.

#### Heritage Talk

THE HORSE AND **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S COUNTRY HOUSE STABLES** 

**£3** Beeston Library (B)

#### 2pm / Wednesday 20 November

Join Buildings Archaeologist Janine Buckley for a talk celebrating the pre-eminence of the horse on Nottinghamshire's country estates. From the 17th Century courtyard at Rufford to the romantic Gothic stable at Newstead, horses have left their marks on the buildings that confined them. Explore our legacy of highly architectural stables and discover how horses experienced these spaces. You'll never look at historic buildings in the same way again! All attendees will receive a complimentary book.



#### Heritage Talk

#### **SHIREOAKS COLLIERY**

£3 Worksop Library ®

#### 2pm / Wednesday 20 November

Shireoaks Colliery has a unique place in mining history - it proved that the "concealed" coalfield was workable and paved the way for many more local collieries, helping to transform Worksop from an agricultural backwater into an industrial powerhouse. It existed for 137 years and touched the lives of thousands of local people - perhaps more than any employer in the locality. Join former miner and mining historian, Phil Whitehead, to hear tales of engineering, endeavour and enterprise from the area's earliest colliery.

#### Heritage Talk

#### **HIDDEN HISTORIES OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GARDENS**

£3 West Bridgford Library ®

#### 2pm / Tuesday 26 November

Nottingham was once known as a garden town and the county has played a significant role in the nation's horticultural journey.

Former BBC journalist Martin Stott, author of the storyteller garden history blog, uncovers some of its hidden tales. Expect to hear about Nottingham's royal garden, the Rose Kings, the Apple prince and the French Duke who taught us to eat raw celery.



#### Heritage

#### **CLOTH CASE BINDING WORKSHOP**

£20 Nottinghamshire Archive ®

10.30am / Wednesday 9 October and Wednesday 16 October

## JOIN US IN THE CONSERVATION STUDIO FOR THESE WORKSHOPS WHERE YOU CAN LEARN HOW TO MAKE A BOOK.

In the first session, multiple sections of paper will be folded and sewn on a traditional bookbinder's sewing frame ready to be bound into a case the following week.

All materials and equipment will be provided Both sessions need to be attended.

#### Heritage

#### **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHIVES TOUR**

£3 Nottinghamshire Archives ®

#### 11am / Tuesday 26 November

An introduction to the Archives with a tour of the search room and storage areas.

## YOUR CHANCE TO VIEW SOME UNIQUE AND INCREDIBLE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ARCHIVE COLLECTIONS.

Enjoy a display and tour of the conservation studio as an introduction to what conservation is, and learn the different types of materials treated, and the techniques used. Tour will also include a demonstration of how we would repair a torn page and then how to sew on a traditional book binder's sewing frame.



10am / Friday 1 November

#### We're participating in #AskAConservator day.

Conservators around the world will be discussing their work on November 1st. Do you have questions about what conservators do? Or about how we care for the archive?

Ask us questions on Inspire's Instagram @InspireCultureNotts and follow the hashtag to see who else is participating. Our conservators will be available to answer your questions online via Instagram on Friday 1 November between 10am and 3pm.





# INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL 2024

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER – THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER A WEEK OF WONDERFUL WORDS



PERFORMANCE | WORKSHOPS FILM | EXHIBITION | MUSIC

For the full programme and to sign up for email updates visit inspireculture.org.uk/poetry-festival







£3 Arnold Library (A)

#### 2pm / Thursday 3 October

Join Nell Pattison, bestselling author of the Silent series featuring British Sign Language interpreter Paige Northwood, and psychological thrillers *Hide* and *Friends Don't Lie*, as she discusses how she became an author, the enduring appeal of crime fiction and the importance of disability representation in fiction.

#### **Author Event**

BEHIND THE SCENES OF MAKE-BELIEVE: THE MUNDANE, THE MAGIC AND THE MAYHEM WITH PHILIPPA EAST

£3 Beeston Library (A)

#### 2pm / Wednesday 9 October

A clinical psychologist by background, Philippa East began writing seriously in her thirties and is now the bestselling author of four psychological thrillers with HQ/HarperCollins. In this talk, Philippa offers a peek behind the curtain into her life as a professional author, sharing the ups and downs of her journey to publication, her novel-writing process, and the rollercoaster of sending a book out into the world.

#### **Author Event**

#### **VICTORIA SMITH**

**£3** West Bridgford Library (A)

#### 7.30pm / Thursday 10 October

Join Victoria Smith as she talks about her book *Hags: the Demonisation of Middle Aged Women.* 

What is it about women in their forties and beyond that seems to enrage - almost everyone? Victoria asks why these women are treated with such active disdain. Each chapter takes a different theme such as care work, beauty, violence - and explores it in relation to middle-aged women's beliefs, bodies, histories and choices. Victoria traces the attitudes she describes through history, and explores the very specific reasons why this type of misogyny is so powerful today.

# VICTORIA EXPLORES POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS WHICH CAN BENEFIT ALL WOMEN, HAGS AND HAGS-IN-WAITING.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

ictoria Smith

Victoria is a prize nominated author, and journalist. Victoria is a regular contributor to the New Statesman and the Independent, focusing on women's issues, parenting and mental health. Hags was published in paperback, March 2024 and was shortlisted for the Nero Book Awards in 2023.

king (N) No booking







#### **Author Event**

#### SARA NISHA ADAMS

£3 Newark Library (A)

#### 2pm / Wednesday 20 November

Join us for a conversation with Sara Nisha Adams, author of The Reading List and The Twilight Garden. We'll discuss the inspiration behind her writing, the importance of libraries and reading, and the shared themes of community, hope and unlikely friendship in her two novels.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sara Nisha Adams is a writer and editor. She was born in Hertfordshire to Indian-Kenyan and English parents and now lives in London. Her debut novel The Reading List was a finalist in the Goodreads Choice Awards for Fiction, and her second novel The Twilight Garden is out now.

THERE WILL BE A CHANCE TO ASK SARA YOUR OWN QUESTIONS. THE Q&A WILL FOLLOWED BY A BOOK SIGNING.



# **INSPIRE** ONLINE **BOOK CLUB**

#### Did you know that Inspire has a monthly online book club?

Every month, our online book club members vote for the book to be read from a great selection. This book is then available to borrow for free as both an eBook and eAudiobook.

Then simply enjoy reading along with our growing community of Inspire Online Book Clubbers. You can take part in online book chats and share your feedback and thoughts on social media.

#### **UPCOMING DATES:**

4pm / Thursday 8 August

4pm / Thursday 5 September

4pm / Thursday 3 October

4pm / Thursday 7 November



in touch at reading@inspireculture.org.uk No booking needed

inspireculture.org.uk/bookclub or get



# JAZZ STEPS live at the libraries

**Live Music** 

#### **REMI HARRIS & THE HOT CLUB TRIO**

£13 Inspire Libraries ®

**Beeston Library** 

7.30pm / Monday 16 September

**Worksop Library** 

7.30pm / Tuesday 17 September

**West Bridgford Library** 

7.30pm / Wednesday 18 September

The Hot Club Trio, led by acclaimed virtuoso guitarist Remi Harris, cover acoustic 'hot' jazz of the 1930s & 40s to electric blues of the 1960s and 70s. They play a heady mix of swing jazz, blues, rock-n-roll and world music styles - inspired by such masters as Django Reinhardt, Wes Montgomery, Peter Green, Jimi Hendrix - and more



#### **Live Music**

THE DAVID 'STICKMAN' HIGGINS ENSEMBLE – JAZZ AND POETRY

£13 Worksop Library 📵

7.30pm / Tuesday 1 October

Don't miss this Inspire Poetry Festival special event that fuses spoken word with live jazz.

Jazz poet David 'Stickman' Higgins interweaves poetry with live music from his jazz-funk, fusion ensemble. Expect poetry – alongside funky jazz - that explores roots and belonging, drawing on his life experience and British Caribbean heritage.

# PART OF INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL

Visit for more details: inspireculture.org.uk/poetry-festival

**Live Music** 

JEREMY SASSOON AND FRIENDS

£13 Inspire Libraries ®

**Beeston Library** 

7.30pm / Monday 14 October

**Worksop Library** 

7.30pm / Tuesday 15 October

**West Bridgford Library** 

7.30pm / Wednesday 16 October

Jeremy Sassoon is one of the UK's most in-demand singers/pianists. Either solo or accompanied by his band, he captivates audiences with his natural, soulful voice, his charismatic personality and his arrangements of jazz, blues, groove, and soul classics.

**Live Music** 

MATT RATCLIFFE 'UNITY'

£13 Inspire Libraries (B)

**Beeston Library** 

7.30pm / Monday 18 November

Worksop Library

7.30pm / Tuesday 19 November

**West Bridgford Library** 

7.30pm / Wednesday 20 November

Funky Hammond organ and steamy tenor sax lead in this mix of up-tempo modal jazz, swinging blues, gospel and Latin-infused grooves, reminiscent of influential 1960s bands led by the likes of Jimmy Smith and Larry Young, 'Hip Music' for 'Hip Cats'!









#### **Relaxed Film Screening**

KUNG FU PANDA 3 (PG) PART OF MANSFIELD FAMILY FUN DAY

**£1** Mansfield Central Library 🛆

#### 1pm / Saturday 10 August

Continuing his "legendary adventures of awesomeness". Po must face two hugely epic, but different threats: one supernatural and the other a little closer to home

#### **Relaxed Film Screening**

**WONKA (PG)** 

£1 Stapleford Library (A)

#### 2.30pm / Thursday 15 August

With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers. Immerse yourself in a world of pure imagination and you'll leave with a smile on your face.





**HOCUS POCUS (PG)** 

£1 Mansfield Central Library (A)

#### 1pm / Saturday 28 September

A teenage boy named Max and his little sister move to Salem, where he struggles to fit in before awakening a trio of diabolical witches that were executed in the 17th century.

#### **Dementia Friendly**

THE GREAT ESCAPER (12)

£1 Mansfield Central Library (A)

#### 1.30pm / Wednesday 4 September

In the summer of 2014, a World War II veteran sneaks out of his care home to attend the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy.



In partnership with Film Hub Midlands, with support from:













# Dementia Friendly SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS

£1 Mansfield Central Library (A)

#### 1.30pm / Wednesday 16 October

When a backwoodsman in 1850s Oregon brings a wife home to his farm, his six brothers decide that they want to get married too.





£1 Mansfield Central Library (A)

#### 1.30pm / Wednesday 20 November

Starring Rock Hudson and Doris Day, an interior decorator and a playboy songwriter share a telephone party line and size each other up.

#### **SING WITH FRIENDS**

**FREE** Inspire Libraries N

**Mansfield Library** 

1.30pm / Starting from 25 September

**Sutton-in-Ashfield Library** 

#### 2pm / Starting from 10 September

Join us for an hour of reminiscence using music from the movies and other favourites - with chat, tea and biscuits!



#### **Sensory Film Screening**

**TOUCHSCREEN: WONKA (PG)** 

£1 Mansfield Central Library (A)

#### 1pm / Wednesday 11 September

With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers. Immerse yourself in a world of pure imagination and you'll leave with a smile on your face.

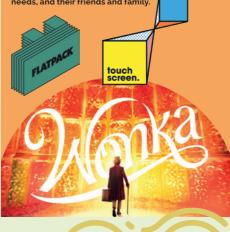
#### ABOUT TOUCH SCREEN

Step into a world of sensory enchantment with Touch Screen – Feature by artist Sarah Hamilton-Baker.

Immerse yourself fully in the magic of the film as you explore a curated collection of sensory objects designed to engage your senses throughout the screening.

Touch, taste, feel and smell the essence of the movie in a way that goes beyond the screen, creating a multi-dimensional experience that transcends the traditional cinema outling.





POETRY FESTIVAL: A QUIET PASSION (12)

£3 Southwell Library (A)

#### 2pm / Thursday 3 October

The story of American poet Emily Dickinson from her early days as a young schoolgirl to her later years as a reclusive, unrecognised artist. National Poetry Day screening as part of Inspire Poetry Festival.

#### Film Talk

MONSTROUS FLESH PRESENTS KILLJOY: FEMALE CHARACTERS THEY WANT US TO HATE

£5 Southwell Library ®

#### 7pm / Thursday 7 November

Dive into the world of the 'unlikeable female character' as we examine the complex portrayals of strong female leads in thriller

and horror cinema, uncovering the layers of misogyny that often shape their narratives.





**SONGS & SCONES** 

£2 Retford Library (A)

2pm / 2 August, 6 September

## WHO DOESN'T LOVE A CUP OF TEA, A LOVELY SCONE AND SOME SOCIAL MUSIC-MAKING?

Live Music Now's Songs & Scones programme brings people together to regularly engage with live music and connect with others in their local community over a cup of tea, a scone and uplifting live performances from professional musicians.

Music

The events are particularly suitable for older people – including those living with dementia and their carers - but all are welcome to attend.

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ADVENTURES
IN ANIMATION

21 SEPT 2024

Stapleford Library 10am-3pm







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# FESTIVAL FOR ALL THE FULL SHEBANG

Sat 7 Sept 2024 11am - 5pm

Mansfield Town Centre thefullshebang.co.uk

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FREE hands-on fun for all the family

Every Wednesday in August at Four Seasons Shopping Centre, Mansfield

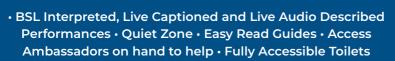


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#### **Exhibition**

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**Arnold Library** 

#### Friday 2 August - Thursday 5 September

Alex Hyde has visited sites across our local area including Sherwood Forest, Maun Valley and Spa Ponds to open our eyes to the wonders of fungi. A selection of his photographs from these visits have been used to create this exhibition. Alex Hyde is a natural history photographer who has won the Hidden Britain category in both the 2025 and 2017 British Wildlife Photography Awards.



#### Exhibition

**CARE SQUARES** 

FREE Mansfield Central Library ®

#### Wednesday 14 August – Tuesday 24 September

The Care Squares exhibition celebrates the kindness and generosity of crafters across the county and beyond.

See a wall of colourful blankets and all the beautifully knitted and crocheted squares they have created; displayed together they create an enormous 'woolly hug' in Mansfield Central Library gallery!

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# Dementia Action

















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WITH THE ARTISTS

IN OCTOBER

#### **Exhibition**

# INSPIRE COMMUNITY OPEN EXHIBITION 2024

**FREE** Beeston Library N

#### Tuesday 1 October - Thursday 14 November

Come and see the wonderful creative talents of Nottinghamshire artists in our Inspire Community Open Exhibition. Every year we are delighted by the art work on show inspiring visitors to take up a new creative pathway for themselves. The show is an amazing mixture of painting, drawings, photography and making.

# CALLING ALL NOTTS ARTISTS

Whether you have taken up art recently or been creative for many years, if you live in Nottinghamshire we would love to see a piece of your work in the Inspire Community Open Exhibition 2024 in our beautiful Beeston Library Gallery.

Application is on a first come first serve basis and work is non-selected. We have a limited number of spaces for both 2D and 3D work.

Booking closes Friday 13 September 2024, Please see website for full details:

inspireculture.org.uk/

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**EXHIBITION** 

# MERRY MAKING WORKSHOPS

Make you very own Notts Peg Legend at a Library near you for Notts Day 2024.

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**



#### **Exhibition**

#### I AM AN ARTIST

**FREE** Inspire Libraries N

#### Worksop Library

Saturday 5 October – Wednesday 13 November

#### **Beeston Library**

Saturday 16 November – Sunday 5 January 2025

The artwork on display in the I Am An Artist Exhibition shows the story between artists and groups working in co-creation. Empowering their inner artist, groups recognised themselves as creatives as they worked together to produce the place-themed artwork on display.

NGLAND

I Am An Artist is the second branch of our three-year I Am A Creator cultural programme.

Visit the website for full details: inspireculture.org.uk/IAmAnArtist



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**INSPIRE AGM 2024** WITH GUEST POET

FREE Beeston Library and Online ®

7pm / Wednesday 9 October

Please join us either in person or online for our 2024 AGM where we will hear about our progress over the last year, future plans and be treated to a special poetry performance, details to be announced.



#### **CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN LIBRARIES**

**FREE** Inspire Libraries N

10am - 2pm / Saturday 16 November

**Mansfield Central Library** 

10am - 2pm / Saturday 23 November

1pm - 5pm / Friday 29 November

**Christmas Market & Festive Fun Day** 

10am / Saturday 30 November

10am - 3pm / Saturday 30 November

**Worksop Library** 

10am - 2pm / Saturday 30 November

10am - 12pm / Saturday 7 December

10am - 12pm / Saturday 14 December

Browse handmade items from local makers, enjoy indulgent treats and take part in an array of family activities at 8 of our libraries around the county. With carol singing and visits from Santa Claus, there's no better place to spend this festive season!

# AN INSPIRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT

£3 children / FREE accompanying adults The Royal Concert Hall & Online B

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7 - 9pm / Monday 9 December 2024

Join us as we celebrate the start of the festive period with this showcase of talented young singers from Nottinghamshire schools & choirs.





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# **EVENTS DIARY**

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6 Jul - 1 Sept	Summer Reading Challenge	Children's Reading	All Inspire Libraries	FREE	4
13 Jul - 8 Sept	Expression*	Exhibition	Worksop, Retford, Newark & Southwell Libraries	FREE	5
19 Jul - 26 Aug	Beyond the Bassline	Exhibition	Beeston Library	FREE	20
1 - 30 Aug	Expression <sup>▼</sup>	Family Workshops	12 Inspire Libraries	FREE	5
1 Aug - 14 Nov	Little Creatives Workshops ♥	Under 5s	12 Inspire Libraries	FREE	7
2 Aug	Songs & Scones	Live Music	Retford Library	£2	24
2 Aug - 5 Sept	Fungi Up Close	Exhibition	Arnold Library	FREE	26
From 8 Aug	Inspire Online Book Club♥	Reading	Online	FREE	19
10 Aug	Kung Fu Panda 3	Film Events	Mansfield Central Library	£1	22
12 Aug	Jazz Steps: Luke Bacchus Quartet Featuring Steel Pan	Live Music	Beeston Library	£13	20
14 Aug - 24 Sept	Care Squares	Exhibition	Mansfield Central Library	FREE	26
15 Aug	Laura Howell*	Children's Illustrator Event	Bingham and Newark Libraries	£3/FREE	8
15 Aug	Wonka	Film Events	Stapleford Library	£1	22
17 - 22 Aug	The Greatest Robot Ever▼	Family Theatre	12 Inspire Libraries	£4/£7	6
24 Aug	Pride in Our Place Family Workshop	Family Workshop	Harworth and Bircotes Library	FREE	11
4 Sept	The Great Escaper	Film Events	Mansfield Central Library	£1	22
6 - 15 Sept	Heritage Open Days	Heritage	Various Inspire Libraries and Archives	FREE	12
6 Sept	Tour of Nottinghamshire Archives	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	FREE	12
6 Sept	Songs & Scones	Live Music	Retford Library	£2	24
7 Sept	Pride In Our Place Photography Workshop	Family Workshop	Worksop Library	FREE	11
7 Sept	Murder at the Archives!	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	FREE	12
From 9 Sept	Adventures in Music▼	Under 5s	13 Inspire Libraries	FREE	10
10 Sept	Exploring Local Maps	Heritage	Newark Library	FREE	12
10 Sept	Sing with Friends	Film Events	Sutton-in-Ashfield Library	FREE	23
From 11 Sept	The Lullaby Bank*	Under 5s	7 Inspire Libraries	FREE	10
11 Sept	Pride in Our Place Exhibition	Exhibition	Worksop Library	FREE	11
11 Sept	Touchscreen: Wonka	Film Events	Mansfield Central Library	£1	23
11 Sept - 3 Oct	Beyond the Bassline	Exhibition	Worksop Library	FREE	20
12 Sept	Tour of Nottinghamshire Archives	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	FREE	12
14 Sept	Exploring Local Maps	Heritage	Retford Library	FREE	12
14 Sept	Pride in Our Place Family Workshop	Family Workshop	Worksop Library	FREE	11
16 Sept	Jazz Steps: Remi Harris & The Hot Club Trio		Beeston Library	£13	21
17 Sept	Mansfield Miscellany	Heritage Talk	Mansfield Central Library	£3	13
17 Sept	Jazz Steps: Remi Harris & The Hot Club Trio		Worksop Library	£13	21
18 Sept	Historic Building Myth-busting	Heritage Talk	Worksop Library	£3	13
18 Sept	Jazz Steps: Remi Harris & The Hot Club Trio		West Bridgford Library	£13	21
18 Sept	Ladies, Lace & Law Breakers	Heritage Talk	Beeston Library	£3	13
21 Sept	Adventures in Animation	Film Events	Stapleford Library	FREE	24
From 25 Sept	Sing with Friends	Film Events	Mansfield Central Library	FREE	23
26 Sept - 3 Oct	Inspire Poetry Festival 2024	Poetry	Various Inspire Libraries	Various	17
28 Sept	Hocus Pocus	Film Events	Mansfield Central Library	£1	22
1 Oct	Jazz Steps: The David 'Stickman' Higgins Ensemble – Jazz And Poetry	Live Music	Worksop Library	£13	21
1 Oct - 14 Nov	Inspire Community Open Exhibition	Exhibition	Beeston Library	FREE	27
3 Oct	Nell Pattison	Author Event	Arnold Library	£3	18
3 Oct	Inspire Poetry Festival: A Quiet Passion	Film Events	Southwell Library	£3	24

<sup>▼</sup> See page event listing for full dates and times. \* Free for accompanying adults.

#### August - November 2024

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5 Oct	Fun Palace	Community	Worksop Library	FREE	7
5 Oct - 13 Nov	I Am An Artist	Exhibition	Worksop Library	FREE	27
8 Oct	Family History One to One Sessions	Heritage	Online/phone	FREE	13
9 and 16 Oct	Cloth Case Binding Workshop	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£20	16
g Oct	Behind the Scenes of Make-Believe with Philippa East	Author Event	Beeston Library	£3	18
9 Oct	Inspire AGM 2024	Inspire Members Event	Beeston Library & Online	FREE	28
10 Oct	Victoria Smith	Author Event	West Bridgford Library	£3	18
11 Oct	Pride In Our Place Exhibition	Exhibition	Retford Library	FREE	11
12 Oct	Pride In Our Place Photography Workshop	Family Workshop	Retford Library	FREE	11
14 Oct	Jazz Steps: Jeremy Sassoon and Friends	Live Music	Beeston Library	£13	21
15 Oct	Jazz Steps: Jeremy Sassoon and Friends	Live Music	Worksop Library	£13	21
16 Oct	Seven Brides for Seven Brothers	Film Events	Mansfield Central Library	£1	23
16 Oct	Jazz Steps: Jeremy Sassoon and Friends	Live Music	West Bridgford Library	£13	21
23 Oct	Exploring Parish Registers	Heritage	Arnold Library	FREE	14
24 Oct	Kev F's Comic Art Masterclass *	Children's Author Event	West Bridgford and Beeston Libraries	£3/FREE	8
29 Oct	Historic Building Myth-busting	Heritage Talk	West Bridgford Library	£3	13
31 Oct	Creaky Castle with Jane Clarke *	Children's Author Event	Mansfield Central and Worksop Libraries	£3/FREE	9
1 Nov	Ask A Conservator Day	Heritage	Online	FREE	16
7 Nov	Monstrous Flesh Presents Killjoy: Female Characters They Want Us To Hate	Film Talk	Southwell Library	£5	24
9 Nov	The Sounds of Music	Family Concert	Worksop Library	£4/£7	9
16 Nov	Christmas Market	Christmas Events	Sutton-in-Ashfield Library	FREE	28
16 Nov - 5 Jan	I Am An Artist	Exhibition	Beeston Library	FREE	27
18 - 23 Nov	The Magical Major Oak: Winter and the Sparkling Snow <sup>▼</sup>	Under 5s	11 Inspire Libraries	£2	10
18 Nov	Jazz Steps: Matt Ratcliffe 'Unity'	Live Music	Beeston Library	£13	21
19 Nov	The Nottinghamshire Pit Pony	Heritage Talk	Mansfield Central Library	£3	14
19 Nov	Jazz Steps: Matt Ratcliffe 'Unity'	Live Music	Worksop Library	£13	21
20 Nov	Pillow Talk	Film Events	Mansfield Central Library	£1	23
20 Nov	Sara Nisha Adams	Author Event	Newark Library	£3	19
20 Nov	The Horse and Nottinghamshire's Country House Stables	Heritage Talk	Beeston Library	£3	15
20 Nov	Shireoaks Colliery	Heritage Talk	Worksop Library	£3	15
20 Nov	Jazz Steps: Matt Ratcliffe 'Unity'	Live Music	West Bridgford Library	£13	21
23 Nov	Christmas Market	Christmas Events	Mansfield Central Library	FREE	28
26 Nov	Hidden Histories of Nottinghamshire Gardens	Heritage Talk	West Bridgford Library	£3	15
26 Nov	Nottinghamshire Archives Tour	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£3	16
29 Nov	Christmas Market	Christmas Events	Kimberley Library	FREE	28
30 Nov	Christmas Market	Christmas Events	Bingham Library	FREE	28
30 Nov	Christmas Market & Festive Fun Day	Christmas Events	Beeston Library	FREE	28
30 Nov	Christmas Market	Christmas Events	Worksop Library	FREE	28
30 Nov	The Sounds of Music	Family Concert	Newark Library	£4/£7	9
7 Dec	Christmas Market	Christmas Events	Arnold Library	FREE	28
9 Dec	An Inspired Christmas Concert	Christmas Events	The Royal Concert Hall & Online		28
14 Dec	Christmas Market	Christmas Events	Stapleford Library	FREE	28
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