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

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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.

### ARTS & CULTURE | LIVE AT YOUR LIBRARY & BEYOND

We're ending 2024 and starting 2025 as we mean to go on – with a season brimming with events for the whole family to keep you out of the cold throughout the winter months.

We begin the season during the festive period and the annual **An Inspired Christmas concert** and **Christmas markets** in libraries are sure to put you in the spirit.

Children and families can enjoy two different family theatre performances this season. Dessert spoons at the ready!

Cinderella Ice Cream Seller promises to be a delicious retelling of a favourite fairytale, and the Ugly Duckling presented by Nottingham Playhouse will put their own spin on this classic story. February marks the return of the annual Festival of Science and Curiosity and I'm delighted that we will be holding several of the fun and free events in Inspire Libraries.

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Heritage enthusiasts will love the huge range of heritage talks we have on offer this season. From scandals to hidden histories of Nottinghamshire gardens, there's lots of history to explore from our wonderful county.

This is just a small taster of the events we have on offer this December – March. Read on to find out what's on near you and we look forward to giving you a warm welcome this winter.

Peter Gaw Chief Executive, Inspire

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### Writing Workshop

THE MINUTE MEMOIR

FREE Inspire Libraries ®

#### **Worksop Library**

11am - 1pm / Saturday 8 February

Harworth and Bircotes Library

10.30am - 12.30pm / Saturday 8 March

### JOIN OUR FREE, GUIDED, LIFE WRITING SESSIONS.

We'll help you explore your memories one at a time. Write about your life, exercise your creativity and enjoy the wellbeing benefits of expressive writing. Get help on how to structure your personal stories.

The Minute Memoir is designed and run by writers Anthony Cropper and Eve Makis who teach on the MA Creative Writing at Nottingham Trent University.

Suitable for writers of all levels aged 16+.



### **Author Event**

#### **CLARE HARVEY**

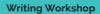
£3 Ravenshead Library (A)

### 2.30pm / Tuesday 18 February

Join award-winning historical fiction author Clare Harvey for an informal opportunity to hear the stories-behind-the-stories, the real-life inspirations for her bestselling novels, her current research, and any other questions you have about her writing life.

#### ABOUT CLARE HARVEY

Clare Harvey is a Nottinghamshire-based novelist and academic. Her writing focuses on the often-overlooked experiences of the women who survived, and thrived, in World War Two.



### POETING THE PAST WITH ANDREW GRAVES

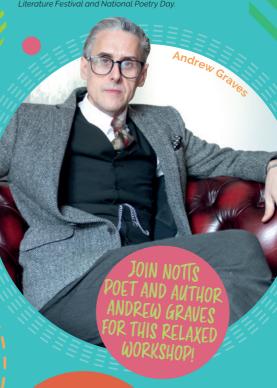
£5 Mansfield Central Library ®

### 11am - 1pm / Saturday 1 March

Join Notts poet and author Andrew Graves for this relaxed workshop where you'll be encouraged to use resources from the library's local heritage collection to inspire your poetry and writing. With particular emphasis on the mining industry and its links to Mansfield and the surrounding area, you'll be encouraged to create new work, encompassing the language, experiences and sights and sounds of this fascinatingly rich local industrial history.

#### ABOUT ANDREW GRAVES

Andrew Graves has appeared on TV and radio, including BBC Radio 6 Music's Cerys Mathews Show, BBC Inside Out and the documentary Evidently John Cooper Clarke. His third collection Not Dancing with Ingrid Pitt was published by Burning Eye Books in 2021. He has performed with the likes of Sleaford Mods, John Hegley and Henry Normal and has been commissioned by the National Portrait Gallery, BBC Radio 4, Edinburgh International Literature Festival and National Poetry Day.



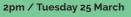


2pm / Tuesday 11 March

Join Rebecca Bradley, author of the Nottingham-set DI Hannah Robbins and Sheffield-set Claudia Nunn series as she talks about her books, writing and previous life in the police.

### **Author Event SARAH WARD**

£3 Hucknall Library (A)



Join Sarah Ward as she talks about her new crime novel Death Rites, a new series featuring an Archaeology professor, set in New England. Sarah will also talk about ritual house protection and witch bottles which appear in Death Rites.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sarah is the author of four critically acclaimed crime novels featuring DC Connie Childs set in the evocative Derbyshire Peak District, plus the Mallory Dawson Welsh-based crime thriller series. As Rhiannon Ward, she has also written

### **Author Event**

T.M. LOGAN

£3 West Bridgford Library (A)

### 7.30pm / Thursday 27 March

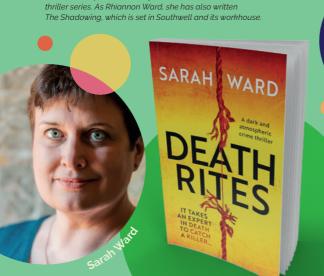
Join bestselling author T.M. Logan for a fantastic evening as he talks about his books and career so far.

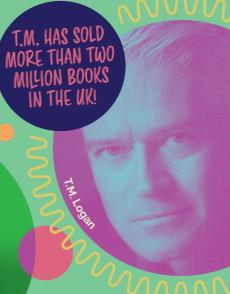
T.M. Logan was a national newspaper journalist before turning to novel-writing full time. His books have sold more than two million copies in the UK and have been translated into 22 other languages for publication around the world.

Tim's latest thriller, The Dream Home, became his fifth Sunday Times bestseller. The Holiday was a Richard & Judy Book Club pick and subsequently made into a four-part TV drama starring Jill Halfpenny. His novel The Catch was also adapted for TV starring BAFTA-winner Jason Watkins and is currently on Netflix UK. His other books are Lies, 29 Seconds, Trust Me, The Curfew and The Mother.

His forthcoming novel, The Daughter will be published on 27 February 2025.

Tim lives in Nottinghamshire with his wife and two children





a delicious new musical for families and children aged 5+

### **Family Theatre**

### LITTLE SEEDS MUSIC PRESENTS: CINDERELLA ICE CREAM SELLER



11am & 2pm / Saturday 15 February

West Bridgford Library

11.30am / Sunday 16 February

4.30pm / Sunday 16 February

**Mansfield Central Library** 

10.30am / Monday 17 February

**Hucknall Library** 

3.30pm / Monday 17 February

Worksop Library

10.30am / Wednesday 19 February

3.30pm / Wednesday 19 February

### GET YOUR DESSERT SPOONS READY FOR A TALE OF PERSEVERANCE. RINCES. PALACE BALLS. GLASŠ SLIPPER'S AND, UM, ICE CREAM?

Over the last four decades, Cinderella's has become the kingdom's most beloved ice cream company, with a parlour on every street corner. But how did this young girl from humble beginnings with not a penny to her name end up as a multimillionaire businesswoman with her own ice cream empire?

In this new musical for families and children. join Talvi and Caldwell, loyal employees of Cinderella's, as they share her rags to riches tale, and confront their own desires, hopes, and the magic that lies within each scoop of Cinderella's legendary ice cream.

This exciting musical retelling of a fairytale classic promises a delightful blend of storytelling, music, and theatrical magic that will capture your heart and tickle your taste buds.

Perfect for ice cream fans aged 5\* and their families.

Cinderella Ice Cream Seller is written and composed by David Gibb and directed by Tristan Jackson-Pate. Programmed in association with The Spark Arts

inspireculture.org.uk/CinderellaIceCreamSeller





### **Family Theatre**

**NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS:** THE UGLY DUCKLING

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

Worksop Library (A)

11am / Saturday 25 January

### MEET THE NEWEST DUCKLING ON THE POND... TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE, THEY'RE NOTHING LIKE THE REST OF THE FAMILY.

As the seasons change, the duckling heads out on a mission to find some new friends. Along the way they encounter some crafty creatures and have exciting adventures before discovering that the best thing to be, is yourself.

Nottingham Playhouse's brand-new version of this charming tale is full of music, creative captioning and plenty of opportunities to join in.

Specially created for children aged 3 - 8 and their grown ups.

inspireculture.org.uk/UglyDuckling

### NOTTING HAM PLAYHOUSE





**Family Concert** 

THE SOUNDS OF MUSIC

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

12.30pm / Sunday 9 February

11am / Saturday 15 March

1pm / Saturday 29 March

Travel with us on a magical musical tour of 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. inspireculture.org.uk/FamilyConcerts



No booking needed

Under 5s

**FREE** Inspire Libraries ®

Arnold Lib. 14 Dec / 11 Jan / 8 Feb / 8 Mar Beeston Lib. 10 Dec / 14 Jan / 11 Feb / 11 Mar Bingham Lib. 12 Dec / 9 Jan / 13 Feb / 13 Mar

The John Godber Centre, Hucknall

13 Dec / 10 Jan

Hucknall Lib. 14 Feb / 14 Mar Kirkby-in-Ashfield Lib.

5 Dec / 2 Jan / 6 Feb / 6 Mar

Mansfield Central Lib.

6 Dec / 3 Jan / 7 Feb / 7 Mar

Newark Lib. 3 Dec / 7 Jan / 4 Feb / 4 Mar Retford Lib. 3 Dec / 7 Jan / 4 Feb / 4 Mar Southwell Lib.

12 Dec / 9 Jan / 13 Feb / 13 Mar

Sutton-in-Ashfield Lib.

13 Dec / 10 Jan / 14 Feb / 14 Mar

West Bridgford Lib.

19 Dec / 16 Jan / 20 Feb / 20 Mar

Worksop Lib. 7 Dec / 4 Jan / 1 Feb / 1 Mar

Join us for visual art sessions designed by artists for young children. Let the workshops help your little one to develop new skills as they splodge, squidge and shine. Share in their active, playful and sometimes messy fun. See their confidence grow as they explore fascinating materials and creative activities.





£2 Inspire Libraries (A)

**Mansfield Central Library** 

10.30am / Monday 17 March

**Hucknall Library** 

2pm / Monday 17 March

**Newark Library** 

10.30am / Tuesday 18 March

**Southwell Library** 

2pm / Tuesday 18 March

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library

10.30am / Wednesday 19 March

Sutton-in-Ashfield Library

2pm / Wednesday 19 March

**Bingham Library** 

10.30am / Thursday 20 March

West Bridgford Library

2pm / Thursday 20 March

Arnold Library

10.30am / Friday 21 March

**Beeston Library** 

2pm / Friday 21 March

**Retford Library** 

10.30am / Saturday 22 March

**Worksop Library** 

2pm / Saturday 22 March

Step into the legendary world of the Magical Major Oak as spring arrives in the forest and join Marian in a playful practical workshop.

Children will love this unique chance to physically explore stories, characters and landscapes led by the theatre making team from Nottingham Playhouse.

Unleash your child's imagination by using music, movement, puppetry, crafting and sensory play to stimulate their senses.

For children aged 2 – 4 and their grown-ups.

Inspireculture.org.uk/MagicalMissions

NOTTING HAM PLAYHOUSE No booking needed

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# Children's Author Event CREATE A SUPERSTAR ANIMAL WITH TERRIE CHILVERS

£3 children /

FREE accompanying adults

Inspire Libraries (A)

Worksop Library

11am / Friday 21 February

Mansfield Central Library

2.30pm / Friday 21 February

Join children's author Terrie Chilvers for a chapter reading of her book about a mind-reading sausage dog, followed by a workshop where children will get the chance to create their own superstar animals!

Michael The Amazing Mind-Reading
Sausage Dog tells the story of an ambitious
sausage dog called Michael with a rare
talent...mind reading! Michael dreams of
becoming a global superstar, but even
with his trusty sidekick, Stanley Big Dog,
things don't always go to plan as he
tries to make it big in Hollywoof.

For children aged 5 - 10.



£3 children / FREE accompanying adults

Inspire Libraries (A)

West Bridgford Library 10.30am / Saturday 1 March

**Beeston Library** 

2pm / Saturday 1 March

Award-winning writer Isabel Thomas has a secret to share: science isn't about knowing facts or wearing a lab coat. It's about asking impossible questions! Why do we need eyebrows? Are feelings made of atoms? Could I swim in ice cream? What's the world's worst smell?

Help Isabel explore answers with interactive challenges and bring your most bamboozling brainteasers for a chance to star in her next book.

For children aged 5 - 10.















### **Family Workshops**

### NOTTINGHAM FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE AND CURIOSITY

**FREE** at selected Inspire Libraries and across Nottinghamshire

10 - 21 February 2025

# A JAM-PACKED PROGRAMME OF HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES TO INSPIRE YOUR FAMILY'S CURIOSITY.

Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity celebrates science, technology, engineering and maths with interactive, fun and free events across Nottinghamshire.

Inspire Libraries are delighted to be hosting a number of events as part of the 2024 programme during February half-term.

### Family Fun Day SCIENCE FUN DAY

FREE Mansfield Central Library N

### 10am - 2pm / Thursday 20 February

Join us for a fun filled day at Mansfield Central Library as we take Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths out of the lab and into our everyday lives. Try a variety of fun drop-in activities led by scientists, researchers and students based in Nottinghamshire.

### Suitable for ages 5 - 11.

Produced by Ignite!

The full festival programme will be available at **nottsfosac.co.uk** with workshops open to book from Monday 13 January.

Keep updated at inspireculture.org.uk/fosac





### Under 5s **ADVENTURES IN MUSIC**

**FREE** Inspire Libraries ®

**Beeston Library Starts 16 January** Thursdays / 9.30 - 10.15am

**Bingham Library Starts 14 January** Tuesdays / 9.45 - 10.30am

Carlton Hill Library Starts 15 January Wednesdays / 9.45 - 10.30am

Cotgrave Library Starts 15 January Wednesdays / 12.15 - 13.00pm

Eastwood Library Starts 13 January Mondays / 13.25pm - 14.10pm

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library Starts 14 January Tuesdays / 10.45 - 11.30am

Mansfield Central Library Starts 13 January Mondays / 9.45 - 10.30am

**Newark Library Starts 17 January** Fridays / 10.45 - 11.30am

**Retford Library Starts 16 January** 

Thursdays / 10.15 - 11.00am

Stapleford Library Starts 14 January Tuesday / 9.30 - 10.15am

Sutton-in-Ashfield Library Starts 13 January Mondays / 11.30am - 12.15pm

Worksop Library Starts 17 January Fridays / 9.30 - 10.15am

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.

There are 10 FRFF sessions in total with a different enchanting theme each week, so you and your little one can clap, stamp, shake, dance and sing!

For children aged 2 - 5. Children must be supervised. inspireculture.org.uk/adventures



FREE Inspire Libraries (B)

**Arnold Library Starts 17 January** Fridays / 10.15 - 11.15am

**Beeston Library Starts 16 January** Thursdays / 10.30 - 11.30am

**Bingham Library Starts 14 January** 

Tuesdays / 10.30 - 11.30am Carlton Hill Library Starts 15 January

Wednesdays / 10.30 - 11.30am

**Cotgrave Library Starts 15 January** Wednesdays / 1.30 - 2.30pm

**Eastwood Library Starts 16 January** Thursdays / 1.30 - 2.30pm

**Stapleford Library Start 13 January** Mondays / 9.10 - 10.10am

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 lullabies 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 is 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.

For babies aged 0 - 9 months.

A partnership between Inspire Music and Music for Everyone.





### Talk

### **FUNGI UP CLOSE -**STORIES BEHIND THE LENS

**£3** Worksop Library **B** 

### 4pm / Thursday 6 February

inspireculture.org.uk/FungiUpClose

Join wildlife photographer Alex Hyde to discover the wonderful world of Fungi Up Close. Alex has revealed unimaginable beauty, often unnoticed. Come and discover fascinating facts about fungi and hear Alex describe tips and tricks for photographing the natural world yourself. As well as a formal presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the photographic techniques Alex uses and a discussion about what we can do to help biodiversity.

Mansfield

Museum



### **FUNGI UP CLOSE**

FREE Worksop Library N

### Saturday 11 January -Thursday 27 February

Alex Hyde has visited sites across our local area including Sherwood Forest, Maun Valley and Spa Ponds. A selection of his photographs from these visits have been used to create this exhibition

# ALEX OPENS OUR EYES TO THE WONDERS OF FUNGI.

Alex is a natural history photographer who has won the Hidden Britain category in both the 2015 and 2017 British Wildlife Photography Awards





### SHERWOOD FOREST UP CLOSE

FREE Hucknall Library (N)

### Thursday 30 January - Thursday 27 March

An exhibition of images by natural history photographer Alex Hyde showcasing some of the special species of Sherwood Forest close up and in fascinating detail.

FROM THE AREA — SOMETIMES JUST A COUPLE OF MILHMETRES LONG.



The work was commissioned by the Miner2Major Landscape Partnership scheme, supported by National Lottery Heritage Fund.

















**Exhibition** 

I AM AN ARTIST

**Beeston Library** 

Saturday 16 November - Sunday 5 January

West Bridgford Library

Wednesday 8 January -Wednesday 12 February

**Mansfield Central Library** 

Saturday 15 February - Sunday 30 March

The artwork on display in the I Am An Artist Exhibition shows the story between five artists and five groups working in co-creation.

Empowering their inner artist, participants recognised themselves as creatives as they worked together to produce the place themed artwork on display.

Enjoy the wonderful artwork co-created with the groups - which included people living with dementia, older people and neurodiverse families - and get a behind-the-scenes look at the project through images captured by photographer Neil Pledger. SCOUN

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

inspireculture.org.uk/IAmAnArtist



**Exhibition** 

I AM A WRITER

### Tuesday 4 March - Sunday 20 April

Through writing, photography and audio, this exhibition seeks to convey the inspiring story of our I Am A Writer project, which saw established writers working with groups of people in the community to co-create exciting pieces of new writing - with the ultimate aim of giving voice to people who may not often be heard

Enjoy some of the wonderful writing co-created with the groups - which included people living with dementia, older people and neurodiverse families - and get a behind-thescenes look at the project through images captured by photographer Neil Pledger.

I Am A Writer is the first branch of our I Am A Creator cultural programme.

inspireculture.org.uk/IAmAWriter



#### **Exhibition**

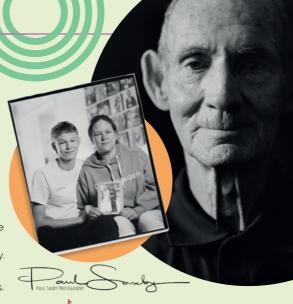
**PAYING IT FORWARD:** A VETERAN'S STORY BY PAUL SAXBY

FREE Mansfield Central Library N

Thursday 9 January - Tuesday 11 February

This project embraces the ripple effect of paying it forward. Paul hopes that his acts of kindness in giving his time freely to capture images, and their backstories, will generate waves of goodwill throughout the community.

Intriqued? Come and be astounded by his portraits and the related inspirational memoirs.









# **OPEN STUDIOS NOTTS 2025**

Open Studios Notts is making its annual call out to Nottinghamshire artists and makers who would like to open their studios to the public and be part of OSNotts 2025.

LOADS OF GREAT

- Open Studios events of participating artists and makers.
- · A printed and widely circulated brochure of all the events.
- · Yearlong studio and profile entry on the OSNotts website for each participating artist.
- A chance to be selected for an Inspire library exhibition held in Beeston, Mansfield Central and Retford Libraries.

Each fee-paying artist participating in OSNotts will be eligible for selection by Inspire to have professional photographs taken to be featured in the library exhibitions and for the artist's own use.

#### OSNotts image credits:

Pottery artist: Mark Gittins. Lace print artist: Debbie Bryan. Photographed by: Neil Pledger.



# JAZZ STEPS live at the libraries



£13 Inspire Libraries ®

**Beeston Library** 

7.30pm / Monday 9 December

**Worksop Library** 

7.30pm / Tuesday 10 December

**West Bridgford Library** 

7.30pm / Wednesday 11 December

Rocking blues is back - by popular demand! It's the return of the Pete Donaldson Blues Band livening up our December nights! Their inspirational set features some classic numbers such as Route 66, as well as more contemporary blues numbers.

Live Music

### A SKETCH OF CHET -A TRIBUTE TO CHET BAKER

£13 Inspire Libraries ®

**Beeston Library** 

7.30pm / Monday 17 March

Worksop Library

7.30pm / Tuesday 18 March

West Bridaford

7.30pm / Wednesday 19 March

A celebration of Chet Baker that captures the essence of this mesmerising musician a lyrical trumpeter and sultry vocalist who redefined modern jazz and became the embodiment of effortless cool. His classic album, Chet Baker Sings, remains a touchstone for jazz aficionados and casual listeners alike. A Sketch of Chet is more than a tribute it's an homage to a legend, brought to life by the Simon Paterson Quartet - musicians who truly understand the art of cool.

Don't miss this chance to experience the music that defined an era.

#### **Live Music**

### **'MIDNIGHT BLUE' LIVE**

£13 Inspire Libraries ®

**Beeston Library** 

7.30pm / Monday 17 February

**Worksop Library** 

7.30pm / Tuesday 18 February

West Bridgford Library

7.30pm / Wednesday 19 February

Experience 'Midnight Blue' live - a 1963 jazz masterpiece on the iconic Blue Note label that blends soulful blues and jazz. Performed here by Cliff Brown, Paul Gray, Ian Beestin, Richard Kensington and Ben Martin, this talented quintet capture the essence of Kenny Burrell's original smooth, rich and melodic guitar, alongside Stanley Turrentine's warm and earthy tenor sax. Cool music that wonderfully embodies the 'Blue Note sound'.











FAMILY HISTORY – ONE TO ONE SESSIONS

**FREE** Online or Phone ®

2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm or 3.30pm / Tuesday 14 January

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.

### Heritage Talk

THE SCANDALOUS
MARRIAGES OF THE
SHERWOOD ARISTOCRACY

**£3** Worksop Library **B** 

### 2pm / Saturday 18 January

Rufford, Welbeck, Clumber, Thoresby... the 'great houses' of Sherwood, but the lords and ladies who lived there were often no better than the surrounding peasantry and often a good deal worse!

Adrian Gray's new book The Scandalous Lives of the Sherwood Forest Nobility tells the story of their illicit love affairs and disastrous gambling habits, and in this talk he focuses on some of the disastrous marriages they contracted.



### Heritage Talk

**VICTORIAN OPTICAL TOYS** 

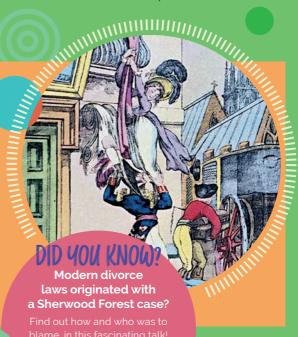
£3 Beeston Library ®

### 2pm / Wednesday 22 January

The Victorians were very keen on educational toys, including those which demonstrated scientific principles.

Optical toys of all sorts were of particular interest, and they eventually led to the invention of moving pictures on film.

Local historian and retired theatre consultant Bob Massey unravels the story behind some of these fascinating optical toys and how they informed the work of our earliest cinema pioneers.





## Heritage EXPLORING ANCESTRY

FREE Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library ®

ancestry

2pm / Thursday 30 January

### CURIOUS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY'S HISTORY?

Join one of our librarians for a small group session, where they will demonstrate some key features of this valuable online research tool.

**Ancestry.co.uk** is FREE to use in Inspire Libraries, and at Nottinghamshire Archives.

### Heritage Talk

LOVE, DUTY AND SACRIFICE: ANNESLEY HALL AND A LOVE STORY THAT DEFIED CONVENTION AND CLASS

**£3** Mansfield Central Library **B** 

### 2pm / Tuesday 18 February

Author Nicola Webb tells the story of John Patricius (Patrick) Chaworth Musters, born in 1860, heir to a wealthy landowning and mining family in Annesley, Nottinghamshire, Mary Anne Sharpe joins the household as a junior housemaid in 1881.

They become a couple, and failing to part them, Patrick's parents send them to live in Norway, unwed, but away from "polite society".

Four years and four children later, Patrick inherits the family's vast estate, returns to England with Mary Anne and marries her.

This is truly a story of love, duty and sacrifice, which defied both convention and class.



### Heritage Talk

### THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PIT PONY

3 Worksop Library ®

### 2pm / Wednesday 19 February

Buildings Archaeologist Janine Buckley 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, this talk 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. Join us for this fitting tribute to Nottinghamshire's hidden heroes.

#### IN MEMORY OF KEITH STONE

This talk is in memory of Keith Stone (1942-2024), mining heritage researcher and former mining engineer at Bestwood Colliery who contributed to the book.



£10 Nottinghamshire Archives ® 10.30am / Wednesday 11 December

Make your very own blank book.

Perfect to either keep or gift.

inspireculture.org.uk/NotebookWorkshop



### 2pm / Tuesday 25 February

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GARDENS** 

**£3** West Bridgford Library **B** 

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 Talk**

RUFFORD ABBEY: HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

£3 Mansfield Central Library ®

### 2pm / Tuesday 11 March

Take a journey through a thousand years of history at Rufford Abbey – from humble monastic origins to a grand country estate. Learn how the place has changed over the years and about some of the fascinating characters who lived there.

Planning Archaeologist Emily Gillott will also look at what has been revealed by archaeological work since the 1960s.

### Heritage Talk TANK TOUR

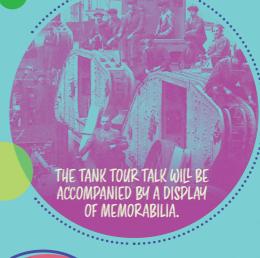
**£3** Newark Library **B** 

### 2pm / Wednesday 12 March

Join Historian Richard Pullen and Filmmaker Andrew Blow to hear the fascinating story of how a small engineering company based in Lincoln, William Foster & Co, became the unlikely inventors and manufacturers of the first tanks during World War One.

You will also discover more about the important role of the 'munitionettes' and local linkages with Newark.

The talk is presented in association with the White Hart Hotel of Lincoln, birthplace of the tank and sponsors of Tank Tour.



THE TALK



### 2pm / Wednesday 19 March

Heritage Talk

Join Planning Archaeologist Emily Gillott for a fascinating look at the history of the gallows and capital crimes with a focus on Nottinghamshire. Emily will present some of the known gallows and gibbet sites in the county and what remains of them, from Thieves Dale to Gallows Nooking. She will explore medicine and the hanged corpse, from an age when science and magic were intertwined

Content warning: the talk will discuss death, injustice, and corpses The aim is to sensitively highlight some of the beliefs and realities of the past, but some may find these topics difficult.

### Heritage Talk

### THE CAVES OF NOTTINGHAM

**£3** Beeston Library ®

### 2pm / Wednesday 19 March

Join Peter Godley from the Nottingham Historical and Archaeological Society for a talk about the extensive network of caves that lie beneath the streets of Nottingham. Over the years some of the caves have been open to the public, but there are many more that remain accessible only to archaeologists and researchers. There are even some that have yet to be explored!

The caves have been used as dwellings, sand mines, for tanning and brewing, as secure places for valuables and even as air raid shelters during the Second World War.

Come along for some amazing insights into the historic cave life of Nottingham.

#### Heritage

### **EXPLORING NEWSPAPERS**

FREE Hucknall Library ®

### 2pm / Monday 24 March

Join one of our Heritage Librarians for a small group session where they will demonstrate the range and variety of local newspapers available in Inspire libraries on microfilm and online.

The British Newspaper Archive can be accessed for FREE in Inspire libraries, and at Nottinghamshire Archives.



### Heritage Talk

### **LADIES, LACE & LAWBREAKERS** £3 West Bridgford Library ®

#### 2pm / Tuesday 25 March

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'.



## TRANSFORMING THE ARCHIVE

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£1 Mansfield Central Library (A)

### 1.30pm / Wednesday 11 December

An eight-year-old troublemaker, mistakenly left home alone, must defend his home against a pair of burglars on Christmas Eve.

### **Relaxed Screening**

### **LOVE & FRIENDSHIP (U)**

£1 Southwell Library (A)

### 2pm / Thursday 12 December

Lady Susan Vernon takes up temporary residence at her in-laws' estate and, while there, is determined to be a matchmaker for her daughter Frederica - and herself too.

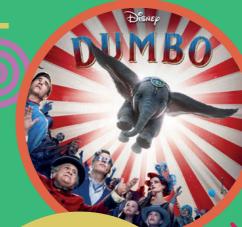
Join us at Southwell library for this delightful period drama based on Jane Austen's epistolary novel, Lady Susan written c. 1794 and directed by Whit Stillman.

### **Relaxed Film Screening and Craft DUMBO (PG)**

£1 Mansfield Central Library (A)

### 1.30pm / Wednesday 19 February

A young elephant, whose oversized ears enable him to fly, helps save a struggling circus. But when the circus plans a new venture. Dumbo and his friends discover dark secrets beneath its shiny veneer.



**Dementia Friendly** film screenings are relaxed, with a break and refreshments. They're suitable for all, particularly those with memory challenges.

In partnership with Film Hub Midlands, with support from:











### Relaxed Screening THE TIGGER MOVIE (U)

**£1** Arnold Library (A)

### 10am / Friday 7 February

When Rabbit suggests that Tigger go find others of his kind to bounce with, Tigger thinks "the most wonderful thing about tiggers is" he's "the only one!"

Just in case though, the joyously bouncy feline sets out to see if he can find relatives.

SING WITH FRIENDS
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**Mansfield Central Library** 

1.30pm / Wednesdays from 18 December

**Sutton-in-Ashfield Library** 

### 2pm / Tuesdays from 10 December

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

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£3 Retford Library (A

2pm / 6 December & 7 February

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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.

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Christmas **Events** 

FREE Inspire Libraries (N)

10am - 12pm / Saturday 7 December

10am - 12pm / Saturday 14 December

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

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

Music

£5 Adults

£3 Online tickets, children

AN INSPIRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT

### 7pm / Monday 9 December

Join us in person or online as we celebrate the start of the festive period with this showcase of amazing performances from a host of talented young singers from Nottinghamshire schools and choirs.

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## **EVENTS DIARY**

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16 Nov - 5 Jan	I Am An Artist	Exhibition	Beeston Library	FREE	13
3 Dec - 20 Mar	Little Creatives Workshops *	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	8
6 Dec	Songs and Scones	Live Music	Retford Library	£3	22
7 Dec	Christmas Market	Christmas Markets in Libraries	Arnold Library	FREE	23
9 Dec	An Inspired Christmas Concert	Live Music	The Royal Concert Hall and Online	£5/£3	23
g Dec	Jazz Steps: Pete Donaldson Blues Band	Live Music	Beeston Library	£13	15
10 Dec	Jazz Steps: Pete Donaldson Blues Band	Live Music	Worksop Library	£13	15
11 Dec	Home Alone (PG)	Film Events	Mansfield Central Library	£1	21
11 Dec	Jazz Steps: Pete Donaldson Blues Band	Live Music	West Bridgford Library	£13	15
12 Dec	Love & Friendship (U)	Film Events	Southwell Library	£1	21
14 Dec	Christmas Market	Christmas Markets in Libraries	Stapleford Library	FREE	23
14 Dec	Christmas Market	Christmas Markets in Libraries	Ravenshead Library	FREE	23
8 Jan - 12 Feb	I Am An Artist	Exhibition	West Bridgford Library	FREE	13
9 Jan - 11 Feb	Paying it Forward: A Veteran's Story by Paul Saxby	Exhibition	Mansfield Central Library	FREE	14
11 Jan - 27 Feb	Fungi Up Close	Exhibition	Worksop Library	FREE	12
From 13 Jan	Adventures in Music *	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	11
From 13 Jan	The Lullaby Bank *	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	11
13 Jan	Open Studios Notts 2025 Application	Deadline!			14
14 Jan	Family History One to One Sessions	Heritage	Online or Phone	FREE	16
18 Jan	The Scandalous Marriages of the Sherwood Aristocracy	Heritage Talk	Worksop Library	£3	16
22 Jan	Victorian Optical Toys	Heritage Talk	Beeston Library	£3	16
25 Jan	Nottingham Playhouse presents: The Ugly Duckling	Family Theatre	Worksop Library	£4/£7	7
30 Jan	Exploring Ancestry	Heritage	Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library	FREE	17
30 Jan - 27 Mar	Sherwood Forest Up Close	Exhibition	Hucknall Library	FREE	12
6 Feb	Fungi Up Close - Stories Behind the Lens	Talk	Worksop Library	£3	12
7 Feb	Songs and Scones	Live Music	Retford Library	£3	22
7 Feb	The Tigger Movie (U)	Film Events	Arnold Library	£1	22
8 Feb	The Minute Memoir	Writing Workshop	Worksop Library	FREE	4
9 Feb	The Sounds of Music	Family Concert	West Bridgford Library	£4/£7	7
10 - 21 Feb	Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity *	Family Workshops	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	10

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

### **December - March 2025**

DATE	EVENT	TYPE	LOCATION	£	PAGE
15 - 19 Feb	Little Seeds Music presents: Cinderella Ice Cream Seller *	Family Theatre	Various Inspire Libraries	£4/£7	6
15 Feb - 30 Mar	I Am An Artist	Exhibition	Mansfield Central Library	FREE	13
17 Feb	Jazz Steps: 'Midnight Blue' Live	Live Music	Beeston Library	£13	15
18 Feb	Clare Harvey	Author Event	Ravenshead Library	£3	4
18 Feb	Jazz Steps: 'Midnight Blue' Live	Live Music	Worksop Library	£13	15
18 Feb	Love, Duty and Sacrifice: Annesley Hall and a Love Story	Heritage Talk	Mansfield Central Library	£3	17
19 Feb	Jazz Steps: 'Midnight Blue' Live	Live Music	West Bridgford Library	£13	15
19 Feb	The Nottinghamshire Pit Pony	Heritage Talk	Worksop Library	£3	17
19 Feb	Dumbo (PG)	Film Events	Mansfield Central Library	£1	21
20 Feb	Science Fun Day	Family Workshops	Mansfield Central Library	FREE	10
21 Feb	Create a Superstar Animal with Terrie Chilvers	Children's Author Event	Mansfield Central and Worksop Libraries	£3 ▼	9
25 Feb	Hidden Histories Of Nottinghamshire Gardens	Heritage Talk	West Bridgford Library	£3	18
1 Mar	Impossible Questions with Isabel Thomas	Children's Author Event	West Bridgford and Beeston Libraries	£3.▲	9
1 Mar	Poeting the Past with Andrew Graves	Writing Workshop	Mansfield Central Library	£5	4
4 Mar - 20 Apr	I Am A Writer	Exhibition	Worksop Library	FREE	13
8 Mar	The Minute Memoir	Writing Workshop	Harworth and Bircotes Library	FREE	4
11 Mar	Rebecca Bradley	Author Event	Bingham Library	£3	5
11 Mar	Rufford Abbey: History and Archaeology	Heritage Talk	Mansfield Central Library	£3	18
12 Mar	Tank Tour	Heritage Talk	Newark Library	£3	18
15 Mar	The Sounds of Music	Family Concert	Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library	£4/£7	7
17 - 22 Mar	Magical Missions! In Association with Nottingham Playhouse *	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	£2	8
17 Mar	Jazz Steps: A Sketch of Chet - A Tribute to Chet Baker	Live Music	Beeston Library	£13	15
18 Mar	Jazz Steps: A Sketch of Chet - A Tribute to Chet Baker	Live Music	Worksop Library	£13	15
19 Mar	Nottinghamshire Gallows and Gibbets	Heritage Talk	Worksop Library	£3	19
19 Mar	The Caves of Nottingham	Heritage	Beeston Library	£3	19
19 Mar	Jazz Steps: A Sketch of Chet - A Tribute to Chet Baker	Live Music	West Bridgford Library	£13	15
24 Mar	Exploring Local Newspapers	Heritage	Hucknall Library	FREE	19
25 Mar	Sarah Ward	Author Event	Hucknall Library	£3	5
25 Mar	Ladies, Lace & Lawbreakers	Heritage Talk	West Bridgford Library	£3	19
27 Mar	T.M. Logan	Author Event	West Bridgford Library	£3	5
29 Mar	The Sounds of Music	Family Concert	Beeston Library	£4/£7	7



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