

# Inspire Libraries & Beyond What's On

## December 2024 – March 2025

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### Booking Information

Tickets for events can be booked online, in person at the library, or by calling Ask Inspire on 01623 677 200. Tickets are non-refundable unless an event is cancelled. Programme is subject to change and all details are correct at time of print.

Eventbrite is our ticket provider. [Read their accessibility statement on their website.](#)

## **Access**

Beeston, Mansfield Central Library, Worksop and West Bridgford libraries are all accessible to wheelchair users with ramp access, lifts to upper floors and disabled toilets.

Please let us know if you require a wheelchair for ticketed events or have access needs. [Visit your local library webpage](#) for more information.

## **Accreditations**

As an organisation we are proud to have received the Investors in Diversity Award. We are also:

- Carer Friendly
- Age Friendly
- Breastfeeding Friendly
- Dementia Friendly
- Disability Confident
- Family Arts Standard registered
- Hidden Disability Sunflower members

[Find out more about our vision and values on our website.](#)

## Reading

### Writing Workshop

#### [The Minute Memoir](#)

- Worksop Library – Saturday 8 February, 11am – 1pm
- Harworth and Bircotes Library – Saturday 8 March, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Free, guided life writing sessions with writers Anthony Cropper and Eve Makis. For ages 16+.

Free. Booking required.

### Author Event

#### [Clare Harvey](#)

- Ravenshead Library – Tuesday 18 February, 2.30pm

Join award-winning historical fiction author Clare Harvey to hear about her writing life.

£3. Booking advised.

### Writing Workshop

#### [Poeting the Past with Andrew Graves](#)

- Mansfield Central Library – Saturday 1 March, 11am – 1pm

A relaxed writing workshop with Notts poet and author Andrew Graves using resources from the library's local heritage collection. £5. Booking required.

## Author Event

### [Rebecca Bradley](#)

- Bingham Library – Tuesday 11 March, 2pm

Join author Rebecca Bradley as she talks about her books, writing, and life in the police.

£3. Booking advised.

## Author Event

### [Sarah Ward](#)

- Hucknall Library – Tuesday 25 March, 2pm

Join author Sarah Ward as she talks about her new crime novel.

£3. Booking advised.

## Author Event

### [T.M. Logan](#)

- West Bridgford Library – Thursday 27 March, 7.30pm

An evening with bestselling crime author, T.M.Logan.

£3. Booking advised.

## Children and Families

Family Theatre

### [Little Seeds Music presents Cinderella Ice Cream Seller](#)

- Beeston Library – Saturday 15 February, 11am & 2pm
- West Bridgford Library – Sunday 16 February, 11.30am
- Southwell Library – Sunday 16 February, 4.30pm
- Mansfield Central Library – Monday 17 February, 10.30am
- Hucknall Library – Monday 17 February, 3.30pm
- Worksop Library – Wednesday 19 February, 10.30am
- Retford Library – Wednesday 19 February, 3.30pm

Exciting musical retelling of a fairytale classic. Perfect for ice cream fans aged 5+ and their families.

£4 library members. £7 non-library members. Booking advised.

Family Theatre

### [Nottingham Playhouse presents: The Ugly Duckling](#)

- Worksop Library – Saturday 25 January, 11am

Meet the newest duckling on the pond. A brand-new version of this charming tale. For ages 3 – 8 and their families.

Under 5s

### [Little Creatives](#)

- Arnold Library – 14 December, 11 January, 8 February, 8 March
- Beeston Library – 10 December, 14 January, 11 February, 11 March
- Bingham Library – 12 December, 9 January, 13 February, 13 March
- Hucknall Library – 14 February, 14 March
- The John Godber Centre (Hucknall) – 13 December, 10 January
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – 5 December, 2 January, 6 February, 6 March
- Mansfield Central Library – 6 December, 3 January, 7 February, 7 March
- Newark Library – 3 December, 7 January, 4 February, 4 March
- Retford Library – 3 December, 7 January, 4 February, 4 March
- Southwell Library – 12 December, 9 January, 13 February, 13 March
- Sutton-in-Ashfield Library – 13 December, 10 January, 14 February, 14 March
- West Bridgford Library – 19 December, 16 January, 20 February, 20 March
- Worksop Library – 7 December, 4 January, 1 February, 1 March

Sessions at 10 am -10.45 am or 11.15 am - 12 pm

Join us for creative art sessions specifically designed by artists for children aged 2-5 and their families. Book one or more dates and choose a session time that suits you. All children must be accompanied.

Free. Booking essential.

Under 5s

### [Magical Missions! In association with Nottingham](#)

#### [Playhouse](#)

- Mansfield Central Library – Monday 17 March, 10.30am
- Hucknall Library – Monday 17 March, 2pm
- Newark Library – Tuesday 18 March, 10.30am
- Southwell Library – Tuesday 18 March, 2pm
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – Wednesday 19 March, 10.30am
- Sutton-in-Ashfield Library – Wednesday 19 March, 2pm
- Bingham Library – Thursday 20 March, 10.30am
- West Bridgford Library – Thursday 20 March, 2pm
- Arnold Library – Friday 21 March, 10.30am
- Beeston Library – Friday 21 March, 2pm
- Retford Library – Saturday 22 March, 10.30am
- Worksop Library – Saturday 22 March, 2pm

Step into the legendary world of the Magical Major Oak as spring arrives in the forest and join Marian in a playful practical workshop. For ages 2 – 4 and their grown-ups.

£2. Booking advised.

### Children's Author Events

#### **Create a Superstar Animal with Terrie Chilvers**

- Worksop Library – Friday 21 February, 11am
- Mansfield Central Library – Friday 21 February, 2.30pm

Join children's author Terrie Chilvers for a chapter reading of her book about a mind-reading sausage dog, followed by a workshop. Suitable for ages 5 – 10.

£3 children. Accompanying adults free. Booking advised.

### Children's Author Events

#### **Impossible Questions with Isabel Thomas**

- West Bridgford Library – Saturday 1 March, 10.30am
- Beeston Library – Saturday 1 March, 2pm

Help award-winning writer Isabel Thomas explore answers to impossible questions with interactive challenges. For ages 5 – 10.

£3 children. Accompanying adults free. Booking advised.



## Family Workshops

### [Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity](#)

- 10 – 21 February at selected libraries across Nottinghamshire.

Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity celebrates science, technology, engineering and maths with interactive, fun and free events across Nottinghamshire. The full programme will be available at [nottsfosac.co.uk](http://nottsfosac.co.uk) from 13 January. For ages 5 – 11.

## Family Fun Day

### [Science Fun Day](#)

- Mansfield Central Library – Thursday 10 February, 10am – 2pm

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.

Free. No booking required.

## Under 5s

### [Adventures in Music](#)

Starting from 13 January.

Free. Booking Advised.

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

Suitable for children aged 2 – 5.

Children must be supervised throughout the sessions.

Start dates for each library will vary. For full dates and times visit: <https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-and-families/>

Libraries include:

- Beeston
- Bingham
- Carlton Hill
- Cotgrave
- Eastwood
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield
- Mansfield Central
- Newark
- Retford
- Stapleford
- Sutton-in-Ashfield
- Worksop

Under 5s

### **The Lullaby Bank**

At 7 Inspire Libraries starting from 13 January. Libraries include:

- Arnold
- Beeston
- Bingham
- Carlton Hill
- Cotgrave
- Eastwood
- Stapleford

Free. Booking advised.

The Lullaby Bank is for mums and babies from 0 – 9 months to relax and bond in a calm space. Sing and listen to melodies from around the world. A partnership between Inspire Music and Music for Everyone.

Family Concert

### **The Sounds of Music**

- West Bridgford Library – Sunday 9 February, 12.30pm
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – Saturday 15 March, 11am
- Beeston Library – Saturday 29 March, 1pm

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. For ages 5 – 11.

£4 library members. £7 non-library members. Booking advised.

## Exhibitions

Exhibition

### [Fungi Up Close](#)

- Worksop Library - Friday 2 August – Thursday 5 September

Free. No booking required.

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.

Talk

### [Fungi Up Close – Stories Behind the Lens](#)

- Worksop Library – Thursday 6 February, 4pm

Join wildlife photographer Alex Hyde to discover the wonderful world of Fungi Up Close.

£3. Booking required.

Exhibition

### [I Am An Artist](#)

- Beeston Library - Saturday 16 November – Sunday 5 January 2025
- 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 artists and groups working in co-creation.

Free. No booking required.

Exhibition

### [I Am A Writer](#)

- Worksop Library – Tuesday 4 March

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.

Free. No booking required.

Exhibition

### [Paying It Forward: A Veteran's Story by Paul Saxby](#)

- Mansfield Central Library – Thursday 9 January – Tuesday 11 February

An exhibition to pay tribute to our veteran community and keep their stories alive.

Free. No booking required.

## **Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries**

Live Music

### **Pete Donaldson Blues Band**

- Beeston Library – Monday 9 December, 7.30pm
- Worksop Library – Tuesday 10 December, 7.30pm
- West Bridgford Library – Wednesday 11 December, 7.30pm

This inspirational set features some classic numbers such as Route 66, as well as more contemporary blues numbers.

£13. Booking required.

Live Music

### **'Midnight Blue' Live**

- Beeston Library – Monday 17 February, 7.30pm
- Worksop Library – Tuesday 18 February 7.30pm
- West Bridgford Library – Wednesday 19 February, 7.30pm

Experience 'Midnight Blue' live – a 1963 jazz masterpiece on the iconic Blue Note label that blends soulful blues and jazz.

£13. Booking required.

Live Music

**[A Sketch of Chet – A Tribute to Chet Baker](#)**

- Beeston Library – Monday 17 March 7.30pm
- Worksop Library – Tuesday 18 March 7.30pm
- West Bridgford Library – Wednesday 19 March, 7.30pm

A celebration of Chet Baker that captures the essence of this mesmerising musician.

£13. Booking required.



## Heritage

Workshop

### [Handmade Notebook Workshop](#)

- Nottinghamshire Archives – Wednesday 11 December, 10.30am

Make your own handmade notebook using pamphlet binding methods.

£10. Booking required.

Heritage

### [Family History One to One Sessions](#)

- Online or phone – Tuesday 14 January - 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm or 3.30pm

Free. Booking required.

One to one conversation with a librarian to help discover more about your family history.

Heritage Talk

### [Victorian Optical Toys](#)

- Beeston Library – Wednesday 22 January, 2pm

Local historian and retired theatre consultant, Bob Massey, unravels the story behind the fascinating Victorian optical toys.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

## **The Scandalous Marriages of the Sherwood Aristocracy**

- Worksop Library – Saturday 18 January, 2pm

A talk by Adrian Gray, focusing on some of the disastrous marriages of the Sherwood Aristocracy.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage

## **Exploring Ancestry**

- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – Thursday 30 January, 2pm

Join one of our librarians for a small group session where they will demonstrate key features of Ancestry.co.uk.

Free. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

## **Love, Duty and Sacrifice: Annesley Hall and a Love Story that Defied Convention and Class**

- Mansfield Central Library – Tuesday 18 February, 2pm

Author Nicola Webb tells the story of John Patricius (Patrick) Chaworth Musters born in 1860 to a wealthy family in Annesley.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

## **The Nottinghamshire Pit Pony**

- Worksop Library – Wednesday 19 February

Buildings Archaeologist Janine Buckley celebrates the efforts of the county's pit ponies.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

### [Hidden Histories of Nottinghamshire's Gardens](#)

- West Bridgford Library – Tuesday 25 February, 2pm

Former BBC journalist Martin Stott, author of the storyteller garden history blog, uncovers some hidden tales of Nottinghamshire gardens.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

### [Rufford Abbey: History and Archaeology](#)

- Mansfield Central Library – Tuesday 11 March, 2pm

Take a journey through a thousand years of history at Rufford Abbey with Planning Archaeologist, Emily Gillott.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

### [Tank Tour](#)

- Newark Library – Wednesday 12 March, 2pm

Historian Richard Pullen and Filmmaker Andre Blow will share a fascinating story of how a small engineering company in

Lincolnshire became the unlikely inventors of tanks in World War One.

Heritage Talk

### **Nottinghamshire Gallows and Gibbets**

- Worksop Library – Wednesday 19 March, 2pm

Planning Archaeologist Emily Gillott looks at the history of Nottinghamshire's gallows and capital crimes.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

### **The Caves of Nottingham**

- Beeston Library – Wednesday 19 March, 2pm

Peter Godley from the Nottingham Historical and Archaeological Society talks about the network of caves beneath the streets of Nottingham.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage

### **Exploring Newspapers**

- Hucknall Library – Monday 24 March, 2pm

A small group session with a heritage librarian to demonstrate the range of local newspapers available in Inspire libraries on microfilm and online.

FREE. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

### [Ladies, Lace and Lawbreakers](#)

- West Bridgford Library – Tuesday 25 March, 2pm

Community Historian Mo Cooper will take you on a virtual tour of the streets of Nottingham's Lace Market.

£3. Booking required.

## Film Events

Our relaxed and dementia friendly film screenings are suitable for all and include a break and refreshments. Dementia friendly film screenings are particularly suitable for those with memory challenges, and relaxed screenings are ideal for neurodiverse families.

### Dementia Friendly

#### [Home Alone \(PG\)](#)

- Mansfield Central Library – Wednesday 11 December, 1.30pm

An 8-year-old troublemaker mistakenly left home alone must defend his home against burglars on Christmas Eve.

£1. Booking advised.

### Relaxed Screening

#### [Love & Friendship \(U\)](#)

- Southwell Library – Thursday 12 December, 2pm

Period drama based on Jane Austen's epistolary novel, Lady Susan, who takes up temporary residence at her in laws' estate and is determined to be a matchmaker.

£1. Booking advised.

Relaxed Film Screening

### [Dumbo \(PG\)](#)

- Mansfield Central Library – Wednesday 19 February,  
1.30pm

A young elephant helps save a struggling circus, but when the circus plans a new venture, Dumbo discovers some dark secrets.

£1. Booking advised.

Relaxed Screening

### [The Tigger Movie \(U\)](#)

- Arnold Library – Friday 7 February, 10am

Rabbit suggests that Tigger go find the others of his kind to bounce with, so he sets out to see if he can find any relatives.

£1. Booking advised.

Live Music

### [Songs and Scones](#)

- Retford Library – 6 December and 7 February

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.

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

£2. Booking advised.

Community

### [Sing With Friends](#)

- Mansfield Central Library – Wednesdays starting from 18 December, 1.30pm
- Sutton-in-Ashfield Library – Tuesdays starting from 10 December, 2pm

An hour of reminiscence using music from the movies and other favourites - with chat, tea and biscuits!



## **Christmas Events at Inspire**

### **Christmas Markets in Libraries**

- Arnold Library - Saturday 7 December, 10am – 12pm
- Stapleford Library - Saturday 14 December, 10am – 12pm
- Ravenshead Library - Saturday 14 December, 10am – 12pm

Free entry. No booking required.

Browse handmade items from local makers.

### **An Inspired Christmas Concert**

- The Royal Concert Hall / Online – Monday 9 December, 7pm

£5 Adults. £3 children and concessions. Booking required.

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