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delivered by Inspire
Complete the summer Reading Challenge to be entered into a prize draw, sponsored by arcpartnership
inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge
WELCOME TO YOUR JULY - OCTOBER SEASON! ARTS AND CULTURE, LIVE AT YOUR LIBRARY

Blast into the summer at Beeston, with a packed programme of events, including this year’s Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge, also featuring an ‘Out of this World’ exhibition with work by children from Round Hill School and artist and author workshops. A collaboration with The Spark Arts for Children brings more not to be missed family theatre to the library, exploring maps, myths and monsters in The Girl of Ink and Stars. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Beeston Library is poetry packed with a NEW poetry collective, providing an opportunity to be part of a new writing community in the heart of Beeston. As one of the venues for the Inspire Poetry Festival in September, you can be sure to get your fix with word packed performances, workshops and events.

We will be welcoming an array of heritage experts to take us through stories of town halls, women and food as well as the opportunity for some local history on our Beeston Blue Plaque walk. Celebrate Nottinghamshire’s recipe heritage and food stories past and present in our Home Cooked Heritage exhibition and talk.

Jazz Steps once again brings artists of international renown to the library, offering audiences a chance to catch world-class music in the heart of your community. With these events and more, it’s set to be an exciting season. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Inspire is registered for the Family Arts Standards for family events in our four largest libraries, including Beeston Library. This means we are working hard to make families feel welcome. Look out for events in our programme and online with this badge:

Find out more: familyartsstandards.com

Beeston Library
Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1AE

Opening hours
Monday 9am – 6pm
Tuesday 9am – 7pm
Wednesday 9am – 6pm
Thursday 9am – 6pm
Friday 9am – 6pm
Saturday 9am – 4pm

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

Phone: 01623 677 200
Online: inspireculture.org.uk

Tickets are non-refundable unless an event is cancelled. Programme is subject to change.

Contact Inspire
Phone: Ask Inspire 01623 677 200
Email: ask@inspireculture.org.uk

Keep up to date
Would you like to receive news and information about Inspire, including our events, direct to your inbox? Then visit the website to sign up to our email updates. You’ll be able to select from a range of preferences based on your own interests. Visit: inspireculture.org.uk/emails

Access
Beeston Library is accessible for wheelchair users. Access to the first floor is via a lift.

Please let us know if you require a wheelchair space for ticketed events or have access needs.

A large print version of this brochure is available on the website, and can be made available at the library.

inspireculture.org.uk
EXHIBITION
PAPPLEWICK PUMPING STATION: A TEMPLE TO WATER
Until Saturday 13 July
Free

Explore a treasure of Nottinghamshire heritage in this fascinating exhibition.

Inspire worked with Dragon Breath Theatre, University of Nottingham and Papplewick Pumping Station to highlight the water heritage story behind the pumping station and show the cross-curricular education resources available to schools.

BOOKS AND READING
PAPER CRANE POETS
5.30 – 7.30pm, on the first and third Tuesdays of the month
£2
No booking required
Adults

We need you!

Are you a secret poem writer, or a loud and proud spoken word performer looking to develop your skills? Local poets Chris McLoughlin and Leanne Moden invite poets at all stages and abilities to join them for a series of fun and friendly workshops aimed at creating a supportive writing community right in the heart of Beeston!

Join them for sessions focused on writing, publishing and performing poetry.

For further details, email leanne.moden@gmail.com or visit inspireculture.org.uk/papercrane

See page 10 for details of Inspire Poetry Festival 2019.

HERITAGE TALK
TOWN HALLS - BUILDINGS PEOPLE AND POWER
Wednesday 17 July, 2pm
£3
Booking advised
Adults

Town Halls are symbols of democracy, civic pride and power, reflected in a range of architectural styles. So many stories happen inside these amazing buildings, and this illustrated talk explores their past, present and possible futures.

Join author Dawn Reeves and Nottinghamshire County Councillor Diana Meale for a discussion featuring Town Halls across Nottinghamshire and beyond.

See page 8 for details of more Heritage events.
Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her father once mapped. When a girl from the village disappears into the island’s Forgotten Territories, Isabella and her lifelong friend Pablo go in search of her.

Following her map and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers that deep beneath the dry rivers and smoky mountains, a fiery legend is stirring from its sleep...

The performance is presented through headsets to give an immersive 360° sound experience. Headsets will be provided.

The Girl of Ink and Stars will tour 20 libraries this summer. See inspireculture.org.uk/inkandstars for details.
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2019: SPACE CHASE

Saturday 13 July to Sunday 8 September
Free
For children aged 4 – 11

Help our super space family, The Rockets, track down books that have been nabbed by aliens!

Inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing, this year’s Summer Reading Challenge is an out-of-this-world adventure. Children are invited to read six library books of their choice, collecting special stickers (including some very stinky ones!) to complete their mission. Can they find the aliens in time to save the day?

Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge at inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge

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EXHIBITION
OUT OF THIS WORLD
Tuesday 16 July – Thursday 12 September
Free

Come and see the silly space poems and alien antics which we know will inspire you to take part in this year’s Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge. Inspired by the 2019 theme Space Chase, Trevor and Steve have worked with Round Hill School to create stories of an alien world and animated their ideas to create the exhibition.

Showing alongside the children’s work are knitted worry monsters created by our adult knitting groups. These will be donated to Knit-for-Nowt and become tools for practitioners working with children with mental health needs.

FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP
SPACE STORIES
Thursday 1 August,
10am - 12 noon
Free
Booking essential
Ages 7+ and their families
(children must be accompanied)

Join Steve Smallman, Inspire’s author in residence, for a hilarious space inspired workshop. You’ll be drawing planets, spaceships and lots of aliens and writing silly poems about them too! Steve is a silly poem expert as well as a brilliant illustrator so book your ticket now; it’ll be out of this world!

FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP
ALIEN ANIMATION
Thursday 8 August,
10am - 12 noon
Free
Booking essential
Ages 7+ and their families
(children must be accompanied)

Make an alien out of modelling clay and design a speedy space craft to zoom off into space. Work with our digital artist in residence Trevor Woolery to animate your creations and turn them into a GIF.

Book your ticket now and be part of a wonderfully silly space race!

As part of our Arts Council National Portfolio Organisation funded work, we are delighted to have an artist and author in residence. This year we have commissioned local digital artist Trevor Woolery and children’s author Steve Smallman to work with families across the county inspired by the Summer Reading Challenge theme of Space Chase. inspireculture.org.uk/outofthisworld
HERITAGE EVENT
BEESTON BLUE PLAQUE WALK
Saturday 7 September, 11am - 12.30pm
Free
Booking essential
All ages welcome

A shortened, circular Blue Plaque guided walk, led by members of Beeston and District Civic Society, starting and finishing at Beeston Library.

Please note the walk will last approximately 90 minutes, and you are advised to dress comfortably for the weather.

HERITAGE TALK
HOME COOKED HERITAGE TALK
Wednesday 16 October, 2pm
Free | Booking advised
Adults

James Wright is the heritage expert behind our recent project Home Cooked Heritage, and has delved into Nottinghamshire Archives in search of interesting food-related stories. As a Buildings Archaeologist he is ideally suited to reveal the ways food was prepared and served in earlier times.

This talk is also available at Mansfield and Worksop Libraries inspireculture.org.uk/homecookedheritage

HERITAGE TALK
THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE REALITY. NOTABLE WOMEN OF NOTTINGHAM
Wednesday 18 September, 2pm
£3 | Booking advised
Adults

A gallop through the stories of the women who have contributed to Nottingham’s history. How many do you know? Mo Cooper of Nottingham Women’s History Group is a community historian and heritage manager specialising in researching the hidden history of Nottingham.

ARTS AND HERITAGE EXHIBITION
HOME COOKED HERITAGE
Tuesday 17 September – Thursday 31 October
Free

How do you bring archive materials, 120 school children, 50 adults, a storyteller, an artist and an archaeologist together in one project? FOOD! Exploring the heritage of recipes unearthed in Nottinghamshire Archives, a celebration of food stories, past and present have become a sea of tea towels showcasing creative responses to this Heritage Lottery Funded Shared Heritage project.

The exhibition of archive materials and contemporary responses is touring library galleries and will then be added back into Nottinghamshire Archives for future food historians to uncover.

Nottinghamshire Archives is a fabulous resource open to the public and holding more than four million documents
LIVE MUSIC
JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE LIBRARIES PRESENTS
TONY KOFI - A PORTRAIT OF CANNONBALL
Monday 16 September, 7:30pm
£10
Booking strongly advised
Adults (Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)

Alto sax master Tony Kofi fronts this loving celebration of the jazz giant Julian ‘Cannonball’ Adderley, with Alex Webb (piano), Andy Cleynhert (bass) and Alfonso Vitale (drums).

The group traces the explosive music of Cannonball from his first session as leader in 1955, through work with Miles Davis, to his pioneering, infectious soul-jazz of the 1960s. Tony Kofi is a multi-award winning musician (BBC, MOBO, Parliamentary).

Born in Nottingham and living in London, he spent four years at the renowned Berklee College of Music in Boston, USA, and has since performed with true jazz legends such as Courtney Pine, Donald Byrd, Dr Lonnie Smith, Eddie Henderson and Ornette Coleman.

These performances are also available at Worksop, West Bridgford, and Southwell Libraries. For details visit inspireculture.org.uk/jazz

In collaboration with Jazz Steps.

Rising star vibraphonist Jonny Mansfield brings his exciting, youthful quartet to Inspire libraries. Through wide-ranging influences including Ravel, Norah Jones and James Taylor, Jonny has garnered mass appeal for his inventive compositions and virtuosic playing. This London-based group – featuring Will Barry (piano), Will Harris (bass) and Boz Martin-Jones (drums) - hold an array of impressive awards.

They have already toured the UK to great acclaim and been given generous airtime on BBC Radio 3 and stations around the world. Jonny’s debut album was released on Edition Records in June 2019.

“A musical vision beyond his years.” Evan Parker
INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL 2019

Monday 23 September – Saturday 28 September

We’re thrilled that Beeston Library will once again host events for Inspire Poetry Festival – alongside Mansfield Central, Southwell, West Bridgford and Worksop libraries, and The Old Library, Mansfield.

Enjoy world class poetry, contemporary spoken word, inspiring workshops and the fun annual Poetry Takeover, during what’s set to be a wonderful week of words!

The full festival programme features appearances by Raymond Antrobus, PatienceAgbabi, Wendy Cope and more.

For the latest details visit inspireculture.org.uk/poetry-festival

READING
ASLANT BUT STILL STANDING...
JOHN HARVEY AT 80
Monday 23 September, 7pm
£8 Booking advised Adults (under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)

Author of the celebrated Notts-based, multi-award-winning Charlie Resnick series of crime novels, John Harvey is also known as an accomplished poet. His latest collection Aslant is published by Shoestring Press.

Join him to hear a reading of his ‘new and selected’ poems, along with the odd anecdote, in celebration of his life in writing.

“. . .a uniquely readable poet of great integrity.”
Andy Brown
**PERFORMANCE WORD! POETRY FESTIVAL SPECIAL WITH GEORGE SZIRTES**

*Tuesday 24 September, 7pm  
£7 / £5  
Booking advised  
Adults (under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)*

Join WORD! - one of the longest running poetry nights in the UK and former Saboteur Award Nominee - for this very special Beeston Library, Inspire Poetry Festival edition, with poet and compere, Lydia Towsey, special guests - and the multi-award winning, George Szirtes.

Born in Hungary in 1948, George Szirtes’ first book of poems *The Slant Door* won the Geoffrey Faber Memorial Prize in 1979. Among his many other publications, *Reel* was awarded the T.S. Eliot Prize in 2004 - a prize for which he has since been shortlisted twice.

He has also won numerous international prizes for his poetry, and the Man Booker International Prize for his translations of novels by László Krasznahorkai.

A prolific writer and brilliant reader, his latest work *The Photographer at Sixteen* (Maclehose Press, 2019) has attracted unanimous praise from across both the media and the literary community.

Don’t miss this exciting opportunity to see him in Beeston and be part of what’s sure to be a truly outstanding evening.

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To perform on the open mic, contact compere and organiser, Lydia Towsey in advance by email, via hello@wordpoetry.co.uk. Some spots may also be available on the night.

**WRITING WORKSHOP WAYS WITH WORDS WITH DEBORAH TYLER-BENNETT**

*Thursday 26 September, 2 - 4pm  
£5  
Booking essential  
Adults*

This workshop, created by published poet and fiction writer Deborah Tyler-Bennett gets writers developing their skills via an exercise based around an object, which the writer will provide.

So come along, have a go at writing and polishing as you go – and create a piece of new work you can be proud of!

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Join Beeston Library’s newest resident poetry collective for a fantastic evening of original spoken word at Beeston Library. Weaving humour, social commentary, beauty and truth to create an eclectic tapestry of stories, this selection of new writing and performance will make you feel all the feelings! Featuring local poets with something to say, plus a few special guests (to be announced) it’s the perfect way to enjoy a Thursday evening!

**PERFORMANCE**
**PAPER CRANE POETS: SHOWCASE**
**Thursday 26 September, 7pm**
*Free*
*Booking essential*
*Adults (Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)*

Poetry is an adventure. Some of us set off fearful that everybody else understands what’s going on in a poem, whereas we may feel confused, inadequate, bewildered even. Some poems speak to one person but not another. This workshop explores a selection of poems to see whether and how they work. Join publisher and poetry consultant Jenny Swann as we all expose our own ignorance, misunderstandings and general confusion on the path to enlightenment. By the end, we’re hoping that all of us will be the richer for sharing our unknowns and our humanity and will come to poetry with renewed excitement and faith in our own thought-processes.

If there’s a particular poem that has always stumped you, or left you blank, or made you hate it, bring it along to share and discuss!

**READING WORKSHOP**
**EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT POETRY BUT DIDN’T DARE ASK**
**Friday 27 September, 2 - 3.30pm**
*£5*
*Booking essential*
*Adults*

The new Paper Crane poetry collective meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at Beeston Library! Don’t miss it! For details see page 4.

**THE NEW PAPER CRANE POETRY COLLECTIVE**

Our poetry takeover returns for 2019! Visit the library between 11am and 3pm on the closing day of the festival and you’re in for a poetry surprise. Have a go at giant magnetic poetry, let the little ones enjoy the children’s poetry trail, create your poems from book titles using our self-serve kiosks and more.

**POETRY TAKEOVER**
**Saturday 28 September, 11am - 3pm**
*Free*
*Just drop in*
*Suitable for all*

**INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL 2019**
FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP

THE BIG DRAW 2019: DRAWN TO LIFE

Thursday 31 October, 10am - 12noon
Free | Just drop in
Accessible for families of all ages and abilities

The Big Draw invites us all to explore drawing in all its forms and this year we invite you to drop in and draw with Jim Bond’s interactive kinetic drawing machines.

The machines make your pen dance, wiggle and spin across the page as you try to work out the next move to keep it on the paper. Jim’s clever and ingenious machines make the drawing experience accessible. No matter what your experience of art, this workshop is fascinating, fun and suitable for all.

Story Explorers

Playful and interactive storytelling for you and your little one
In association with Nottingham Playhouse
New storytelling adventures start in September
inspireculture.org.uk/explorers for details
We’re an Arts Award Supporter!

Inspire is proud to be registered as an Arts Award Supporter and offers 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. inspireculture.org.uk/artsaward

REGULAR EVENTS

TEA AND TECH
Monday 2 - 3pm
Whether you want to learn to text, shop online, Skype with family, use email or upload photos, our friendly staff and volunteers will answer your questions... over a cup of tea!

DANCE CLASS
Tuesdays, 5.30 - 7pm
£5 per session
For ages 8 - 12
Work with a leading, professional dance company.

RATTLE, RHYME AND ROLL
Every Wednesday, 10 and 11am
Under 5s | Free
Share rhymes and songs with your little ones at our relaxed, friendly rhyme sessions.

STORY HULLABALOO
Monthly on a Saturday, 11am, check with library for dates.
Under 5s | Free
Stories and rhymes with plenty of opportunities to join in!

JOB CLUB
in partnership with Hope Nottingham
Every Tuesday, 10am - 12noon
Free | Just drop by | Adults
Get guidance, help and support in your search for employment.

As one of Arts Council England’s National Portfolio Organisations, we are delighted to present a funded programme of work for children and young people.

In this brochure, the following exciting events are all funded by Arts Council England: The Big Draw 2019: Drawn to Life, Space Stories Workshop, Alien Animation Workshop and our family theatre production, The Girl of Ink and Stars.
FACILITIES AT BEESTON LIBRARY

DISCOVERY ROOM
The Discovery Room is Beeston’s space for hands-on learning, creativity and innovation. From courses in computer coding and animation for families to ICT skills for business, and from internet safety for parents to programming a microcomputer.

We also have a Code Club for children and a Work Club offering support for job seekers. The Discovery Room offers a range of equipment for you to discover, whether you are new to computers, want to learn how to use a digital sewing machine or are more advanced and would like to know more about 3D scanning and printing, there is something for you.

ART ROOM
Mess in a library? Yes, it’s now possible to wield a paintbrush in our fabulous Art Room at Beeston. With double Belfast sinks and wipeable floor, this dedicated creative facility will support our partner artists to deliver excellent community projects and give you the opportunity to work with them to learn new skills.

VENUE HIRE
Beeston Library is a great place to hold meetings and events. The library has three dedicated meeting rooms for hire. Presentation and refreshment-making facilities are available. Visit our website or call the library direct for more details.

http://inspireculture.org.uk/venuehire

Discounts are available for community groups.

GIFT SHOP
Looking for the perfect present for a book lover? Then visit our new library shop where you’ll find a selection of quirky book-related gifts, fun items for young creatives and other unusual finds.

GALLERY HIRE
Are you an artist or a creative group looking to show your work to local audiences? Beeston Library’s new gallery offers a professional, affordable exhibition space that brings great art to local communities in the vibrant, creative and welcoming setting of libraries.

Our gallery features exhibitions by amateur, semi-professional and professional artists, alongside our own programmed exhibitions throughout the year.

You can apply to hire Beeston Library gallery, for full details and application forms visit the website. Suitable for wall-based works, small installations and sculpture collections will also be considered.

http://inspireculture.org.uk/galleries

WWW.INSPIRECULTURE.ORG.UK
## WHAT’S ON AT A GLANCE...

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Sat 13 Jul – Sun 8 Sep | Summer Reading Challenge | Children and families | Free  | 6
Tue 16 Jul – Thu 12 Sep | Out of this World | Exhibition | Free  | 7
Tue 16 Jul, 5.30 – 7.30pm | Beeston Poetry Collective | Poetry group | £2  | 4
Wed 17 Jul, 2pm | Town Halls: Buildings, People and Power | Heritage Talk | £3  | 4
Fri 26 Jul, 11am & 2pm | The Girl of Ink and Stars | Family Theatre | £3/6 | 5
Thu 1 Aug, 10am-12 noon | Space Stories | Family Arts Workshop | Free  | 7
Tue 6 Aug, 5.30 – 7.30pm | Beeston Poetry Collective | Poetry group | £2  | 4
Thu 8 Aug, 10am – 12 noon | Alien Animation | Family Arts Workshop | Free  | 7
Tue 20 Aug, 5.30 – 7.30pm | Beeston Poetry Collective | Poetry group | £2  | 4
Tue 3 Sep, 5.30 – 7.30pm | Beeston Poetry Collective | Poetry group | £2  | 4
Sat 7 Sep, 11am – 12.30pm | Beeston Blue Plaque Walk | Heritage | Free  | 8
Mon 16 Sep, 7.30pm | Jazz Steps: Tony Kofi – A Portrait of Cannonball | Live Music | £10 | 9
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### INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL

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Thu 26 Sep, 2 - 4pm | Ways with Wordsmith Deborah Tyler-Bennett | Writing Workshop | £5   | 11
Thu 26 Sep, 7pm | Poetry Showcase | Performance | Free  | 12
Fri 27 Sep, 2 - 3.30pm | Everything You Wanted to Know About Poetry But Were Afraid To Ask | Reading Workshop | £5   | 12
Sat 28 Sep, 11am-3pm | Poetry Takeover | Free event | Free  | 12

### REGULAR EVENTS

For details of our regular, free events see page 14