

WHAT'S ON

INSPIRE LIBRARIES

EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS

APRIL - JUNE 2020

**BEESTON
MANSFIELD CENTRAL
WEST BRIDGFORD
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and more!

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INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL 2020

19 – 26 SEPTEMBER 2020

**Southwell, Beeston,
Mansfield Central,
West Bridgford and
Worksop libraries
and The Old Library,
Mansfield**

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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: our family concerts, Little Creatives art workshops, Adventures in Music, and Sweet Dreams family theatre.



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THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

@ The Old Library Theatre, Mansfield

Our 100-seat professional venue is the perfect place to come and see high-quality performances by touring companies and artists from across the UK. All the productions have low ticket prices or are FREE to reserve your tickets then pay what you can on the night after you've seen the show – the perfect opportunity to try something new. Sign up to our Theatre & Performances mailing list for the latest show news inspireculture.org.uk/emails



WELCOME TO YOUR APRIL - JUNE 2020 SEASON ARTS AND CULTURE, LIVE AT YOUR LIBRARY

Welcome to our new season of exciting events across Inspire Libraries!

We've got an extra special treat for poetry lovers this April as we welcome poet, writer and award-winning TV producer, Henry Normal back to our libraries for an epic tour visiting all Inspire libraries!

May is the month for mayhem and murder as we celebrate National Crime Reading Month - come and meet authors you love and get an insight into the world of crime writing.

We've got plenty of family fun coming up with music concerts, family theatre, author events and an animation workshop.

Our Jazz Steps programme once again brings some fantastic names from the world of jazz to Inspire libraries and our Dementia Friendly Film Screenings are back for a new season with some popular, well-loved classics!

There's good news for history lovers as the fabulous Great Nottinghamshire History Fair returns for the eighth time to showcase Nottinghamshire's history as well as plenty of inspiring heritage talks and workshops. With all these events and more, it's set to be an exciting season - we look forward to seeing you at your local library soon!

Workshop Library Update

Following the floods which hit Worksop and caused significant damage to the library, we are working hard to get our services back up and running.

We're excited to announce that a temporary library has been set up and most of our planned events have been moved to venues across the town, see page 16 for further details.

Inspire is registered for the **Family Arts Standards** for family events in our four largest libraries - Beeston, Mansfield Central, West Bridgford and Worksop.

This means we are working hard to make families feel welcome. We've identified events online that are Fantastic for Families with this badge:

Find out more: familyartsstandards.com



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,

Book early to avoid disappointment!

***Temporary Workshop venues will not be selling tickets for Inspire events. Please book online or call Ask Inspire (details below).**

Contact Inspire

Phone: Ask Inspire 01623 677 200

Email: **ask@inspireculture.org.uk**

Keep up to date

To receive news and information about Inspire, including our events, direct to your inbox, visit the website to sign up to email updates. You'll be able to select from a range of preferences based on your own interests.

inspireculture.org.uk/emails

Access

Beeston Library, Mansfield Central Library and West Bridgford Library are all accessible to wheelchair users with ramp access, lifts to upper floors and disabled toilets. Please see **inspireculture.org.uk/access** for more information.

Please let us know if you require a wheelchair space for ticketed events or have access needs (contact details above).

This brochure is available on our website to be read in large view, or a copy can be made available at your local library upon request.



Photo: Simon Buck

READING EVENT READING FRIENDS

Beeston Library

**Third Thursday of every month,
11am
Free**

Do you like having a read, a chat and a cuppa? Then come along to Reading Friends where we get together to read aloud, share stories and meet new friends. There is no set text so you don't need to prepare anything and can just come to whichever sessions you want! Sessions are free and run in partnership with Hope Nottingham.



POETRY

VOICES - EXHIBITION LAUNCH

**Monday 6 April, 1.30pm
Free | Booking advised
West Bridgford Library**

Join us to enjoy tea, cake and poetry, in celebration of the Voices exhibition (on display in the gallery during April) along with members of Building Bridges, one of the participating groups. Voices was a community poetry project that aimed to harness the power of poetry to bring unheard voices to the fore. The project was led and facilitated by writer and performer Ben Norris, with photographs by Ben Harriott, in collaboration with Inspire: Culture, Learning & Libraries. It was supported with funding from the National Lottery through Arts Council England.

inspireculture.org.uk/voices



**AUTHOR TALK
CLARE HARVEY
Mansfield Central Library
Sunday 3 May, 2pm
£3
Booking advised**

Join bestselling author Clare Harvey as she discusses the inspiration behind her war-time novels, alongside The Great Nottinghamshire History Fair (see page 18).

Clare is the award-winning author of four historical fiction books. Her debut *The Gunner Girl* was inspired by her mother-in-law's time on the ack-ack guns in WW2, and written when her soldier husband was on an operational tour of Afghanistan. Clare lives in Nottingham with her family and is working on her fifth novel.

FILM SCREENING

THE CHEAP SEATS: THE LONELINESS OF THE LONG DISTANCE RUNNER ¹² WITH INTRODUCTORY TALK

**Mansfield Central Library
Saturday 16 May, 1.30pm
£3
Booking essential**

As part of a series of screenings of working class book to film adaptations, poet and writer Andrew Graves, author of *Welcome to the Cheap Seats: Silver Screen Portrayals of the British Working Class*, presents a fascinating introduction to this classic film directly before the screening.

Adapted by Nottingham-born Alan Sillitoe from his own short story, the film focuses on juvenile offender Colin Smith (Tom Courtenay in one of his earliest 'angry young man' roles) who is sent to a tough reform school. Its governor (Michael Redgrave) spots his running ability and encourages him to compete in an upcoming race but Colin faces ridicule from his peers.



*"Fun for EVERY
Inspire library in
Nottinghamshire!"*

Henry Normal

*"Dovetails
bittersweet
poetry with
a sublimely
observant wit."*

The Guardian

NEW POETRY SOCIETY EPIC TOUR WITH HENRY NORMAL AND GUESTS

All Inspire libraries across the county
Spring 2020

Including: Beeston 1 May, 6pm

West Bridgford 22 April, 6pm

Mansfield 25 April, 3pm

Free

Booking advised

Get ready for something extra special this spring, as your friendly neighbourhood poet, writer and award-winning TV and film producer Henry Normal brings his funny and accessible poetry to every available Inspire library in Notts.

In 2018, his 10-library tour for Inspire played to capacity crowds; this time, as part of the Nottingham Poetry Festival celebrations (which takes place 8-17 May), the co-writer of *The Royle Family* and producer of *Gavin and Stacey*, is even more ambitious. He's set to attempt as many outings with this one-hour show as Notts has got libraries. Each show will have a special local guest poet and there's a chance to read one of your own poems.

Aptly-titled *The New Poetry Society Tour*, you can attend one of these free events or as many as you like, and you won't hear the same poem twice!

Don't miss this fun-packed hour of poetry, jokes, stories and more with Nottingham's own Henry Normal - live at your library.

For the full tour schedule and bookings, visit:
inspireculture.org.uk/henrynormal.

About Henry

Henry is co-writer and producer of some of the biggest hits of British TV and film of recent years. He co-wrote *Mrs Merton* and *The Royle Family* amongst others, and produced *Gavin and Stacey*, *Alan Partridge*, the Oscar-winning film *Philomena*, and many more.

Henry's poetry books include his last collection *Strikingly Invisible* and the new collection *The Escape Plan*, and he has performed his poetry widely across the UK. Henry has written and performed six BBC Radio 4 shows, including his latest *A Normal Universe*.

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NATIONAL CRIME READING MONTH EVENTS

Crime fiction continually features on libraries' most-borrowed lists, so where better to celebrate National Crime Reading Month than at the library? Take a look at our fantastic events to celebrate the much-loved genre during this unique month-long national festival. Meet authors you love and get an insight into the world of crime writing.

Tickets for all events are £3.

National Crime Reading Month is a unique literary festival held throughout the UK to promote the crime genre, both fiction and non fiction, and bring writers and readers together.



AUTHOR TALK STEPHEN BOOTH

Arnold Library
Wednesday 6 May, 2pm
£3
Booking essential

Come along and celebrate National Crime Reading Month by joining Stephen Booth, a former newspaper journalist and the author of 18 novels in the best-selling Cooper and Fry series. All are set in the Peak District and feature two Derbyshire police detectives, DI Ben Cooper and DS Diane Fry.

Described by The Guardian as "a modern master" and by the Sunday Telegraph as "one of our best story tellers", Stephen has won awards on both sides of the Atlantic, including the Dagger in the Library Award from the UK Crime Writers' Association. The Cooper and Fry novels are sold all around the world, with translations in 16 languages. The most recent title is *Fall Down Dead*.



AUTHOR TALK BEING A DETECTIVE WITH STUART GIBBON

Hucknall Library
Thursday 7 May, 2pm
Kirkby in Ashfield Library
Tuesday 12 May, 2pm
£3
Booking advised

One of the authors of *The Crime Writer's Casebook* and *Being a Detective: An A-Z Readers' and Writers' Guide to Detective Work* Stuart discusses the reasons why crime is such a popular genre. The talk will include reference to true crime case studies and how criminal investigation has evolved throughout the years.

Stuart Gibbon is a former Senior Police Detective with 30 years' experience in crime investigation with the Metropolitan and Lincolnshire forces. Stuart is now a writing consultant, advising authors on police actions and procedures.



**AUTHOR TALK
JOHN HARVEY**
Hucknall Library
Thursday 21 May, 2pm
£3
Booking advised

Join John Harvey making a welcome return to Nottinghamshire to talk about his life of crime! John is a poet, scriptwriter, publisher, musician and the award-winning author of over 100 works. He is best known for his Nottingham-based, Jazz-rich Charlie Resnick series of detective novels.

The first of his Charlie Resnick series, *Lonely Hearts*, was named by The Times as one of the 100 most notable crime novels of the last century, and in 2007 he was the recipient of the CWA Cartier Diamond Dagger for Sustained Excellence in Crime Writing.

Andrew Graves © Neil Pledger

POETRY

WORD!

Beeston Library

Tuesday 30 June, 7pm

£6/£4

Age guidance 16+

Under 18s to be accompanied
by an adult

Booking advised

Join us in June for a super summer Beeston WORD! hosted by poet and performer Lydia Towsey - and this time featuring Andrew Graves ("Blisteringly brilliant." Cheltenham Poetry Festival) and guests.

Andrew Graves regularly performs his work throughout the UK. He has appeared on TV and radio on a number of occasions, being featured on 6 Music's Cerys Mathews Show, Inside Out and the documentary Evidently John Cooper Clarke. He has released two full poetry collections so far and his third, *Not Dancing with Ingrid Pitt* will be published by Burning Eye Books in 2020.

His first non-fiction book *Welcome to the Cheap Seats: Silver Screen Portrayals of The British Working Class*, was released last year. 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 has recently represented the East Midlands for National Poetry Day.



Lydia Towsey © Andrew Lee

Don't miss what's set to be another very special WORD! in Beeston.

To perform as part of the open mic, drop Lydia a line in advance, via hello@wordpoetry.co.uk

"A true poet."

Henry Normal

"I read his book... there wasn't a bad one in there."

Alan Moore

WORD!



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FAMILY THEATRE

**THE ADVENTURES
OF WALTER LEMONFACE
BY 154 COLLECTIVE**

Beeston Library

Friday 17 April, 11am & 2pm

Arnold Library

Saturday 18 April, 11am & 2pm

Mansfield Central Library

Sunday 19 April, 11.30am & 1.30pm

£3 library member | £6 non-member

Ages 5+

Booking advised

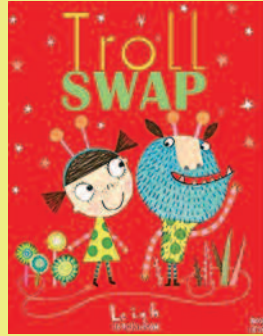
A live cartoon that you control with a magical mix of music and storytelling.

Ever wanted to control what happens in a cartoon? Now you can in this fun-filled experience for the whole family!

Join adventurer, fearless inventor and connoisseur of carrots, Walter Lemonface as he hunts for Rhubarb Ogres, battles ghosts and finds a new adventure around every corner. Sometimes scary, often touching and always with a healthy sprinkling of silly, you control what happens next and then watch in amazement as your story unfolds...

Originally commissioned by Wakefield Literature Festival supported by ARC Stockton and Arts Council England.

inspireculture.org.uk/familytheatre



CHILDREN'S AUTHOR EVENT

**TROLL SWAP WITH
LEIGH HODGKINSON**

Hucknall Library

Saturday 25 April, 11am

Mansfield Central Library

Saturday 25 April, 2.30pm

Ages 4 - 7

Free

Booking advised

Join author and illustrator Leigh Hodgkinson for this event based on her hit book *Troll Swap*. Help Leigh draw a troll picture and make your very own swip swap character. Leigh has written and illustrated numerous books including *Are you Sitting Comfortably?* and *The Mahoosive Mammoth*. She is an award-winning animator who was art director on the BAFTA - award winning series *Charlie and Lola*, and is the co-creator of Cbeebies series *Olobob Top*.



UNDER 5s LITTLE CREATIVES

Sutton-in-Ashfield Library

Saturdays 18, 25 April,

2 and 16 May,

10.30am or 11.45am

Hucknall Library

Saturdays 6, 13, 20 and

27 June,

10.30am or 11.45am

Ages 2 – 5

Free

Booking advised

Calling all tiny artists! Join us for creative art sessions designed by artists especially for children aged 2 - 5 and their families. These workshops will help your little one to develop new skills as they splodge, splat, scribble and squidge.

Share in their active, playful and messy fun and see their confidence grow as they explore fascinating materials and stimulating creative activities each week.

Book one or all four dates and choose a session time that suits you. All children must be accompanied.

inspireculture.org.uk/littlecreatives



CHILDREN'S AUTHOR EVENT THE GREAT DOG BOTTOM SWAP WITH MEI MATSUOKA

West Bridgford Library

Saturday 2 May, 11am

Beeston Library

Saturday 2 May, 2.30pm

£3 child

Accompanying adult free

Ages 4 - 8

Booking advised

Barking-mad storytelling and paw-some fun with the Illustrator of *The Great Dog Bottom Swap*. A creative and raucous event, featuring storytelling and the chance to make your very own Sumo dog. Now in its 10th year, *The Great Dog Bottom Swap* is a book that has brought laughter up and down the country and is a firm favourite of those with a cheeky and wicked sense of humour.

Mei Matsuoka has written and illustrated many books such as *Burger Boy*, *Footprints in the Snow* and *The Great Sheep Shenanigans*. Her books are published worldwide.



FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP MAYFLOWER MOVIES: ANIMATION WORKSHOP

Mansfield Central Library

Sunday 3 May, 11am

Bassetlaw Museum Retford

Saturday 23 May, 10am

West Bridgford Library

Thursday 28 May, 10am

Beeston Library

Friday 29 May, 10am

Ages 7+

Free

Booking advised

This fun family workshop is inspired by the Mayflower 400 anniversary across the county and will be expertly led by digital artist Trevor Woolery.

Book a place and make a model Mayflower ship, then set sail across an animated ocean to a new world and capture the action in a GIF!

You can also visit our Spirit of Mayflower exhibition, visit page 22 for details.

inspireculture.org.uk/mayflower



UNDER 5s ADVENTURES IN MUSIC

At the following libraries from
May – July

Arnold, Beeston, Bingham,
Hucknall, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,
Mansfield, Newark, Southwell,
Sutton-in-Ashfield, West
Bridgford and Worksop (at *The Crossing*)

Free
Ages 2 - 5
Booking advised

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 sessions in total with a different enchanting theme each week. From pirates to fairies, a mermaid city to a monster mountain – come along to clap, stamp, shake, dance and sing!

See inspireculture.org.uk/adventures for full dates and times.



FAMILY CONCERT MOVIE MUSIC MAYHEM

Hucknall Library
Saturday 16 May, 1pm
£3 library member
£6 non-member
Ages 5 - 11
Booking advised

Our orchestral band, The Hubs, present a family concert packed with Hollywood's greatest musical hits. This blockbuster performance features music from big screen favourites *Toy Story*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Harry Potter*, *The Avengers* plus many more. After the performance meet the musicians and join in some musical fun and games.

Don't miss what promises to be an Oscar-worthy show! For more information about family concerts visit inspireculture.org.uk/familyconcerts



FAMILY CONCERT THE DEEP BLUE SEA

West Bridgford Library,
Sunday 7 June, 1pm
Southwell Library,
Saturday 27 June, 3.30pm
£3 library member
£6 non-member
Ages 5 - 11
Booking advised

A family concert filled with music inspired by the sea. Our orchestral band, The Hubs, will perform music from *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *The Little Mermaid* and *Jaws*. Plus, watery themed hits including The Beatles' *Yellow Submarine*, The Beach Boys' *Surfin' USA* and many more.

UNDER 5s BOOKSTART BEAR AT RATTLE, RHYME AND ROLL

Mansfield Central Library
Thursday 4 June, 10am
Free

Join in with rhymes and songs with your little ones and say hello to the friendly, book-loving bear! For children under 5.



FAMILY THEATRE

**TUTTI FRUTTI PRESENTS:
SWEET DREAMS BY MIKE KENNY**

Beeston Library

Saturday 23 May, 11am and 2pm

Workshop - The Acorn Theatre

Friday 29 May, 10.30am

Mansfield Central Library

Friday 29 May, 4.30pm

Southwell Library

Sunday 31 May, 10am

West Bridgford Library

Sunday 31 May, 4pm

£3 library member, £6 non-member

Ages 3 - 7

Booking advised

Leave the ordinary behind and step into a place of wonder; snuggle down in a place of still, silent sleepy slumber, a place just for you...

Ivy cannot sleep. When she and her favourite toy rabbit, Bun Bun, find themselves alone on the moon, sleeping is not so easy.

It's too dark! The stars are too bright! The earth sounds are too noisy! And now the galaxy is too quiet to sleep!

Join Ivy and Bun Bun as they try to find a place to sleep that is just right.

If you **can't sleep, won't sleep or love sleep** there is something in this show for you. With sublime music, songs and beautiful design, tutti frutti invites you to their new show made of dreams.

Tutti frutti has dreamed up this new play about the wonders and benefits of sleep with partners The Sleep Charity and Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust. This magical new show is underpinned with research about sleep behaviours in children and families and there is helpful information available after every show. Funded by the Wellcome Trust and Room to Grow.

Programmed in
association with The
Spark Arts for Children.

the spark
arts for children

"Those looking for a magical and thought-provoking early experience of the wonder and power of theatre should treat themselves to tutti frutti"

British Theatre Guide



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WHAT'S ON AT BEESTON LIBRARY

BEESTON LIBRARY, FOSTER AVENUE, BEESTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, NG9 1AE

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| Fri 17 Apr, 11am & 2pm | The Adventures of Walter Lemonface | Family Theatre | £6/£3 | 8 |
| Every 3rd Thursday of the month, 11am | Reading Friends | Adult Reading | Free | 4 |
| Mon 20 Apr, 7.30pm | The Matt Anderson Quartet | Live Music | £10 | 20 |
| Wed 22 Apr, 2pm | The Transformation of Nottingham Castle | Heritage Talk | £3 | 17 |
| Fri 24 Apr – Thu 4 Jun | Open Studio Notts: Bringing Artists into View | Exhibition | Free | 22 |
| May – July | Adventures in Music | Under 5s | Free | 10 |
| Fri 1 May, 6pm | New Poetry Society: Epic Tour with Henry Normal and Guests | Poetry | Free | 5 |
| Sat 2 May, 2.30pm | The Great Dog Bottom Swap with Mei Matsuoka | Children's Author Event | £3 | 9 |
| Mon 18 May, 7.30pm | David Ferris Septet | Live Music | £10 | 20 |
| Wed 20 May, 2pm | The Wildmans of Newstead Abbey | Heritage Talk | £3 | 18 |
| Sat 23 May, 11am & 2pm | Tutti Frutti Presents: Sweet Dreams by Mike Kenny | Family Theatre | £6/£3 | 11 |
| Fri 29 May, 10am | Mayflower Movies Animation Workshop | Family Arts Workshop | Free | 9 |
| Mon 8 Jun, 7.30pm | The Rob Luft Quartet | Live Music | £10 | 21 |
| Tue 9 Jun – Tue 21 Jul | Spirit of Mayflower: Language of Sculpture | Exhibition | Free | 22 |
| Wed 17 Jun, 2pm | Exploring Ancestry.com | Heritage Talk | Free | 19 |
| Tue 30 Jun, 7pm | WORD! Featuring Andrew Graves | Poetry | £6/£4 | 7 |

WHAT'S ON AT MANSFIELD CENTRAL LIBRARY

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MANSFIELD CENTRAL LIBRARY, FOUR SEASONS CENTRE, WESTGATE, MANSFIELD, NG18 1NH

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| Sun 19 Apr 11.30am & 1.30pm | The Adventures of Walter Lemonface | Family Theatre | £6/£3 | 8 |
| Tue 21 Apr, 2pm | Footprints of Mansfield's Past | Heritage Talk | £3 | 17 |
| Wed 22 Apr – Thu 4 Jun | Spirit of Mayflower: Language of Sculpture | Exhibition | Free | 22 |
| Sat 25 Apr, 11am | Strike Club – Creative Writing Workshop with Jayne Williams | Heritage Workshop | Free | 17 |
| Sat 25 Apr, 2.30pm | Troll Swap with Leigh Hodgkinson | Children's Author Event | Free | 8 |
| Sat 25 April, 3pm | New Poetry Society: Epic Tour with Henry Normal and Guests | Poetry | Free | 5 |
| Thu 30 Apr, 2pm | Dementia Friendly Film Screening: On Moonlight Bay | Film Screening | £1 | 24 |
| May – July | Adventures in Music | Under 5s | Free | 10 |
| Sun 3 May, 11am | The Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair | Heritage | Free | 18 |
| Sun 3 May, 11am | Mayflower Movies: Animation Workshop | Family Arts Workshop | Free | 9 |
| Sun 3 May, 2pm | Clare Harvey | Author Talk | £3 | 4 |
| Sat 16 May, 1.30pm | The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner with Introductory Talk by Andrew Graves | Film Screening | £3 | 4 |
| Thu 21 May, 2pm | Exploring Local Maps | Heritage Talk | Free | 19 |
| Thu 21 May, 2pm | Dementia Friendly Film Screening: Dad's Army (2016) | Film Screening | £1 | 24 |
| Fri 29 May, 4.30pm | Tutti Frutti Presents: Sweet Dreams | Family Theatre | £6/£3 | 11 |
| Sat 30 May, 11am | Strike Club – Creative Writing Workshop with Jayne Williams | Heritage Workshop | Free | 17 |
| Thu 4 Jun, 10am | Bookstart Bear at Rattle, Rhyme and Roll | Under 5s | Free | 10 |
| Tue 16 Jun, 10.30am | Mansfield Town Trail Walk | Heritage Walk | £3 | 19 |
| Thu 18 Jun, 2pm | Dementia Friendly Film Screening: Funny Face | Film Screening | £1 | 24 |
| Sat 27 Jun, 11am | Strike Club – Creative Writing Workshop with Jayne Williams | Heritage Workshop | Free | 17 |

WHAT'S ON AT WEST BRIDGFORD LIBRARY

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AT A GLANCE

WEST BRIDGFORD LIBRARY, BRIDGFORD ROAD, WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM, NG2 6AT

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| Fri 13 Mar - Thu 30 Apr | Voices | Exhibition | Free | 22 |
| Mon 6 Apr, 1.30pm | Voices launch | Launch | Free | 4 |
| Wed 22 Apr, 6pm | New Poetry Society: Epic Tour with Henry Normal and Guests | Poetry | Free | 5 |
| Thu 23 April, 7.30pm | The Matt Anderson Quartet | Live Music | £10 | 20 |
| Tue 28 Apr, 2.30pm | Bolsover Castle Through the Ages | Heritage Talk | £3 | 18 |
| May - July | Adventures in Music | Under 5s | Free | 10 |
| Thu 7 May - Tue 23 Jun | The Big Draw 2019: Drawn to Life | Exhibition | Free | 22 |
| Sat 2 May, 11am | The Great Dog Bottom Swap with Mei Matsuoka | Children's Author Event | £3 | 9 |
| Tue 19 May, 2.30pm | The Transformation of Nottingham Castle | Heritage Talk | £3 | 17 |
| Thu 21 May, 7.30pm | David Ferris Septet | Live Music | £10 | 20 |
| Thu 28 May, 10am | Mayflower Movies: Animation Workshop | Family Arts Workshop | Free | 9 |
| Sun 31 May, 4pm | Tutti Frutti Presents: Sweet Dreams | Family Theatre | £6/£3 | 11 |
| Sun 7 Jun, 1pm | The Deep Blue Sea | Family Concert | £6/£3 | 10 |
| Thu 11 Jun, 7.30pm | The Rob Luft Quartet | Live Music | £10 | 21 |
| Tue 23 Jun, 2pm | House History Workshop | Heritage Workshop | £5 | 19 |
| Fri 24 Jul - Wed 2 Sep | Spirit of Mayflower: Language of Sculpture | Exhibition | Free | 22 |

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Monday - Friday: 9am-5pm
Saturday: 9am - 4pm
Sunday: 11am - 3pm

RATTLE, RHYME AND ROLL

For under 5s, Rattle, Rhyme and Roll will run
on Mondays at 10.30am. Space is limited so
arrive early to avoid disappointment.

CONTACT : ask@inspireculture.org.uk | 01623 677 200 | inspireculture.org.uk/worksop



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JUST A MINUTE



HOOR OR TWO



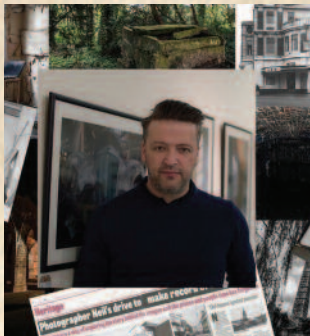
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REGULAR HELP



Sign up from 6 April 2020 at: inspireculture.volunteermakers.org



HERITAGE TALK FOOTPRINTS OF MANSFIELD'S PAST

Mansfield Central Library

Tuesday 21 April, 2pm

£3

Booking advised

Neil Pledger of ArtDK shares his fascinating photographs, drawing the observer into a place where lost Mansfield history bleeds through into the modern world. Vivid reminders of what once was are set against the present day.

Neil has new material to showcase this year.



HERITAGE TALK THE TRANSFORMATION OF NOTTINGHAM CASTLE

Beeston Library

Wednesday 22 April, 2pm

West Bridgford Library

Tuesday 19 May, 2.30pm

£3

Booking essential

Join the Nottingham Castle Project Team as they share the trials and successes of this once in a lifetime project. As the re-opening of the castle approaches, this is a chance to hear about the work going on behind the scenes, and the background to this transformational project – 25 years in the making.



HERITAGE WORKSHOP STRIKE CLUB – CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WITH JAYNE WILLIAMS

Mansfield Central Library

Saturday 25 April, 11am

Saturday 30 May, 11am

Saturday 27 June, 11am

Free

Were you a young person during the Miners' Strike of 1984/85? Or can you recall how young people experienced the strike?

Local playwright, Jayne Williams, is collecting stories to create a new play for schools, focussing on a young person's perspective, set in the Strike Club. Join Jayne for a fun, word-based workshop to shape your memories into stories through creative writing.

No writing experience needed, just you and your memory and an interest in story telling.





HERITAGE TALK BOLSOVER CASTLE THROUGH THE AGES

West Bridgford Library
Tuesday 28 April, 2.30pm
£3
Booking essential

Ian Morgan tells the story of Bolsover Castle from the humble Norman beginnings to today's beautiful shadow of its former glory. The present 17th century castle stands as a monument to the Cavendish family who lavished money and love on their "Pleasure Palace", leaving as their legacy a romantic ruin and stunning paintings within the "Little Castle".

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https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Bolsover_castle_The_Little_Castle_Moon_Moonrise.jpg

HERITAGE TALK THE WILDMANS OF NEWSTEAD ABBEY

Beeston Library
Wednesday 20 May, 2pm
£3
Booking advised

Join Dr Helen Bates to explore the life of Colonel Thomas Wildman, and his wife Louisa, who bought Newstead Abbey from Lord Byron in 1818. How did the grandson of a Lancashire farmer end up owning Newstead Abbey? Explore the active role that Colonel Wildman and his wife, Louisa, came to play in Nottinghamshire society and the impact this had on Newstead Abbey.

HERITAGE EVENT THE GREAT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL HISTORY FAIR

Mansfield Central Library
Sunday 3 May, 11am - 3pm
Free

This fabulous free day out returns for the eighth time to showcase Nottinghamshire's heritage.

Explore local history displays, enjoy demonstrations and activities, browse the books for sale and join us in celebrating our local history. May 2020 will see a special focus on the 75th anniversary of VE Day.





HERITAGE TALK EXPLORING LOCAL MAPS

Mansfield Central Library
Thursday 21 May, 2pm
Free
Booking essential

Join one of our 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 WORKSHOP EXPLORING ANCESTRY.COM

Beeston Library
Wednesday 17 June, 2pm
Free
Booking essential

Join one of our Librarians for a small group session, where they will demonstrate some of the lesser-known aspects of this valuable Family History research tool. Ancestry.com is FREE to use in Inspire Libraries, and at Nottinghamshire Archives.



HERITAGE WORKSHOP HOUSE HISTORY WORKSHOP

West Bridgford Library
Tuesday 23 June, 2-4pm
£5
Booking essential

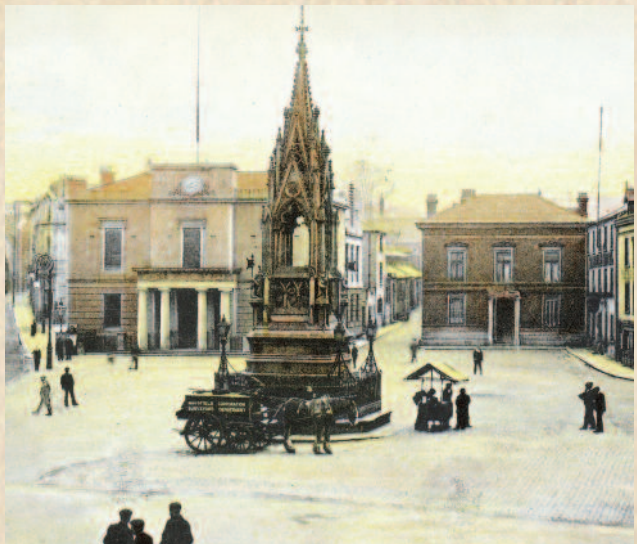
Learn how to discover the history of houses and other buildings, whether they be urban or part of a great estate, at this interactive talk and workshop with Archivist Alexa Rees from Nottinghamshire Archives.

HERITAGE TALK MANSFIELD TOWN TRAIL WALK

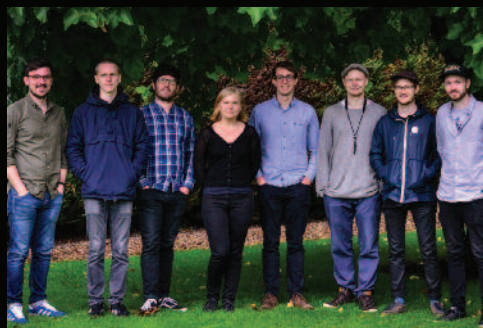
Mansfield Central Library
Tuesday 16 June, 10.30am
£3
Booking essential

Loosely following an established town centre trail, you will discover many curious and ornate architectural features, hear some of the history behind the street scenes we see today, and learn of the economic contribution the town has made to the local area.

Heritage specialist Denis Hill will fit as many of Mansfield's unique stories as possible into an hour and a half, inspiring us to look up and appreciate the town's heritage.



JAZZ STEPS: LIVE AT THE LIBRARIES



Inspire works with Jazz Steps to bring an exciting programme of live jazz to libraries throughout the year.

Tickets for all performances are £10. Booking strongly advised
Adult events | Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult.

Inspireculture.org.uk/jazz

JAZZ STEPS



ROYAL ACADEMY
OF MUSIC

The Royal Academy of Music presents:

MATT ANDERSON QUARTET

Beeston Library
Monday 20 April, 7.30pm
Workshop – The Crossing Centre
Tuesday 21 April, 7.30pm
Southwell Library
Wednesday 22 April, 7.30pm
West Bridgford Library
Thursday 23 April, 7.30pm

A new partnership with the Royal Academy of Music brings the most talented young musicians to Live at the Libraries. Performing music from his previous and forthcoming albums, saxophonist Matt Anderson combines folk sounds inspired by his rural upbringing with bluesy, country strains of Bill Frisell and Scandinavian jazz. The result is a unique melting pot; an individual and lyrical sound world, acclaimed by Jazzwise, BBC and Jazz FM for its outstanding melodic writing, all fronted by Anderson's expressive tenor sound.

DAVID FERRIS SEPTET

Beeston Library
Monday 18 May, 7.30pm
Workshop – The Acorn Theatre
Tuesday 19 May, 7.30pm
Southwell Library
Wednesday 20 May, 7.30pm
West Bridgford Library
Thursday 21 May, 7.30pm

Birmingham pianist and composer David Ferris' septet features some of the Midlands' finest jazz musicians. The focus is on melody and warmth, with influences ranging from John Scofield to Fred Hersch to The Beatles. Expect superb orchestration, irresistible melodies and luscious harmonic progressions. The ensemble's size is a real plus and a rare treat; a four-horn frontline big enough to deliver glorious depth and colour, while also small enough to be agile and intimate.

ROB LUFT QUARTET

Beeston Library

Monday 8 June, 7.30pm

Workshop –The Acorn Theatre

Tuesday 9 June, 7.30pm

Southwell Library

Wednesday 10 June, 7.30pm

West Bridgford Library

Thursday 11 June, 7.30pm

BBC New Generation Artist Rob Luft's joyous, dynamic and vivacious music brings echoes of West African high-life, English folk music and indie rock. His debut album received glowing reviews in the jazz media and nominations for a string of awards followed. Many will remember his magical performances at Inspire libraries last year in duet with singer Elina Duni and this visit with his own quartet is set to be another memorable highlight of the season.

Please note that Workshop Library is closed for refurbishment following flood damage, so all live jazz events in Workshop have been relocated to either The Crossing or The Acorn Theatre, both in central Workshop. Please note, tickets for these concerts are not available from the venues and should be purchased online or by calling Ask Inspire on 01623 677 200.

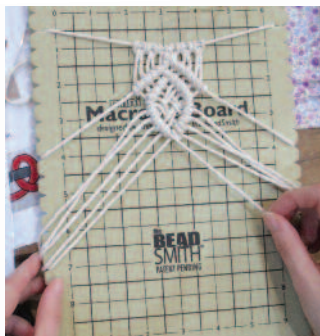
"Guitar virtuoso makes enticingly vivacious debut"

The Guardian

"So young and so talented!"

Jamie Cullum, BBC RADIO 2





SPRIT OF MAYFLOWER: LANGUAGE OF SCULPTURE

Creswell Crags Museum and Heritage Centre

3 March - 19 April

Mansfield Central Library

22 April - 4 June

Beeston Library

9 June - 21 July

West Bridgford Library

24 July - 2 September

Artist Rachel Carter has worked with adult and school groups in Nottinghamshire to create a touring exhibition linked to her family history, the Mayflower story and her own work. The 'Family Tree' created for the exhibition using knotted macramé patterns stitched onto fabric, is shown alongside family stories and Rachel's Nottinghamshire ancestry.

Creswell Crags



Photo: Neil Pledger

OPEN STUDIOS NOTTS

Creswell Crags Museum and Heritage Centre, Beeston Library and Arnold Library

24 April - 4 June

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to meet, visit and learn about local artists! The Open Studios Notts photography exhibition will highlight the work and workplaces of artists and craftspeople taking part in this year's event.



VOICES

West Bridgford Library

13 March - 30 April

Launch event Monday 6 April, 1.30pm, Free (See page 4)

Voices presents a thought-provoking collection of poetry created by people whose voices, for health, social or age-related reasons, are rarely heard, combined with photography of those involved. Award-winning poet Ben Norris worked with four very different groups across Nottinghamshire to develop a body of poems that express their emotions, experiences and stories. With photographs by Ben Harriott. Supported with funding from the National Lottery through Arts Council England. For more details visit inspireculture.org.uk/voices

THE BIG DRAW 2019: DRAWN TO LIFE

West Bridgford Library

7 May - 23 June

Celebrating the fun of drawing in different ways this exhibition tells the story of young artists from Nottinghamshire special schools working with Kinetic Sculptor Jim Bond. Jim's inventive drawing machines aim to change the way we think about drawing.

THE 2019 BIG DRAW FESTIVAL

The Big Draw is the world's biggest drawing festival. In 2019 The Big Draw Festival

#DrawnToLife

focused on the vital role of creativity in health and wellbeing.



Marianne Atkinson

INSPIRE OPEN ART EXHIBITION CALL FOR ARTISTS!

Are you the next Picasso, Constable, David Bailey or Banksy and live in Nottinghamshire? Then the Inspire Open Art exhibition could be for you! We're giving the opportunity to Nottinghamshire artists to exhibit one piece of their work in our dedicated Beeston Library Gallery 9 September - 15 October.

Application is on a first come first serve basis and work is non-selected. We also have limited spaces for 3D work and jewellery.

To take part in this exciting opportunity please apply by Friday 31 July 2020 by downloading the application form online or visit Beeston Library to pick up a copy.

For full details, terms and conditions and applications forms can be found at inspireculture.org.uk/open2020



Get Creative

Everyone can join in the Get Creative Festival 9-17 May 2020 at a Nottinghamshire Library

Why not drop-in, cast on, knit, crochet and craft with others at a library near you? Whether you are a beginner, or an experienced crafter our groups are a great place to meet up and Get Creative!

Inspire Libraries are bursting with creativity so visit inspireculture.org.uk/knit and Get Creative with us.



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY FILM SCREENINGS AT MANSFIELD CENTRAL LIBRARY

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Enjoy an afternoon film on the big screen at Mansfield Central Library in the welcoming setting of the library's auditorium. While open to the general public, these screenings are particularly suitable for people living with dementia, their families and friends. Lighting and volume are sensitively set, and the audience is free to talk, sing and move around.

Doors open 20 minutes before the screenings, and there will be a 20-minute interval. Free tea and coffee available.

The auditorium is on the second floor, and there is lift access. There is tiered seating in the auditorium, with steps. If you have any additional requirements or questions before booking please contact ask@inspireculture.org.uk or visit the website for details.

Tickets are £1 per person, due to the popularity of these screenings, booking is advised.

For more information visit inspireculture.org.uk/dementia-friendly

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ON MOONLIGHT BAY U (1951)

Thursday 30 April, 2pm
Romantic comedy starring Doris Day. During World War I, a teenage girl begins a romance with a college student, but his unconventional attitudes cause friction with her father.



DAD'S ARMY U (2016)

Thursday 21 May, 2pm
A new film based on the adventures of the classic sitcom characters of the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard. The story is set in 1944, when World War II is reaching its climax with the Allies poised to invade France and finally defeat the German army.



FUNNY FACE U (1957)

Thursday 18 June, 2pm
American musical romantic comedy film starring Fred Astaire and Audrey Hepburn.

Dispatched on an assignment, New York City-based fashion photographer Dick Avery (Fred Astaire) is struck by the beauty of Jo Stockton (Audrey Hepburn), a shy bookstore employee he's photographed by accident, who he believes has the potential to become a successful model. He gets Jo to go with him to France, where he snaps more pictures of her against iconic Parisian backdrops. In the process, they fall for one another, only to find hurdles in their way.

COMING UP NEXT SEASON...

SISTER ACT (1992)

**Thursday 23 July,
2pm**

PADDINGTON 2 (2017)

**Thursday 20 August,
2pm**

THE CADDY (1953)

**Thursday 24 September,
2pm**

TANGLED (2010)

**Thursday 22 October,
2pm**



REGULAR EVENTS

Discover a fabulous range of regular events – from craft and heritage to groups where you can explore words or learn a new skill! Many of our regular children's events are term-time only, please check with your local library. Check each library page via inspireculture.org.uk/libraries



BEESTON LIBRARY

Adults

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| Reading Friends | Third Thursday of the month | 11am-12pm |
| Tea and Tech | Mondays | 2-3pm |
| Job Club | Tuesdays | 10am-12pm |
| Paper Crane Poets | First and third Tuesday of the month | 5.30-7.30pm |
| <i>(currently fully booked, sign up to receive our reading emails for updates)</i> | | |

Children

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| Dance Class (8-12 years) | Tuesdays | 5.30-7pm |
| Rattle, Rhyme and Roll (Under 5s) | Wednesday | 10am and 11am |
| Story Hullabaloo | Saturdays (monthly) | 11am |

MANSFIELD CENTRAL LIBRARY

Adults

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| An Hour to Kill | Last Tuesday of the month | 2pm |
| Reading Group | Third Wednesday of the month | 2pm |
| Coffee and Chat | Last Tuesday of the month | 11am-12pm |
| Craft, Create and Donate | Fourth Saturday of the month | 10am-12pm |

Children

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| Rattle, Rhyme and Roll (Under 1s) | Wednesday | 10-10.30am |
| Rattle, Rhyme and Roll (Under 5s) | Tuesdays and Thursdays | 10-10.30am |
| Children's Craft | Second Saturday of the month | 11am-1pm |

WEST BRIDGFORD LIBRARY

Adults

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| Reading Friends: Unwind with Words | Third Monday of the month | 10.30am-12pm |
| VIP Reading Group | First Thursday of the month | 11am-12pm |
| Creative Writing Group | Wednesdays (Fortnightly) | 2-3pm |
| Tea and Tech | Tuesdays | 2-3pm |

Children

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| Lego Club | Saturdays (fortnightly) | 1-3pm |
| Story Hullabaloo | Saturdays (monthly) | 10-10.30am |
| Rattle, Rhyme and Roll | Tuesdays | 10-10.30am |
| | Fridays | 10-10.30am and 11-11.30am |

Gallery hire

Are you an artist or a creative group looking to show your work to local audiences? Inspire library art galleries offer professional, affordable exhibition spaces that bring great art to local communities in the vibrant, creative and welcoming setting of libraries.

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

Five of our libraries have galleries that you can apply to hire: Mansfield Central, Worksop, West Bridgford, Arnold and Beeston.

For full details and application forms visit the website.

inspireculture.org.uk/galleries

Venue hire

Inspire Libraries and Nottinghamshire Archives are great places to hold corporate and community meetings and events. We have a range of meeting rooms and flexible, creative spaces with interactive SMART boards, white boards, presentation and refreshment making facilities.

Some of our venues have unique facilities such as:

Mansfield Central library 192 capacity auditorium.

Beeston library Discovery Room (digital sewing machines, 3D printing and scanning) and Beeston Art Room.

Nottinghamshire Archives – meeting and event facilities in the city centre with great transport links.

Visit our website **inspireculture.org.uk/venuehire** or contact Ask Inspire (see page 3) for more details and to book.

About Inspire

Inspire is an innovative cultural organisation launched by Nottinghamshire County Council. We are a Community Benefit Society that is dedicated to inspiring people to read, learn and enjoy culture, with the help of our services.

Join us!

It's free to join Inspire and becoming a member will allow you to help shape the way our services are managed. Visit the website to find out more. **inspireculture.org.uk**

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



INSPIRE PICTURE ARCHIVE

Browse and download historical images of Nottinghamshire from the Inspire Picture Archive. Don't miss our feature collection on the Raleigh Cycle Company.

Visit and explore the Inspire Picture Archive.

inspirepicturearchive.org.uk

Looking for the perfect present for a book lover?

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