







The switch to delivery of culture, learning and libraries at Inspire Online is one of the positives to emerge from the last year!

My annual highlight, the Summer Reading Challenge is back in all libraries for the summer celebrating reading, nature and action for the environment with its Wild World Heroes theme. I can't wait to welcome children and families back to the library – and you'll be pleased to hear the smelly stickers will also be back for you to collect as rewards along the way to Wilderville!

CHECK OUT OUR OTHER FAMILY EVENTS INCLUDING THEATRE, WORKSHOPS AND MUSIC - ALL ONLINE FOR YOU TO ENJOY FROM HOME.

Heritage goes online this season with a host of events. The Nottinghamshire Local History Fair goes digital – headlined with an interview by the author, broadcaster, curator and former Nottinghamshire resident, Lucy Worsley. It's not to be missed!

There's good news for our **Worksop community** as the library reopens for the first time since flood damage closed its doors in November 2019. The newly refurbished space will be the perfect setting for cultural events and learning when government guidelines allow.

In the meantime catch the **Surfaces of the Shire** exhibition (also moving on to Mansfield Central Library), and of course take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

Celebrate our legendary landscape with our special collection of events in partnership with Miner2Major – get knitting, visit an exhibition or be inspired in a poetry workshop!

Don't miss our friend and poet extraordinaire Henry Normal who is bringing his New Poetry Society live online to you from 5 May to 7 July. Henry will be joined by a different guest poet every Wednesday on Zoom for an hour of midday conversation and poetry - and tickets are free!

I hope you've been inspired to get involved but if you need more, check out the latest from learning, youth arts and archives on pages 12-15 or visit us at inspireculture.org.uk/online.

DO VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY TO BROWSE, BORROW, USE PCS, STUDY OR VISIT AN EXHIBITION UNTIL RESTRICTIONS EASE FURTHER.

Peter Gaw Chief Executive, Inspire

OUR WELCOME WILL BE WARM & SAFE!







DID YOU KNOW?

WE ARE REGISTERED FOR THE FAMILY ARTS STANDARDS

This is 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.



familyartsstandard.com

WE ARE ONE OF ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND'S NATIONAL PORTFOLIO ORGANISATIONS

It's our delight to present a funded programme of work for children and young people.

Visit: inspireculture.org.uk/npo for full details.



WE ARE REGISTERED AS AN ARTS AWARD SUPPORTER

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

WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE LIVING KNOWLEDGE NETWORK

Created by the British Library, to explore new ways for libraries across the country to work as one. It is the only network of its kind in the UK and is centred on exchanging knowledge and developing memorable experiences for public library users. We're looking forward to hosting events and exhibitions from the British Library at our local venues.

Living KnowledgeNetwork



BOOKING EVENTS

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

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

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KEEP UP TO DATE

Follow us on **Facebook, Instagram** and **Twitter** *@NotIsLibraries* to keep up to date with all our latest news and events.

You can also sign up to receive our newsletters direct to your email inbox – select from a range of preferences based on your own interests at: inspireculture.org.uk/emails

ACCESS

Beeston / Mansfield Central / Worksop / West Bridgford libraries

These 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.

LARGE FORMAT

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.

Exhibition

SPIRIT OF MAYFLOWER: LANGUAGE OF SCULPTURE

FREE Beeston Library and Online N

Monday 12 April - Tuesday 18 May

Artist Rachel Carter, worked with adult and school groups in Nottinghamshire Libraries to create a touring exhibition linked to her family history, the Mayflower story and her own work. 2020 marked 400 years since Pilgrims from Nottinghamshire set sail on The Mayflower for America.

An exhibition exploring ancestry, Macramé knotting and The Mayflower.

The 'Family Tree' created for the exhibition using knotted macramé patterns stitched onto fabric is shown alongside family stories from Mayflower travellers, and Rachel's Nottinghamshire ancestry.











OPEN STUDIOS NOTTS: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF BRINGING ARTISTS INTO VIEW

FREE Inspire Libraries and Online ® West Bridgford Library

Saturday 24 April - Saturday 29 May

Mansfield and Retford Libraries

Saturday 24 April - Saturday 5 June

In this special anniversary exhibition, you will find behind-the-scenes photographs from the working worlds of artists and makers. The images, stories and interviews highlight the successful support that Open Studios Notts has given them over the last decade.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to learn about our local artists! Look out for virtual tours of artist's workspaces and artist demonstrations at osnotts.co.uk.

inspireculture.org.uk/osnotts

Online Forum

THE PLACES IN BETWEEN: LCN > SHF

FREE Worksop Discussion Forum ®

10.30 - 12.30pm / Saturday 1 May 6.30 - 8.30pm / Wednesday 5 May

FREE Retford Discussion Forum ®

10.30 - 12.30pm / Saturday 8 May 6.30 - 8.30pm / Wednesday 12 May

The Places In Between: LCN > SHF is a series of audio plays being developed about the towns and villages on the Lincoln to Sheffield train line. Project director and Worksop resident, Callum Berridge, and writers Ben Norris and Sarah Kolawole want to meet and speak to local residents about their experiences of life in Worksop and Retford, how it's changed, and their hopes and concerns for the future.

The forums are drop-in so you can join and leave at any time – advance booking is required to receive the Zoom link to join.



Heritage

THE GREAT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE **LOCAL HISTORY FAIR GOES DIGITAL**

FREE Online (N)

Saturday 1 May - Monday 31 May

We have been proud to present our annual Local History Fair since 2013, bringing local groups together to celebrate the variety of heritage activity in Nottinghamshire. This year the celebration will be digital, featuring a selection of photographs, videos, talks and presentations from groups and organisations from all over the county. The highlight will be a live, online interview with author, broadcaster, curator and former Nottinghamshire resident Lucy Worsley.

Online

INTERVIEW WITH **LUCY WORSLEY**

£5 Online (B)

11am / Saturday 15 May

Lucy Worsley grew up in West Bridgford and was possibly history's most assiduous volunteer ever at West Bridgford Library, where she spent all her childhood Saturdays. She went on to study history, researching a PhD thesis about Nottingham Castle and Bolsover Castle in Derbyshire, before making her career in London working in heritage and history television.

Children and Families

ADVENTURES IN MUSIC ONLINE:

FREE Online ®

May - July

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 online sessions (45 minutes each) in total with a different enchanting theme each week. Children will be sent an Adventures in Music resource kit to their home address.

Suitable for children aged 2-5

See inspireculture.org.uk/adventures for full listings













INSPIRE IN ASSOCIATION WITH NOTTINGHAM POETRY FESTIVAL PRESENTS:

RY NORMAL'S POETRY SOCIETY

FREE Online ®

12 Noon / Every Wednesday / From 5 May - 7 July



Make a date at the very centre of your week for lively conversation and wonderful poetry with Henry Normal's New Poetry Society online every Wednesday at 12 noon, for 10 glorious weeks starting in May.

Join Henry live on Zoom as he invites a different guest poet each week for a relaxing hour of midday chat and poetry, plus the chance to ask your own questions in the live session.

For adults.

visit inspireculture.org.uk/henrynormalnps

Brought to you in association with Nottingham Poetry Festival.





ABOUT HENRY NORMAL

(B) Booking required

(A) Advised booking





Heritage

FAMILY HISTORY –
ONE TO ONE ZOOM SESSIONS

FREE Online ®

2.00, 2.45 & 3.30pm / 25 May & 22 June 10.00, 10.45 & 11.30am / 26 May & 23 June

Are you looking for hints on how to discover more about your family history? Why not sign up for a FREE one-to-one conversation with one of our librarians. Family history surgery for beginners – by phone or video call.

Children and Families

DRAW ALONG WITH TONY DE SAULLES

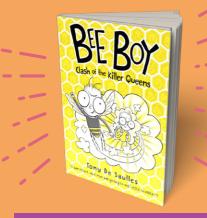
FREE Online ®

11am / Wednesday 2 June

Join author and illustrator Tony De Saulles for some half term fun. Find out about his work as illustrator of the hugely successful *Horrible Science* books and his *Bee Boy* series.

Have a pencil and paper ready to draw along as Tony shares his illustration secrets.

For children aged 6+ inspireculture.org.uk/drawalong







ONE TENTH HUMAN PRESENT: CURIOUS INVESTIGATORS

£3 per family Online ®

11am & 2pm / Friday 4 June

Meet 'Investigator Toni', who's stuck at home with nowhere to go - but is still determined to discover something AMAZING. She needs your help to solve a problem with a homemade marble run. But watch out - there may be a surprising discovery when you do....

To experience the show, you need a laptop, phone or tablet with Zoom enabled; a few bits and pieces from your recycling bin; and a helpful adult.

Perfect for 4-7 year olds inspireculture.org.uk/familytheatre

One Tenth Human

Online Heritage Talk

THE HUMOROUS SIDE OF GENEALOGY

£3 Online ®

7pm / Wednesday 9 June

Chris Broom is a professional Genealogist who describes family history as a labour of love which has turned into an obsession. He will take us on a light-hearted virtual walk through a variety of genealogical records, using examples to show the value of viewing original documents.





WILD WORLD Heroes

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



WORKING TOGETHER TO INSPIRE YOUNG READERS TO STAND UP FOR OUR PLANET



Children and Families

WILD WORLD HEROES, SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2021

FREE Inspire Libraries (N)

Saturday 10 July - Sunday 5 September

Pack your bags, we're heading for Wilderville. Join the Wild World Heroes as they work together to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there.

The Summer Reading Challenge invites children to read six library books of their choice over the summer. Each book read helps them explore Wilderville and solve the environmental problems they spot along the way. There are stickers (including some very smelly ones) and other rewards to collect.

Developed in partnership with WWF, the world's leading independent conservation organisation.

Wild World Heroes will be a celebration of reading, nature and action for the environment.

inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge

Exhibition

WILD WALLS AND WORDS

FREE West Bridgford Library N

Saturday 10 July – Sunday 12 September

Come and see this colourful collaboration inspired by the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge theme Wild World Heroes.

Alex Godwin and Caryl Hart have worked with pupils from Jesse Gray Primary School to create art and writing to positively explore environmental themes. Influenced by the children's work the exhibition also features commissioned paintings and writings by our resident professionals.



VDSCAPE

We're a proud partner of the Miner2Major Landscape Partnership Scheme, supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. We're working with them to create a range of fascinating events, exhibitions and courses to engage with local communities to celebrate the important habitats, special species and rich heritage of Sherwood Forest.

Get Creative

Online Family Workshop

GET KNITTING! BRACELETS AND SCARVES WITH JULIET BERNARD

FREE Online (N)

Saturday 8 May

Curious about finger knitting? Then join in with Juliet Bernard's virtual workshops. Make a colourful friendship bracelet, then try your hand at finger knitting and find out how to make a scarf. You'll probably reach for some knitting needles next!

Share your finger knitting creations on Facebook and Instagram #KnittingFriends,





Exhibition

THE BIG DRAW 2020: A CLIMATE OF CHANGE

FREE West Bridgford Library and Online N

Wednesday 2 June - Wednesday 7 July

Groups across the Miner2Major area have joined in with The Big Draw 2020: A Climate of Change by virtually working with textile artist Jess Kemp to collectively create metres of silk painted festival bunting. Every flag we have received is a hand painted artwork from the community exploring the 8 themes of the Miner2Major scheme.

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

In 2020 The Big Green Draw Festival #ClimateOfChange focused on the relationship between people and our living environments and ecosystems; highlighting how we live today and the ways in which we do and do not harmonise with nature.

of Edwinstowe Historical Society

Knittingham

Exhibition

KNITTINGHAMSHIRE

FREE Edwinstowe Library. Visitor Centre and Online (N

Tuesday 20 July - Saturday 25 September

Hiding out in the spiritual home of Robin Hood, a forest of tiny woolly outlaw hats are waiting to be found. Inspire, Miner2Major Landscape Partnership Scheme and the RSPB have been supporting Notts crafters to join in with The Innocent Big Knit and raise money for Age UK.

Hand knitting guru, designer and former editor of The Knitter magazine Juliet Bernard designed a gorgeous miniature Robin Hood hat for our Notts crafters to knit and crochet, and for every mini hat sold Innocent Smoothies will donate 25p to Age UK.









POETRY PLACE

FREE Online (B)

Workshop

6.30 - 7.30pm / Tuesday 25 May

Group Feedback Session

6.30 - 7.30pm / Tuesday 8 June

Do you live in the Sherwood Forest area? Do you write poetry, or are you keen to get started?

In this inspiring two-part workshop, led by acclaimed poet and educator Sue Dymoke, you'll use fascinating archive photography from the Inspire Picture Archive featuring people, landscapes and stories of the area as a starting point for your own poetry.

Participants from the following areas of Sherwood Forest are particularly encouraged to take part: Edwinstowe, Warsop, Ollerton, Clipstone, Blidworth, Rainworth, Bilsthorpe, Newstead, Ravenshead, Bestwood, Papplewick, Linby and surrounding areas.

Places limited so booking is essential at: inspireculture.org.uk/poetryplace





INSPIRE LEARNING

Inspire Learning delivers a range of services on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). We aim to provide you with outstanding learning experiences that enable you to make positive changes to your life. We offer courses for the whole community, enabling you to develop your skills by following courses tailored to meet your needs. Wherever you are on your learning journey, we're sure we have a course to inspire you!



CAREER BOOSTING COURSES

We offer a range of accredited and professional courses that are recognised by employers for anyone wanting to improve their skills and employability. Our courses include mental health awareness, counselling skills, management, and education and training.

Our Level 1 and 2 accredited courses are fully, or part, funded depending on circumstances through the Adult Education Budget (AEB) making them an affordable addition to your CV.



HELP INTO TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

We know Covid-19 has had an impact on secure employment in our local communities and we're here to help.

We've teamed up with partners across the region to support unemployed residents, through a new programme called Way2Work. You can get expert careers advice and we can even help you with the costs of starting a new job.

You can also gain recognised qualifications with our FREE* and discounted online courses including Functional Skills in Maths and English, ESOL, work skills courses and Level 1 and 2 accredited qualifications that are recognised by employers.











COMMUNITY AND FAMILY LEARNING

Our brand-new summer programme of online courses offers everything from Spanish, Italian and creative writing to ICT, guitar for beginners, and wildlife gardening. We can also help you learn techniques to better manage your life, or mental and physical health.

You don't need any prior skills or qualifications to sign up and courses are discounted, regardless of circumstance, and FREE if you're in receipt of certain benefits.

You can also learn whilst spending quality time with the family with our fabulous family learning courses. They're fun and free for all the family! There's lots to choose from including, Makaton signing for babies, scratch coding, music making, mindfulness and practical tips for Autism.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

From complimentary therapies and positive affirmations to mindfulness and anxiety management we're certain you'll find something to help relax the body and quiet the mind.

Visit: inspireculture.org.uk/learning

Phone: 01623 677 200

Email: learning@inspireculture.org.uk





Jazz around Nottingham



INSPIRE YOUTH ARTS

At Inspire Youth Arts we deliver a range of music, dance and digital projects and showcasing events for young people aged between 7 – 25. During the ongoing pandemic, we've not been able to do all the events we usually would but we have been able to move many of our regular groups and sessions to online delivery, with a few now offering in-person COVID-safe sessions too (when available outside of lockdown restrictions).

From street dance to contemporary, singersongwriter academy to rock school, there's something for everyone, and for many of our sessions no experience is necessary, just join in, make new friends and have some fun.

See our full list of groups

Visit: inspireculture.org.uk/springiya



JAZZ STEPS AND LIBRARIES: AT HOME

For almost a decade, Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries has been bringing world class live gigs to library audiences across Nottinghamshire. While we haven't been able to tour this wonderful programme physically, Jazz Steps and Inspire have worked to bring you inspiring online content to enjoy at home.

View the full virtual exhibition - telling the inspiring story of Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries, through photography, words, video and sound.

Visit: inspireculture.org.uk/jazzexhibition

Enjoy Jazz Talk – video interviews with renowned jazz artists, including specially recorded music.

Visit: inspireculture.org.uk/jazzathome

Look out for updates on the programme in the coming months on the web pages and our social media.

In collaboration with Jazz Steps

BOOKS, AUTHORS AND READING AT HOME

The Books, Authors and Reading page of our website includes links to some great content for book lovers. From our Book Talk series of author interviews and fascinating reading related features, to brilliant themed book recommendations, bookish quizzes and our own Inspire Online Book Club – there's plenty to inspire whatever your literary taste.

Plus, sign up to receive our regular Love Reading eNewsletter direct to your inbox.

Visit Books, Authors and Reading at: inspireculture.org.uk/booksandreading



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Add to that story and get involved by sharing your photos, documents or videos and we'll preserve them forever in Nottinghamshire Archives.

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EVENTS DIARY APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2021



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| 26 April | Inspire Learning Summer courses now avoisit inspireculture.org.uk/learning for fu | | ing, | | |
| 12 April - 18 May | Spirit of Mayflower: Language of Sculpture | Exhibition | Beeston Library & Online | FREE | 4 |
| 24 April - 29 May | Open Studio Notts: Celebrating 10 Years of Bringing Artists into View | Exhibition | West Bridgford Library & Online | FREE | 4 |
| 24 April - 5 June | Open Studio Notts: Celebrating 10 Years of Bringing Artists into View | Exhibition | Mansfield Central Library, Retford Library & Online | FREE | 4 |
| May - July | Adventures in Music Online: Live Sessions | Under 5s | Online | FREE | 5 |
| 1 May - 31 May | The Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair Goes Digital | Heritage | Online | FREE | 5 |
| 1 May & 5 May | The Places in Between: LCN > SHF - Worksop Discussion Forum | Heritage | Online | FREE | 4 |
| 5 May - 7 July | Henry Normal's New Poetry Society | Author Talk | Online | FREE | 6 |
| 8 May | Get Knitting! Bracelets and Scarves with Juliet Bernard | Family Workshop | Online | FREE | 10 |
| 8 May & 12 May | The Places in Between: LCN > SHF - Retford Discussion Forum | Heritage | Online | FREE | 4 |
| 15 May | Live Online Interview with Lucy Worsley | Heritage | Online | £5 | 5 |
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| 25 May & 26 May | Family History - One to One Zoom Sessions | Heritage | Online | FREE | 8 |
| 2 June | Draw Along with Tony de Saulles | Children & Families | Online | FREE | 8 |
| 2 June - 7 July | The Big Draw 2020: A Climate of Change | Exhibition | West Bridgford Library & Online | FREE | 10 |
| 4 June | One Tenth Human Present: Curious Investigators | Family Theatre | Online | £3 | 8 |
| g June | The Humorous Side of Genealogy | Heritage | Online | £3 | 8 |
| 22 June & 23 June | Family History - One to One Zoom Sessions | Heritage | Online | FREE | 8 |
| 2 July - 5 Sept | Surfaces of the Shire | Exhibition | Mansfield Central Library & Online | FREE | 7 |
| 10 July - 5 Sept | Wild World Heroes - Summer Reading Challenge 2021 | Children & Families | All Libraries | FREE | 9 |
| 10 July - 12 Sept | Wild Walls and Words | Exhibition | West Bridgford Library | FREE | 9 |
| 19 July | Inspire Learning Autumn courses now available for booking, visit inspireculture.org.uk/learning | | | | |
| 20 July - 25 Sept | Knittinghamshire | Exhibition | Edwinstowe Library & Online | FREE | 11 |
| 5 August | Inspire Learning Summer School begins - see inspireculture.org.uk/learning | | | | |