

## **WHAT'S ON AT WEST BRIDGFORD LIBRARY**

EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS **APRIL - JUNE 2017**

**FAMILY THEATRE**

**ART WORKSHOPS**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**AUTHORS**

**HERITAGE**

### **WELCOME TO YOUR APRIL – JUNE SEASON!**

ARTS AND CULTURE, LIVE AT YOUR LIBRARY

Welcome to your new look programme featuring a season of great events at West Bridgford Library.

With a fresh new design and an at a glance listing, we hope you'll find it even easier to find inspiring events at your library. We have some fantastic events lined up for you this season, including magical dance theatre to inspire children, a fabulous arts workshop for all, evenings of live jazz and a new Book Club Live event that's set to be a great night out for book lovers.

West Bridgford Library is designed to host a fantastic range of cultural activities, from live music and theatre to art exhibitions in our gallery. This enables us to bring you a programme of events in the welcoming setting of your library, and sees us working with a range of exciting artists and organisations along the way.

We hope you'll agree there's something very special about experiencing a range of arts and culture, live at your library.

At Inspire we're passionate about bringing great events to you, live at your library. We hope you enjoy them.

#### **West Bridgford Library**

Bridgford Road  
West Bridgford  
Nottingham NG2 6AT

0115 981 6506

westbridgford.library  
@inspireculture.org.uk

#### **Opening hours**

Open seven days a week  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am - 7pm  
Wednesday 9am - 1pm  
Saturday 9am - 4pm  
Sunday 11am - 3pm

#### **Contact Inspire**

info@inspireculture.org.uk  
Ask Libraries: 01623 664 943

#### **Booking events**

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

**Online** [www.inspireculture.org.uk](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk)

**Phone** 0115 981 6506

Tickets are non-refundable except where an event is cancelled.

Programme is subject to change.

#### **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.

[www.inspireculture.org.uk/emails](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/emails)

#### **Access**

There is ramped access to the main entrance and level access to ground floor areas. Access to the first floor is via stairs or lift. Please let us know if you require a wheelchair space for ticketed events or have access needs. Email us or call 0115 981 6506.

## **FAMILY THEATRE**

**Full House Theatre,  
in association with Motionhouse, presents:**

### **WHERE THE RIVER RUNS**

**Wednesday 5 April, 3pm**

**Library members: £3 child,  
accompanying adults free**

**Non-library members:**

**£5 child or adult**

**Booking essential**

**For ages 5+ and their families**

A magical, captivating dance show for children.

Made with young audiences in mind, *Where the River Runs* tells the simple story of a brave adventurer trying to cross a river. When the waters suddenly come to life it leads to a wild and wonderful journey.

With stunning movement and spectacular lifts, this dynamic and beautiful story, set in the rainforest, will delight children and families.

**Running time:** 50 minutes including family activity.

### **You're Among Ideal Friends...**

This exciting dance theatre show is part of the brilliant **Among Ideal Friends** initiative - a new theatre touring consortium developed by **The Spark Arts for Children** in partnership with libraries in the East Midlands, including Inspire!

For children aged 5-11 years, Among Ideal Friends gives families new opportunities to enjoy arts and culture - and to see stories brought to life - at venues on their doorstep.

**[www.thesparkarts.co.uk](http://www.thesparkarts.co.uk)**

## **LIVE MUSIC**

**Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries presents**

**REMI HARRIS PROJECT**

**Thursday 20 April, 7.30pm**

**£10 / £8**

**Booking essential**

**Adults (Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)**

This exciting young UK guitarist returns with his unique style which blends elements from gypsy swing, jazz, blues, rock, electronic and world music.

Remi Harris is growing a reputation for blending his influences into his own individual style of playing. He's toured worldwide and performed at the Royal Albert Hall with Jamie Cullum.

In collaboration with Jazz Steps.

*"Incredible guitarist..  
I'm absolutely blown away  
by his talent."*

**Jamie Cullum, BBC Radio 2**

*"Absolutely brilliant."*

**Cerys Matthews, BBC Radio 6 Music**

## **HERITAGE FAMILY DAY**

### **POP-UP ROMAN MUSEUM AND FAMILY FUN DAY**

**Saturday 22 April,**

**10am – 3.30pm**

**Free**

**Just drop by**

**Suitable for all**

Did you know that Romans settled near to West Bridgford? Join us to find out more as The University of Nottingham Museum display their pop-up exhibition from 10am – 1pm, and archeologist Peter Hammond leads a hands-on session from 1 - 3.30pm.

Roman-themed activities will take place throughout the day.

## **BOOKS AND READING**

### **THE PLOT THICKENS WITH AUTHOR STEPHEN BOOTH**

**Tuesday 25 April, 2.30pm**

**£3**

**Booking advised**

**Adults**

Have you ever wondered how your favourite authors come up with the ideas for the books you love? Join bestselling author Stephen Booth for a chance to find out how he weaves the twists and turns of his tales into award-winning crime fiction.

Get an insight into his inspiration, and the science and research he draws on. A chance for book lovers to hear from a popular writer and ask questions in an informal setting.

## LIVE MUSIC

**Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries Presents:**

**THE BIG EASY**

**Thursday 18 May, 7.30pm**

**£10/£8**

**Booking essential**

**Adults (Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)**

The Big Easy's dynamic, energetic and often virtuosic performances make them great to watch. Their high-energy swing interspersed with moments of soulful melancholy will get your toes tapping.

## HERITAGE TALK

**NOTTINGHAM IN THE GREAT WAR**

**Tuesday 30 May, 2.30pm**

**£3**

**Booking advised**

**Adults**

Author Carol Lovejoy Edwards looks at the contribution to the war effort made by Nottingham people, particularly those keeping the home fires burning for loved ones who returned, or enduring their grief for those who did not.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**SERIOUSLY SILLY STUFF WITH ANDY SEED**

**Thursday 1 June, 11am**

**£3 per child, accompanying adults free**

**Booking advised**

**For ages 7+**

Join Blue Peter Book Award winner Andy Seed for an hour of half-term fun. Expect an entertaining mix of seriously silly facts, stories, poetry, jokes and challenges.

**Andy Seed** is an author and poet. He writes memoirs, funny poems and humorous non-fiction books as well as all sorts of things for teachers.

## **FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP**

### **CLOTHES PEG PALS**

#### **CRAFT BOMB**

**Thursday 1 June, 12 – 4pm**

**Free. Just drop by**

**Suitable for all**

Celebrate the fun of making and crafting at this artist-led Craft Bomb workshop. Come along and make some cheeky clothes peg pals and be part of a display sure to brighten up the library.

A collection of the craft bomb characters created in this workshop will also be featured in the library gallery over the summer alongside work created by schools, as part of our Summer Reading Challenge exhibition (29 July – 7 September).

Join us to add your own clothes peg pal – real or imagined!

### **Getting crafty...**

Craft groups across the county will also be playing a part in the Craft Bomb efforts by making knitted squares to be included in our Summer Reading Challenge exhibition. And once their tour is over, the lovingly-created squares will go on to make charity blankets once the exhibition comes down.

## **LIVE MUSIC**

**Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries presents:**

### **SHELL'S BELLES**

**Thursday 15 June, 7.30pm**

**£10/£8**

**Booking essential**

**Adults (Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)**

Shell's Belles are an all-girl Nottingham Swing Band led by trumpet-playing Michelle Farrell with Sophie Ward and Helen Tooth. They play the great American songbook classics from Cole Porter, Gershwin and Hoagy Carmichael, with charm and style.

Don't miss an evening of show-stopping, girl band swing!

## BOOKS AND READING

### BOOK CLUB LIVE

Thursday 22 June, 7.30pm

£5

Booking essential

Adult event (over 18s only)

A special event for book lovers. Join us to hear two acclaimed writers talk about how they write, live at the library - from finding inspiration and developing characters to reaching an ending and editing the story. Featuring:

**Eve Makis** – award-winning and bestselling writer, whose novels include *Land of the Golden Apple* and *The Spice Box Letters*

**Anthony Cropper** – author of two novels *Jak and Sal* and *Weatherman*, and winner of the BBC Alfred Bradley Award for Radio Drama for the play *I'll Tell You About Love*

Ask the questions you've always wanted to ask about the writers' craft, and get an insight into the ideas, the dedication and the process behind the books you read.

Don't miss a great night out for book lovers.

## HERITAGE TALK

### A PALACE FOR OUR KINGS

Tuesday 27 June, 2.30pm

£3

Booking advised

Adults

One of the very largest medieval royal palaces stood at Kings Clipstone in the heart of Sherwood Forest. Researcher James Wright tells the story of one of the great lost buildings of Britain, visited by eight kings who held parliaments, Christmas feasts and tournaments there.

**James Wright** is a Doctoral Researcher at the University of Nottingham and author of *A Palace for our Kings*. He has worked as a conservation stonemason, and a buildings archaeologist at the Museum of London Archaeology. He researched the history and archaeology of Kings Clipstone for over twelve years.

*"A Palace for our Kings lovingly restores Clipstone to its rightful place in history as an iconic forest palace."* **Medievalists.net**

## **REGULAR FREE EVENTS**

### **VIP READING GROUP**

**First Thursday of every month, 11am – 12pm**

Our visually impaired reading group is a lively and friendly group, reading books in either audiobook or large print format. Open to all ages, and new members are welcome.

### **UNWIND WITH WORDS**

**Third Monday of every month, 10.30am - 12pm**

Take time to relax and explore the joy of words through stories, poems and conversation.

### **FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY SURGERY**

**Last Friday of the month 1.30-4pm**

Drop in for help to discover more about the history of your family or community. Beginners welcome.

### **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.

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

For full details and application forms visit the website. All galleries are suitable for wall-based works. Small installations and sculpture collections will also be considered.

**[www.inspireculture.org.uk/galleries](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/galleries)**

*\*Beeston library is currently undergoing a major refurbishment and will reopen later in 2017.*

### **Gift shop**

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

### **Venue hire**

West Bridgford Library is a great place to hold meetings and events. The library has two dedicated meeting rooms for hire, both with interactive SMART board and refreshment-making facilities.

Visit our web page or call the library direct for more details.

**[www.inspireculture.org.uk/venuehire](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/venuehire)**

*Discounts are available for community groups.*

### **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](http://inspireculture.org.uk)**



# WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE...

Date and time	Event	Type	Price	Page
Wed 5 April, 3pm	Full House Theatre in association with Motionhouse: Where the River Runs	Family Theatre	£5/£3	3
Thu 6 April, 11am	VIP Reading Group	Books and Reading*	Free	9
Thu 20 April, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries: Remi Harris Project	Live Music	£10/8	4
Sat 22 April, 10am-3.30pm	Pop-up Roman Museum	Heritage Family Day	Free	5
Mon 24 April 10.30am	Unwind with Words	Books and Reading*	Free	9
Tue 25 April, 2.30pm	The Plot Thickens with Stephen Booth	Books and Reading*	£3	5
Fri 28 April, 1.30-4pm	Family & Local History Surgery	Heritage*	Free	9
Thu 4 May, 11am	VIP Reading Group	Books and Reading*	Free	9
Mon 15 May, 10.30am	Unwind with Words	Books and Reading*	Free	9
Thu 18 May, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries: The Big Easy	Live Music	£10/8	6
Fri 26 May, 1.30-4pm	Family & Local History Surgery	Heritage*	Free	9
Tue 30 May, 2.30pm	Nottingham in the Great War	Heritage Talk	£3	6
Thu 1 June, 11am	Seriously Silly Stuff with Andy Seed	Children and Families	£3	7
Thu 1 June, 11am	VIP Reading Group	Books and Reading*	Free	9
Thu 1 June 12-4pm	Clothes Peg Pals Craft Bomb	Family Art Workshop	Free	7
Thu 15 June, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries: Shell's Belles	Live Music	£10/8	8
Mon 19 June 10.30am	Unwind with Words	Books and Reading*	Free	9
Thu 22 June, 7.30pm	Book Club Live	Books and Reading	£5	8
Tue 27 June, 2.30pm	A Palace for our Kings	Heritage Talk	£3	9
Fri 30 June, 1.30-4pm	Family & Local History Surgery	Heritage*	Free	9

\*Regular event