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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.

www.familyarts.co.uk/family-arts-standards



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HELP & ADVICE

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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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Visit our website inspireculture.org.uk/whatson

to read online, or a copy can be made available at your local library upon request.

ARTS & CULTURE LIVE AT YOUR LIBRARY & BEYONE

We're finishing a fantastic 2023 and starting 2024 strong with a packed season of heritage, reading, theatre, live music, arts, exhibitions, film, learning and events for children and families!



Thanks to our membership of the Living Knowledge Network, we're able to host a taster of the **Fantasy exhibition** currently on display at The British Library in London, and many of our events have been inspired by this theme. Children can head **Into Goblyn Wood** with fantasy author **Anna Kemp** or follow breadcrumbs to the **Hansel and Gretel** family theatre performance presented by Nottingham Playhouse. Adults can go **behind the door** of Nottinghamshire Archives to uncover the strange beasts that lurk among the records, or even try their luck at escaping using clues of the past!

Grab your popcorn and enjoy a film screening of **Stardust**, or if horror is more your thing join film producer Clelia McElroy to explore **Monstrous Flesh: Women's Bodies in Horror**. Plus, our usual programme of dementia friendly film screenings continue. Get into the festive spirit on board the **Polar Express** or join Woody and the gang in **Toy Story 4**.

Speaking of Christmas, there's still time to book your tickets for the annual **An Inspired Christmas Concert**. If you're missing the summer heat, we'll be holding our own festival at our Fantastic Festivals family concerts. Adults can enjoy live music as **Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries** returns to Beeston, Worksop, and West Bridgford Libraries.

Reading is at the heart of what we do, and I'm proud of the range of authors visiting us this season including bestselling crime author T.M. Logan and fantasy author M.A. Kuzniar. Plus, we're launching a new project called I Am A Writer to give adults who may not recognise themselves as creative the chance to work with professional writers to co-create exciting new work.

We couldn't have a more appropriate family theatre performance visiting us in March! **Luna Loves Library Day – The Musical** explores the magic among the shelves this March, and in February we welcome **Boxed In**, a family theatre performance for everyone who has ever been made to feel naughty because the rules don't make sense.

We're delighted that the **Little Creatives Book** packed with 25 fun activities for under 5s is now available to borrow from all Inspire Libraries! There are details of the new **Little Creatives Workshops** starting in March on page 9 of this brochure.

We love sharing the heritage of our county.
Our heritage talks this season will introduce you to the history of our railway lines, uncover the forgotten bustling town of **Segelocum**, and delve into the story of love, duty, and sacrifice of **John Chaworth Musters**.

We're ready to give you a warm welcome. Whether it's to try out one of the exciting events from this brochure, to read, learn and enjoy culture, to use IT facilities or connect with your local community, we'd love to see you soon.

Peter Gaw Chief Executive, Inspire





Living Knowledge Network

Fantasy

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Realms of imagination

Set out on a legendary quest through the impossible worlds of fantasy.

From epic visions to intricately envisaged details, we celebrate some of the finest fantasy creators, reveal how their imagined lands, languages and creatures came into being, and delve into the traditions of a genre that has created some of the most passionate and enduring fandoms.

Journey from fairy tales and folklore to discover how the oldest forms of literature continue to inspire fantasy authors, filmmakers, and game producers today.

Gather your fellow adventurers and step through your library's portal into the realms of fantasy as it has never been chronicled before.

Exhibition

FANTASY: REALMS OF IMAGINATION

FREE Various Inspire venues N

Nottinghamshire Archives

Friday 27 October – Wednesday 20 December

Worksop Library

Saturday 6 January – Sunday 28 January

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library

Thursday 1 February – Saturday 24 February

Inspire are delighted that as part of the Living Knowledge Network we are hosting a taster of the full exhibition currently on show at the British Library in London.

inspireculture.org.uk/LKN







MGLAND



IMAGINATION

FREE Inspire Libraries N

Worksop Library

10am - 2pm / Saturday 20 January

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library

10am - 2pm / Thursday 15 February

Join Imagination Gaming for oodles of fun at one of our family drop-in sessions. Play some of the coolest, smartest, fast witted and amusing board games from around the world, that are easy to pick up but hard to put down!

For ages 5 - 11 and their grown-ups

inspireculture.org.uk/imaginationgaming

Children's Author Event **INTO GOBLYN WOOD** WITH ANNA KEMP

£3 children / FREE accompanying adults Inspire Libraries (A)

Mansfield Central Library 10.30am / Saturday 3 February

Worksop Library

2pm / Saturday 3 February

Join author Anna Kemp for a lively fantasy writing workshop inspired by her brilliant series Into Goblyn Wood.

Find out about being an author and the role of magic in fantasy themed books

You'll invent characters and create a unique magic system, building a fantasy world of your own.

Suitable for children aged 7 - 11

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Anna Kemp is the author of the Into Goblyn Wood series as well as picture books like the bestselling Dogs Don't Do Ballet, The Worst Princess and Dave, The Lonely Monster.

Family Theatre

NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS: HANSEL AND GRETEL

£4 library members / £7 non-library members Worksop Library (A)

11am / Saturday 27 January

Hansel and Gretel are lost in the enchanted forest with no breadcrumbs to follow home. Cold and tired, they stumble upon a cosy cottage made from delicious gingerbread and are invited inside... But this hideaway in the woods may not be as sweet as it seems.

Join Hansel and Gretel as they meet creatures from the forest, get into scrapes, meet a witch and find their way back home they may even need your help along the way!

Full to the brim with music, magic and plenty of opportunities to join in, this fairy tale adventure is a perfect treat for little ones and their grown-ups.

For children aged 3 - 8 and their families A CON inspireculture.org.uk/hanselandgretel

NOTTING HAM PLAYHOUSE

Where will your journey lead?











Children's Author Event

AWESOME NATURE

WITH BECKY GODDARD-HILL AND CATHERINE HUGHES

£3 children / FREE accompanying adults

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10.30am / Saturday 9 December

2pm / Saturday 9 December

In this hands-on workshop, you'll play nature games, have a go at creating awesome nature crafts, and work on a nature activity to take home and enjoy with the family. By the end of the session, you'll be fired up and full of ideas for exciting outdoor play!

Becky Goddard-Hill and Catherine Hughes are the authors of A *Year of Nature Walks and Games*, designed to help children get active and have fun playing outdoors.

Suitable for children aged 5* and their grown-ups

Family Workshops

FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE

FREE at selected Inspire Libraries and across Nottinghamshire

5 - 16 February 2024

A jam-packed programme of free, hands-on activities to inspire your family's curiosity.

Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity celebrates science, technology, engineering and maths with interactive, fun and free events across Nottinghamshire. Inspire Libraries are delighted to be hosting a number of events as part of the 2024 programme during February half-term.

Keep updated at inspireculture.org.uk/fosac Produced by Ignite!

The full
festival programme
will be available at
www.nottsfosac.co.uk
with workshops open to
book from Monday
15 January.







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BOXED IN A DARYL & CO. AND HALF MOON CO-PRODUCTION

Inspire Libraries (A)

Worksop Library

10.30am / Wednesday 14 February

Retford Library

3.30pm / Wednesday 14 February

Beeston Library

10.30am / Thursday 15 February

West Bridgford Library

3.30pm / Thursday 15 February

Mansfield Central Library

11am & 2pm / Friday 16 February

WHO SAYS A LINE SHOULD ALWAYS BE STRAIGHT? WHAT'S WRONG WITH ZIG ZAGS? OR HOW ABOUT CURVES?

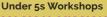
Boxed In follows the journey of someone who can't make head nor tail of the unspoken rules that surround us all. Sometimes stop means go and go means stop. Are you supposed to go this way, or that? Sometimes it's up and sometimes it's down.

In a world where everyone else seems to understand, it can all get a bit confusing. And when you get it wrong, you're made to sit out, but you don't understand why. It seems so unfair.

This heartfelt story is about being made to feel naughty, just because the rules don't make sense.

For children aged 3 - 6 and their families inspireculture.org.uk/boxedin

Programmed in association with The Spark Arts for Children



MAGICAL MISSIONS! WITH NOTTINGHAM **PLAYHOUSE**

£2 Inspire Libraries (A)

Bingham Library

10.30am / Monday 26 February

West Bridgford Library

2pm / Monday 26 February

Southwell Library

2pm / Tuesday 27 February

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library

10.30am / Wednesday 28 February

Sutton-in-Ashfield Library

2pm / Wednesday 28 February

Worksop Library

10.30am / Thursday 29 February

Retford Library

2pm / Thursday 29 February

Hucknall Library

10.30am / Friday 1 March

Mansfield Central Library

2pm / Friday 1 March

Arnold Library

10.30am / Saturday 2 March

Beeston Library

2pm / Saturday 2 March

Join Marian on a magical mission which takes us far away from Sherwood Forest, with guidance along the way from the Magical Major Oak.

Children and adults alike will love this unique chance to physically explore stories, characters and landscapes led by the theatre making team from Nottingham Playhouse.

These workshop sessions will unleash your child's imagination and stimulate the senses by using music, movement, puppetry, crafting and sensory play.

For children aged 2 - 4 and their grown-ups inspireculture.org.uk/MagicalMissions





Family Concert

FANTASTIC FESTIVALS

1pm / Saturday 24 February

3.30pm / Saturday 9 March

West Bridgford Library

12pm / Sunday 24 March

Take front row seats as we explore some well-known festivals (and great music!) and give you and your families a trip to remember. Relive those summer vibes in the warmth and comfort of your library with tunes such as Coldplay's Yellow and Take That's Shine.

Our concert series aims to introduce children to the music we all love and explain the story as we go. Grab a hat and sit back and enjoy.

After the performance meet the musicians and try out some of the instruments for yourself.

For children aged 5 - 11

inspireculture.org.uk/family concerts



Family Theatre

LITTLE SEEDS MUSIC AND **Z-ARTS PRESENT: LUNA LOVES LIBRARY DAY - THE MUSICAL**

£4 library members /

11am & 2pm / Saturday 9 March

West Bridgford Library

11.30am & 1.30pm / Sunday 10 March

Join Luna and her Dad for an adventure among the library shelves in this exciting new musical for families.

Luna looks forward to one special day... Library Day! It's the day when she discovers magic among the library shelves but is also a chance to spend time with Dad, making it all the more special.

Based on the critically acclaimed book by Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho and illustrator Fiona Lumbers, Luna Loves Library Day is the perfect treat for children and families.

For children aged 5+ and their families

Luna Loves Library Day is a co-production from Little Seeds Music and Z-arts.





NGLAND

Under 5s LITTLE CREATIVES

FREE at 11 Inspire Libraries ®

Beeston Library 1 & 8 March

West Bridgford Library 2 & 9 March

Arnold Library 4 & 11 March

Mansfield Central Library 6 & 13 March

Worksop Library 7, 14 & 21 March

Bingham Library 7 & 14 March

Retford Library 9 & 16 March

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library 16 & 23 March

Southwell Library 19 & 26 March

Hucknall Library 20 & 27 March

Sutton-in-Ashfield Library 21 & 28 March

JOIN US FOR CREATIVE ART SESSIONS DESIGNED BY ARTISTS FOR VERY YOUNG CHILDREN.

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

Either 10am - 10.45am or 11.15am - 12pm

For children aged 2 - 5

All children must be accompanied.

For full dates & times of sessions, visit: inspireculture.org.uk/littlecreatives



THE LULLABY BANK

FREE Inspire Libraries (B)



10.30am / Thursdays starting 11 January **Bingham Library**

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10.30am / Tuesdays starting 9 January

West Bridgford Library

1.30pm / Wednesdays starting 10 January

The Lullaby Bank is a chance for mums and babies to relax and bond in a calm space. Sing and listen to melodies from around the world to soothe and uplift.

We will sing a variety of lullabies from around the globe, in English and other languages, learn some baby-massage and basic signing, as well as some play time rhymes and songs in a quiet and relaxing space. The class also offers a breast-feeding safe space, and a chance to connect with other new mums in what can often be a very isolating and exhausting time.

Babies aged 0 - 9 months

A partnership between Inspire Music and Music for Everyone

session

Under 5s

ADVENTURES IN MUSIC

FREE at 12 Inspire Libraries (A)

Starting from 8 January

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.

From pirates to fairies, a mermaid city to a monster mountain - there are 10 sessions in total with a different enchanting theme each week, so you and your little one can clap, stamp, shake, dance and sing!

Suitable for children aged 2 - 5

Children must be supervised throughout the sessions.

Libraries include: Arnold, Beeston, Bingham, Hucknall, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Mansfield Central, Newark, Retford, Southwell, Sutton-in-Ashfield, West Bridgford, and Worksop. Start dates for each library will vary.





Author Event

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE READ? WITH MAHSUDA SNAITH

£3 Arnold Library (A)

10am / Wednesday 31 January

Enjoy a mid-morning treat of fun and insightful book chat with award-winning author and I Am A Reader writer Mahsuda Snaith, who'll be posing the big question - what happens when we read?

This event is part of Inspire's exciting I Am A Reader initiative - which explores and celebrates the creativity of reading

I Am A Reader is supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England. Find out more at iamareader.org.uk

Author Event

K.L. SLATER

£3 Hucknall Library 🛽

3pm / Tuesday 6 February

Join K.L. Slater, bestselling author of psychological crime thrillers, as she talks about her books, career and writing process. Kim has sold more than 2 million copies of her books, all of which are set in Nottinghamshire.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kim is the number one bestselling author of 21 psychological crime thrillers. She has also written four Carneaie-nominated Young Adult novels as Kim Slater. Kim has an MA in Creative Writing from Nottingham Trent University and became

a published author at the age of 48. She lives with her husband in a small Nottinahamshire villaae



Author Event

IN CONVERSATION WITH M.A. KUZNIAR

£5 Beeston Library (A)

7.30pm / Thursday 8 February

Join bestselling author M.A. Kuzniar for an exploration of her brilliant work in the genre of fantasy.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

M.A. Kuzniar writes fantastical literary fairy tales for adults as well as her wonderful children's books. Her debut adult novel Midnight in Everwood proved an instant classic, putting a dark, gothic twist on a much-loved tale.

Author Event

CAROLINE ENGLAND

£3 Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library (A)

2pm / Tuesday 20 February

Join Caroline England the 'Duchess of dark domestic noir' as she talks and answers your questions about the road to the publication of her six psychological thrillers as Caroline England and four gothic-tinged suspense novels as C.E. Rose, as well as all things writerly.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Caroline's debut psychological thriller, Beneath the Skin, was published in 2017, and she has since written the top ten eBook bestseller My Husband's Lies, Betray Her, Truth Games and The Sinner. Her latest dark domestic suspense, The Stranger Beside Me, was published in August 2023.



Author Event

T.M. LOGAN

£3 Beeston Library (A)

7.30pm / Tuesday 19 March

Join bestselling author T.M. Logan for a fantastic evening as he talks about his books and career so far.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

T.M. Logan was a national newspaper journalist before turning to novel-writing full time. His thrillers have sold more than one million copies in the UK and are published in translation in 22 countries around the world.

Tim's latest novel, **The Mother**, is a twisty tale of deceit and betrayal, of redemption and revenge - the story of a woman wrongfully convicted of the very worst crime and her fight for justice. His previous thriller, **The Curfew**, was also a Sunday Times bestseller.

The Holiday was a Richard & Judy Book Club pick and spent ten weeks in the Sunday Times paperback Top 10. It has since been made into a four-part TV drama starring Jill Halfpenny. His novel The Catch was also adapted for TV starring BAFTA-winner Jason Watkins and is now on Netflix.

Author Event

FRANCES BRODY

£3 Mansfield Central Library 🗛

2pm / Tuesday 19 March

Join Frances as she talks about her writing career including her latest book *Six Motives* for *Murder* – the second in the *Nell Lewis Prison Governor* series due out on 28 March 2024.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Frances is the author of 13 Kate Shackleton Murder Mysteries set in 1920s and 1930s Yorkshire as well as her three historical novels, **Sisters on Bread Street**, **Sixpence** in **Her Shoe**, and **Sisters of Fortune**. Frances has also written **A Murder Inside**, set in HMP Brackerley, an open prison for women and featuring Nell Lewis, Prison Governor.

Frances began her writing life in radio and has written for theatre and television. She enjoyed her time in Nottingham working with the Nottingham Youth Theatre and Nottingham Playhouse Roundabout Company.





£3 Worksop Library (A)

2pm / Wednesday 13 March

Join crime and gothic thriller writer Sarah Ward A.K.A. Rhiannon Ward for a discussion about her books, her passion for crime writing, and lots more.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sarah Ward is the author of four critically acclaimed crime novels featuring DC Connie Childs, set in the evocative Derbyshire Peak District. As Rhiannon Ward, she has also written The Shadowing, which is set in Southwell and its workhouse. Her latest series is the Mallory Dawson Welsh-based crime thriller series.

Author Event

TOM MEAD

£3 Bingham Library (A)

2pm / Wednesday 27 March

Join Tom Mead, author of the acclaimed internationally bestselling mysteries *Death* and the Conjuror and The Murder Wheel, for a scintillating discussion of his novels and all things golden age of crime writing.

Tom will discuss not only his books, which pay delightful homage to his favourite authors from the golden age, but his long-held fascination with crime detection writing from the evocative period between the world wars.







Did you know that Inspire has a monthly online book club?

At the beginning of every month, the club votes for the next book to read from a great selection. This will be available to borrow for free as both an eBook or eAudiobook

Then simply enjoy reading along with our growing community of Inspire Online Book Clubbers. You can also take part in online chats and share your feedback and thoughts on our social media pages.



in touch at reading@inspireculture.org.uk

Talk

SHERWOOD FOREST UP CLOSE -STORIES BEHIND THE LENS

1.30pm / Sunday 3 December

Join us for an unforgettable presentation by local wildlife photographer Alex Hyde. Alex captures insects just a few millimetres in size, unveiling an extraordinary world full of diverse and often unseen wildlife!

As well as a formal presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the photographic techniques Alex uses and a discussion about what we can do to help insect biodiversity.

This events joins the Sherwood Forest Up Close exhibition running from Tuesday 28 November - Wednesday 20 December 2023 at West Bridgford Library.

The work is commissioned by the Miner2Major Landscape Partnership scheme, supported by National Lottery Heritage Fund







I AM A CREATOR



Exhibition I AM A CREATOR

FREE Mansfield Central Library (N)

Tuesday 5 March - Tuesday 16 April

Discover I Am A Creator - Inspire's exciting new programme of creative opportunities for people of all ages. Inspired by some of the fascinating insights we uncovered as part of our ground-breaking, Arts Council England funded, I Am A Reader project, I Am A Creator aims to bring audiences - who may not always recognise themselves as creative - together with professional writers and artists as they co-create exciting new work across a range of mediums. This exhibition provides an inspiring preface to the programme, which begins its first year with I Am A Writer.

Find out more about the inspiring team of writers who will be working with our audiences, delve into the background of the programme and discover our aims.

Find out more at: inspireculture.org.uk/iamacreator

Exhibition

SHERWOOD FOREST UP CLOSE

FREE West Bridgford Library (N)

Tuesday 28 November -Wednesday 20 December

An exhibition of images by natural history photographer Alex Hyde showcasing some of the special species of Sherwood Forest close up and in fascinating detail.

The work is commissioned by the Miner2Major Landscape Partnership scheme, supported by National Lottery Heritage Fund.





Exhibition

INSPIRE COMMUNITY OPEN

FREE Beeston Library N

Wednesday 1 November -Wednesday 20 December

Come and see the wonderful creative talents of Nottinghamshire artists in our Inspire Community Open Exhibition.

Every year we are delighted by the artwork on show inspiring visitors to take up a new creative pathway for themselves. The show is an amazing mixture of painting, drawings, photography and making.

INSPIRE COMMUNITY **OPEN EXHIBITION**



Exhibition

THE BIG DRAW 2023: **TIME TO CONNECT**

FREE Inspire Libraries (N)

Worksop Library

Saturday 4 November - Thursday 21 Dec.

NGLAND

Thursday 4 January - Wednesday 14 Feb.

Saturday 17 February - Saturday 30 March

We've joined forces with the Miner2Major Landscape Partnership Scheme to help leave a legacy of artworks in 6 key locations across Sherwood Forest.

Visual artists Mandy Keating and Tracey Meek have worked with different groups across Nottinghamshire to create drawings that will inform sculptor Chris Campbell, who will make the legacy artworks.

THE BIG DRAW 2023: TIME TO CONNECT EXHIBITION SHOWS THE STORY OF THE PROJECT.

This work is part of a wider national project working with renowned portrait photographer, Alistair Morrison. Morrison has created Time to Connect, photographing people and places around the UK, and Nottinghamshire is the starting point for this journey!

inspireculture.org.uk/thebigdraw







Would you like to exhibit your artwork in an exhibition?

Open Studios Notts is making its annual call out to Nottinghamshire artists and makers who would like to open their studios to the public and be part of OSNotts 2024.

OSNotts includes:

- · Open Studio events of participating artists and makers
- · A printed and widely circulated brochure of all the events
- Year long studio and profile entry on the OSNotts website for each participating artist
- · A chance to be selected for one of Inspire Library exhibitions in either West Bridgford, Worksop or Southwell libraries.

Get your work photographed

Each fee-paying artist participating in OSNotts will be eligible for selection by Inspire to have professional photos taken in their studio to be featured in the library exhibitions and for each artist's own use.

The deadline for applications is 9am, Friday 26 January 2024



Booking Info:

JAZZ STEPS

live at the libraries

Live Music

TONY KOFI'S TENOR LEGACY

£13 Inspire Libraries ®

Beeston Library

7.30pm / Monday 11 December

Worksop Library

7.30pm / Tuesday 12 December

West Bridgford Library

7.30pm / Wednesday 13 December

Internationally acclaimed, Nottingham-born saxophonist Tony Kofi pays homage to jazz giants of the tenor saxophone including Dexter Gordon, Sonny Rollins, John Coltrane and Wayne Shorter. Evocative renditions of classic tunes from the legendary Blue Note label, with Tony's take on their historical context. This vibrant quartet, active since 2015, have terrific musical mastery and empathy.



Live Music MUCH ADO ABOUT JAZZ

£13 Inspire Libraries (B)

Beeston Library

7.30pm/ Monday 19 February

Worksop Library

7.30pm / Tuesday 20 February

West Bridgford Library

7.30pm / Wednesday 21 February

Hugely entertaining and talented musicians, Chris Gumbley (saxophone and clarinet) and Al Gurr (piano), perform much-loved jazz classics and jazz interpretations of songs from shows, pop and theme tunes. Expect great melodies and dry humour, as they also "open up" on how jazz musicians work.

Please note: Dave McGarry replaces Al Gurr on piano at West Bridgford.

Live Music

QUARTET CON ALMA

£13 Inspire Libraries ®

Beeston Library

7.30pm/ Monday 18 March

Worksop Library

7.30pm / Tuesday 19 March

West Bridgford Library

7.30pm / Wednesday 20 March

Quartet Con Alma perform a captivating mix of Latin jazz, from the hip sound of Cubop the Cuban and Puerto Rican influences on jazz in 1950s New York - through to Samba and Bossa Nova. This music from the Latin Quarter is always performed Con Alma... "with soul".







Heritage Talk

THE MIDLAND RAILWAY:

£3 Inspire Libraries (B)

Mansfield Central Library 2pm / Tuesday 16 January

2pm / Wednesday 21 February

between Mansfield and Worksop by looking at the fight to make that connection and showing how it boosted the local economy by enabling the sinking of many coal mines, which created over 17,000 jobs by the 1930s. With this came the rapid expansion of local towns and villages, including the entirely new village of Rhodesia, near Worksop.

The railway provided the much-needed link to the wider network, enabling local people to enjoy a day's excursion, visit family, or see that all-important football match.

Heritage

FAMILY HISTORY ONE TO ONE SESSIONS

FREE Online or phone ®

2pm, 2.45pm, 3.30pm / Tuesday 9 January 2pm, 2.45pm, 3.30pm / Tuesday 5 March

Are you looking for hints on how to discover more about your family's history? Sign up for a FREE one-to-one conversation with one of our librarians. Family History Surgery for beginners - by phone or video call.

JOIN PROJECT OFFICER, DENIS HILL, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RAILWAY AND ITS HISTORY TO DATE AS PART OF THE ROBIN HOOD LINE.

Heritage

EXPLORING PARISH REGISTERS FREE Beeston Library ®

2pm / Wednesday 17 January

Join one of our heritage librarians for a small group session to talk about the history of Nottinghamshire's parish registers and look at some of the fascinating stories they contain. Parish registers of baptisms, marriages and burials are a major resource for anyone beginning their family history.

The Nottinghamshire records are now available via Ancestry.com which is free to use in Inspire Libraries and at Nottinghamshire Archives.

Heritage

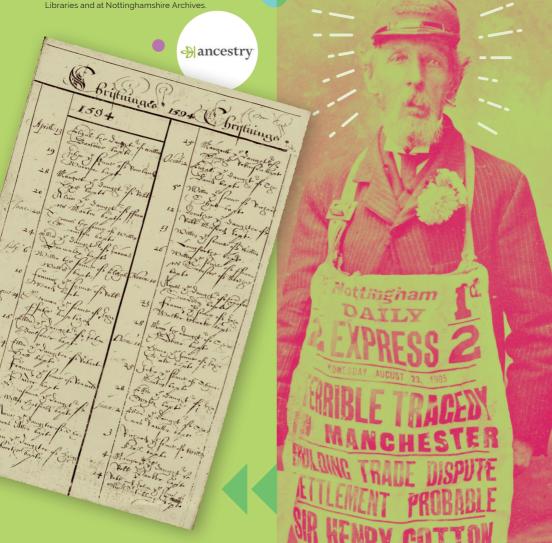
EXPLORING LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

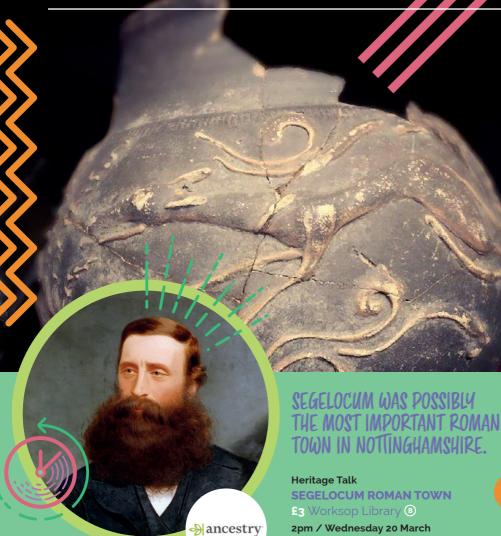
FREE West Bridgford Library ®

2pm / Tuesday 27 February

Join one of our heritage librarians for a small group session, where they will demonstrate the range and variety of local newspapers available in Inspire libraries on microfilm and online.

The British Newspaper Archive can be accessed for FREE in Inspire libraries, and at Nottinghamshire Archives.





Heritage

EXPLORING ANCESTRY

FREE Mansfield Central Library ®

2pm / Tuesday 19 March

Curious to learn more about your family's history? Join one of our librarians for a small group session, where they will demonstrate some key features of this valuable online research tool.

Ancestry.com is FREE to use in Inspire Libraries, and at Nottinghamshire Archives.

The hamlet of Littleborough is all that is now left to mark the location of what was once the large bustling town of Segelocum. Situated at the junction of the road from Lincoln to Doncaster and the River Trent, Segelocum was possibly the most important Roman town in Nottinghamshire.

Emily Gillott, Planning Archaeologist from Nottinghamshire County Council, will present the results of previous excavations from this site, which is often overlooked in studies in the small towns of Roman Britain.



Heritage Talk

HAZLEFORD TO DUNHAM BRIDGE

£3 Beeston Library ®

2pm / Wednesday 20 March

Heritage Talk

A LOVE STORY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

£3 West Bridgford Library 📵

2pm / Tuesday 26 March

who, in 1860 is born, heir to a wealthy

Four years and four children later, Patrick





Heritage

BEHIND THE DOOR -NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHIVES TOUR

£3 Nottinghamshire Archives (B)

11am / Friday 1 December

2.30pm / Tuesday 5 December

Discover the hidden world of heritage and join us on a tour behind the scenes as we uncover fantastic documents held within Nottinghamshire Archives. Marvel at the strange beasts that lurk within the millions of records, learn the alchemical secrets of the conservation studio and enjoy a display of strange and magical highlights from the collections.



Heritage

ARCHIVES ESCAPE!

£5 Nottinghamshire Archives ®

11.30am / Saturday 2 December

You have become trapped inside Nottinghamshire Archives! Solve the fiendish clues scattered throughout records of the past to escape - time is running out!

CAN YOU ESCAPE THE ARCHIVES?



OF IMAGINATION **EXHIBITION** P4 & P5

Heritage Talk

FROM GOTHIC TO ART DECO

£5 Nottinghamshire Archives (3)

2.15pm / Wednesday 24 January

Join staff from Nottinghamshire Archives to explore the building heritage of the city, focusing on different architectural styles, with an opportunity to explore documents on display.



Heritage

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHIVES TOUR

23 Nottinghamshire Archives (B)

11am / Thursday 1 February

2.30pm / Thursday 7 March

An introduction to the Archives with a tour of the search room and storage areas and a chance to view some unique and incredible highlights from the collections. Enjoy a display and tour of the conservation studio as an introduction to what conservation is and find out about the different types of materials treated, and the techniques used. Plus, we will demonstrate how we would repair a torn page and how to sew on a traditional book binder's sewing frame.

Heritage Workshop

INTRODUCTION TO BOOK BINDING: **PAMPHLET BINDING**

£10 Nottinghamshire Archives (B)

10.30am / Wednesday 6 March

JOIN THE CONSERVATION TEAM AT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHIVES FOR A RELAXED MORNING MAKING A DAMPHLET BOOK.

This workshop is an introduction to book binding covering the tools, materials, and terminology. A pamphlet binding is a single section book block with boards covered in paper or cloth, which make ideal notebooks or sketchbooks to keep or give as gifts to family and friends.

All materials and equipment will be provided.

Heritage Workshop

ROUTES TO ROOTS: DISCOVERING OLD MAPS WORKSHOP

£5 Nottinghamshire Archives **B**

2.15pm / Thursday 21 March

Old maps can provide a wealth of information. Join one of our archivists for this workshop where we will explore different types of maps and how they can be used, in particular tithe and enclosure.





Dementia Friendly

POLAR EXPRESS (U)

£1 Mansfield Central Library 🛭

1.30pm / Wednesday 6 December

On Christmas Eve, a young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express, while learning about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas.

Family Film Screening

THE GRINCH (U)

St. Sutton-in-Ashfield

Library (A)

10am / Saturday 9 December

Benedict Cumberbatch lends his voice to the infamous Grinch, who lives a solitary life inside a cave on Mt. Crumpet with only his loyal dog, Max, for company.

Dementia Friendly TOY STORY 4 (U)

£1 Mansfield Central Library 🙆

1.30pm / Wednesday 14 February

When a new toy called Forky joins Woody and the gang, a road trip alongside old and new friends reveals how big the world can be for a toy. Join us for a themed craft before the screening from 12 – 1pm.

Dementia Friendly

ON THE TOWN (U)
E1 Kirkby-in-Ashfield

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10am / Thursday 21 March

Three sailors wreak havoc as they search for love during a whirlwind 24-hour leave in New York City, in this musical film starring Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra, Betty Garrett and Ann Miller.



Dementia Friendly films shown in partnership with Film Hub Midlands. **Supported by:**







SING WITH FRIENDS

FREE Mansfield Central Library N

Festive Special 13 December
Restarts 1.30pm / Wednesday 10 January

As anyone that has seen the Our Dementia Choir documentaries with Vicky McClure will know, music can bring joy and trigger memory for those with Dementia and their friends, family and carers. Inspire are expanding their aim of "providing opportunities for people to come together through film" to include the memorable movie magic of film music.

Mansfield Library are delighted to continue hosting these lunchtime singing sessions as a companion to our regular film screenings.

This event is open to all and there is no need to book – just come along and join in!

JOIN US TO REMINISCE USING MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES AND OTHER FAVOURITES - WITH A CUP OF TEA & BISCUITS!







6pm / Tuesday 23 January

In a countryside town bordering on a magical land, a young man makes a promise to his beloved that he'll retrieve a fallen star by venturing into the magical realm. Based on Neil Gaiman's fantasy graphic novel, a star-studded cast brings his vision to life in this acclaimed adaptation.



£1 Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library (A)

10.30am / Saturday 10 February

Join us this half-term to create a world of make-believe using paper cut-outs or just our hands, a torch and a blank wall. The activity will be followed by a selection of short films featuring shadows and paper cut-out animations including a fairy tale by silhouette artist Lotte Reiniger.

Recommended for ages 5+







Film Workshop

MONSTROUS FLESH: WOMEN'S BODIES **IN HORROR**

£5 Beeston Library ®

7pm / Tuesday 20 February

Harkins, 2017

To many people, the horror genre is synonymous with gendered violence and sexual exploitation. However, the genre is also a rich vehicle for female empowerment. This session is designed to explore the origins of well known and loved tropes in the horror genre, sci-fi and fantasy: vampires, witches, demonic pregnancies, and the decrepit ageing body are used to give voices to cultural and social anxieties rooted in the past and present. Drawing examples from classic, cult and contemporary horror and fantasy cinema from around the globe, this interactive session will get attendees to reflect on their personal relationship with the genre.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP LEADER:

Clelia McElroy is a Nottingham-based film events producer, and the founder-director of Monstrous Flesh, a multi-disciplinary venture exploring the intersections of the horror genre and feminism, through curated film courses, screenings, panel discussions and the Monstrous Flesh Podcast.











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4 Nov - 21 Dec	The Big Draw 2023: Time to Connect	Exhibition	Worksop Library	FREE	14
	Sherwood Forest Up Close	Exhibition	West Bridgford Library	FREE	13
1 Dec	Behind the Door:	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£3	20
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2 Dec	Archives Escape!	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£5	20
3 Dec	Sherwood Forest Up Close - Stories Behind the Lens	Talk	West Bridgford Library	£3	12
4 Dec	An Inspired Christmas Concert	Live Music	Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham	£5/£3	27
5 Dec	Behind the Door:	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£3	20
	Nottinghamshire Archives Tour				
6 Dec	Polar Express (U)	Film Screening	Mansfield Central Library	£1	22
9 Dec	Awesome Nature Crafts and Games	Children's Author Event	Beeston and West Bridgford Libraries	£3	6
9 Dec	The Grinch (U)	Film Screening	Sutton-in-Ashfield Library	£1	22
11 - 13 Dec	Jazz Steps:	Live Music	Beeston, Worksop and	£13	15
_	Toni Kofi's Tenor Legacy		West Bridgford Libraries*		
From 13 Dec	Sing with Friends	Community	Mansfield Central Library	FREE	22
4 Jan - 14 Feb	The Big Draw 2023: Time to Connect	Exhibition	West Bridgford Library	FREE	14
6 - 28 Jan	Fantasy: Realms of Imagination	Exhibition	Worksop Library	FREE	4
From 8 Jan	Adventures in Music	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	9
From 9 Jan	The Lullaby Bank	Under 5s	Bingham Library	FREE	9
g Jan	Family History One to One Sessions	Heritage	Online or phone	FREE	16
From 10 Jan	The Lullaby Bank	Under 5s	West Bridgford Library	FREE	9
From 11 Jan	The Lullaby Bank	Under 5s	Beeston Library	FREE	9
16 Jan	The Midland Railway: Mansfield to Worksop Line	Heritage Talk	Mansfield Central Library	£3	16
17 Jan	Exploring Parish Registers	Heritage	Beeston Library	FREE	17
20 Jan	Imagination Gaming	Workshop	Worksop Library	FREE	5
23 Jan	Stardust (PG)	Film Screening	Worksop Library	£2	23
24 Jan	From Gothic to Art Deco	Heritage Talk	Nottinghamshire Archives	£5	21
26 Jan	OSNotts 2024 application deadline				14
27 Jan	Nottingham Playhouse Presents: Hansel and Gretel	Family Theatre	Worksop Library	£4/£7	5
31 Jan	What Happens When We Read? With Mahsuda Snaith	Author Event	Arnold Library	£3	10
1 - 24 Feb	Fantasy: Realms of Imagination	Exhibition	Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library	FREE	4
1 Feb	Nottinghamshire Archives Tour	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£3	21
3 Feb	Into Goblyn Wood with Anna Kemp		: Mansfield and Worksop Libraries	£3	5
5 - 16 Feb	Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity	Workshops	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	6
6 Feb	K.L. Slater	Author Event	Hucknall Library	£3	10
8 Feb	In Conversation with M.A. Kuzniar	Author Event	Beeston Library	£5	10
10 Feb	Small World Cinema: Shadow Play	Film and Activity	Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library	£1	23
14 - 16 Feb	Boxed In: A Daryl & Co. and Half Moon Co-production	Family Theatre	Various Inspire Libraries	£4/£7	7
14 Feb	Toy Story 4 (U)	Film Screening	Mansfield Central Library	£1	22
15 Feb	Imagination Gaming	Workshop	Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library	FREE	5
17 Feb - 30 Mar	The Big Draw 2023: Time to Connect	Exhibition	Beeston Library	FREE	14
19 - 21 Feb	Jazz Steps:	Live Music	Beeston, Worksop and	£13	15
00 Feb	Much Ado About Jazz	Author Fra	West Bridgford Libraries*	C -	
20 Feb	Caroline England	Author Event	Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library	£3	10

^{*}Only 1 venue per day. See event listing for more details.

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21 Feb	The Midland Railway: Mansfield to Worksop Line	Heritage Talk	Worksop Library	£3	16
24 Feb	Fantastic Festivals	Family Concert	Beeston Library	£4/£7	8
26 Feb - 2 Mar	Magical Missions! With Nottingham Playhouse	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	£2	7
27 Feb	Exploring Local Newspapers	Heritage	West Bridgford Library	FREE	17
1 - 28 Mar	Little Creatives	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	9
5 Mar - 16 Apr	I Am A Creator	Exhibition	Mansfield Central Library	FREE	13
5 Mar	Family History One to One Sessions	Heritage	Online or phone	FREE	16
6 Mar	Introduction to Book Binding: Pamphlet Binding	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£10	21
7 Mar	Nottinghamshire Archives Tour	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£3	21
9 Mar	Fantastic Festivals	Family Concert	Southwell Library	£4/£7	8
9 Mar	Takeover Festival	Festival	Four Seasons Shopping Centre, Mansfield	FREE	
9 Mar	Luna Loves Library Day - The Musical	Family Theatre	Beeston Library	£4/£7	8
10 Mar	Luna Loves Library Day - The Musical	Family Theatre	West Bridgford Library	£4/£7	8
13 Mar	Sarah Ward	Author Event	Worksop Library	£3	
18 - 20 Mar	Jazz Steps: Quartet Con Alma	Live Music	Beeston, Worksop and West Bridgford Libraries*	£13	15
19 Mar	T.M. Logan	Author Event	Beeston Library	£3	10
19 Mar	Exploring Ancestry	Heritage	Mansfield Central Library	FREE	18
19 Mar	Frances Brody	Author Event	Mansfield Central Library	£3	10
20 Mar	Segelocum Roman Town	Heritage Talk	Worksop Library	£3	18
20 Mar	The Capricious River Trent: Hazleford to Dunham Bridge	Heritage Talk	Beeston Library	£3	19
21 Mar	Routes to Roots: Discovering Old Maps Workshop	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£5	21
21 Mar	On The Town (U)	Film Screening	Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library	£1	22
24 Mar	Fantastic Festivals	Family Concert	West Bridgford Library	£4/£7	8
26 Mar	Love, Duty & Sacrifice: A Love Story of Nottinghamshire	Heritage Talk	West Bridgford Library	£3	19
27 Mar	Tom Mead	Author Event	Bingham Library	£3	10

Live Music

£5 adults / £3 children & concessions Royal Concert Hall Nottingham (B)

7pm - 9pm / Monday 4 December

Join us as we celebrate the start of the festive period with this showcase of amazing performances from talented young singers from Nottinghamshire schools and choirs.











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