

# Inspire Libraries & Beyond

## What's On December 2023 – March 2024

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### Booking Information

Tickets for events can be booked online, in person at the library, or by calling Ask Inspire on 01623 677 200. Tickets are non-refundable unless an event is cancelled. Programme is subject to change and all details are correct at time of print.

Eventbrite are our ticket provider. [Read their accessibility statement on their website.](#)

## **Access**

Beeston, Mansfield Central Library, Worksop and West Bridgford libraries are all accessible to wheelchair users with ramp access, lifts to upper floors and disabled toilets.

Please let us know if you require a wheelchair for ticketed events or have access needs. [Visit your local library webpage](#) for more information.

## **Accreditations**

As an organisation we are proud to have received the Investors in Diversity Award. We are also:

- Carer Friendly
- Breastfeeding Friendly
- Dementia Friendly
- Disability Confident
- Family Arts Standard registered
- Hidden Disability Sunflower members

[Find out more about our vision and values on our website.](#)

## **Fantasy: Realms of Imagination**

Exhibition

### **Fantasy: Realms of Imagination**

- Nottinghamshire Archives - Friday 27 October to Wednesday 20 December
- Worksop Library - Saturday 6 January to Sunday 28 January
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library - Thursday 1 February to 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.

Workshops

### **Imagination Gaming**

- Worksop Library - Saturday - 20 January, 10am – 2pm
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library - Thursday 15 February, 10am – 2pm

FREE. No booking required.

Join Imagination Gaming at one of our family drop-in sessions. Play board games from around the world. For ages 5 – 11 and their grown-ups.

Family Theatre

### **Nottingham Playhouse presents Hansel and Gretel**

Worksop Library Saturday 27 January, 11am

£4 library members or £7 non-library members

Booking advised

Join Hansel and Gretel as they learn to work together, outsmart a wicked witch and find their way back home – they may even need help along the way! For children aged 3 – 8 and their families.

Children's Author Event

[Into Goblyn Wood with Anna Kemp](#)

- Mansfield Central Library – Saturday 3 February, 10.30am
- Worksop Library - Saturday 3 February, 2pm

£3 children and accompanying adults free.

Booking advised

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

Suitable for children aged 7 – 11.

## Children and Families

### Children's Author Event

#### [Awesome Nature Crafts and Games with Becky Goddard-Hill and Catherine Hughes](#)

- Beeston Library – Saturday 9 December, 10.30am
- West Bridgford Library – Saturday 9 December, 2pm

£3 children. Accompanying adults free. Booking advised.

Play nature games, have a go at creating nature crafts, and work on an activity to take home. Suitable for children aged 5+.

### Children's Workshops

#### [Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity](#)

5 to 16 February 2024

Free at selected Inspire Libraries and across Nottinghamshire. Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity celebrates science, technology, engineering, and maths with fun and free events.

The full festival programme will be available at

[www.nottsfosac.co.uk](http://www.nottsfosac.co.uk) with workshops open to book from Monday 15 January.

Produced by Ignite!

## Family Theatre

### **Boxed In: A Daryl & Co. and Half Moon Co-production**

£4 library members / £7 non-library members Inspire Libraries –  
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- Worksop Library - Wednesday 14 February, 10.30am
- Retford Library - Wednesday 14 February, 3.30pm
- Beeston Library - Thursday 15 February, 10.30am
- West Bridgford Library - Thursday 15 February, 3.30pm
- Mansfield Central Library – Friday 16 February, 11am & 2pm

£4 library members or £7 non-library members. Booking advised.

This heartfelt story is about being made to feel naughty, just because the rules don't make sense. A playful show about (mis)understanding the rules, for ages 3 – 6.

Programmed in association with the Spark Arts for Children.

## Under 5s Workshops

### **Magical Missions! With Nottingham Playhouse**

- Bingham Library - Monday 26 February, 10.30am
- West Bridgford Library - Monday 26 February, 2pm
- Southwell Library - Tuesday 27 February, 2pm

- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library - Wednesday 28 February, 10.30am
- Sutton-in-Ashfield Library - Wednesday 28 February, 2pm
- Worksop Library - Thursday 29 February, 10.30am
- Retford Library - Thursday 29 February, 2pm
- Hucknall Library – Friday 1 March, 10.30am
- Mansfield Central Library – Friday 1 March, 2pm
- Arnold Library – Saturday 2 March, 10.30am
- Beeston Library – Saturday 2 March, 2pm

£2. Booking advised.

Join Marian on a magical mission which takes us far away from Sherwood Forest, with guidance along the way from the Magical Major Oak. A playful and interactive practical session for 2- 5-year-olds.

## Family Concert

### **Fantastic Festivals**

- Beeston Library - Saturday 24 February, 1pm
- Southwell Library - Saturday 9 March, 3.30pm
- West Bridgford Library – Saturday 24 March, 12pm

£4 library members or £7 non- library members. Booking advised.

Join us for a fun visit to our Festival of Tunes.

Our concert series aims to introduce children to the music we all love.

After the performance meet the musicians and try out some of the instruments for yourself. For children aged 5 – 11.

Family Theatre

**Little Seeds Music and Z-Arts present: Luna Loves Library Day – The Musical**

- Beeston Library - Saturday 9 March, 11am & 2pm
- West Bridgford Library - Sunday 10 March, 11.30am & 1.30pm

£4 library members or £7 non-library members. Booking advised.

Join Luna and her Dad for an adventure among the library shelves in this exciting new musical for families. Based on the book by Waterstones Childrens Laureate Joseph Coelho and illustrator Fiona Lumbers. Suitable for children aged 5+.

Luna Loves Library Day is a co-production from Little Seeds Music and Z-arts. Programmed in association with The Spark Arts for Children.

Under 5s



## Little Creatives

Sessions at 10 am -10.45 am or 11.15 am - 12 pm

- Beeston Library - 1 and 8 March
- West Bridgford Library - 2 and 9 March
- Arnold Library - 4 and 11 March
- Newark Library - 5 and 12 March
- Mansfield Central Library - 6 and 13 March
- Worksop Library - 7, 14, and 21 March
- Bingham Library - 7 and 14 March
- Retford Library - 9 and 16 March
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library - 16 and 23 March
- Southwell Library - 19 and 26 March
- Hucknall Library - 20 and 27 March
- Sutton-in-Ashfield Library - 21 and 28 March

Free. Booking essential.

Join us for creative art sessions specifically designed by artists for children aged 2-5 and their families. Book one or more dates and choose a session time that suits you. All children must be accompanied.

Under 5s

## The Lullaby Bank

- Beeston Library -Thursdays at 10.30am starting 11 January
- Bingham Library - Tuesdays at 10.30am starting 9 January
- West Bridgford Library Wednesdays at 1.30pm starting 10 January

Free. Booking advised.

The Lullaby Bank is for mums and babies from 0 – 9 months to relax and bond in a calm space. Sing and listen to melodies from around the world. A partnership between Inspire Music and Music for Everyone.

## **Under 5s**

### **[Adventures in Music](#)**

**Starting from 8 January**

**Free. Booking Advised.**

Adventures in Music uses music and movement to develop your child's language skills, spark their imagination and build their confidence.

Suitable for children aged 2 – 5.

Children must be supervised throughout the sessions.

Start dates for each library will vary. For full dates and times visit [www.inspireculture.org.uk/adventures](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/adventures).

Libraries include:

- Arnold
- Beeston
- Bingham
- Hucknall
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield
- Mansfield Central
- Newark
- Retford
- Southwell
- Sutton-in-Ashfield
- West Bridgford
- Worksop

## Reading

Author Event

### [What Happens When We Read? With Mahsuda Snaith](#)

Arnold Library – Wednesday 31 January, 10am

£3. Booking advised.

Enjoy insightful book chat with author and I Am A Reader writer Mahsuda Snaith.

This event is part of Inspire's I Am A Reader-initiative which explores and celebrates the creativity of reading. Find out more at [www.iamareader.org.uk](http://www.iamareader.org.uk)

Author Event

### [K.L Slater](#)

Hucknall Library – Tuesday 6 February, 3pm

£3. Booking advised.

Join K.L Slater, bestselling author of psychological crime thrillers, as she talks about her books, career and writing process.

Author Event

### [In Conversation with M.A Kuzniar](#)

Beeston Library – Thursday 8 February, 7.30pm

£5. Booking advised.

Join bestselling author MA Kuzniar for an exploration of her work in the genre of fantasy.

Author Event

**Caroline England**

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – Tuesday 20 February, 2pm

£3. Booking advised.

Join Caroline England as she talks and answers your questions about the road to the publication of her six psychological thrillers as Caroline England and four novels as C.E Rose.

Author Event

**T.M Logan**

Beeston Library - Tuesday 19 March, 7.30pm

£3. Booking advised.

Join bestselling author TM Logan as he talks about his books and career so far.

Author Event

**Frances Brody**

Mansfield Central Library - Tuesday 19 March, 2pm

£3. Booking advised.

Join author Frances Brody as she talks about her writing career including her latest book, Six Motives for Murder.

Author Event

**Sarah Ward**

Worksop Library – Wednesday 13 March, 2pm

£3. Booking advised.

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

Author Event

**Tom Mead**

Bingham Library - Wednesday 27 March, 2pm

£3. Booking advised.

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

## Exhibitions

### Talk

#### **Sherwood Forest Up Close Stories Behind the Lens**

West Bridgford Library – Sunday 3 December, 1.30pm

£3. Booking advised.

A presentation by local wildlife photographer Alex Hyde. An opportunity to ask questions about the photographic techniques used and a discussion about what we can do to help insect biodiversity.

### Exhibition

#### **I Am A Creator**

Mansfield Central Library - Tuesday 5 March to Tuesday 16 April

Free. No booking required.

Discover I Am A Creator – Inspire's new programme of creative opportunities that aims to bring audiences together with professional writers and artists. This exhibition provides a preface to the programme, which begins its first year with I Am A Writer.

Find out more at [inspireculture.org.uk/IAmACreator](https://inspireculture.org.uk/IAmACreator)

Exhibition

**Inspire Community Open**

Beeston Library – Wednesday 1 November to Wednesday 20 December

Free. No booking required.

An exhibition of creative talents of Nottinghamshire artists. The show is an amazing mixture of painting, drawings, photography and making.

Exhibition

**Sherwood Forest Up Close**

West Bridgford Library - Tuesday 28 November to Wednesday 20 December

Free. No booking required.

An exhibition of images by natural history photographer Alex Hyde showcasing species of Sherwood Forest close up. This work is commissioned by the Miner2Major Landscape Partnership scheme, supported by National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Exhibition

**The Big Draw 2023: Time to Connect**

- Worksop Library - Saturday 4 November to Thursday 21 December



- West Bridgford Library -Thursday 4 January to Wednesday 14 February
- Beeston Library- Saturday 17 February to Saturday 30 March

Free. No booking required.

We've joined forces with the Miner2Major Landscape Partnership Scheme to leave a legacy of artworks in 6 locations across Sherwood Forest. Visual artists Mandy Keating and Tracey Meek have worked with groups to create drawings that will inform sculptor Chris Campbell. This exhibition shows the story of the project. The work is part of a wider national project working with portrait photographer, Alistair Morrison.

## **Jazz Steps Live at the Libraries**

Live Music

### **[Tony Kofi's Tenor Legacy](#)**

- Beeston Library - Monday 11 December, 7.30pm
- Worksop Library - Tuesday 12 December, 7.30pm
- West Bridgford Library - Wednesday 13 December, 7.30pm

£13. Booking required.

Nottingham-born saxophonist Tony Kofi pays homage to jazz giants of the tenor saxophone including Dexter Gordon, Sonny Rollins, John Coltrane and Wayne Shorter.

## Live Music

### [Much Ado About Jazz](#)

- Beeston Library - Monday 19 February, 7.30pm
- Worksop Library - Tuesday 20 February, 7.30pm
- West Bridgford Library - Wednesday 21 February, 7.30pm

£13. Booking required.

Chris Gumbley and Al Gurr perform much-loved jazz classics and interpretations of songs from shows, pop, and theme tunes.

## Live Music

### [Quartet Con Alma](#)

- Beeston Library – Monday 18 March, 7.30pm
- Worksop Library – Tuesday 19 March, 7.30pm
- West Bridgford Library – Wednesday 20 March, 7.30pm

£13. Booking required.

Quartet Con Alma perform a captivating mix of Latin jazz, from the hip sound of Cubop.

## **Heritage**

### Heritage

### [Exploring Local Newspapers](#)

West Bridgford Library – Tuesday 27 February, 2pm

Free. Booking required.

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

Heritage

### **[Exploring Ancestry](#)**

Mansfield Central Library - Tuesday 19 March, 2pm

Free. Booking required.

Join one of our librarians for a small group session, where they will demonstrate some key features of this valuable online research tool.

Heritage Talk

### **[Segelocum Roman Town](#)**

Worksop Library - Wednesday 20 March, 2pm

£3. Booking required.

The hamlet of Littleborough is all that is now left to mark the location of what was once the town of Segelocum. Emily Gillott, Community Archaeologist from Nottinghamshire County Council, will present the results of previous excavations from this site.

Heritage Talk

### **[The Capricious River Trent: Hazelford to Dunham Bridge](#)**

Beeston Library - Tuesday 20 March, 2pm

£3. Booking required.

The River Trent downstream from Nottingham has a wayward and enthralling history of its own. This talk by Adrian Gray takes us on a journey down the river.

Heritage Talk

**[Love, Duty & Sacrifice: A True Love Story of Nottinghamshire](#)**

West Bridgford Library – Tuesday 26 March, 2pm

£3. Booking required.

Author Nicola Webb tells the story of John Patricius Chaworth Musters who, in 1860 is born, heir to a wealthy landowning and mining family in Annesley, Nottinghamshire. This is truly a story of love, duty, and sacrifice, which defied both convention and class.

Heritage

**[Behind the Door – Nottinghamshire Archives Tour](#)**

Nottinghamshire Archives

- Friday 1 December, 11am
- Tuesday 5 December, 2.30pm

£3. Booking required.

Join us on a tour behind the scenes as we uncover fantastic documents held within Nottinghamshire Archives. End your journey with a quiz about the myths and legends of Nottinghamshire.

Heritage

### **[Archives Escape!](#)**

Nottinghamshire Archives – Saturday 2 December, 11.30am  
£5. Booking required.

You have become trapped inside Nottinghamshire Archives! Solve the fiendish clues scattered throughout records of the past to escape.

Heritage Talk

### **[From Gothic to Art Deco](#)**

Nottinghamshire Archives – Wednesday 24 January, 2.15pm  
£5. Booking required.

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

Heritage

### **[Nottinghamshire Archives Tour](#)**

Nottinghamshire Archives

- Thursday 1 February, 11am
- Thursday 7 March, 2.30pm

£3. Booking required.

An introduction to the Archives with a tour of the search room and storage areas.

Heritage

### **[Introduction to Book Binding: Pamphlet Binding](#)**

Nottinghamshire Archives - Wednesday 6 March, 10.30am

£10. Booking required.

Join the conservation team at Nottinghamshire Archives for a relaxed morning making a pamphlet book. All materials and equipment will be provided.

Heritage

### **[Routes to Roots: Discovering Old Maps Workshop](#)**

Nottinghamshire Archives – Thursday 21 March, 2.15pm

£5. Booking required.

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.

## Film Screenings

Dementia Friendly

### [Polar Express \(U\)](#)

Mansfield Central Library - Wednesday 6 December, 1.30pm

£1. Booking advised.

On Christmas Eve, a young boy embarks on an adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express.

Family Film Screening

### [The Grinch \(U\)](#)

Sutton-in-Ashfield Library - Saturday 9 December, 10am

£1. Booking advised.

Get ready for the holiday season with the infamous Grinch, who lives a solitary life on Mt. Crumpet with his loyal dog, Max.

Dementia Friendly

### [Toy Story 4 \(U\)](#)

Mansfield Central Library – Wednesday 14 February, 1.30pm

£1. Booking advised.

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**

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – Thursday 21 March, 10am

£1. Booking advised

Three sailors wreak havoc as they search for love during a whirlwind 24-hour leave in New York City, in this musical film.

### **Sing With Friends**

Mansfield Central Library – Festive Special 13 December then re-starting on Wednesday 10 January, 1.30pm

Free, no booking required.

Music can bring joy and trigger memory for those with Dementia and their friends, family and carers. Mansfield Library are delighted to host lunchtime singing sessions. Open to all.

Film Screening

### **Stardust (PG)**

Worksop Library – Tuesday 23 January, 6pm

£3. Booking advised.

In a town bordering on a magical land, a young man makes a promise that he'll retrieve a fallen star by venturing into the magical realm.

Film Workshop

### **Monstrous Flesh: Women's Bodies in Horror**



Beeston Library - Tuesday 6 February, 6.30pm

£5. Booking required.

To many the horror genre is known for gendered violence. But it can be a vehicle for female empowerment. This session is designed to explore the origins of tropes in the horror genre, sci-fi and fantasy. Drawing on examples from around the globe, this is an interactive session for adults aged 18+.

Family Screening and Activity

**[Small World Cinema Shadow Play](#)**

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – Saturday 10 February, 10.30am

£1. Booking advised.

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. For children aged 5+.