

# Inspire Libraries & Beyond What's On

## August – November 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
- Age 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.](#)

## Summer Reading Challenge

### [Marvellous Makers](#)

- All Inspire Libraries – Saturday 6 July – Sunday 1 September

Free. No booking required.

The Summer Reading Challenge is produced by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries. The challenge, aimed at children aged 4 - 11 years, is to read six or more library books over the summer. Get creative with this year's Summer Reading Challenge – Marvellous Makers!

## Children and Families

Exhibition

### [Expression](#)

- Worksop, Newark, Retford and Southwell Libraries – Saturday 13 July – Sunday 8 September

FREE. No booking required.

Inspire's 2024 Artist and Author In Residence, Amanda Rigby and Mark Grist have collaborated with primary aged children to create an expressive exhibition, inspired by the Summer Reading Challenge theme.

Family Workshop

### [Expression](#)

### **Artist and Author Sessions:**

- Arnold Library – Wednesday 28 August, 10am
- Bingham Library - Wednesday 28 August, 2pm
- Hucknall Library – Thursday 22 August, 2pm
- Newark Library – Friday 30 August, 2pm
- Retford Library – Thursday 29 August, 10am
- Southwell Library – Friday 30 August, 10am
- Sutton-in-Ashfield Library – Thursday 22 August, 2pm
- Worksop Library – Thursday 29 August, 2pm

### **Artist Only Sessions:**

- Beeston Library – Thursday 1 August, 2pm
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – Friday 23 August, 10am
- Mansfield Central Library – Friday 23 August, 10am
- West Bridgford Library – Thursday 1 August, 10am

### **Author Only Sessions:**

- Beeston Library – Friday 16 August, 2pm
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – Saturday 17 August, 10am
- Mansfield Central Library – Saturday 17 August, 2pm
- West Bridgford Library – Friday 16 August, 10am

Free. Booking advised.

Artist in Residence Amanda Rigby will help you to draw your own emotional monster, expressing your feelings through mark-making and colour. Author in Residence poet Mark Grist will be sharing his captivating picture books. Aimed at ages 7+.

Family Theatre

## **The Greatest Robot Ever presented by KnottedHawk Productions**

- Arnold Library - Saturday 17 August, 10.30am
- Beeston Library - Saturday 17 August, 2.30pm
- West Bridgford Library - Sunday 18 August, 11.30am
- Southwell Library - Sunday 18 August, 3.30pm
- Sutton-in-Ashfield Library - Monday 19 August, 10.30am
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library - Monday 19 August, 2.30pm
- Bingham Library -Tuesday 20 August, 10.30am
- Newark Library -Tuesday 20 August, 2.30pm
- Hucknall Library - Wednesday 21 August, 10.30am
- Mansfield Central Library - Wednesday 21 August, 2.30pm
- Retford Library - Thursday 22 August, 10.30am
- Worksop Library - Thursday 22 August, 2.30pm

£3 for library members. £7 for non-library members.

The Greatest Robot Ever is a brand new, rhyming story created by The Knotted Project and Hawk Dance Theatre. This interactive dance theatre show is perfect for children 3-8 years and their grown-ups.

Under 5s

[Little Creatives](#)

- Arnold Library – 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 9 November
- Balderton Library – 6 August
- Beeston Library - 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November
- Bingham Library – 8 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November
- Hucknall Library – 9 August
- The John Godber Centre (Hucknall) – 13 September, 11 October, 8 November
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – 1 August, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November
- Mansfield Central Library – 2 August, 6 September, 4 October, 1 November
- Newark Library – 3 September, 1 October, 5 November
- Retford Library – 6 August / 3 September / 1 October / 5 November
- Southwell Library – 8 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November
- Sutton-in-Ashfield Library – 9 August, 13 September, 11 October, 8 November
- West Bridgford Library – 15 August, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November
- Worksop Library – 3 August, 7 September, 12 October, 7 November

- Worksop Fun Palace – 5 October

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

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.

### Children's Illustrator Event

#### [Laura Howell](#)

- Bingham Library – Thursday 15 August, 10.30am
- Newark Library – Thursday 15 August, 2pm

£3 children. Free for accompanying adults. Booking advised.

Join Beano artist Laura Howell for an introduction to bringing comic characters to life on the page. For ages 7 – 11.

### Children's Author Event

#### [Kev F's Comic Art Masterclass](#)

- West Bridgford Library – Thursday 24 October, 10.30am
- Beeston Library – Thursday 24 October, 2pm

£3 children. Free for accompanying adults. Booking advised.

In this two-hour comic masterclass, Kev will share everything he knows about comic art. At the end of the class, you'll take away a comic containing a strip by everyone in the class plus an individual caricature by Kev F.

## **Under 5s**

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

**Starting from 9 September.**

**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: <https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-and-families/>

Libraries include:

- Beeston
- Bingham
- Carlton Hill
- Cotgrave
- Eastwood
- Hucknall
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield
- Mansfield Central
- Newark
- Retford
- Stapleford
- Sutton-in-Ashfield



- Worksop

Under 5s

### [The Lullaby Bank](#)

At 7 Inspire Libraries starting from 11 September. Libraries include:

- Arnold
- Beeston
- Bingham
- Carlton Hill
- Cotgrave
- Eastwood
- Stapleford

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.

Community

### [Fun Palace](#)

- Worksop Library – Saturday 5 October, 10am – 3pm

FREE. Just drop in.

Worksop Library will join hundreds of Fun Palaces nationally with free and fun activities for all. Come along and try out

different arts, science, music and cultural activities aimed at anyone of any age.

## Children's Author Event

### [Creaky Castle with Jane Clarke](#)

- Mansfield Central Library – Thursday 31 October, 10.30am
- Worksop Library – Thursday 31 October, 2pm

£3 children. Free for accompanying adults. Booking advised.

Join author Jane Clarke for a spooky visit to Creaky Castle. A session of frightful fun and bat making based on her picture book. Suitable for children aged 4 -6.

## Family Concert

### [The Sounds of Music](#)

- Worksop Library – Saturday 9 November, 1pm
- Newark Library – Saturday 30 November, 1pm

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

Travel with us on a magical musical tour to find out how the development of musical instruments changed the sound and the style of music we listen to. For ages 5 – 11.

Under 5s

## **Magical Major Oak: Winter and the Sparkling Snow in association with Nottingham Playhouse**

£2. Booking advised.

- West Bridgford Library – Monday 18 November, 10.30am
- Bingham Library – Monday 18 November, 2pm
- Retford Library – Tuesday 19 November, 10.30am
- Worksop Library – Tuesday 19 November, 2pm
- Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – Wednesday 20 November, 10.30am
- Sutton-in-Ashfield Library – Wednesday 20 November, 2pm
- Mansfield Central Library – Thursday 21 November, 11am & 1.30pm
- Southwell Library – Friday 22 November, 10.30am
- Newark Library – Friday 22 November, 2pm
- Arnold Library – Saturday 23 November, 10.30am
- Beeston Library – Saturday 23 November, 2pm

Be transported to the legendary land of the Magical Major Oak in this immersive and sensory storytelling experience from Nottingham Playhouse. For ages 2 – 4.

### **[Pride in Our Place](#)**

Family Workshops

## **Pride in Our Place Photography Workshops**

- Worksop Library - Saturday 7 September, 10am
- Retford Library - Saturday 12 October, 10am

Free. Booking required.

Hands-on workshop with photographer Neil Pledger. Please bring your own phone or camera. For ages 7+.

## Family Workshop

### **Pride in Our Place Family Workshop**

- Harworth and Bircotes Library - Saturday 24 August, 10am
- Worksop Library - Saturday 14 September, 10am

Free. Booking required.

Join us for a fun artist workshop with Edwina Kung. Create art maps inspired by historical local maps. Suitable for children and families.

## Exhibition

### **Pride in Our Place**

- Harworth and Bircotes Library - Saturday 27 July – Thursday 5 September

- Worksop Library - Wednesday 11 September –  
Wednesday 2 October
- Retford Library - Friday 11 October – Thursday 28  
November

Free. No booking required.

An exhibition celebrating Pride in our Place, Haworth and Bircotes.

## **Heritage**

Heritage

### **[Heritage Open Days – Routes, Networks, Collections](#)**

6 – 15 September

England's largest festival of history and culture. Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our history and culture – all of free to explore.

Heritage

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

- Nottinghamshire Archives - Friday 6 September, 11am  
and Thursday 12 September, 2.30pm

Free. Booking required.

Heritage Open Days is 30 years old this year and to celebrate, Nottinghamshire Archives is throwing open the doors for two free tours.

## **Heritage**

### **[Murder at the Archives](#)**

- Nottinghamshire Archives – Saturday 7 September, 10am – 2pm (one hour slots)

Free. Booking required.

You have been invited to a murder! Visit the Archives where you will find clues and question subjects to discover the culprit of this historical crime.

## **Heritage**

### **[Exploring Local Maps](#)**

- Newark Library - Tuesday 10 September, 2pm
- Retford Library - Saturday 14 September, 10am

Free. Booking required.

Join one of our librarians for a group session where they will demonstrate the range and variety of local maps available in Inspire libraries.

Heritage Talk

### [Mansfield Miscellany](#)

- Mansfield Central Library - Tuesday 17 September, 2pm

£3. Booking required.

Join local historian Denis Hill for a fascinating delve into some lesser-known aspects of Mansfield's long and varied history.

Heritage Talk

### [Historic Building Myth-busting in Notts](#)

- Worksop Library - Wednesday 18 September, 2pm
- West Bridgford Library – Tuesday 29 October, 2pm

£3. Booking required.

Archaeologist and author James Wright will be speaking about his new book Historic Building Myth-busting.

Heritage Talk

### [Ladies, Lace and Law Breakers](#)

- Beeston Library – Wednesday 18 September, 2pm

£3. Booking required.

Community Historian Mo Cooper will take you on a virtual tour of the streets of Nottingham's Lace Market.

Heritage

### [Family History One to One Sessions](#)

- Online or phone – Tuesday 8 October - 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm or 3.30pm

Free. Booking required.

One to one conversation with a librarian to help discover more about your family history.

Heritage

### [Exploring Parish Registers](#)

- Arnold Library – Wednesday 23 October, 2pm

Free. Booking required.

Join one of our 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.

Heritage Talk

### [The Nottinghamshire Pit Pony](#)



- Mansfield Central Library – Tuesday 19 November, 2pm  
£3. Booking required.

This talk celebrates the tremendous efforts of the county's pit ponies.

Heritage Talk

### **[The Horse and Nottinghamshire's Country House Stables](#)**

- Beeston Library – Wednesday 20 November, 2pm  
£3. Booking required.

Join Buildings Archaeologist Janine Buckley for a talk celebrating the pre-eminence of the horse on Nottinghamshire's country estates.

Heritage Talk

### **[Shireoaks Colliery](#)**

- Worksop Library - Wednesday 20 November, 2pm  
£3. Booking required.

Join former miner and mining historian, Phil Whitehead, to hear tales from the area's earliest colliery.

Heritage Talk

### **[Hidden Histories of Nottinghamshire's Gardens](#)**

- West Bridgford Library – Tuesday 26 November, 2pm  
£3. Booking required.

Former BBC journalist Martin Stott, author of the storyteller garden history blog, uncovers some hidden tales of Nottinghamshire gardens.

## **Heritage Events at Nottinghamshire Archives**

Heritage

### **[Cloth Case Binding Workshop](#)**

- Nottinghamshire Archives - Wednesday 9 October and Wednesday 16 October, 10.30am

£20. Booking required.

Join us in the conservation studio for these workshops where you can learn how to make a book. All materials and equipment will be provided. Both sessions need to be attended.

Heritage

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

Nottinghamshire Archives

- Tuesday 26 November, 11am

£3. Booking required.

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

## Reading

### [Inspire Poetry Festival – Thursday 26 September –](#)

#### [Thursday 3 October](#)

Various libraries. Visit the Inspire Poetry Festival webpage for more details.

## Author Event

### [Nell Pattison](#)

- Arnold Library – Thursday 3 October, 2pm

£3. Booking advised.

Join Nell Pattison, bestselling author of the Silent series, as she discusses how she became an author, the enduring appeal of crime fiction and the importance of disability representation in fiction.

## Author Event

### [Behind the Scenes of Make Believe: The Mundane, The Magic and The Mayhem with Philippa East](#)

- Beeston Library – Wednesday 9 October, 2pm.

£3. Booking advised.

In this talk, Philippa offers a peek behind the curtain into her life as a professional author, sharing the ups and downs of her journey to publication.

## Author Event

### [Victoria Smith](#)

- West Bridgford Library – Thursday 10 October, 7.30pm

£3. Booking advised.

Join Victoria Smith as she talks about her book Hags: the Demonisation of Middle Aged Women.

## Author Event

### [Sara Nisha Adams](#)

- Newark Library – Wednesday 20 November, 2pm

£3. Booking advised.

Join us for a conversation with Sara Nisha Adams, author of The Reading List and The Twilight Garden.

## **Living Knowledge Network**

### Exhibition

### [Beyond the Bassline](#)

- Beeston Library - Friday 19 July – Monday 26 August
- Worksop Library - Wednesday 11 September – Thursday 3 October

Free. No booking required.

We are delighted to be hosting a taster of the Beyond the Bassline exhibition currently on show at the British Library in London.

The exhibition shines a spotlight on different voices and perspectives to celebrate Black British music as a form of entertainment and vehicle for community, as well as a source of liberation, protest and education.

Live Music

### **[Luke Bacchus Quartet Featuring Steel Pan](#)**

- Beeston Library – Monday 12 August, 7.30pm

£13. Booking required.

An evening of Caribbean-influenced jazz originals, performed by Luke Bacchus.

**Live Music**

Live Music

### **[Remi Harris & The Hot Club Trio](#)**

- Beeston Library - Monday 16 September, 7.30pm
- Worksop Library - Tuesday 17 September, 7.30pm
- West Bridgford Library - Wednesday 18 September, 7.30pm

£13. Booking required.

The Hot Club Trio, led by acclaimed virtuoso guitarist Remi Harris, cover acoustic 'hot' jazz of the 1930s & 40s to electric blues of the 1960s and 70s.

Live Music

### **The David 'Stickman' Higgins Ensemble – Jazz and Poetry**

- Worksop Library – Tuesday 1 October, 7.30pm

£13. Booking required.

Jazz fusion and funk with lyrics from band leader, vocal improviser and performance artist Dave "Stickman" Higgins. Part of Inspire Poetry Festival 2024.

Live Music

### **Jeremy Sassoon and Friends**

- Beeston Library - Monday, 14 October 7.30pm
- Worksop Library - Tuesday, 15 October 7.30pm
- West Bridgford Library - Wednesday, 16 October 7.30pm

£13. Booking required.

Jeremy Sassoon is one of the UK's most in-demand singer/pianists.

Live Music

### [Matt Ratcliffe 'Unity'](#)

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

£13. Booking required.

Funky Hammond organ and steamy tenor sax lead in this mix of up-tempo modal jazz.

Live Music

### [Songs and Scones](#)

- Retford Library – Friday 2 August, Friday 6 September, 2pm

£2. Booking advised.

Live Music Now's Songs & Scones programme brings people together to regularly engage with live music and connect with others in their local community over a cup of tea, a scone and uplifting live performances from professional musicians.

The events are particularly suitable for older people – including those living with dementia and their carers - but all are welcome to attend.

## **Film Screenings**

Our relaxed film screenings are suitable for all but particularly neurodiverse families.

### Relaxed Screening

#### **Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)**

- Mansfield Central Library – Saturday 10 August, 1pm

£1. Booking advised.

Continuing his "legendary adventures of awesomeness", Po must face two hugely epic, but different threats: one supernatural and the other a little closer to home.

### Relaxed Screening

#### **Wonka (PG)**

- Stapleford Library – Thursday 15 August, 2.30pm

£1. Booking advised.

With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers.

### Relaxed Film Screening



## Hocus Pocus (PG)

- Mansfield Central Library – Saturday 28 September, 1pm

£1. Booking advised.

A teenage boy named Max and his little sister move to Salem, where he struggles to fit in before awakening a trio of diabolical witches that were executed in the 17th century.

Dementia friendly film screenings are relaxed with a break and refreshments. They're suitable for all, particularly those with memory challenges.

Dementia Friendly

## **The Great Escaper (12)**

- Mansfield Central Library – Wednesday 4 September,  
1.30pm

£1. Booking advised.

In the summer of 2014, a World War II veteran sneaks out of his care home to attend the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

Dementia Friendly

## Pillow Talk (PG)

- Mansfield Central Library – Wednesday 20 November, 1.30pm

£1. Booking advised.

Starring Rock Hudson and Doris Day, an interior decorator and a playboy songwriter share a telephone party line and size each other up.

Dementia Friendly

### **Seven Brides for Seven Brothers**

- Mansfield Central Library – Wednesday 16 October, 1.30pm

£1. Booking advised.

When a backwoodsman in 1850s Oregon brings a wife home to his farm, his six brothers decide that they want to get married too.

Sensory Film Screening

### **Wonka (PG)**

- Mansfield Central Library – Wednesday 11 September, 1pm

Immerse yourself fully in the film as you explore a curated collection of sensory objects designed to engage your senses throughout the screening.

Film Screening – part of Inspire Poetry Festival 2024

### [A Quiet Passion \(12\)](#)

- Southwell Library – Thursday 3 October, 2pm

£3. Booking advised.

The story of American poet Emily Dickinson. National Poetry Day screening as part of Inspire Poetry Festival.

Community

### [Sing With Friends](#)

- Mansfield Central Library – starting from 25 September, 1.30pm
- Sutton-in-Ashfield Library – starting from 10 September, 2pm

An hour of reminiscence using music from the movies and other favourites - with chat, tea and biscuits!

Film Talk

## [Monstrous Flesh presents Killjoy: Female Characters they want us to Hate](#)

- Southwell Library – Thursday 7 November, 7pm

£5. Booking required.

Dive into the world of the 'unlikeable female character' as we examine the complex portrayals of strong female leads in thriller and horror cinema.

Family Film Festival

## [Adventures in Animation](#)

- Stapleford Library – Saturday 21 September, 10am – 3pm

Free.

## **Exhibitions**

Exhibition

## [Fungi Up Close](#)

- Arnold Library - Friday 2 August – Thursday 5 September

Free. No booking required.

Alex Hyde has visited sites across our local area including Sherwood Forest, Maun Valley and Spa Ponds to open our eyes to the wonders of fungi.

Exhibition

### Care Squares

- Mansfield Central Library - Wednesday 14 August -  
Tuesday 24 September

Free. No booking required.

See a wall of colourful blankets and all the beautifully knitted and crocheted squares.

Exhibition

### Inspire Community Open

- Beeston Library - Tuesday 1 October – Thursday 14  
November

Free. No booking required.

Come and see the wonderful creative talents of Nottinghamshire artists.

Exhibition

### I Am An Artist

- Worksop Library - Saturday 5 October – Wednesday 13  
November

- Beeston Library - Saturday 16 November – Sunday 5 January 2025

Free. No booking required.

The artwork on display in the I Am An Artist Exhibition shows the story between artists and groups working in co-creation.

### **Inspire AGM**

- Beeston Library and online – Wednesday 9 October, 7pm

Free. Booking required.

Please join us either in person or online for our 2024 AGM where we will hear about our progress over the last year, future plans and be treated to a special poetry performance.

### **Christmas Markets in Libraries**

- Sutton-in-Ashfield Library - Saturday 16 November, 10am – 2pm
- Mansfield Central Library - Saturday 23 November, 10am – 2pm
- Kimberley Library - Friday 29 November, 1pm – 5pm
- Beeston Library Christmas Market & Festive Fun Day - Saturday 30 November, 10am
- Bingham Library - Saturday 30 November, 10am – 3pm

- Worksop Library - Saturday 30 November, 10am – 2pm
- Arnold Library - Saturday 7 December, 10am – 12pm
- Stapleford Library - Saturday 14 December, 10am – 12pm

Free entry. No booking required.

Browse handmade items from local makers.

### **An Inspired Christmas Concert**

- The Royal Concert Hall / Online – Monday 9 December,  
7pm

£3 children. Accompanying adults free. Booking required.

celebrate the start of the festive period with this showcase of talented young singers from Nottinghamshire schools & choirs.