

WHAT'S ON

WEST BRIDGFORD LIBRARY
EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS **JULY - OCT 2017**

FAMILY THEATRE
ART WORKSHOPS
POETRY FESTIVAL
LIVE MUSIC
AUTHORS
HERITAGE



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WELCOME TO YOUR JULY – OCTOBER SEASON! ARTS AND CULTURE, LIVE AT YOUR LIBRARY

This season the library becomes a host venue for the Inspire Poetry Festival. Building on the success of Southwell Library Poetry Festival, and with National Lottery funding through Arts Council England, we're now bringing inspiring poetry to four of our libraries. Our events include an appearance from the hugely popular Hollie McNish, and a hilarious children's performance from A.F. Harrold.

The Among Ideal Friends children's theatre continues with a production written especially for the project and the libraries involved, while July sees the arrival of the children's Summer Reading Challenge. Produced by The Reading Agency, the challenge is a great way to encourage children to keep reading during the summer.

Plus, with jazz evenings, heritage events, art workshops, events for book lovers, and more, it's set to be a lively season!

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

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

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.

A large print version of this brochure is available on the website, and can be made available at the library.

www.inspireculture.org.uk



Look out for
events with
this badge:



Inspire is now registered for the **Family Arts Standards** for family events in our four largest libraries, including West Bridgford. This means we are working really hard to make families feel welcome.

For more details contact info@inspireculture.org.uk and check the Inspire website for updates.
inspireculture.org.uk



EXHIBITION
VISUAL STORIES
 Saturday 29 July
 - Thursday 7 September
 Free



Inspired by this year's Summer Reading Challenge theme, Animal Agents, professional visual artists and storytellers have worked with students from West Bridgford Junior School and Mattersey Primary School to explore visual literacy, make masks and create stories.

The resulting artworks are brought together in this amazing exhibition, and a sister exhibition at Retford Library Gallery, to encourage library visitors to take up the Summer Reading Challenge and join in the artist-led workshops in libraries across the county.

FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP
VISUAL STORIES
 Tuesday 1 August,
 10am – 12pm
 Free
Booking essential
For ages 5+ and their families



Have fun making your own masks and tell your own original, imaginative stories inspired by this year's Summer Reading Challenge theme: Animal Agents. The library is delighted to have a professional visual artist and a storyteller to work with you in this free workshop. Get involved and be inspired this summer!

**ANIMAL AGENTS:
 SUMMER READING
 CHALLENGE 2017**
**AT ALL INSPIRE
 LIBRARIES**
**from Saturday 15 July to
 Sunday 10 September**

This year's Summer Reading Challenge asks children aged 4 – 11 to help the Animal Agents – a band of furry, slippery and feathered detectives – to solve a tricky mystery.

It's completely free to join. Children read six library books over the summer, collecting rewards (including very stinky stickers!) along the way, to solve the case.



Alongside the masks and stories is a colourful display of woolly bunting and clothes peg pals made by talented library craft groups, Knit and Natter groups and library visitors as part of Inspire's 2017 Craft Bomb. The wonderful bunting squares will be heading off to become blankets for the charity Knit-a-Square (KasCare) in September.



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INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL 2017

WEST BRIDGFORD,
SOUTHWELL, WORKSOP
AND MANSFIELD
CENTRAL LIBRARIES

Tuesday 11 –
Sunday 16 July

West Bridgford Library becomes one of the host venues for the new Inspire Poetry Festival. Don't miss an evening with the amazing Hollie McNish, a soulful performance from local performers Panya Banjoko and Abii, and a fascinating insight into acclaimed poet Joanne Limburg's personal experience of autism. For children and families, we're welcoming the hilarious A.F. Harrold.

For the full festival programme across all venues visit
inspireculture.org.uk/poetry-festival



Photo: Chris Hadley

BOOKS AND READING

JOANNE LIMBURG: THE AUTISTIC ALICE

In association with Five Leaves
Tuesday 11 July, 7.30pm
£8 / £6

Booking advised
Adults 16+ (Under 18s to be
accompanied by an adult)

Joanne Limburg will be in conversation with independent publisher Ross Bradshaw of Five Leaves and reading from *The Autistic Alice* (Bloodaxe), her latest collection which examines her own experience of autism and the loss by suicide of her brother.

Joanne has published poetry, fiction and non-fiction for both adults and children. Her memoir, *The Woman Who Thought Too Much*, explored her experience of OCD and anxiety. She has recently completed a PhD in Creative Writing at Kingston University on the subject of sibling suicide loss. Her creative project *Small Pieces: A Book of Lamentations* will be published by Atlantic Books this July.



PERFORMANCE

HOLLIE MCNISH

Wednesday 12 July, 7.30pm
£10 / £8

Booking essential
Adults 16+ (adult content)
(Under 18s to be accompanied
by an adult)

Join us for evening with Hollie McNish - a poet whose honest take on being a mum has gained her a huge online following.

Hollie McNish is widely considered one of the most important poets of the new generation, and has thrilled audiences all over the UK with her compelling and powerful performances. Her hugely successful book *Nobody Told Me*, a collection of poetry and diary entries tackling the joys and challenges of parenthood with incisive honesty, was recently awarded the Ted Hughes Prize for Poetry. Her latest collection, *Plum*, is a wise, sometimes rude and piercingly candid account of her memories from childhood to attempted adulthood.

Babes in arms welcome.

"Her poetry is welcoming, galvanising and beautiful. She's always been one of my favourites."
Kate Tempest



Photo: Naomi Woodis

WORKSHOP WRITING FOR PERFORMANCE WITH PANYA BANJOKO

Thursday 13 July, 5 - 6pm

£5

**Booking essential
Adults**

Join Panya Banjoko for this workshop where you'll use the theme of 'relationships' to craft a piece keeping a live audience in mind. Suitable for all poets, from beginners to the more experienced, the workshop will encourage the creation of writing with performance at its heart.

PERFORMANCE PANYA BANJOKO AND ABII: THEY, THEM, THE OTHERS AND WE

Thursday 13 July, 7.30pm

£6 / £4

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

Panya Banjoko and Abii combine their poetic skills and soulful sounds in a new collaboration featuring words and music. Enjoy handcrafted lyrical pieces which explore the theme of relationships in its many guises, from chance meetings to family ties.

Panya Banjoko has performed widely, including at the 2012 Olympic Games. She coordinates a writers' network and is also a Patron of Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature.

Abii's work has international reach, gaining airplay on Le Rapologue, BBC Radio and making NRJ Radio Top 10 in 2010 with *Trust Me*. She has appeared at the Stade De France, Fête de la Musique à Orgeval, and Zigfrid Von Underbelly.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

A.F. HARROLD

Saturday 15 July, 10.30am

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

Booking essential

For ages 7+ and their families

Enjoy the unique experience of a performance by A.F. Harrold: author, performer, poet, beard-wearer. Prepare to be surprised by the quality of his poems, the silliness of his poems and the loudness of his poems. Marvel at his funny stories. Wonder at his lengthy digressions about his cats and be confused by his dancing!

A.F. Harrold is a poet and performer who writes for both children and adults. His many volumes of poetry are published by Two Rivers Press and Burning Eye Books, including his collection for children *Things You Find in a Poet's Beard*. His other children's books include the very funny *Fizzlebert Stump* series (illustrated by Sarah Horne) and the slightly scary novel *The Imaginary* (illustrated by Emily Gravett) both published by Bloomsbury.



LIVE MUSIC

JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE LIBRARIES PRESENTS:

**TINA MAY
WITH THE
ANDREW WOOD
TRIO**

Thursday 10 August, 7.30pm

£15

Booking essential

Adults

(Under 18s to be accompanied
by an adult)

Award-winning international singer Tina May teams up with the Andrew Wood Trio for a summer evening of great songs, jazz and stories. Tina will take you on a musical journey to Berlin, Paris and Broadway. Composers include Gershwin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, Kurt Weill and many more. Simply unmissable.

JAZZ
STEPS

You're Among
Ideal Friends...

This exciting piece of family theatre is part of our Among Ideal Friends initiative – a theatre touring consortium developed by The Spark Arts for Children in partnership with libraries in the East Midlands, including Inspire!

Sylvia South and the Word Catcher is a new piece of theatre created specifically for the project and the libraries involved. Written by Finegan Kruckemeyer, an award-winning playwright, who has had 81 commissioned plays performed on five continents and translated into six languages.

FAMILY THEATRE
THE SPARK ARTS FOR CHILDREN
PRESENTS:

SYLVIA SOUTH AND THE WORD CATCHER

BY FINEGAN
KRUCKEMEYER

Sunday 13 August, 3.30pm
**Library members: £3 child,
accompanying adults free**
Non-library members: £5 adult or child
Booking essential
For ages 5+ and their families

There are stories you find when you open a book. And there are others...that wait to find you.

After spotting something outrageous at her local library, Sylvia South is off on an adventure, navigating streets on a borrowed bicycle to chase a strange little man with an armful of other people's books.

It would be an exciting story to read – if only she wasn't inside it!

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arts for children



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COMMUNITY
SUMMER SAFETY
ROAD SHOW



Thursday 17 August, 12 – 3pm
Free
Just drop by
Suitable for all

Join Nottinghamshire Firefighters, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Via East Midlands Road Safety Team, Ambulance Heritage Society, Notts Police, Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes, St John Ambulance and many more emergency and safety services for fun and education in the library with hands-on activities for all. With a visit from a high-performance Nottinghamshire Blood Bike.



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Fire & Rescue Service
Creating Safer Communities



YOUNG PEOPLE
READING HACK
LAUNCH

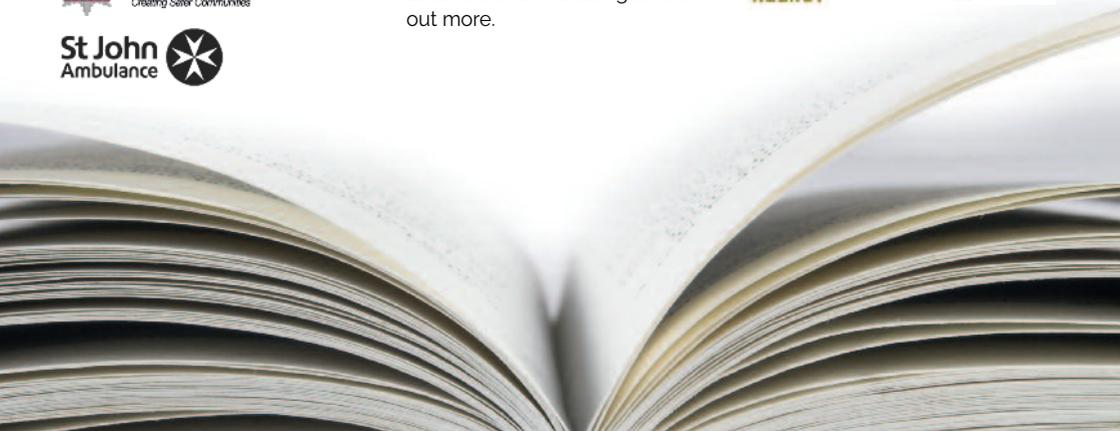
Monday 18 September,
4 - 5.30pm
Free
Just drop by
For young people aged 14 – 24

Join our new Reading Hack group and turn reading on its head! Hackers will meet monthly (usually the third Monday of each month) to discuss books, movies and music over coffee and snacks. We'll also get involved in Hack-related volunteering opportunities – which could include encouraging younger children to love reading, helping to organise a poetry-themed DJ set, creating book-related artwork – anything with reading at its heart! Come along to find out more.

WHAT IS A HACK?

A hack is a "clever solution to a tricky problem." To hack is "to modify or change something in an extraordinary way" (Urban Dictionary definition, 2009).

Reading Hack is led by young people who get involved in reading activities and volunteering to gain skills and experience.



LIVE MUSIC

JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE
LIBRARIES PRESENTS:

STUART MCCALLUM

Thursday 21 September, 7.30pm

£10 / £8

Booking essential

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

In this solo acoustic setting, Stuart uses three different acoustic guitars to reimagine and resculpt some well-known jazz standards into fresh shapes, as well as playing some of his own original compositions. His use of loops, soundscapes and tunings creates music that is balm for the soul.



BOOKS AND READING

BOOK CLUB LIVE: WITH STEPHAN COLLISHAW AND KERRY YOUNG

Tuesday 26 September, 7.30pm

£5

Booking essential

Adults (18+)

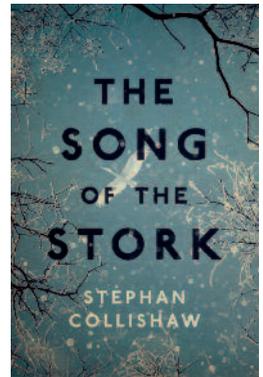
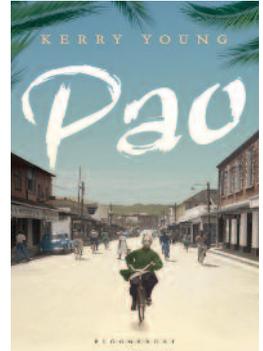
Don't miss the latest event in our Book Club Live series, when we invite two acclaimed writers to chat about their work, live on stage at the library.

This event takes us overseas as we hear from two authors whose work is set in different countries and spans different times. How do the authors bring places, communities and characters to life in their writing? What research is involved? What inspires them to tell these stories? Join us for evening of fascinating conversation, featuring:



Kerry Young is the author *Pao*, *Gloria* and *Show Me a Mountain* – all set in Jamaica. *Pao* was shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award, the Commonwealth Book Prize and the East Midlands Book Award. She is Honorary Assistant Professor in the School of English at The University of Nottingham and Honorary Creative Writing Fellow at The University of Leicester.

Stephan Collishaw is the author of *The Last Girl*, *Amber* and *The Song of The Stork*, all of which are set in Eastern Europe. *The Last Girl* was chosen by the Independent on Sunday as one of its Novels of the Year. In 2004, Stephan was selected as one of the British Council's 20 best young British novelists.



**BOOK
CLUB
LIVE**

Book Club Live
events aim to
bring readers and
writers closer to
together.

MEMBERS' EVENT
INSPIRE AGM
WITH SPECIAL GUEST
(TO BE ANNOUNCED)
Wednesday 11 October, 6pm
Free
Booking essential
Inspire members only

Members of Inspire are invited to our second AGM. Hear a short set of presentations covering the previous year at Inspire, followed by an exciting performance from a soon-to-be announced special guest.

BECOME AN INSPIRE MEMBER

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

BOOKS AND READING
UNWIND WITH
WORDS SPECIAL
Monday 16 October,
10.30am – 12pm
Free
Booking advised
Adults

Take time to relax and explore the joy of words through stories, poems and conversation. Join us at our regular Unwind with Words session for a special theme of 'happiness' to celebrate World Mental Health Day and Nottingham Mental Health Awareness Weeks.

BOOKS AND READING
MAN BOOKER PRIZE
SHORTLIST EVENING
Tuesday 17 October, 7.30pm
£4
Booking advised
Adults (18+)

In anticipation of this year's Man Booker Prize, join us to hear our panel chat about the books on the shortlist. Will you agree with their views? Which book will get your vote? How can the judges compare six very different titles and choose one above all others? Don't miss this evening of fascinating live chat about the Man Booker – the perfect preparation for the winner announcement which is broadcast later the same evening.



Photo: Philip Jackson

FAMILY FUN DAY
PIRATES AHOY!
Monday 23 October,
10am – 3pm
Free
For ages 4+ and their families



Shiver me timbers me hearties! Drop in to West Bridgford Library this half-term for some pirate skulduggery. Expect pirate crafts and stories with lots of saying 'Arrr!'.

JAZZ
 STEPS

LIVE MUSIC
JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE
LIBRARIES PRESENTS:
ME AND MR JONES
Thursday 19 October, 7.30pm
£10 / £8
Booking essential
Adults (Under 18s to be
accompanied by an adult)

Me and Mr Jones are Rachel Foster (voice) and Paul Deats (piano), accompanied by The Whole Affair rhythm section, offering a sophisticated and bluesy sound. Rachel's voice has been described as "like Baileys with chocolate!" Me and Mr Jones will be serving up sweet music from the American songbook and other much-loved musical confections.





FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP
BIG DRAW: LIVING LINES
 Monday 23 October,
 10am – 3pm
 Free
 Just drop by
 Suitable for all



Big Draw 2017 aims to get everyone drawing. Come along and join in the fun with our artist whatever your age or drawing ability. Make your mark by moving your body, craft cardboard shoes with textured soles to stamp your way down long lengths of paper, and create textured rollers to print miles of amazing pattern. Continue the half-term pirate theme as you make the rolling waves of the sea and walk like pirates along the paper plank!



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BIG DRAW
 FESTIVAL

HERITAGE
FAR AND AWAY: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE EMIGRANTS TO THE NEW WORLD IN THE 19TH CENTURY
 Tuesday 31 October, 2.30pm
 £3
 Booking essential
 Adults

Archivist Josanne Peet uses extracts from emigrants' diaries and letters, found amongst Nottinghamshire Archives' collections of documents, to uncover the courageous stories of those who sailed into the unknown in search of a new life. Find out how the travellers fared far from their homes, friends and families and whether their hopes and fears were realised.

REGULAR FREE EVENTS

VIP READING GROUP
 First Thursday of every month,
 11am – 12pm

Our visually impaired reading group is a lively, friendly group, reading books in either audiobook or large print format. Open to all, including those with no visual impairment. 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 in
 September and October,
 1.30-4pm

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

Please note there is no surgery in July or August.

INSPIRE PICTURE ARCHIVE

Browse and download historical images of Nottinghamshire from the new Inspire Picture Archive. Don't miss our feature collection on the Raleigh Cycle Company.

Visit the Inspire Picture Archive today and explore. Comment on and tag the images, and share on social media.
www.inspirepicturearchive.org.uk

COUNTY YOUTH ARTS

SUMMER MUSIC AND DANCE PROJECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!

Young people can get involved in music and dance this summer at the Old Library in Mansfield – our fantastic arts and media centre, complete with theatre and pro-spec recording studio.

For more details contact cya@inspireculture.org.uk, and check the Inspire website for updates.
www.inspireculture.org.uk



Be inspired to learn...

Book
your place
today



Short Community Courses

Community courses are happening at local venues across Nottinghamshire and are free if you are on certain benefits. There's something for everyone including:

- First Aid
- Mindfulness
- Manual Handling
- Arts and Crafts
- And many more!

Visit www.inspireculture.org.uk/community to find out what is happening near you!

Call: **01623 476830** or
e-mail: class@inspireculture.org.uk

www.facebook.com/classlearn [@ClassLearn](https://twitter.com/ClassLearn)

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

**Beeston library is currently undergoing a major refurbishment and will reopen on 5 August 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

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.
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WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE...

Date and time	Event	Type	Price	Page
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Wed 12 July, 7.30pm	Hollie McNish	Inspire Poetry Festival	£10/£8	4
Thu 13 July, 5 – 6pm	Writing for Performance with Panya Banjoko	Inspire Poetry Festival	£5	5
Thu 13 July, 7.30pm	Panya Banjoko and Abii: They, Them, The Others and We	Inspire Poetry Festival	£6/£4	5
Sat 15 July, 10.30am	A.F. Harrold	Inspire Poetry Festival	£3	5
Sat 29 July - Thu 7 Sep	Visual Stories	Exhibition	Free	3
Tue 1 Aug, 10am – 12pm	Visual Stories	Family Arts Workshop	Free	3
Thu 10 Aug, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Tina May with the Andrew Wood Trio	Live Music	£15	6
Sun 13 Aug, 3.30pm	Sylvia South and the Word Catcher	Family Theatre	£5/£3	7
Thu 17 Aug, 12 – 3pm	Summer Safety Roadshow	Community	Free	8
Mon 18 Sep, 4 – 5.30pm	Reading Hack Launch	Young People	Free	8
Thu 21 Sep, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Stuart McCallum	Live Music	£10/£8	9
Tue 26 Sep, 7.30pm	Book Club Live: Stephan Collishaw and Kerry Young	Books and Reading	£5	10
Wed 11 Oct, 6pm	Inspire AGM	Members' Event	Free	11
Mon 16 Oct, 10.30am – 12pm	Unwind with Words Special	Books and Reading	Free	11
Tue 17 Oct, 7.30pm	Man Booker Prize Shortlist Evening	Books and Reading	£4	11
Thu 19 Oct, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Me and Mr Jones	Live Music	£10/£8	12
Mon 23 Oct, 10am – 3pm	Pirates Ahoy!	Children and Families	Free	12
Mon 23 Oct, 10am – 3pm	The Big Draw: Living Lines	Family Arts Workshop	Free	13
Tue 31 Oct, 2.30pm	Far and Away: Nottinghamshire Emigrants to the New World in the 19 th Century	Heritage	£3	13

REGULAR EVENTS For details of our regular, free events see page 13.