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## DID YOU KNOW?

### WE ARE REGISTERED FOR THE FAMILY ARTS STANDARDS AND AGE FRIENDLY STANDARDS

These are for family events and events for older people in our four largest libraries – Beeston, Mansfield Central, West Bridgford and Worksop. This means we are working hard to make you feel welcome.

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## HELP & ADVICE

### BOOKING EVENTS

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

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# ARTS & CULTURE LIVE AT YOUR LIBRARY & BEYOND

Welcome to Inspire's biggest-ever  
**What's On Guide!** This bumper  
brochure is sure to fill your calendar.



Peter Gaw Chief Executive, Inspire

We're starting with plenty of activities for children and families in the school holidays. This summer we're welcoming Knotted Hawk Productions back to libraries with their family theatre tour of **The Quest for Planet P!** This interactive dance theatre show follows two brave aliens on their quest to find a perfect planet.

As soon as the autumn leaves start to fall, I know it's time for one of the highlights of the Inspire calendar – the annual **Poetry Festival**. I look forward to this week of wonderful words!

In September, heritage enthusiasts won't want to miss our free events as part of **Heritage Open Days**, England's largest festival of history and culture. This year's theme is architecture.

Plus, we've got our usual range of **live music in libraries**, **film screenings**, **author visits**, **writing workshops**, **exhibitions**, **activities for under 5s**, **talks** and more!

**THIS IS JUST A SAMPLE OF THE  
EXCITING EVENTS WE'VE GOT  
PROGRAMMED THIS SEASON,  
SO DO READ ON TO FIND OUT  
WHAT'S ON NEAR YOU.**

We look forward to seeing you, whether it's to sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge, attend an event, or to read, learn, and enjoy culture.

Peter Gaw Chief Executive, Inspire

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Booking required



Advised booking



No booking needed



# Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



**FREE** At all Inspire Libraries

**Saturday 5 July – Sunday 7 September**

## DIG INTO BRILLIANT BOOKS WITH THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

The 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden is blossoming across Nottinghamshire. The challenge invites children aged 4 – 11, to read six or more library books over the summer. There are stickers to collect along the way and a medal and certificate for every child who completes the challenge.

Story Garden celebrates nature and the great outdoors, exploring adventure, fantasy and the magical world of storytelling. Supporting children to grow their love for books and boost their reading confidence.

**For children aged 4 – 11.**

[inspireculture.org.uk/SummerReadingChallenge](https://inspireculture.org.uk/SummerReadingChallenge)

## How to get involved

- **Sign up for FREE** at the library any time from 5 July.
- **Choose your books** and get reading!
- **Collect a sticker** for every book read.
- **Read six books** to receive a medal and certificate.

Children can also take part online to earn digital badges and rewards.

**DON'T FORGET!**  
Under 4s can join in with the mini challenge.  
A bite sized version of the challenge for our youngest readers.



THE  
**READING  
AGENCY**

**Summer Reading Challenge**

The Summer Reading challenge is produced by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries. Story Garden illustrations by Dapo Adeola, illustrations and logo © The Reading Agency 2025.

**Booking Info:**



Booking required



Advised booking



No booking needed





Exhibition

**SEED****FREE** Inspire Libraries <sup>(N)</sup>

Hucknall, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,  
Mansfield Central and  
Sutton-in-Ashfield Libraries

Saturday 12 July – Sunday 7 September

IMAGINE A GARDEN WHERE THE  
MOST MAGICAL SEEDS CAN GROW!

An exhibition that will seed ideas and grow imaginations. In partnership with four primary schools, Inspire's Artist and Author in Residence Michelle Reader and Leanne Moden have explored the notion of seeds and that planting any idea can cultivate artworks and nurture writings.

Leanne Moden

Michelle Reader

LOOK OUT FOR THIS ICON  
FOR OUR UNEARTHED THEMED EVENTS

Photo credit: © Richard Edwards

## Family Workshops

**SEED****FREE** Inspire Libraries <sup>(A)</sup>

Sutton-in-Ashfield Library  
10am / Saturday 9 August

Beeston Library  
10am / Monday 11 August

West Bridgford Library  
2pm / Monday 11 August

Southwell Library  
10am / Tuesday 12 August

Newark Library  
2pm / Tuesday 12 August

Retford Library  
10am / Wednesday 13 August

Worksop Library  
2pm / Wednesday 13 August

Hucknall Library  
10am / Thursday 14 August

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library  
2pm / Thursday 14 August

Arnold Library  
10am / Friday 15 August

Bingham Library  
2pm / Friday 15 August

Mansfield Central Library  
Drop-in event / See details below

Join sculptor Michelle Reader and poet Leanne Moden, Inspire's 2025 Artist and Author in Residence, to draw, create and write about bizarre and fantastical plants. Inspired by this year's Summer Reading Challenge theme, Story Garden. Grow your imagination to create a magical seed packet, recycled sculpture or story to take home with you!

Aimed at children aged 7+ and their families.

To find out more and to book your place at this FREE 2 hour workshop, visit:  
[inspireculture.org.uk/ArtistandAuthor](https://inspireculture.org.uk/ArtistandAuthor)

DROP IN TO OUR  
SEED WORKSHOP AT  
THE FULL SHEBANG FESTIVAL!

Mansfield Central Library <sup>(N)</sup>  
From 11am – 3pm / Saturday 6 September

Find out more about the festival on P34.




WHAT PLANT  
MIGHT SPROUT  
FROM A KEY  
OR A BUTTON?



# THE QUEST FOR PLANET P



K/H  ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

No booking needed

(N)

Advised booking

(A)

Booking required

(B)

Booking info:

## Family Theatre

### THE QUEST FOR PLANET P! PRESENTED BY KNOTTED HAWK PRODUCTIONS

£4 library members

£7 non-library members

Inspire Libraries (A)

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library

10.30am / Tuesday 12 August

Hucknall Library

2.30pm / Tuesday 12 August

Mansfield Central Library

11am & 2pm / Wednesday 13 August

Newark Library

10.30am / Thursday 14 August

Bingham Library

2.30pm / Thursday 14 August

Retford Library

10.30am / Friday 15 August

Worksop Library

2.30pm / Friday 15 August

Arnold Library

10.30am / Saturday 16 August

Beeston Library

2.30pm / Saturday 16 August

West Bridgford Library

11.30am / Sunday 17 August

Southwell Library

3.30pm / Sunday 17 August

## FOLLOW OZMO & ORBI, TWO BRAVE LITTLE ALIENS, AS THEY SET OFF ON AN AMAZING JOURNEY TO FIND THE PERFECT PLANET!

When cracks start appearing and chaos hits their world, the grown-up aliens can't agree on how to fix things. So, it's up to Ozmo & Orbi to lead the way and find a new, perfect planet to live on. Along the way, they discover that the solution might be closer to home than they think.

A heartfelt, dynamic and inspiring story about fighting for the planet we love and showing how even the smallest voices can make a BIG impact.

For children aged 4 – 9 and their grown-ups.

[inspireculture.org.uk/QuestForPlanetP](http://inspireculture.org.uk/QuestForPlanetP)

Programmed in association  
with The Spark Arts for Children.

A BRAND NEW,  
INTERACTIVE DANCE  
THEATRE SHOW!





### Family Theatre

#### SCOOT THEATRE AND FARNHAM MALTINGS PRESENTS MRS ARMITAGE ON WHEELS

£4 library members /  
£7 non-library members

Mansfield Central Library 

11.30am & 1.30pm / Sunday 10 August

If you could change anything on your bicycle, what would it be? A comfy new saddle? An ice cream maker? Rocket boosters?! When Mrs Armitage goes out for a ride with her trusty dog Breakspear, she decides her bicycle needs improvement. With a new horn, a picnic hamper... and a sail, will Mrs Armitage manage to keep her bicycle in one piece, or will her crazy contraption prove too much to handle?

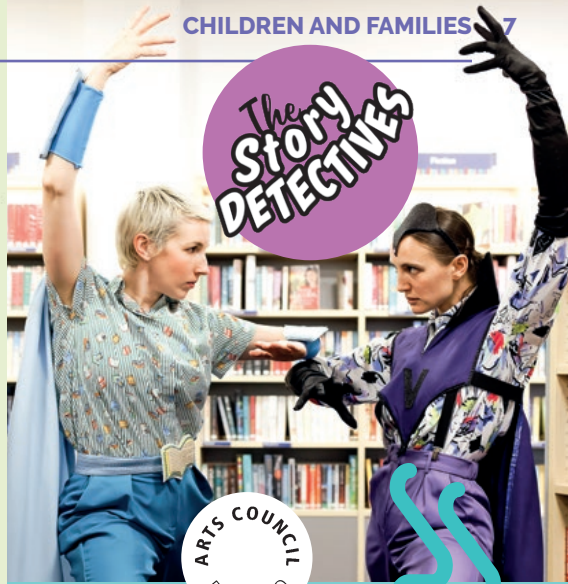
Adapted from Quentin Blake's classic tale, Scoot Theatre present a 40-minute interactive, energetic show, celebrating the joy of getting outdoors and being active. Featuring live music, puppetry and physical comedy, we celebrate the power of imagination and the importance of resilience.

For ages 3+ and their grown-ups.

SCOOT THEATRE  
farnham maltings



### The Story DETECTIVES



### Family Theatre

#### MADE BY KATIE GREEN PRESENTS: THE STORY DETECTIVES FREE Inspire Libraries

Hucknall Library  
2pm / Tuesday 21 October

Newark Library  
2pm / Wednesday 22 October

Worksop Library  
2pm / Thursday 23 October

Mansfield Central Library  
2pm / Friday 24 October

ARE YOU READY FOR A CHALLENGE?  
LOVE A GOOD ADVENTURE?  
FABULOUS AT FINDING LETTERS?

Join The Story Detectives Playful and Particular as they embark on an exciting danced journey through your library, collecting letters, solving clues, and creating a unique adventure story.

The Story Detectives is a lively, interactive dance adventure designed to uncover the Most Important Story. With choreography by award-winning artist Katie Green, original writing by poet Anna Selby, and dynamic music by Max Perryment.

Perfect for children of all ages.

Especially 3 – 8 year olds and their grown-ups.

[inspireculture.org.uk/TheStoryDetectives](http://inspireculture.org.uk/TheStoryDetectives)



### Children's Illustrator Event

#### CREATE YOUR OWN ACTION-PACKED COMIC WITH ALLEN FATIMAHARAN

£3 children /  
FREE accompanying adults

Inspire Libraries 

**Beeston Library**  
11am / Tuesday 5 August

**West Bridgford Library**  
2.30pm / Tuesday 5 August

Join Allen Fatimaharan, award winning illustrator of *Llama Out Loud*, *Blanksy the Street Cat*, *A Dinosaur Ate My Sister* and *The Rapping Princess*, for a fun visual storytelling and character design workshop. Allen will talk about how he became an illustrator, sharing some tips to help you draw your own characters along the way. Before using those characters to create your own one-page action packed comic!

Suitable for ages 7 – 10.



Allen Fatimaharan



### Children's Author Event

#### SNAILS OF THE UNEXPECTED WITH TERRIE CHILVERS

£3 children /  
FREE accompanying adults

Inspire Libraries 

**Newark Library**  
10.30am / Friday 8 August

**Bingham Library**  
2pm / Friday 8 August

#### SHAPESHIFTING SNAILS, UNEXPECTED MINI BEASTS, STORYTELLING AND PAPER-CRAFT!

Join children's author Terrie Chilvers for a chapter reading of her book about shapeshifting snails, followed by a bug quiz, storytelling mission and papercrafts.

*Snails of the Unexpected* follows the story of two garden snails on a mission to save the world. Struck by lightning one fateful night, Fergus and Shelby receive the power to transform into whatever they want: custard, crisp packets, giant plastic crabs – you name it, they can change into it. But can Fergus and Shelby save humankind from being turned into lettuces by an evil slug masquerading as the Prime Minister? Expect the unexpected in the best thing since sliced cucumber!

Suitable for ages 5+ and their families.



Terrie Chilvers



## Children's Author Event

**BADGERS ARE GO!  
WITH SUSANNAH LLOYD****£3** children /  
**FREE** accompanying adults

Inspire Libraries (A)

Mansfield Central Library

11am / Wednesday 29 October

Workshop Library

2.30pm / Wednesday 29 October

**WELCOME TO A WORLD WHERE NOT  
ALL HUMANS ARE WHAT THEY SEEM.**

Badgers pass unnoticed among us, piloting Badger Operated Persons and getting things jolly well done! But are you ready to begin your studies in Badgering For Beginners? Well, sit up straight! Snouts in the air! Let's get jolly well on with it, shall we?!

You will also get to design your very own Badger Operated Person with new, improved features!

Play Top Trumps with the characters. Who knew whisker quality and mustiness levels could win so many points?!

Graduate from Badgering For Beginners with your very own BFB Certificate!

Suitable for ages 7 – 11.

Susannah Lloyd



## Children's Author Event

**MONSTER MAKEOVERS  
WITH JONATHAN EMMETT****£3** children /  
**FREE** accompanying adults

Inspire Libraries (A)

West Bridgford Library

10.30am / Thursday 30 October

Beeston Library

2pm / Thursday 30 October

Join author Jonathan Emmett for a rib-tickling rhyme about a spooky salon where Uglymug and his assistants are doing their very best to make monsters look their very worst for Halloween.

Suitable for ages 4 – 8.

**COME ALONG & CREATE  
YOUR OWN MONSTROUS  
MAKEOVER COLLAGE.**

Illustration credit: © Ree Minors

Jonathan Emmett

**fun  
palaces**

**FIND FUN  
PALACES AT  
NEWARK LIBRARY**  
During the Newark  
Creates Festival  
of Creativity!

## Community

**FUN PALACE****FREE** Workshop Library (N)

10am – 3pm / Saturday 4 October

Fun Palaces is a campaign for culture at the heart of community, and community at the heart of culture. Once again Workshop Library will join hundreds of Fun Palaces nationally and internationally set to explode with free and fun activities for all!

Come along and be part of the fun as you try out different arts, science, music and cultural activities aimed at anyone of any age.

**EVERY AREA OF THE LIBRARY WILL  
BE TAKEN OVER BY FUN ACTIVITIES –  
CAN YOU GET AROUND THEM ALL?**



## Family Concert

### ROOTS OF MUSIC

£4 library members /  
£7 non-library members

Inspire Libraries 

**Hucknall Library**

1pm / Saturday 11 October

**Workshop Library**

1pm / Saturday 15 November

**Arnold Library**

1pm / Saturday 29 November

**JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING  
FAMILY CONCERT EXPLORING  
THE ROOTS OF MUSIC.**

A vibrant journey through the rhythms, melodies, and traditions from around the world that have shaped the music we love today.

This interactive concert will have you clapping, tapping, and maybe even dancing along as we discover how different cultures have influenced everything from pop and jazz to hip hop and classical music.

After the concert, the fun continues with a hands-on session where children can try out a variety of instruments and make some music of their own. Come ready to listen, learn, and play – it's going to be a musical adventure!

For children aged 7 – 11 and their families.

[inspireculture.org.uk/FamilyConcerts](http://inspireculture.org.uk/FamilyConcerts)



## Under 5s

### LITTLE CREATIVES WORKSHOPS

**FREE** Inspire Libraries 

**Arnold** Sat / 2 Aug / 6 Sep / 4 Oct / 1 Nov

**Beeston** Sat / 9 Aug / 13 Sep / 11 Oct / 8 Nov

**Bingham** Thu / 14 Aug / 11 Sep / 9 Oct / 13 Nov

**Hucknall** Fri / 8 Aug / 12 Sep / 10 Oct / 14 Nov

**Kirkby-in-Ashfield**

Thu / 21 Aug / 18 Sep / 16 Oct / 20 Nov

**Mansfield Central**

Fri / 1 Aug / 5 Sep / 3 Oct / 7 Nov

**Newark** Tue / 5 Aug / 2 Sep / 7 Oct / 4 Nov

**Retford** Sat / 2 Aug / 6 Sep / 4 Oct / 1 Nov

**Southwell** Thu / 14 Aug / 11 Sep / 9 Oct / 13 Nov

**Sutton-in-Ashfield**

Fri / 8 Aug / 12 Sep / 10 Oct / 14 Nov

**West Bridgford**

Thu / 21 Aug / 18 Sep / 16 Oct / 20 Nov

**Workshop** Sat / 9 Aug / 13 Sep / 11 Oct / 8 Nov

Join us for creative art sessions designed by artists for very young children.

Let the workshops help your little one to develop new skills as they splodge, splat, squidge and shine. Share in their active, playful and sometimes messy fun and see their confidence grow as they explore fascinating materials and stimulating creative activities.

For children aged 2 – 5.

All children must be accompanied.

[inspireculture.org.uk/LittleCreatives](http://inspireculture.org.uk/LittleCreatives)

**CALLING  
ALL TINY  
ARTISTS!**

**CHOOSE YOUR SESSION!**

**Session 1**  
10am – 10.45am

OR

**Session 2**  
11.15am – 12pm



Under 5s

### ADVENTURES IN MUSIC

£30 10 weekly sessions / 45 mins each  
Inspire Libraries <sup>(B)</sup>

**Beeston** Thu / 9.30am / Starts 11 Sep

**Bingham** Tue / 9.45am / Starts 9 Sep

**Carlton** Thu / 10.45am / Starts 11 Sep

**Carlton Hill** Wed / 9.45am / Starts 10 Sep

**Cotgrave** Wed / 12.15pm / Starts 10 Sep

**Hucknall** Thu / 10.15am / Starts 9 Sep

**Kirkby-in-Ashfield**

Thu / 10.45am / Starts 11 Sep

**Mansfield Central**

Fri / 10.45am / Starts 12 Sep

**Newark** Wed / 10.45am / Starts 10 Sep

**Retford** Thu / 10.15am / Starts 11 Sep

**Southwell** Wed / 1.45pm / Starts 10 Sep

**Stapleford** Mon / 10.30am / Starts 8 Sep

**Sutton-in-Ashfield**

Tue / 1.15pm / Starts 9 Sep

**Workshop** Fri / 9.30am / Starts 12 Sep

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 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.

[inspireculture.org.uk/Adventures](http://inspireculture.org.uk/Adventures)



SING AND LISTEN  
TO MELODIES FROM  
AROUND THE  
WORLD TO SOOTHE  
AND UPLIFT.

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Under 5s

### THE LULLABY BANK

**FREE** Inspire Libraries <sup>(B)</sup>

**Arnold** Fri / 10.15am / Starts 12 Sep

**Beeston** Thu / 10.30am / Starts 11 Sep

**Bingham** Tue / 10.30am / Starts 9 Sep

**Carlton** Thu / 9.30am / Starts 11 Sep

**Carlton Hill** Wed / 10.30am / Starts 10 Sep

**Cotgrave** Wed / 1.30pm / Starts 10 Sep

**Eastwood** Mon / 12pm / Starts 8 Sep

**Hucknall** Tue / 9am / Starts 9 Sep

**Kirkby-in-Ashfield**

Thu / 9.30am / Starts 11 Sep

**Mansfield Central**

Fri / 9.30am / Starts 12 Sep

**Newark Library**

Wed / 9.30am / Starts 10 Sep

**Southwell** Wed / 12.30pm / Starts 10 Sep

**Stapleford** Mon / 9.10am / Starts 8 Sep

**Sutton-in-Ashfield** Tue / 12pm / Starts 9 Sep

The Lullaby Bank is a chance for mums, their babies and expectant mothers in their third trimester to relax and bond in a calm space.

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. The class is 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.

**For babies aged 0 – 9 months.**

[inspireculture.org.uk/LullabyBank](http://inspireculture.org.uk/LullabyBank)

A partnership between Inspire Music and Music for Everyone.

No booking needed <sup>(N)</sup>

Advised booking <sup>(A)</sup>

Booking required <sup>(B)</sup>

**Booking Info:**

Family Workshops

# I AM A STORYTELLER

FREE Inspire Libraries **(A)**

CALLING ALL FAMILIES! DO YOU ENJOY SHARING AND CREATING STORIES? DO YOU HAVE BIG IMAGINATIONS?

Then don't miss our FREE storytelling workshops for families this November.

With the guidance of one of our professional storytellers, at each workshop, you'll have the chance to stretch your imaginations and invent wonderful stories.

Each of our storytellers has their own exciting style of storytelling, using a variety of techniques – this is all about trying something new and having a go.

Come along to these fun-filled sessions of sharing and making stories together.

For children aged 7+ and their families. Children to be accompanied by an adult.

To find out more and to book your free place: [inspireculture.org.uk/Storyteller](http://inspireculture.org.uk/Storyteller)

I AM A STORYTELLER IS THE THIRD PHASE OF OUR I AM A CREATOR CULTURAL PROGRAMME.

I Am A Creator is funded by investment from Arts Council England, through our status as an ACE National Portfolio Organisation. This programme has seen us working with audiences in Bassetlaw, Ashfield, Mansfield and Newark & Sherwood.

## INTRODUCING OUR STORYTELLERS!



Laura Mabbutt



Ling Peng



Andy Barrett



Rebecca Dye



FREE STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS

STORYTELLER	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Andy Barrett	Mansfield Central Library	Saturday 1 November	10am – 12pm
Laura Mabbutt	Harworth & Bircotes Library	Saturday 1 November	10am – 12pm
Ling Peng	Hucknall Library	Saturday 8 November	10am – 12pm
Rebecca Dye	Ollerton Library	Saturday 8 November	10am – 12pm
Laura Mabbutt	Newark Library	Saturday 15 November	10am – 12pm
Ling Peng	Langold Library	Saturday 15 November	10am – 12pm
Rebecca Dye	Worksop Library	Saturday 22 November	10am – 12pm
Andy Barrett	Blidworth Library	Saturday 22 November	10am – 12pm
Ling Peng	Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library	Saturday 29 November	10am – 12pm
Laura Mabbutt	Bilsthorpe Library	Saturday 29 November	10am – 12pm

Booking Info: **(B)** Booking required **(A)** Advised booking **(N)** No booking needed

# DRAWN TOGETHER

## Exhibition

### THE BIG DRAW 2025: DRAWN TOGETHER

FREE Inspire Libraries <sup>N</sup>

**Mansfield Central Library**

**4 Saturday 4 October – Wednesday 12 November**

**West Bridgford Library**

**Saturday 15 November – Sunday 4 January 2026**

This exhibition celebrates the making of 'Leaf Number Three' - a new Virtual Reality film made from the drawings of oak leaves by groups across Nottinghamshire!

The film explores the ideas of being together but separate, the same but different using the motif of leaves on a tree with audio of a poem telling the story.

The workshops, illustration and animation were undertaken by My Pockets, and the film was created in VR by Neon8.

For more information visit:

[inspireculture.org.uk/TheBigDraw](http://inspireculture.org.uk/TheBigDraw)

neon8

MY POCKETS

## Family Workshops

### THE BIG DRAW 2025: DRAWN TOGETHER

FREE Inspire Libraries <sup>N</sup>

**Mansfield Central Library**

**10am / Monday 20 October**

**Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library**

**2pm / Monday 20 October**

**Bingham Library**

**10am / Tuesday 21 October**

**Southwell Library**

**2pm / Tuesday 21 October**

**Hucknall Library**

**10am / Thursday 23 October**

**Arnold Library**

**2pm / Thursday 23 October**

**Sutton-in-Ashfield Library**

**10am / Saturday 25 October**

**Workshop Library**

**10am / Tuesday 28 October**

**Retford Library**

**2pm / Tuesday 28 October**

**Beeston Library**

**10am / Thursday 30 October**

**West Bridgford Library**

**2pm / Thursday 30 October**

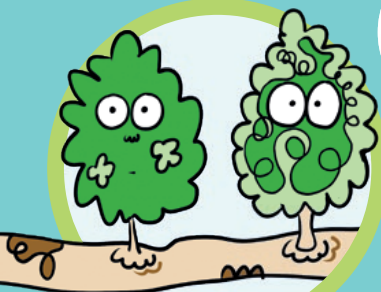
**Newark Library**

**10am / Saturday 1 November**

Join us for a fun free drawing workshop where we will be drawing oak tree leaves to celebrate The Big Draw 2025: Drawn Together.

You will have the opportunity to watch our brand-new Virtual Reality film 'Leaf Number Three' created from drawings by Nottinghamshire community groups. The film will immerse you in the drawings of oak leaves which will grow around you, bursting into life. Connecting stories and experiences, each leaf is different yet the same.

**This year, The Big Draw celebrates 25 years with the theme 'Drawn Together', highlighting how creativity unites us and how collaboration and connection are at the heart of making.**



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# BLACK BRITISH BALLET



## Exhibition

**BLACK BRITISH BALLET:  
INTO THE LIGHT**

**FREE** **Workshop Library**

**Saturday 30 August – Monday 29 September**

**BLACK DANCERS HAVE BEEN PRESENT  
IN BRITISH BALLET FROM AT LEAST THE  
1940S ONWARDS WHEN TWO JAMAICANS  
FORMED LES BALLETS NEGRES IN 1946.**

However, the presence and contribution of these pioneers has been largely forgotten in Britain. Into the Light: The Pioneers of Black British Ballet exhibition aims to change this by celebrating the lives of these trailblazers. The exhibition brings together archive photography, film, newspaper articles and posters alongside new video and audio interviews to trace the history of Black British ballet from the 1940s to the present.

Hear the stories of our Black British ballet pioneers, from those who were denied work in the UK to those who finally managed to smash the colour bar in Britain's biggest companies, at this groundbreaking exhibition.

[inspireculture.org.uk/BlackBritishBallet](http://inspireculture.org.uk/BlackBritishBallet)

## Heritage Talk

**BLACK BRITISH BALLET:  
PRESENTED BY DR BOURNE**

**FREE** **Inspire Libraries**

**Workshop Library**

**10am / Wednesday 17 September**

**Beeston Library**

**2pm / Wednesday 17 September**

Find out more about the hidden history of Black British ballet from the 1940s to the present day. Hear the stories of the pioneers, from those who were denied work in the UK to those who finally managed to smash the colour bar in Britain's biggest companies. The talk is followed by a Q&A session.

**Suitable for ages 9+.**



## Workshop

**BLACK BRITISH BALLET:  
DANCE WORKSHOP**

**FREE** **The Old Library, Mansfield**

**5.30pm – 7pm / Monday 22 September**

**For ages 7 – 15 years.**

**10am – 11.30am / Wednesday 29 October**

**For ages 11 – 18 years.**

**COME ALONG TO A DANCE SESSION THAT  
MIXES BALLET WITH CONTEMPORARY,  
AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN DANCE.**

Aimed at everyone from beginners to more experienced dancers, this fun and engaging workshop will be led by a professional dancer from the Black British Ballet project.

Brought to you by Libraries  
Connected and Oxygen Arts'  
Black British Ballet project.  
Funded by The National  
Lottery Heritage Fund.



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Connected**



Made possible with  
**Heritage  
Fund**

**Booking Info:** **B** Booking required

**A** Advised booking

**N** No booking needed

## Writing Workshop

**BLACK BRITISH BALLET  
POETRY WORKSHOP****FREE** Workshop Library <sup>(B)</sup>**11am – 12.30pm / 2pm – 3.30pm**  
**Saturday 27 September****DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY WITH WORDS  
OR TELL UNHEARD STORIES?**

Whoever you are, take your skills back in time to explore the lives of Black dancers in British ballet. Taking parts of the Into the Light exhibition as our inspiration, we'll go through some activities together before you get to explore your poetic and balletic ideas!

Led by writer and Director of Oxygen Arts Marsha Lowe, and poet and cultural historian Dr Panya Banjoko.

**Suitable for adults.**



## Workshop

**BLACK BRITISH BALLET:  
DANCE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP****FREE** Inspire Libraries <sup>(A)</sup>**Mansfield Central Library****11am – 12.30pm / Saturday 11 October****Beeston Library****2pm – 3.30pm / Saturday 11 October****Newark Library****10am – 11.30am / Monday 27 October****Retford Library****2pm – 3.30pm / Monday 27 October**

Want to learn more about movement photography? Come along to our practical group session for budding photographers who want to learn more about movement and dance photography.

Sony mirrorless cameras are provided, or participants can bring their own.

**Suitable for ages 14+.**

**PRACTICE  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
WITH OUR  
PROFESSIONAL  
BALLET DANCER.**



## Panel Event

**BLACK BRITISH BALLET****FREE** West Bridgford Library <sup>(A)</sup>**7pm / Thursday 13 November**

Join us for a joyful and enlightening celebration of Black dancers in British ballet. Featuring members from the Black British Ballet project discussing their rich and varied careers in ballet and beyond. Learn more about the challenges they faced, the celebrities they met and their adventures overseas in one wonderful evening.

Featuring 3 of the dancers from the Black British Ballet project being interviewed about their rich and varied careers inside and outside of ballet.

**Suitable for 11+ years old.**



**JOIN WRITER  
MARSHA LOWE &  
POET DR. PANYA  
BANJOKO.**

Writing Workshop

# BAD IDEAS CLUB

WITH BAD BETTY PRESS

FREE Inspire Libraries 

A BAD POEM'S JUST  
AN EARLY DRAFT.



Poets! Share new work, first drafts and 'bad' ideas in a warm, inclusive setting.

Come and join a professional poet for a relaxed poetry workshop where you can share your ideas and work on new projects. Brought to us by Nottingham-based independent publishers Bad Betty Press. Three libraries will host three workshops.

**Book your place for one  
or come along to all three!**

## ABOUT THE POETS:

### CASEY BAILEY

Casey is an award-winning writer, performer and educator, born and raised in Nechells, Birmingham, and was the Birmingham Poet Laureate 2020 – 2022. Casey has had three poetry books published and his poetry has appeared in a number of anthologies and journals.

### CHRIS LANYON

Chris is a poet and mathematician. He has nearly a decade of experience running poetry workshops for people at all stages of their writing practice.

### LEANNE MODEN

Leanne is a poet, theatre maker and educator, based in Nottingham. She's performed across the UK and Europe, and her second pamphlet of poetry *Get Over Yourself* was published with Burning Eye Books in 2020.

### GEORGINA WILDING

Georgina has had the pleasure of working as Nottingham's first Young Poet Laureate. Her debut poetry collection *Hag Stone* was released with Verve Poetry Press in 2022, and she recently collaborated with Nottingham University Hospitals and Vicky McClure on a poem celebrating the NHS.

POETS	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Chris Lanyon	Mansfield Central Library	Saturday 9 August	11am – 1pm
Leanne Moden	Mansfield Central Library	Saturday 16 August	11am – 1pm
Casey Bailey	Mansfield Central Library	Saturday 23 August	11am – 1pm
Georgina Wilding	Newark Library	Wednesday 3 September	11am – 1pm
Chris Lanyon	Newark Library	Wednesday 10 September	11am – 1pm
Leanne Moden	Newark Library	Wednesday 17 September	11am – 1pm
Casey Bailey	Hucknall Library	Saturday 6 September	11am – 1pm
Leanne Moden	Hucknall Library	Saturday 13 September	11am – 1pm
Chris Lanyon	Hucknall Library	Saturday 20 September	11am – 1pm

### For adults.

To find out more and to book your place, visit:  
[inspireculture.org.uk/BadIdeasClub](https://inspireculture.org.uk/BadIdeasClub)

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Leanne Moden

Chris Lanyon

BAD  
BETTY

Casey Bailey

Georgina Wilding

LOOK OUT FOR  
A SPECIAL SHOWCASE  
EVENT FOR INSPIRE  
POETRY FESTIVAL!

Mansfield Central Library  
27 September

[inspireculture.org.uk/Poetry-Festival](https://inspireculture.org.uk/Poetry-Festival)

Supported by funding from the National Lottery through Arts Council England.



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**ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND**

## Writing Workshop

### THE MINUTE MEMOIR

FREE Inspire Libraries 

Edwinstowe Library

11am – 1pm / Saturday 23 August

Kimberley Library

11am – 1pm / Saturday 25 October

Join our free, guided life writing sessions. We'll help you structure your stories and explore your memories, one at a time. Come along and write about your life, exercise your creativity and enjoy the wellbeing benefits of expressive writing. Developed by writers Anthony Cropper and Eve Makis, the Minute Memoir workshops are simple and fun, designed to help you capture your life's journey using easy-to-follow prompts.

The workshops are FREE and open to anyone aged 16+.

Supported by funding from the National Lottery through Arts Council England, the Minute Memoir will be available online later this year.

**m**inute me**m**oir

## Author Event

### MILLY JOHNSON

£5 Workop Library 

7pm / Wednesday 22 October

Join Milly Johnson as she celebrates the publication of her 23rd novel and new Christmas book *Let the Bells Ring Out* published on 23 October 2025.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Milly was born, raised and still lives in Barnsley, South Yorkshire. A *Sunday Times* bestseller, she is one of the Top 10 Female Fiction authors in the UK with millions of copies of her books sold across the world. Her sales exceed 2.5 million in the UK alone, and she's published in more than 20 different countries. In 2020, she was honoured with the Romantic Novelists' Association's Outstanding Achievement Award and was a featured author in the Reading Agency's Quick Reads and World Book Night campaigns.

A writer who champions women and highlights the importance of friendship and community, Milly's characters are celebrations of the strength of human spirit. She writes from the heart about the people and places she knows with her trademark wit and warmth. Her 22nd novel *Same time Next Week* was published in paperback on 5 June 2025.



Milly Johnson

## Author Event

### BLESSIN ADAMS, THOU SAVAGE WOMAN

£5 Beeston Library 

7pm / Monday 1 September

Join former police officer and historian, Blessin Adams as she delves into *Thou Savage Woman*, a bold and gripping history that uncovers the stories of women whose violent crimes shattered the narrow confines of their gender in early modern England. These murders were rare, yet they captured the public imagination. But why? When the vast majority of murders then (and now) are committed by men.

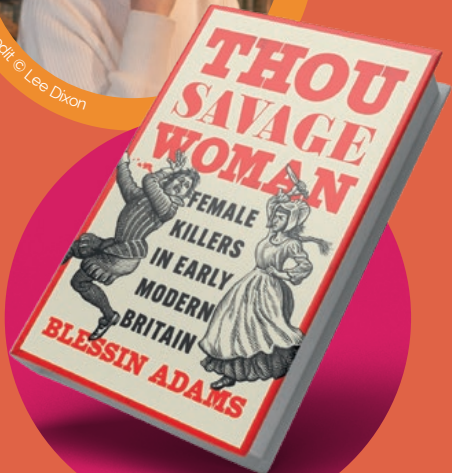
Based on research in court archives, Blessin explores crimes that thrilled the British public.

WITH THE STORYTELLING SKILL OF THE BEST CRIME NOVELISTS, BLESSIN RECREATES EACH CHILLING CASE'S SETTING AND MOTIVATIONS.



Blessin Adams

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THE  
READING  
AGENCY



**BIG  
Tasty  
READ**



**BBC**

THE BIG TASTY READ IS A NEW NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN THAT AIMS TO USE THE UNIVERSAL APPEAL OF FOOD TO INSPIRE READING.

The campaign is a collaboration between national charity **The Reading Agency** and **BBC Arts**. Recognising the powerful connection between food, culture, and storytelling, the campaign will highlight books that explore the role of food in our lives, whether through fiction or memoirs.

**Look out for food related book lists, library displays and more.**

[inspireculture.org.uk/BigTastyRead](https://inspireculture.org.uk/BigTastyRead)

# POETRY FESTIVAL

## INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL 2025

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER – THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER  
A WEEK OF WONDERFUL WORDS

PERFORMANCE | WORKSHOPS | FILM | EXHIBITION

For the full programme and to sign up for email updates visit  
[inspireculture.org.uk/poetry-festival](https://inspireculture.org.uk/poetry-festival)

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THE  
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# JAZZ STEPS

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WENDY KIRKLAND TRIO

**GET CARTER**  
Reimagined

## Live Music

### WENDY KIRKLAND TRIO PLUS GUEST

£13 Inspire Libraries **B**

**Beeston Library**

7.30pm / Monday 15 September

**Workshop Library**

7.30pm / Tuesday 16 September

**West Bridgford Library**

7.30pm / Wednesday 17 September

### THE GET CARTER FILM SOUNDTRACK RE-IMAGINED.

The 1970 cult-film classic *Get Carter*, starring Michael Caine, has a moody jazz score capturing the film-noir atmosphere of 1960s underworld. Tunes from this gripping soundtrack are played live in 're-imagined' arrangements, alongside original compositions true to the film-noir genre. While film buffs will instantly recognise many of the tunes, they will sound fresh to all. A rare opportunity to enjoy a memorable evening of 'jazz noir' linked with this cult film classic.

## Live Music

### STUART McCALLUM

£13 Inspire Libraries **B**

**Beeston Library**

7.30pm / Monday 13 October

**Workshop Library**

7.30pm / Tuesday 14 October

**West Bridgford Library**

7.30pm / Wednesday 15 October

From jazz beginnings to alt-folk and electronica, Stuart McCallum's playing inventively blurs music genres. A phenomenal performer on acoustic and electric guitars (plus effects pedals), Stuart's solo performances captivate in their variety and storytelling qualities. With multiple albums to his credit, he's one of the most vital and creative musicians of his generation – a must to hear live. Stuart has previously wowed library audiences, and this is an overdue but very welcome return!



## Live Music

### ZOË GILBY QUARTET

£13 Inspire Libraries **B**

**Beeston Library**

7.30pm / Monday 10 November

**Workshop Library**

7.30pm / Tuesday 11 November

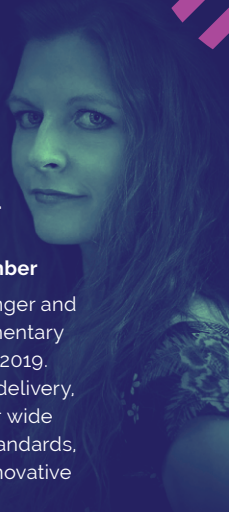
**West Bridgford Library**

7.30pm / Wednesday 12 November

Zoë Gilby is an exuberant jazz singer and songwriter, winner of the Parliamentary Jazz Awards Vocalist of the Year 2019. Enjoy her evocative storytelling delivery, backed by a superb trio, with her wide repertoire encompassing jazz standards, intelligent, original songs and innovative arrangements of pop tunes.

"A wide vocal range, warm timbre and clear diction which she uses skilfully to unveil her moods."

All About Jazz, USA



Booking Info: **B** Booking required

**A** Advised booking

**N** No booking needed

JAZZ  
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# HERITAGE OPEN DAYS: ARCHITECTURE

12 – 21 September 2025

WELCOME TO ENGLAND'S  
LARGEST FESTIVAL OF  
HISTORY AND CULTURE!

Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore.

## Heritage Talk

### ARCHITECTURAL CURIOSITIES OF RETFORD

FREE Retford Library <sup>(B)</sup>

1.30pm / Saturday 13 September

Retford is an ancient market town formed on the banks of the River Idle. It has a wealth of historic buildings along its main thoroughfares, each with their own unique story. Join Bassetlaw District Council's Conservation Manager, Michael Tagg, as he explores the town's special architecture, focusing on what makes each building unique and how they contribute to Retford's special character and appearance.

This event  
has been organised  
as part of

**RETFORD  
HERITAGE  
DAY 2025**



## Heritage ARCHIVES ESCAPE!

FREE Nottinghamshire Archives <sup>(B)</sup>

10am – 1.30pm (one-hour slots) /  
Saturday 13 September

You have become trapped inside Nottinghamshire Archives! Solve the fiendish clues scattered throughout historical records, converse with figures from Nottinghamshire's past and use augmented reality to find an escape – time is running out!

## Heritage Talk

### RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

FREE West Bridgford Library <sup>(B)</sup>

2pm / Tuesday 16 September

Join us for a fascinating talk on recent archaeological revelations from across Nottinghamshire, presented by Emily Gillott, planning archaeologist with Nottinghamshire County Council. Hear the stories of recent discoveries on subjects ranging from cremation and burials to Roman villas and pottery, ritual landscapes in Skegby, Charcoal burning in Sherwood Forest, and more!





AN INTRODUCTION  
TO THE ARCHIVES  
WITH A TOUR OF THE  
SEARCH ROOM AND  
STORAGE AREAS.

### Heritage Talk

## THE HORSE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S COUNTRY HOUSE STABLES

**FREE** Workshop Library <sup>B</sup>

**2pm / Friday 12 September**

Join Buildings Archaeologist Janine Buckley for a talk celebrating the pre-eminence of the horse on Nottinghamshire's country estates. From the 17th Century courtyard at Rufford to the romantic Gothic stable at Newstead, horses have left their marks on the buildings that confined them. Explore our legacy of highly architectural stables and discover how horses experienced these spaces.



### Heritage

## ARCHIVES TOUR

**FREE** Nottinghamshire Archives <sup>B</sup>

**10.30am / Thursday 18 September**

A chance to view some unique and incredible highlights from the collections, including architectural plans and building records. You will be able to interact in new ways with our collections via your own tablet or smartphone device. View pop-up versions of archival documents, explore 360-degree images of historic streets and buildings and listen to audio descriptions of the archives. Enjoy a display and tour of the conservation studio as an introduction to what conservation is, and learn the different types of materials treated, and the techniques used.

YOU'LL NEVER  
LOOK AT HISTORIC  
BUILDINGS IN  
THE SAME WAY  
AGAIN!



No booking needed <sup>A</sup>

Advised booking <sup>A</sup>

Booking required <sup>B</sup>

Booking Info:



## Heritage Talk

### HISTORIC GARDENS OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

£3 Worksop Library <sup>(B)</sup>

2pm / Wednesday 15 October

Nottinghamshire has a strong horticultural tradition going back to the creation of the great ducal estates of Welbeck, Clumber, Worksop and Thoresby in the 17th and 18th centuries. This talk draws on the wealth of gardening heritage still remaining in the county. Philip Jones, a former local studies librarian, is now a freelance garden historian, currently researching the Victorian and Edwardian gardens at Newstead Abbey and its head gardeners.



## Heritage Talk

### ODD OCCUPATIONS

£3 West Bridgford Library <sup>(B)</sup>

2pm / Tuesday 28 October

**66 OLD AND VANISHED OCCUPATIONS IN 60 MINUTES – SOME FAMILIAR, OTHERS YOU MAY NEVER HAVE HEARD OF.**

From Mediaeval times through to the days of living memory, can you guess from the job titles what our ancestors did?

You will certainly go home from this illustrated talk with a plethora of curious facts with which to tease family and friends. Our speaker is local historian Denis Hill.

## Heritage Talk

### WATER MILLS OF MANSFIELD

£3 Mansfield Central Library <sup>(B)</sup>

2pm / Tuesday 21 October

Local historian Denis Hill looks at the dozen or so water mills that once operated along the River Maun. From a modest "Kings" mill mentioned in the Domesday book, Mansfield became a "power house" of mills producing cotton products which brought great prosperity to the town. Many of the mill buildings and their water courses still survive, but others have sadly disappeared forever.

**NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE 236 YEARS' WORTH OF PAINTINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS TO BE VIEWED AS WE TAKE A LOOK AT THE WATER MILLS OF MANSFIELD.**

## Heritage

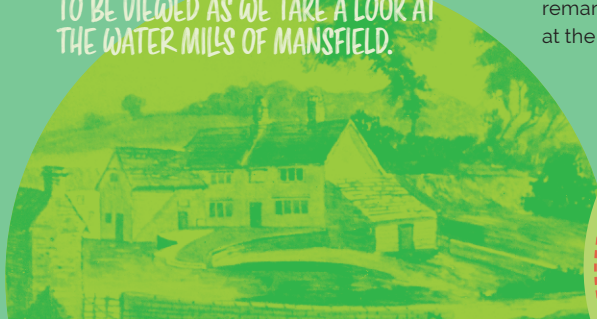
### WOMEN OF THE BRITISH CIVIL WARS 1642 – 1659

£3 Beeston Library <sup>(B)</sup>

2pm / Wednesday 19 November

Women played a significant role in the conflicts known as the British Civil Wars, and in Nottinghamshire women certainly played their part. As local historian Sandra Berrington demonstrates, they helped defend castles, wrote pamphlets and propaganda, raised funds, spied, nursed, preached and even contributed on the battlefields. From highborn ladies to ordinary housekeepers, these remarkable women showed, as was said at the time, "a courage beyond their sex".

**'COURAGE BEYOND THEIR SEX!'**





JOIN  
THE TALK

#### Heritage Talk

### ROGUES, VAGABONDS, OR HEROES? THE STORY OF THE RUFFORD PARK POACHERS

£3 Southwell Library **B**

2pm / Tuesday 4 November

Life for working class families in the early years of Queen Victoria's reign was anything but easy. While families struggled to feed themselves, the forest and heath lands of Sherwood were full of wildlife that could supplement their diets. New laws, however, made the taking of this wildlife a criminal offence that could lead to severe punishment. This talk by local historian Sam Millard tells of a violent clash between poachers and gamekeepers on the Rufford Abbey estate, an incident that was reported in newspapers throughout the land.

#### What happened to those involved?

WERE THEY THE ROGUES AND  
VAGABONDS AS DESCRIBED BY  
THE COURTS, OR WERE THEY THE  
HEROES PORTRAYED IN A FOLK  
SONG WRITTEN AT THE TIME?

A UNIQUE VIEW  
ON THE BRITISH  
ARMY THROUGH THE  
LENS OF A SINGLE  
BATTALION.



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#### Heritage Talk

### SHERWOOD BOYS: BIOGRAPHY OF A BATTALION

£3 Mansfield Central Library **B**

2pm / Tuesday 18 November

Accompanying the forthcoming release of *Sherwood Boys: Biography of a Battalion*, Michael Somerville's talk provides a unique view on the British Army through the lens of a single battalion. Hear the story of how the 2/5th Sherwood Foresters, a Territorial battalion, developed during the Second World War from a group of untrained young men from Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire into a hardened unit of veterans from every corner of Britain, capable of facing, and beating, the might of the Wehrmacht.

Booking Info: **B** Booking required

**A** Advised booking

**N** No booking needed



### Heritage Talk

#### WW1 SGT WILLIAM HENRY JOHNSON VC

£3 Workshop Library 

2pm / Wednesday 19 November

William Henry Johnson was a miner at Manton Colliery and a bell ringer at Worksop Priory before enlisting for service in the First World War. In this fascinating talk, learn more about the man, his life, and his remarkable act of bravery in the field which earned him Britain's highest military award, the Victoria Cross. Speaker Grant Cullen gives a range of talks on WW1 topics and is secretary of the Worksop branch of the Royal British Legion.

After his talk, there will be chance to explore historical records relating to WW1 servicemen from the local area, including newspaper reports, photographs and more.

### Heritage

#### FAMILY HISTORY ONE TO ONE SESSIONS

FREE Online or Phone 

2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm or 3.30pm / Tuesday 7 October

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.

### Heritage

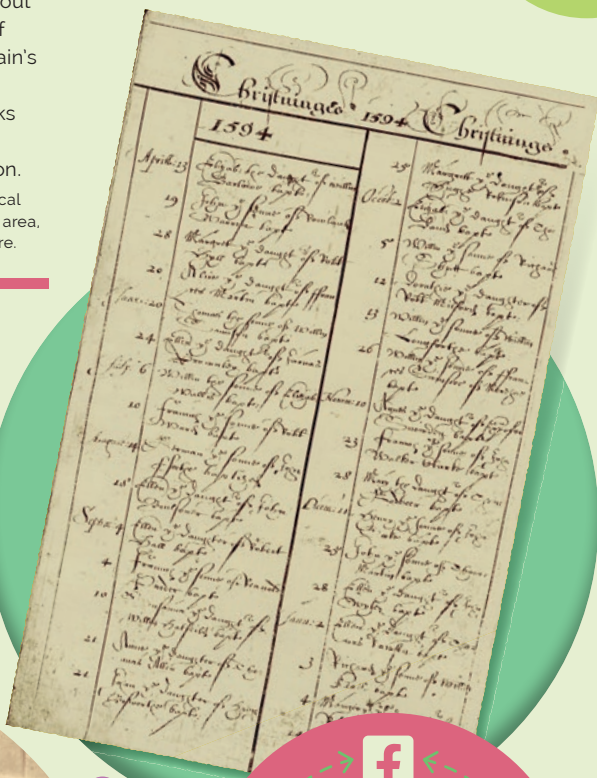
#### EXPLORING PARISH REGISTERS

FREE Newark Library 

2pm / Monday 24 November

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.co.uk](http://Ancestry.co.uk) which is FREE to use in Inspire Libraries and at Nottinghamshire Archives.



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TO LOCAL HISTORY!

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Inspire Nottinghamshire  
Archives Facebook page.

## Heritage

**DIGGING  
DEEPER:  
UNEARTHING  
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S  
LANDSCAPE PAST**£6 Nottinghamshire Archives 

2.15pm / Wednesday 24 September

Join one of the Archives team to discover the range of records that can be used to uncover garden and landscape history in Nottinghamshire and beyond. The history of the garden will be explored from the grand designs of the big houses, to the rise in allotments and grow your own, as well as the garden as an extension of the house and an outdoor living space. The event will be accompanied by an extensive document display from the collections held by Nottinghamshire Archives.



## Heritage

**ASK A CONSERVATOR DAY**FREE Online 

10am – 3pm / Friday 7 November

**WE'RE PARTICIPATING IN  
ASK A CONSERVATOR DAY 2025.**

Conservators around the world will be discussing their work online on Friday 7 November.

Do you have questions about what conservators do? Or about how we care for the archive? Ask us questions on Inspire social media and follow the hashtag to see who else is participating.

Our conservators will be available to answer your questions online via Instagram @InspireCultureNotts.

## Heritage

**COLLECTIONS CARE  
FOR PHOTOGRAPHS**£6 Nottinghamshire Archives 

10.30am / Wednesday 15 October

A talk and display covering ways to identify different types of photographic processes, and how to handle and store them for long term preservation. There will be examples of photographic conservation projects carried out at Nottinghamshire Archives. There will also be an introduction to the Inspire Picture Archive, including highlights of the collection and how to upload new images.

## Heritage

**ARCHIVES TOUR**£6 Nottinghamshire Archives 

10.30am / Thursday 20 November

Discover the Archives with a tour of the search room and storage areas. A chance to view some unique and incredible highlights from the collections. You will be able to interact in new ways with our collections via your own tablet or smartphone device. View pop-up versions of archival documents, explore 360-degree images of historic streets and listen to audio descriptions of the archives. Enjoy a display and tour of the conservation studio as an introduction to what conservation is, and learn the different types of materials treated, and the techniques used.



No booking needed



Advised booking



Booking required



Booking Info:



## Living Knowledge Network

BRITISH LIBRARY

### Exhibition

#### UNEARTHED

**FREE** Inspire Libraries 

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library

Friday 11 July – Saturday 9 August

Nottinghamshire Archives

Friday 15 August – Friday 26 September

Workshop Library

Saturday 4 October – Sunday 30 November



We are delighted to be hosting a taster of the British Library's Unearthed Exhibition which explores the transformative power of gardening.

Gardening is so much more than the nation's favourite pastime. Tracing personal stories alongside global histories, Unearthed celebrates gardening as a force for creativity, resilience and connection. From the people who have fought for the right and space to garden to the stories of the plants we use for food and medicine, discover how gardening has shaped our lives, our communities, and our planet.

Items from Nottinghamshire Archives' collections add a home-grown element alongside the exhibition.

Inspire are members of the Living Knowledge Network! Created by The British Library to explore new ways for libraries to work as one and develop memorable experiences for our users.

Visit: [inspireculture.org.uk/LKN](https://inspireculture.org.uk/LKN) to find a host of events linked to the Unearthed Exhibition in Inspire Libraries.

**DIG INTO FASCINATING LOCAL HISTORY THAT HAS BEEN INSPIRED BY THE UNEARTHED THEMES.**

Illustration of Rhododendron Catawbiense from The Botanical Cabinet, consisting of coloured delineations of plants, from all countries, with a short account of each, etc. (1817-33). By C. Loddiges and Sons. The plates vol.1:20. Shelfmark: 443.b5-24. From the British Library archive.



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WHY NOT BRING  
ALONG SOME SEEDS  
TO SWAP WITH FELLOW  
GREEN FINGERED  
PLANT ENTHUSIASTS!

### Talk

#### BETH THE GARDENER: TALES FROM MY TROWEL!

**£3** Arnold Library 

10.30am / Saturday 30 August

Beth is looking forward to sharing her experience as a gardener from the last 25 years – from St Ann's Allotments to working on a Chelsea Garden, as well as creating a space from scratch at home. She'll be sharing lots of tips along the way – recycling, reducing and reusing, exploring the joy of wormeries (and composting generally), getting plants for free through division and embracing organic gardening. There'll also be the opportunity to meet Beth for a chat and a cuppa after the talk.

### Workshop

#### WILLOW FOR THE GARDEN WITH KATRINE SCOTT-MITCHELL

**£35** Beeston Library 

10am / Saturday 6 September

Join Katrine and make a beautiful willow poppy seed head sculpture that when finished will add rustic charm to garden pots and borders. Katrine will guide you through the creation in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Willow weaving requires a good level of manual dexterity.

All materials and equipment will be provided.

For ages 18+.





**I AM AN  
ARTIST**  
EXHIBITION

### Exhibition

#### **I AM AN ARTIST**

**FREE** Inspire Libraries <sup>(N)</sup>

**Mansfield Central Library**

**Wednesday 10 – Tuesday 30 September**

**Workshop Library**

**Friday 3 October – Thursday 20 November**

Five professional artists worked with five different groups of people in Nottinghamshire communities – groups which included people affected by dementia, older people and neurodivergent families – to co-create pieces of artworks.

This exhibition celebrates the project through the launch of the I Am An Artist publication and podcast series.

I Am An Artist is the second branch of our I Am A Creator cultural programme.

[inspireculture.org.uk/IAmAnArtist](http://inspireculture.org.uk/IAmAnArtist)



Huge thanks go to our artists and their groups, to Arts for Dementia and Daryl & Co, and to Arts Council England for supporting the project.



COME AND BE  
ASTONISHED BY  
HIS PORTRAITS  
AND THE RELATED  
INSPIRATIONAL  
MEMOIRS.

### Exhibition

#### **PAYING IT FORWARD: A VETERAN'S STORY BY PAUL SAXBY**

**FREE** Inspire Libraries <sup>(N)</sup>

**Workshop Library**

**Saturday 19 July – Thursday 28 August**

**Beeston Library**

**Tuesday 2 – Monday 29 September**

**West Bridgford Library**

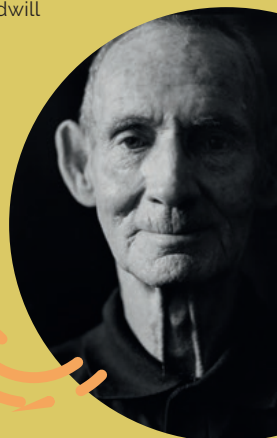
**Friday 3 October – Wednesday 12 November**

An exhibition to pay tribute to our veteran community and keep their stories alive. This project embraces the ripple effect of paying it forward. Paul hopes that his acts of kindness in giving his time freely to capture images, and their backstories, will generate waves of goodwill throughout the community.

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**Nottinghamshire  
County Council**

**Newark  
TOWN COUNCIL**



*Paul Saxby*  
PAUL SAXBY PHOTOGRAPHY

**Booking Info:** <sup>(B)</sup> Booking required <sup>(A)</sup> Advised booking

<sup>(N)</sup> No booking needed



**Exhibition**

**VICTORY  
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE:  
COMMEMORATING  
THE COUNTY'S ROLE IN  
THE SECOND WORLD WAR**

**FREE** Inspire Libraries (N)

**Workshop Library**

**Saturday 19 July – Thursday 7 August**

**Beeston Library**

**Tuesday 2 – Monday 29 September**

**West Bridgford Library**

**Friday 3 October – Monday 10 November**



This year, Nottinghamshire celebrates the 80th Anniversary of the ending of the Second World War with Nottinghamshire, an exhibition showcasing the war effort made by those on the home front and frontlines.

**FROM THE DARKEST DAYS OF THE NOTTINGHAM BLITZ TO PLAYING ITS PART IN TRAINING THE AVIATORS OF BOMBER COMMAND.**

Victory Nottinghamshire tells the story of the people and county of Nottinghamshire and how they helped the Allies achieve victory.

Included is the story of the unique Home Guards Patrol Boats to the bravery of the Boots George Cross medal winners, as well as American Paratroopers and Bevin Boys; this exhibition will give visitors an insight into how all came together and played a vital role in the allied victory.

Nuclear Bunker photo credit © Martine Hamilton Knight

**Exhibition**

**NUCLEAR BUNKER:  
A CREATIVE ARCHIVE**

**FREE** Arnold Library (N)

**Wednesday 3 September –  
Saturday 11 October**

On a patch of suburban wasteland in Nottingham, a Cold War relic lies abandoned. This is Regional Seat of Government 3, a nuclear bunker from which a Commissioner and a staff of 400 people would have governed whatever remained of the North Midlands after nuclear war.

This exhibition sees the bunker through the eyes of writers and experts who ventured through the bunker's steel doors to explore it in the summer of 2024.





## Exhibition

**WRAPPED****FREE** West Bridgford Library **Saturday 16 August – Monday 29 September**

COME AND SEE A HEARTWARMING EXHIBITION, WHERE WOOLLY WORKS OF ART, AND THE ACT OF GIVING ARE INTERTWINED!

An exhibition of beautiful Wrapped scarves is on display in West Bridgford Library Gallery this summer. It's a visually stunning celebration of yarn crafts, highlighting the generosity of the knitters and crocheters in donating their hand made scarves to a cause – and it's a perfect example of a creative community coming together to share their skills!

Scarves made for Wrapped and showcased in the exhibition will be donated with help from Trussell.

[inspireculture.org.uk/Knit](http://inspireculture.org.uk/Knit)



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[nottshelpyourself.org.uk](http://nottshelpyourself.org.uk)

JOIN A  
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can help you find  
your nearest.

## Exhibition

**INSPIRE COMMUNITY  
OPEN EXHIBITION 2025****FREE** Beeston Library **Tuesday 4 November –  
Saturday 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.

MAYBE YOU  
HAVE SOMETHING  
YOU WOULD LIKE  
TO SUBMIT?  
See below.

## CALLING ALL NOTTS ARTISTS

If you live in Nottinghamshire and have taken up art recently or been creative for many years, we would love to see a piece of your work in the Inspire Community Open Exhibition 2025 in our beautiful Beeston Library Gallery.

Book in the library or find booking forms at:  
[inspireculture.org.uk/Open2025](http://inspireculture.org.uk/Open2025)

Application is on a first come first serve basis and work is non-selected. We have limited spaces for both 2D and 3D work. Booking closes Saturday 30 September.



**INSPIRE  
COMMUNITY  
OPEN  
EXHIBITION**

No booking needed



Advised booking



Booking required



Booking Info:  
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# FILM EVENTS AT INSPIRE LIBRARIES

All films supported by:



**Dementia Friendly**

**FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (U)**

**£1 Mansfield Central Library (A)**

**1.30pm / Wednesday 6 August**

Starring Elvis Presley as a riverboat singer with a weakness for gambling, who wants to find his lucky redhead but his girlfriend is not amused.



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

In partnership with Film Hub Midlands, with support from:



**Dementia Friendly**

**ON MOONLIGHT BAY (U)**

**£1 Mansfield Central Library (A)**

**1.30pm / Wednesday 8 October**

During World War I, a teenage girl begins a romance with a college student, but his unconventional attitudes cause friction with her father.

**Dementia Friendly**

**STAN & OLLIE (PG)**

**£1 Beeston Library (A)**

**2pm / Wednesday 10 September**

Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, attempt to reignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song: a gruelling theatre tour of post-war Britain.



No booking needed

Advised booking

Booking required

Booking info:



**Family Film and Activity**  
**SMALL WORLD CINEMA:**  
**MINUSCULE (U)**

£1 Beeston Library <sup>(A)</sup>

10am Craft / 10.30am Film  
Saturday 30 August



Join us this summer to make a bug headband and shadowy insect art before watching the delightful French animation Minuscule: Valley of the Ants. A feature length, funny, action-packed insect adventure with no dialogue, just buzzing brilliance.

For ages 5+.

**Family Film and Activity**  
**SMALL WORLD CINEMA:**  
**THE RED BALLOON (PG)**

FREE Southwell Library <sup>(A)</sup>

10am, 11.30am & 1pm /  
Saturday 27 September



Can a film be poetic? Be inspired by the adventures of Pascal, a young Parisian boy who discovers a red balloon one morning, and soon finds that it has a will of its own!

Accompanying drop-in activity.

For ages 5+.



**SMALL  
WORLD**  
cinema

**Film Screening**  
**BRIGHT STAR (PG)**  
£3 Southwell Library <sup>(A)</sup>  
2pm / Thursday 2 October

Written and directed by Oscar-Winner Jane Campion (The Piano), Bright Star tells the story of the romance between 19th-century romantic poet John Keats and Fanny Brawne, who together rode a wave of romantic obsession that deepened as their troubles mounted.



**Relaxed Screening**  
**A MATTER OF  
LIFE AND DEATH (U)**

£3 West Bridgford Library <sup>(A)</sup>  
7pm / Friday 14 November

A British wartime aviator who cheats death must argue for his life before a celestial court, hoping to prolong his fledgling romance with an American girl.

Starring David Niven. Enjoy an evening at the library with this Powell & Pressburger classic. A bar will be available.



**SING WITH FRIENDS**

Join us for an hour of reminiscence using music from the movies and other favourites – with chat, tea and biscuits!

**Eastwood Library**  
1.30pm / Starting Monday 8 September

**Mansfield Central Library**  
1.30pm / Starting Wednesday 10 September

**Sutton in Ashfield Library**  
2pm / Starting Tuesday 16 September

For all event dates, visit:  
[inspireculture.org.uk/SingWithFriends](http://inspireculture.org.uk/SingWithFriends)

# HEALTHIER HAPPIER CONNECTED CREATIVE

Informal music concerts, hands-on creative workshops and health activities to boost strength, balance and memory.

There's something for everyone, to make new connections and explore your creativity. Growing communities that are happier, healthier and enjoying ageing well.



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ENGLAND**



Live Music

## SONGS & SCONES

£3 Inspire Libraries (A)

**Retford Library**

Fri / 2pm / 8 Aug, 5 Sep, 3 Oct & 7 Nov

**Hucknall Library**

Wed / 2pm / 6 Aug, 10 Sep, 8 Oct & 12 Nov

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.

[inspireculture.org.uk/SongsAndScones](http://inspireculture.org.uk/SongsAndScones)



WHO DOESN'T  
LOVE A CUP OF TEA,  
A LOVELY SCONE  
AND SOME SOCIAL  
MUSIC-MAKING?



Live Music  
Now

Workshop

## MIND & MOVEMENT

FREE Inspire Libraries (B)

**Hucknall Library**

Wed / 2pm / 20 Aug, 17 Sep, 15 Oct & 19 Nov

**Retford Library**

Fri / 2pm / 22 Aug, 26 Sep, 24 Oct & 28 Nov

Looking for a fun, gentle way to stay active and social? Join our brand-new music and movement sessions at the library!

We'll move to music – nothing too fast or fancy, just a friendly mix of light exercise to help with balance, strength and mobility. Afterwards, there's time to relax with a cuppa, biscuits and a good chat.

It's a great way to keep moving, meet others, and boost your wellbeing – all in a warm, welcoming space.

Everyone welcome – no experience needed!

[inspireculture.org.uk/MindAndMovement](http://inspireculture.org.uk/MindAndMovement)



Your Health  
Notts

Art Workshop

## CONNECT & CREATE

£3 Inspire Libraries (A)

**Retford Library**

Wed / 2pm / 6 Aug, 3 Sep, 1 Oct & 5 Nov

**Hucknall Library**

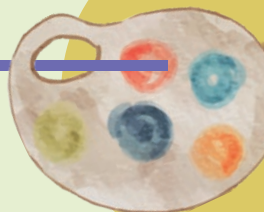
Wed / 2pm / 27 Aug, 24 Sep, 22 Oct & 26 Nov

Are you curious about creating or eager to explore artistic avenues? It's never too late to try something new and share ideas in a friendly, supportive group.

Our skilled Connect & Create artists will guide you to experiment with various artistic styles and techniques, as you work alongside others to make your mark and express yourself.

These hands-on workshops are particularly suitable for older people who would enjoy engaging with a variety of materials, in a relaxed group for all abilities.

[inspireculture.org.uk/ConnectAndCreate](http://inspireculture.org.uk/ConnectAndCreate)





## VR LIBRARY

### VIRTUAL REALITY LIBRARY

**FREE** Inspire Libraries 

#### Beeston Library

10am – 3pm / Saturday 27 September

#### Workshop Library

10am – 3pm / Saturday 4 October\*

12pm – 2pm / Sunday 5 October

#### Mansfield Central Library

10am – 3pm / Saturday 11 October

12pm – 2pm / Sunday 12 October

## VIRTUAL REALITY LIBRARY IS BACK!

The innovative Digital Spaces programme, in collaboration with Arts Council England, BFI, with National Lottery Funding, and The Space, will bring more exciting VR experiences to libraries this autumn.

Be amazed by 7 thrilling experiences including Wallace & Gromit in The Grand Getaway, David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies, and Laika, the graphic novel adaptation following the true story of earth's first space traveller – Laika the dog!

**Suitable for ages 10+.**

### FIND US AT FUN PALACES

Workshop Library  
Saturday 4 October

See P9 for event details.

### PLUS: STEP INTO IMMERSIVE FILMS

with Nottinghamshire makers, filmed and created with students of Bruns Academy, Mansfield.

 No booking needed

 Advised booking

 Booking required

**Booking info:**

\* A Fun Palaces event! See P9 for more details.

## CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN LIBRARIES

FREE Inspire Libraries 

**Stapleford Library**

10am – 1pm / Saturday 15 November

**Sutton-in-Ashfield Library**

10am – 2pm / Saturday 15 November

**Workshop Library**

9:30am – 2pm / Saturday 29 November

**Eastwood Library**

10am – 1pm / Saturday 29 November

**Mansfield Central Library**

10am – 2pm / Saturday 29 November

**Kimberley Library**

10am – 1pm / Saturday 6 December

**Arnold Library**

10am – 2pm / Saturday 6 December

**Ravenshead Library**

10am – 12pm / Saturday 13 December

SAVE  
THE DATE!

An Inspired  
Christmas Concert

Monday 8  
December

Browse handmade items from local makers, enjoy indulgent treats and take part in an array of family activities at libraries around the county. With carol singing and visits from Santa Claus, there's no better place to spend this festive season!

**Looking to hire a stall at any of our markets?**

Visit [inspireculture.org.uk/Markets](https://inspireculture.org.uk/Markets) to see event listings and to register your interest from Monday 1 September.

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Live Music

**ENGINE ROOM LABEL  
SHOWCASE**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
BBC INTRODUCING**FREE** Metronome Nottingham **B****7pm / Friday 15 August**

An evening of live music from emerging talent on eNginE Room, the not-for-profit label supporting young artists across Nottinghamshire. The event begins with a music industry panel, offering valuable insights for aspiring musicians and young creatives.

**THE LINE-UP FEATURES STANDOUT ACTS DEVELOPED THROUGH INSPIRE YOUTH ARTS, WITH SUPPORT FROM BBC INTRODUCING.**

**Suitable for ages 14+.**

Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

[inspireculture.org.uk/BBCintroducing2025](http://inspireculture.org.uk/BBCintroducing2025)

Live Music

**INSPIRE YOUTH  
ARTS PRESENTS****ABLE  
ORCHESTRA  
360****£3** Fletcher's Theatre **B****Doors open 5.30pm / performance 7pm /  
Saturday 15 November**

**JOIN ABLE ORCHESTRA FOR AN  
UNFORGETTABLE CELEBRATION!**



Be part of an incredible evening as Able Orchestra (AO) showcases original musical and digital compositions featuring accessible instruments and technology.

This special event highlights the talent and creativity of AO groups hailing from local schools, colleges and AO Ensembles as well as the inspiring young leaders known as the AO Pioneers.

Expect new collaborations, stunning visuals, and a celebration of inclusivity, music and technology inspired by the seasons.

[inspireculture.org.uk/Able360](http://inspireculture.org.uk/Able360)

No booking needed

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Advised booking

**A**

Booking required

**B**

Booking Info:

ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND

**DON'T MISS  
OUT — JOIN US  
FOR A NIGHT TO  
REMEMBER!**



**ENGINE  
ROOM**



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the 2025 – 26  
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year!**

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5 Jul – 7 Sep	<b>Summer Reading Challenge 2025: Story Garden</b>	Children's Reading	All Inspire Libraries	<b>FREE</b>	4
11 Jul – 9 Aug	<b>Unearthed</b>	Exhibition	Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library	<b>FREE</b>	26
12 Jul – 7 Sep	<b>Seed</b>	Exhibition	Hucknall, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield and Mansfield Central Libraries	<b>FREE</b>	5
19 Jul – 7 Aug	<b>Victory Nottinghamshire</b>	Exhibition	Worksop Library	<b>FREE</b>	28
19 Jul – 28 Aug	<b>Paying it Forward: A Veteran's Story by Paul Saxby</b>	Exhibition	Worksop Library	<b>FREE</b>	27
1 Aug – 20 Nov	<b>Little Creatives Workshops*</b>	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	<b>FREE</b>	10
5 Aug	<b>Create Your Own Action-Packed Comic with Allen Fatimaharan</b>	Children's Illustrator Event	Beeston and West Bridgford Libraries	<b>£3<sup>▼</sup></b>	8
6 Aug	<b>Frankie and Johnny (U)</b>	Film Screening	Mansfield Central Library	<b>£1</b>	30
6 Aug	<b>Connect &amp; Create</b>	Art Workshop	Retford Library	<b>£3</b>	32
6 Aug	<b>Songs &amp; Scones</b>	Live Music	Hucknall Library	<b>£3</b>	32
8 Aug	<b>Snails of the Unexpected with Terrie Chilvers</b>	Children's Author Event	Newark and Bingham Libraries	<b>£3<sup>▼</sup></b>	8
8 Aug	<b>Songs &amp; Scones</b>	Live Music	Retford Library	<b>£3</b>	32
9 Aug – 6 Sep	<b>Seed Family Workshops*</b>	Family Workshops	Various Inspire Libraries	<b>FREE</b>	5
9 Aug – 20 Sep	<b>Bad Ideas Club with Bad Betty Press*</b>	Writing Workshop	Mansfield Central, Hucknall and Newark Libraries	<b>FREE</b>	16
10 Aug	<b>Scoot Theatre and Farnham Maltings presents Mrs Armitage on Wheels</b>	Family Theatre	Mansfield Central Library	<b>£4/£7</b>	7
12 – 17 Aug	<b>The Quest for Planet P! Presented by Knotted Hawk Productions</b>	Family Theatre	Various Inspire Libraries	<b>£4/£7</b>	6
15 Aug	<b>eNGine Room Label/ BBC Introducing: Showcase</b>	Live Music	Metronome Nottingham	<b>FREE</b>	35
15 Aug – 26 Sep	<b>Unearthed</b>	Exhibition	Nottinghamshire Archives	<b>FREE</b>	26
16 Aug – 29 Sep	<b>Wrapped</b>	Exhibition	West Bridgford Library	<b>FREE</b>	29
20 Aug	<b>Mind &amp; Movement</b>	Workshop	Hucknall Library	<b>FREE</b>	32
22 Aug	<b>Mind &amp; Movement</b>	Workshop	Retford Library	<b>FREE</b>	32
23 Aug	<b>The Minute Memoir</b>	Writing Workshop	Edwinstowe Library	<b>FREE</b>	17
27 Aug	<b>Connect &amp; Create</b>	Art Workshop	Hucknall Library	<b>£3</b>	32
30 Aug	<b>Beth the Gardener: Tales from my Trowel!</b>	Talk	Arnold Library	<b>£3</b>	26
30 Aug	<b>Small World Cinema: Minuscule (U)</b>	Film Screening	Beeston Library	<b>£1</b>	31
30 Aug – 29 Sep	<b>Black British Ballet: Into The Light</b>	Exhibition	Worksop Library	<b>FREE</b>	14
1 Sep	<b>Blessin Adams, Thou Savage Woman</b>	Author Event	Beeston Library	<b>£5</b>	17
2 – 29 Sep	<b>Paying it Forward: A Veteran's Story by Paul Saxby</b>	Exhibition	Beeston Library	<b>FREE</b>	27
2 – 29 Sep	<b>Victory Nottinghamshire</b>	Exhibition	Beeston Library	<b>FREE</b>	28
3 Sep	<b>Connect &amp; Create</b>	Art Workshop	Retford Library	<b>£3</b>	32
3 Sep – 11 Oct	<b>Nuclear Bunker: A Creative Archive</b>	Exhibition	Arnold Library	<b>FREE</b>	28
5 Sep	<b>Songs &amp; Scones</b>	Live Music	Retford Library	<b>£3</b>	32
6 Sep	<b>Willow for the Garden with Katrine Scott-Mitchell</b>	Workshop	Beeston Library	<b>£35</b>	26
From 8 Sep	<b>Adventures in Music*</b>	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	<b>FREE</b>	11
From 8 Sep	<b>The Lullaby Bank*</b>	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	<b>FREE</b>	11
10 Sep	<b>Songs &amp; Scones</b>	Live Music	Hucknall Library	<b>£3</b>	32
10 Sep	<b>Stan &amp; Ollie (PG)</b>	Film Screening	Beeston Library	<b>£1</b>	30

\* See page event listing for full dates and times. ▼ Free for accompanying adults.

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10 – 30 Sep	<b>I Am An Artist</b>	Exhibition	Mansfield Central Library	<b>FREE</b>	27
12 Sep	<b>The Horse and Nottinghamshire's Country House Stables</b>	Heritage Talk	Workshop Library	<b>FREE</b>	21
12 – 21 Sep	<b>Heritage Open Days: Architecture</b>	Heritage	Various Inspire Libraries	<b>FREE</b>	20
13 Sep	<b>Architectural Curiosities of Retford</b>	Heritage Talk	Retford Library	<b>FREE</b>	20
13 Sep	<b>Archives Escape!</b>	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	<b>FREE</b>	20
15 Sep	<b>Jazz Steps: Wendy Kirkland Trio</b>	Live Music	Beeston Library	<b>£13</b>	19
16 Sep	<b>Jazz Steps: Wendy Kirkland Trio</b>	Live Music	Workshop Library	<b>£13</b>	19
16 Sep	<b>Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Nottinghamshire</b>	Heritage Talk	West Bridgford Library	<b>FREE</b>	20
17 Sep	<b>Black British Ballet: Presented by Dr Bourne</b>	Heritage Talk	Beeston and Workshop Library	<b>FREE</b>	14
17 Sep	<b>Jazz Steps: Wendy Kirkland Trio</b>	Live Music	West Bridgford Library	<b>£13</b>	19
17 Sep	<b>Mind &amp; Movement</b>	Workshop	Hucknall Library	<b>FREE</b>	32
18 Sep	<b>Archives Tour</b>	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	<b>FREE</b>	21
22 Sep	<b>Black British Ballet: Dance Workshop</b>	Dance Workshop	The Old Library, Mansfield	<b>FREE</b>	14
24 Sep	<b>Connect &amp; Create</b>	Art Workshop	Hucknall Library	<b>£3</b>	32
24 Sep	<b>Digging Deeper: Unearthing Nottinghamshire's Landscape Past</b>	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	<b>£6</b>	25
25 Sep – 2 Oct	<b>Inspire Poetry Festival 2025</b>	Poetry	Various Inspire Libraries	<b>VARIOUS</b>	18
26 Sep	<b>Mind &amp; Movement</b>	Workshop	Retford Library	<b>FREE</b>	32
27 Sep	<b>Black British Ballet at Inspire Poetry Festival: Poetry Workshop</b>	Writing Workshop	Workshop Library	<b>FREE</b>	15
27 Sep	<b>Small World Cinema: The Red Balloon</b>	Film Screening	Southwell Library	<b>FREE</b>	31
27 Sep	<b>Virtual Reality Library</b>	VR Experience	Beeston Library	<b>FREE</b>	33
1 Oct	<b>Connect &amp; Create</b>	Art Workshop	Retford Library	<b>£3</b>	32
2 Oct	<b>Bright Star (PG)</b>	Film Screening	Southwell Library	<b>£3</b>	31
3 Oct	<b>Songs &amp; Scones</b>	Live Music	Retford Library	<b>£3</b>	32
3 Oct – 10 Nov	<b>Victory Nottinghamshire</b>	Exhibition	West Bridgford Library	<b>FREE</b>	28
3 Oct – 12 Nov	<b>Paying it Forward: A Veteran's Story by Paul Saxby</b>	Exhibition	West Bridgford Library	<b>FREE</b>	27
3 Oct – 20 Nov	<b>I Am An Artist</b>	Exhibition	Workshop Library	<b>FREE</b>	27
4 Oct	<b>Fun Palace</b>	Community	Workshop Library	<b>FREE</b>	9
4 – 5 Oct	<b>Virtual Reality Library</b>	VR Experience	Workshop Library	<b>FREE</b>	33
4 Oct – 12 Nov	<b>The Big Draw 2025: Drawn Together</b>	Exhibition	Mansfield Central Library	<b>FREE</b>	13
4 Oct – 30 Nov	<b>Unearthed</b>	Exhibition	Workshop Library	<b>FREE</b>	26
7 Oct	<b>Family History One to One Sessions</b>	Heritage	Online or phone	<b>FREE</b>	24
8 Oct	<b>Inspire AGM</b>	Meeting	Beeston Library or online	<b>FREE</b>	
8 Oct	<b>On Moonlight Bay (U)</b>	Film Screening	Mansfield Central Library	<b>£1</b>	30
8 Oct	<b>Songs &amp; Scones</b>	Live Music	Hucknall Library	<b>£3</b>	32
11 Oct	<b>Black British Ballet: Dance Photography Workshop</b>	Workshop	Mansfield Central and Beeston Libraries	<b>FREE</b>	15
11 Oct	<b>Roots of Music</b>	Family Concert	Hucknall Library	<b>£4/£7</b>	10
11 – 12 Oct	<b>Virtual Reality Library</b>	VR Experience	Mansfield Central Library	<b>FREE</b>	33
13 Oct	<b>Jazz Steps: Stuart McCallum</b>	Live Music	Beeston Library	<b>£13</b>	19
14 Oct	<b>Jazz Steps: Stuart McCallum</b>	Live Music	Workshop Library	<b>£13</b>	19
15 Oct	<b>Collections Care for Photographs</b>	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	<b>£6</b>	25
15 Oct	<b>Historic Gardens of Nottinghamshire</b>	Heritage Talk	Workshop Library	<b>£3</b>	22
15 Oct	<b>Jazz Steps: Stuart McCallum</b>	Live Music	West Bridgford Library	<b>£13</b>	19

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From 20 Oct	<b>The Big Draw 2025: Drawn Together*</b>	Family Workshops	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	13
21 Oct	Water Mills of Mansfield	Heritage Talk	Mansfield Central Library	£3	22
21 – 24 Oct	Made By Katie Green presents: The Story Detectives*	Family Theatre	Hucknall, Newark, Worksop and Mansfield Libraries	FREE	7
22 Oct	Connect & Create	Art Workshop	Hucknall Library	£3	32
22 Oct	Milly Johnson	Author Event	Worksop Library	£5	17
24 Oct	Mind & Movement	Workshop	Retford Library	FREE	32
25 Oct	The Minute Memoir	Writing Workshop	Kimberley Library	FREE	17
27 Oct	Black British Ballet: Dance Photography Workshop	Workshop	Newark and Retford Libraries	FREE	15
28 Oct	Odd Occupations	Heritage Talk	Mansfield Central Library	£3	22
29 Oct	Badgers Are Go! with Susannah Lloyd	Children's Author Event	Mansfield Central and Worksop Libraries	£3*	9
29 Oct	Black British Ballet: Dance Workshop	Dance Workshop	The Old Library, Mansfield	FREE	14
30 Oct	Monster Makeovers with Jonathan Emmett	Children's Author Event	West Bridgford and Beeston Libraries	£3*	9
1 – 29 Nov	I Am A Storyteller *	Family Workshops	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	12
4 Nov	Rogues, Vagabonds, or Heroes? The Story of the Rufford Park Poachers	Heritage Talk	Southwell Library	£3	23
4 Nov – 20 Dec	Inspire Community Open Exhibition 2025	Exhibition	Beeston Library	FREE	29
5 Nov	Connect & Create	Art Workshop	Retford Library	£3	32
7 Nov	Ask A Conservator Day	Heritage	Online	FREE	25
7 Nov	Songs & Scones	Live Music	Retford Library	£3	32
10 Nov	Jazz Steps: Zoë Gilby Quartet	Live Music	Beeston Library	£13	19
11 Nov	Jazz Steps: Zoë Gilby Quartet	Live Music	Worksop Library	£13	19
12 Nov	Jazz Steps: Zoë Gilby Quartet	Live Music	West Bridgford Library	£13	19
12 Nov	Songs & Scones	Live Music	Hucknall Library	£3	32
13 Nov	Black British Ballet: Panel Event	Panel Event	West Bridgford Library	FREE	15
14 Nov	A Matter of Life and Death (U)	Film Screening	West Bridgford Library	£3	31
15 Nov	Christmas Market	Market	Stapleford and Sutton-in-Ashfield Libraries	FREE	34
15 Nov	Roots of Music	Family Concert	Worksop Library	£4/£7	10
15 Nov – 4 Jan	<b>The Big Draw 2025: Drawn Together</b>	Exhibition	West Bridgford Library	FREE	13
15 Nov	Inspire Youth Arts presents: Able Orchestra 360	Live Music	Fletchers Theatre	£3	35
18 Nov	Sherwood Boys: Biography of a Battalion	Heritage Talk	Mansfield Central Library	£3	23
19 Nov	Mind & Movement	Workshop	Hucknall Library	FREE	32
19 Nov	Women of the British Civil Wars	Heritage Talk	Beeston Library	£3	22
19 Nov	WW1 SGT William Henry Johnson VC	Heritage Talk	Worksop Library	£3	24
20 Nov	Archives Tour	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£6	25
24 Nov	Exploring Parish Registers	Heritage	Newark Library	FREE	24
26 Nov	Connect & Create	Art Workshop	Hucknall Library	£3	32
28 Nov	Mind & Movement	Workshop	Retford Library	FREE	32
29 Nov	Christmas Market	Market	Worksop Library	FREE	34
29 Nov	Christmas Market	Market	Eastwood Library	FREE	34
29 Nov	Christmas Market	Market	Mansfield Central Library	FREE	34
29 Nov	Roots of Music	Family Concert	Arnold Library	£4/£7	10



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