Inspire Libraries & Beyond What’s On August – November 2025

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### **Booking Information**

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

Eventbrite is our ticket provider. [Read their accessibility statement on their website.](https://www.eventbrite.com/l/accessibility/)

### **Access**

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

Please let us know if you require a wheelchair for ticketed events or have access needs. [Visit your local library webpage](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/find-a-library/) for more information.

### **Accreditations**

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

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

[Find out more about our vision and values on our website.](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/work-for-us/inspire-values-and-culture/)

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### **Children and Families**

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

[**Story Garden: Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/childrens-library/summer-reading-challenge/)

* All libraries – Saturday 5 July – Sunday 7 September

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.

Free. Sign-up at your local library.

Exhibition

[**Seed**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/artist-author-residence/)

* Hucknall, Kirkby-in-Ashfield and Mansfield Central Libraries – Saturday 12 July – Sunday 7 September

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.

Free. No booking required.

Family Workshops

[**Seed**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-and-young-peoples/seed-family-workshops/)

* Sutton-in-Ashfield Library – Saturday 9 August, 10am
* Beeston Library – Monday 11 August, 10am
* West Bridgford Library – Monday 11 August, 2pm
* Southwell Library – Tuesday 12 August, 10am
* Newark Library – Tuesday 12 August, 2pm
* Retford Library – Wednesday 13 August, 10am
* Worksop Library – Wednesday 13 August, 2pm
* Hucknall Library – Thursday 14 August, 10am
* Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – Thursday 14 August, 2pm
* Arnold Library – Friday 15 August, 10am
* Bingham Library – Friday 15 August, 2pm
* Mansfield Central Library – Saturday 6 September. Drop-in between 11am – 3pm. Part of The Full Shebang Festival.

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. For ages 7+.

Free. Booking required.

Family Theatre

[**The Quest for Planet P! Presented by Knotted Hawk Productions**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-and-young-peoples/family-theatre-the-quest-for-planet-p/)

Follow Ozmo & Orbi, two brave little aliens, as they set off on an amazing journey to find the perfect planet! An interactive dance theatre show.

* Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library: Tuesday 12 August - 10.30am
* Hucknall Library: Tuesday 12 August - 2.30pm
* Mansfield Central Library: Wednesday 13 August - 11am and 2pm
* Newark Library: Thursday 14 August - 10.30am
* Bingham Library: Thursday 14 August - 2.30pm
* Retford Library: Friday 15 August - 10.30am
* Worksop Library: Friday 15 August - 2.30pm
* Arnold Library: Saturday 16 August - 10.30am
* Beeston Library: Saturday 16 August - 2.30pm
* West Bridgford Library: Sunday 17 August - 11.30am
* Southwell Library: Sunday 17 August - 3.30pm

For ages 4 – 9 and their families.

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

Family Theatre

[**Scoot Theatre and Farnham Maltings present Mrs Armitage on Wheels**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-and-young-peoples/family-theatre-mrs-armitage-on-wheels/)

* Mansfield Central Library – Sunday 10 August, 11.30am and1.30pm

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. For ages 3+ and their families.

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

Family Theatre

[**Made by Katie Green presents The Story Detectives**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-and-young-peoples/family-theatre-the-story-detectives/)

* Hucknall Library: Tuesday 21 October - 2pm
* Newark Library: Wednesday 22 October - 2pm
* Workshop Library: Thursday 23 October - 2pm
* Mansfield Central Library: Friday 24 October- 2pm

Join The Story Detectives Playful and Particular as they embark on an exciting, danced journey through your library. For ages 3 – 8.

Free. Booking advised.

Children’s Illustrator Visit

[**Create Your Own Action-packed Comic with Allen Fatimaharan**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/search/?q=allen+fatimaharan)

* Beeston Library – Tuesday 5 August, 11am
* West Bridgford Library – Tuesday 5 August, 2.30pm

A fun visual storytelling and character design workshop for ages 7 – 10.

£3 for children. Accompanying adults free. Booking advised.

Children’s Author Event

[**Snails of the Unexpected with Terrie Chilvers**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/search/?q=terrie+chilvers)

* Newark Library – Friday 8 August, 10.30am
* Bingham Library – Friday 8 August, 2pm

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. For ages 5+.

£3 for children. Accompanying adults free. Booking advised.

Children’s Author Event

[**Badgers are Go! With Susannah Lloyd**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/search/?q=badgers)

* Mansfield Central Library – Wednesday 19 October, 11am
* Worksop Library – Wednesday 19 October, 2.30pm

For ages 7 – 11.

Join children’s author Susannah Lloyd for a fun workshop centred around her book Badgers Are Go!

£3 for children. Accompanying adults free. Booking advised.

Children’s Author Event

[**Monster Makeovers with Jonathan Emmett**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/search/?q=monster+makeovers)

* West Bridgford Library – Thursday 30 October, 10.30am
* Beeston Library – Thursday 30 October, 2pm

Join author Jonathan Emmett for a rib-tickling rhyme about a spooky salon, followed by the chance to create your own monstrous makeover collage. For ages 4 – 8.

£3 for children. Accompanying adults free. Booking advised.

Community

[**Fun Palaces**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/worksop-library-fun-palace-2025/)

* Saturday 4 October, 10am – 3pm.

A day of fun and free arts, science, music and cultural activities for all the family.

Free. No booking required.

Family Concert

[**Roots of Music**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-young-people/family-concerts/)

* Hucknall Library – Saturday 11 October, 1pm
* Worksop Library – Saturday 15 November, 1pm
* Arnold Library – Saturday 29 November, 1pm

An exciting family concert exploring the roots of music. For ages 7 – 11.

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

Under 5s

[**Little Creatives**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/little-creatives/)

Taking place monthly at 12 Inspire Libraries. [See website for full details.](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/little-creatives/)

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

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

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

Free. Booking essential.

**Under 5s**

**[Adventures in Music](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-and-families/)**

Starting from 8 September.

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

Suitable for children aged 2 – 5.

Children must be supervised throughout the sessions.

Start dates for each library will vary. For full dates and times visit: <https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-and-families/>

Libraries include:

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

£30. Booking Advised.

Under 5s

[**The Lullaby Bank**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/children-and-families/)

At various Inspire Libraries starting from Libraries include:

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

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

Free. Booking advised.

Family Workshops

[**I Am A Storyteller**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/i-am-a-storyteller-storyteller-workshops)

* Mansfield Central Library – Saturday 1 November
* Harworth and Bircotes Library – Saturday 1 November
* Hucknall Library – Saturday 8 November
* Ollerton Library - Saturday 8 November
* Newark Library – Saturday 15 November
* Langold Library – Saturday 15 November
* Worksop Library – Saturday 22 November
* Blidworth Library – Saturday 22 November
* Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library – Saturday 29 November
* Bilsthorpe Library – Saturday 29 November

All sessions 10am – 12pm.

Story creating and sharing workshops for families led by a professional storyteller. For ages 7+.

Free. Booking advised.

Exhibition

[**The Big Draw 2025: Drawn Together**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/big-draw/the-big-draw-2025-drawn-together/)

* Mansfield Central Library: Saturday 4 October - Wednesday 12 November 2025
* West Bridgford Library: Saturday 15 November - Sunday 4 January 2026
* Beeston Library: Wednesday 7 January - Wednesday 18 February 2026
* Worksop Library: Saturday 21 February - Sunday 29 March 2026

An exhibition showing the story of the The Big Draw project.

Free. No booking required.

Family Workshops

[**The Big Draw 2025: Drawn Together**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/the-big-draw-2025-drawn-together-workshops/)

Monday 20 October

* Mansfield Central Library: 10am - 12pm
* Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library: 2pm - 4pm

Tuesday 21 October

* Bingham Library: 10am - 12pm
* Southwell Library: 2pm - 4pm

Thursday 23 October

* Hucknall Library: 10am - 12pm
* Arnold Library: 2pm - 4pm

Saturday 25 October

* Sutton-in-Ashfield Library: 10am - 12pm

Tuesday 28 October 2025

* Worksop Library: 10am - 12pm
* Retford Library: 2pm - 4pm

Thursday 30 October 2025

* Beeston Library: 10am - 12pm
* West Bridgford Library: 2pm - 4pm

Saturday 1 November 2025

* Newark Library: 10am - 12pm

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

Free. No booking required. For ages 10+.

### **Black British Ballet**

Exhibition

[**Black British Ballet**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/black-british-ballet/)[**Into the Light Exhibition**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/black-british-ballet/)

* Worksop Library: Saturday 30 August – Monday 29 September

This 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.

Free. No booking required.

Heritage Talk

[**Black British Ballet presented by Dr Bourne**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/black-british-ballet/)

* Worksop Library – Wednesday 17 September, 10am
* Beeston Library - Wednesday 17 September, 2pm

Find out more about the hidden history of Black British ballet from the 1940s to the present day. Suitable for ages 9+.

Free. Booking required.

Dance Workshop

[**Black British Ballet**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/black-british-ballet/)

* The Old Library, Mansfield – Monday 22 September, 5.30pm (for ages 7 – 15) and Wednesday 29 October, 10am (for ages 11 – 18)

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

Free. Booking required.

Writing Workshop

[**Black British Ballet Poetry Workshop**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/black-british-ballet/)

* Worksop Library – Saturday 27 September, 11am and 2pm

Taking parts of the Into the Light exhibition as our inspiration, explore your poetic and balletic ideas!

Free. Booking required.

Workshop

[**Black British Ballet Dance Photography Workshop**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/black-british-ballet/)

* Mansfield Central Library – Saturday 11 October, 11am
* Beeston Library - Saturday 11 October, 2pm
* Newark Library – Monday 27 October, 10am
* Bingham Library – Monday 27 October, 2pm

A practical group session for budding photographers to learn more about movement and dance photography.

Sony mirrorless cameras are provided, or participants can bring their own. For ages 14+.

Free. Booking advised.

Panel Event

[**Black British Ballet**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/black-british-ballet/)

* West Bridgford Library – Thursday 13 November, 7pm

Join us for a joyful and enlightening celebration of Black dancers in British ballet. For ages 11+.

Free. Booking advised.

### **Reading**

Writing Workshop

[**Bad Ideas Club with Bad Betty Press**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/writing-workshops-bad-ideas-club-2025/)

Mansfield Central Library

* Saturday 9 August
* Saturday 16 August
* Saturday 23 August

Newark Library

* Wednesday 3 September
* Wednesday 10 September
* Wednesday 17 September

Hucknall Library

* Saturday 6 September
* Saturday 13 September
* Saturday 20 September

Join a professional poet for a relaxed poetry workshop where you can share your ideas and work on new projects.

All sessions run 11am – 1pm.

Free. Booking required.

Writing Workshop

[**The Minute Memoir**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/writing-workshops-the-minute-memoir/)

* Edwinstowe Library – Saturday 23 August, 11am
* Kimberley Library – Saturday 25 October, 11am

Free, guided life writing sessions with writers Anthony Cropper and Eve Makis. For ages 16+.

Free. Booking required.

Author Event

[**Blessin Adams: Thou Savage Woman**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/blessinadams-beeston-library/)

* Beeston Library – Monday 1 September, 7pm

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.

£5. Booking advised.

Author Visit

[**Milly Johnson**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/milly-johnson/)

* Worksop Library – Wednesday 22 October, 7pm

Join Milly Johnson as she celebrates the publication of her 23rd Novel.

£5. Booking advised.

Reading

**[Inspire Poetry Festival 2025](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/inspire-poetry-festival-2025/)**

* At various Inspire Libraries from 25 September – 2 October

A week of wonderful words including performances, workshops, films and exhibitions. Various prices.

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

Live Music

[**Wendy Kirkland Trio Plus Guest**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/jazz-libraries/)

* Beeston Library – Monday 15 September, 7.30pm
* Worksop Library – Tuesday 16 September, 7.30pm
* West Bridgford Library – Wednesday 17 September, 7.30pm

A rare opportunity to enjoy a memorable evening of ‘jazz noir’ linked with the cult film classic, Get Carter.

£13. For ages 18+.

Live Music

[**Stuart McCallum**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/jazz-libraries/)

* Beeston Library – Monday 13 October, 7.30pm
* Worksop Library – Tuesday 14 October, 7.30pm
* West Bridgford Library – Wednesday 15 October, 7.30pm

From jazz beginnings to alt-folk and electronica, Stuart McCallum’s playing inventively blurs music genres.

£13. For ages 18+.

Live Music

[**Zoë Gilby Quartet**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/jazz-libraries/)

* Beeston Library – Monday 10 November, 7.30pm
* Worksop Library – Tuesday 11 November, 7.30pm
* West Bridgford Library – Wednesday 12 November, 7.30pm

Zoë Gilby is an exuberant jazz singer and songwriter, winner of Parliamentary Jazz Awards Vocalist of the Year 2019.

£13. For ages 18+.

### **Heritage**

Heritage Open Days 2025: Architecture

* 12 – 21 September

England’s largest festival of history and culture. Enjoy free events as part of Heritage Open Days.

Heritage

**[Archives Escape!](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/heritage/archives-escape/)**

* Nottinghamshire Archives – Saturday 13 September, 10am – 1.30pm (one-hour slots)

You have become trapped inside Nottinghamshire Archives! Solve the clues from historical records and use augmented reality to find an escape.

Free. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

[**Architectural Curiosities of Retford**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/architectural-curiosities-of-retford-retford-library/)

* Retford Library – Saturday 13 September, 1.30pm

Join Bassetlaw District Council’s Conservation Manager, Michael Tagg, as he explores the town’s special architecture.

Free. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

[**Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Nottinghamshire**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/heritage-talk-recent-archaeological-discoveries-in-nottinghamshire-west-bridgford-library/)

* West Bridgford Library – Tuesday 16 September, 2pm

A fascinating talk on recent archaeological revelations from across Nottinghamshire.

Free. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

[**The Horse and Nottinghamshire’s Country House Stables**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/the-horse-and-nottinghamshires-country-house-stables-worksop-library/)

* Worksop Library – Thursday 18 September, 10.30am

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

Free. Booking required.

Heritage

[**Archives Tour**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/heritage/heritage/)

* Nottinghamshire Archives – Thursday 18 September, 10.30am

An introduction to Nottinghamshire Archives with a tour of the search room and storage areas. A chance to view some unique and incredible highlights from the collections. Interact in new ways with history through Augmented Reality on your own tablet or smartphone device.

Free. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

[**Historic Gardens of Nottinghamshire**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/heritage-talk-historic-gardens-of-nottinghamshire-worksop-library/)

* Worksop Library – Wednesday 15 October, 2pm

A talk on the wealth of gardening heritage remaining in Nottinghamshire.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

[**Water Mills of Mansfield**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/water-mills-of-mansfield/)

* Tuesday 21 October, 2pm

Local historian Denis Hill looks at the dozen or so water mills that once operated along the River Maun.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

[**Odd Occupations**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/heritage-talk-odd-occupations/)

* West Bridgford Library - Tuesday 28 October, 2pm

60 old and vanished occupations in 60 Minutes - some familiar, others you may never have heard of.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

[**Women of the British Civil Wars 1642 - 1659**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/heritage-talk-women-of-the-british-civil-wars-1642-1659/)

* Beeston Library - Wednesday 19 November, 2pm

Women played a significant role in the conflicts known as the British Civil Wars. Learn how Nottinghamshire women played their part.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

[**Rogues, Vagabonds, or Heroes? The Story of the Rufford Park Poachers**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/rogues-vagabonds-or-heroes-southwell/)

* Southwell Library – Tuesday 4 November, 2pm

This talk by local historian Sam Millard tells of a violent clash between poachers and gamekeepers on the Rufford Abbey estate.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

[**Sherwood Boys: Biography of a Battalion**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/sherwood-boys-biography-of-a-battalion/)

* Mansfield Central Library – Tuesday 18 November, 2pm

Hear the story of how the 2/5th Sherwood Foresters, a Territorial battalion, developed during the Second World War.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage Talk

[**WW1 SGT William Henry Johnson VC**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/heritage-talk-worksops-ww1-vc-william-henry-johnson-worksop-library/)

* Worksop Library – Wednesday 19 November, 2pm

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.

£3. Booking required.

Heritage

[**Family History One to One Sessions**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/family-history-one-to-one-session-october-2024/)

* Online or phone – Tuesday 7 October - 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm or 3.30pm

Free. Booking required.

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

Heritage

[**Exploring Parish Registers**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/exploring-parish-registers-at-newark-library/)

* Newark Library – Monday 24 November, 2pm

A small group session to talk about the history of Nottinghamshire’s parish registers.

Free. Booking required.

Heritage

[**Digging Deeper: Unearthing Nottinghamshire’s Landscape Past**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/diggingdeeper/)

* Nottinghamshire Archives - Wednesday 24 September, 2.15pm

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.

£6. Booking required.

Heritage

[**Collections Care for Photographs**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/handling-and-care-of-photographs-workshop-tickets-1469947676069/)

* Nottinghamshire Archives – Wednesday 15 October, 10.30am

A talk and display covering ways to identify different types of photographic processes, and how to handle and store them for long term preservation.

Heritage Talk

Archives Tour

* Nottinghamshire Archives – Thursday 20 November, 10.30am

An introduction to Nottinghamshire Archives with a tour of the search room and storage areas. A chance to view some unique and incredible highlights from the collections. Interact in new ways with history through Augmented Reality on your own tablet or smartphone device.

£6. Booking required.

### **Living Knowledge Network**

Exhibition

[**Unearthed: The Power of Gardening**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/unearthed-the-power-of-gardening/)

* Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library: Friday 11 July – Saturday 9 August
* Nottinghamshire Archives: Friday 15 August – Friday 26 September
* Worksop Library: Saturday 4 October – Sunday 30 November

A taster of the Unearthed Exhibition exploring the transformative power of gardening that is on display at the British Library’s St Pancras site in May 2025.

Free. No booking required.

Talk

[**Beth The Gardener: Tales from My Trowel!**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/beth-the-gardener-tales-from-my-trowel-arnold-library/)

* Arnold Library – Saturday 30 August, 10.30am

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.

£3. Booking advised.

Workshop

[**Willow for the Garden with Katrine Scott-Mitchell**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/willow-weaving-for-the-garden-with-katrine-scott-mitchell/)

* Beeston Library – Saturday 6 September, 10am

Learn to make a willow poppy seed head sculpture. All materials and equipment provided. For ages 18+.

£35. Booking required.

### **Exhibitions**

Exhibition

[**I Am An Artist**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/i-am-a-creator-exhibitions/)

* Mansfield Central Library: Wednesday 10 September – Tuesday 30 September
* Worksop Library: Friday 3 October – Thursday 20 November

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

Free. No booking required.

Exhibition

**[Paying It Forward: A Veteran’s Story by Paul Saxby](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/search/?q=paying+it+forward+)**

* Worksop Library: Saturday 19 July – Thursday 28 August
* Beeston Library: Tuesday 2 September – 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.

Free. No booking required.

Exhibition

[**Victory Nottinghamshire: Commemorating the Counties Role in the Second World War**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/exhibitions/)

* Worksop Library: Saturday 19 July – Wednesday 13 August
* Beeston Library: Tuesday 2 September – Monday 29 September
* West Bridgford Library: Friday 3 October – Monday 10 November

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

Free. No booking required.

Exhibition

**[Nuclear Bunker: A Creative Archive](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/exhibitions/)**

* Arnold Library: Wednesday 3 September – Saturday 11 October

An exhibition exploring an abandoned Nottingham nuclear bunker through the eyes of photographers.

Free. No booking required.

Exhibition

[**Wrapped**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/wrapped-exhibition-coming-soon/)

* West Bridgford Library: Saturday 16 August – Monday 29 September

An exhibition of scarves knitted by Nottinghamshire knitters as part of the 2025 Inspire Charity Knitting Challenge.

Free. No booking required.

Exhibition

[**Inspire Community Open Exhibition 2025**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/inspire-community-open-exhibition-2025/)

* Beeston Library: Tuesday 4 November – Saturday 20 December

A display of creative talent from Nottinghamshire artists.

Free. No booking required.

### **Film Events**

Our relaxed and dementia friendly film screenings are suitable for all and include a break and refreshments. Dementia friendly film screenings are particularly suitable for those with memory challenges, and relaxed screenings are ideal for neurodiverse families.

Dementia Friendly

[**Frankie and Johnny (U)**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/dementia-friendly-film-screening-of-frankie-and-johnny/)

* Mansfield Central Library – Wednesday 6 August, 1.30pm

A riverboat singer with a weakness for gambling wants to find his lucky redhead, but his girlfriend Frankie is not amused.

£1. Booking advised.

Dementia Friendly

[**Stan & Ollie (PG)**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/dementia-friendly-film-screening-of-stan-and-ollie-beeston/)

* Beeston Library – Wednesday 10 September, 2pm

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.

£1. Booking advised.

Dementia Friendly

[**On Moonlight Bay (U)**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/dementia-friendly-film-screening-of-on-moonlight-bay/)

* Mansfield Central Library – Wednesday 8 October, 1.30pm

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

£1. Booking advised.

Family Film and Activity

[**Small World Cinema: Miniscule (U)**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/small-world-cinema-minuscule-beeston/)

* Beeston Library – Saturday 30 August, 10am craft and 10.30am film.

Make a bug headband and shadowy insect art before watching the French animation, Miniscule: Valley of the Ants. For ages 5+.

£1. Booking advised.

Family Film and Activity

[**Small World Cinema: The Red Balloon (PG)**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/small-world-cinema-the-red-balloon-southwell-u/)

* Southwell Library – Saturday 27 September, 10am, 11.30am and 1pm.

A screening of The Red Balloon with accompanying drop-in activity for ages 5+. Part of the Inspire Poetry Festival.

Free. Booking advised for the screenings.

Film Screening

[**Bright Star (PG)**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/inspire-poetry-festival-bright-star-pg/)

* Southwell Library – Thursday 2 October, 2pm

A special Poetry Festival film screening celebrating a much-loved English poet.

£3. Booking advised.

Relaxed Screening

[**A Matter of Life and Death (U)**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/relaxed-film-screening-of-a-matter-of-life-and-death-west-bridgford/)

* West Bridgford Library – Friday 14 November, 7pm

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.

£3. Booking advised.

Community

[**Sing With Friends**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/memorable-movies-sing-with-friends/)

* Eastwood Library – Mondays at 1.30pm starting Monday 8 September.
* Mansfield Central Library – Wednesdays at 1.30pm starting from 10 September
* Sutton-in-Ashfield Library – Tuesdays at 2pm starting from 16 September

An hour of reminiscence using music from the movies and other favourites - with chat, tea and biscuits! [Visit the webpage for all date listings.](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/memorable-movies-sing-with-friends/)

### **Healthier, Happier, Connected, Creative**

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

Live Music

[**Songs & Scones**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/songs-scones/)

Retford Library:

* Fridays at 2pm on 8 August, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November

Hucknall Library:

* Wednesdays at 2pm on 6 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November

Enjoy a cup of tea, a scone and uplifting live performances from professional musicians.

£3. Booking advised.

Workshop

[**Mind & Movement**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/mind-movement/)

Retford Library:

* Fridays at 2pm on 22 August, 26 September, 24 October, 28 November

Hucknall Library:

* Wednesdays at 2pm on 22 August, 26 September, 24 October and 28 November

Move to music – a friendly mix of light exercise to help with balance, strength and mobility.

Free. Booking required.

Art Workshop

[Connect & Create](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/arts-culture/community/connect-create/)

Retford Library:

* Wednesdays at 2pm on 6 August, 3 September, 1 October and 5 November

Hucknall Library:

* Wednesdays at 2pm on 27 August, 24 September, 22 October and 26 November

Experiment with artistic styles and techniques in a relaxed group.

£3. Booking advised.

### **[Digital Spaces](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/digital-spaces/)**

**Virtual Reality Library**

Beeston Library:

* Saturday 27 September, 10am – 3pm

Worksop Library

* Saturday 4 October, 10am – 3pm
* Sunday 5 October, 12pm – 2pm

Mansfield Central Library

* Saturday11 October, 10am – 3pm
* Sunday 12 October, 12pm – 2pm

A national virtual reality tour visiting four libraries. Drop in, put on a headset and enjoy a thrilling programme. Suitable for ages 10+.

Free. No booking required.

### **Christmas Markets in Libraries**

* Stapleford Library – Saturday 15 November, 10am – 1pm
* Sutton-in-Ashfield Library – Saturday 15 November, 10am – 2pm
* Worksop Library – Saturday 29 November, 9.30am – 2pm
* Eastwood Library – Saturday 29 November, 10am – 1pm
* Mansfield Central Library – Saturday 29 November, 10am – 2pm
* Kimberley Library – Saturday 6 December, 10am – 1pm
* Arnold Library – Saturday 6 December, 10am – 2pm
* Ravenshead Library – Saturday 13 December, 10am – 12pm

Browse handmade items from local makers and enjoy festive family activities.   
Free. No booking required.

### **Live Music**

Live Music

[**eNGine Room Label Showcase in partnership with BBC Introducing**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/iya-engine-room-label-bbc-introducing-showcase/)

* Metronome Nottingham – Friday 15 August, 7pm

An evening of live music from emerging young talent. Suitable for ages 14+.

Free. Booking required.

Live Music

[**Inspire Youth Arts presents Able Orchestra 360**](https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/whats-on/events/inspire-youth-arts-presents-able-orchestra-360/)

* Fletcher’s Theatre – Saturday 15 November, 7pm

A showcase of original music and digital compositions featuring accessible instruments and technology.

£3. Booking required.