

Love Reading

Your reading newsletter from Inspire

Welcome to our Summer issue of Love Reading, containing news and event information especially for Inspire's county-wide community of book-lovers and reading groups.

In this edition, the big news is the [Inspire Poetry Festival](#): The much-loved Southwell Library Poetry Festival is ten years old next month and, thanks to National Lottery funding via Arts Council England, we are celebrating by expanding! Between 11 - 16 July, Mansfield Central, West Bridgford and Worksop libraries will join Southwell in playing host to a plethora of wonderful poets, with a range of readings, talks, workshops and children's activities. Big names include Scottish Makar [Jackie Kay](#), internet sensation [Hollie McNish](#), Radio 4 regular [Paul Farley](#) and local lad made good [Henry Normal](#). More highlights are listed below, full details are [here](#).

There is still time to book your tickets for a [Book Club Live!](#) event at West Bridgford Library next Thursday - don't miss local novelists [Eve Makis](#) and [Anthony Cropper](#) talking about their inspiration and craft and answering your questions about their writing lives.

You recommend:



Plus, more events, book prize news, tips from other readers and a call-out to book groups to get in touch.

Here's to a summer of great reading!

Events for Readers



Book Club Live! with Eve Makis and Anthony Cropper

West Bridgford Library

Thursday 22 June, 7.30pm

£5

Booking essential

Adults (Over 18s)

A special event for book lovers. Join us for an evening of fascinating book chat as two acclaimed writers talk about how they write, live at the library. Find out more about the creation of the books you love - from how writers find their inspiration and develop characters, to their different approaches to ending and editing a story. Featuring:

Marston Moor

by Michael Arnold

"So much of Civil War History has its roots in Nottinghamshire, and the brutality of civil war should be remembered, whenever we doubt the value of parliamentary democracy."

Irene Tissington



Mend the Living

by Maylis de Kerangal

Eve Makis - award-winning and bestselling writer, whose novels include *Land of the Golden Apple* and *The Spice Box Letters*.

Anthony Cropper - author of two novels *Jak* and *Sal and Weatherman*, and winner of the BBC Alfred Bradley Award for Radio Drama for the play *I'll Tell You About Love*.

Book tickets online

A banner for the Inspire Poetry Festival 2017. The left side has a purple background with the text "INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL 2017" in white and yellow. The right side has a blue background with colorful circles and text in white.

**INSPIRE
POETRY
FESTIVAL
2017**

TUESDAY 11 – SUNDAY 16 JULY

**Southwell, West Bridgford,
Mansfield Central and
Workshop Libraries**

**Jackie Kay, Paul Farley, Joseph Coelho,
Hollie McNish, Mahendra Solanki,
Kevin Fegan, Henry Normal and more...**



"A novel about a heart transplant, so poetically written, it weaves together the people, the spaces, the voices and the acts which take place in 24 hours. Amazing. Long listed for the Wellcome Prize and now a major French film."

Lorna Tyson

**Just click on the
book jackets to
be directed to
the title in our
library catalogue**

Summer Reads

Any moment now the weekend papers will be full of summer reading recommendations from the great and the good. What book will you pack to take on holiday? A light romance to read on the beach? Catching



As well as headliners Paul Farley (Southwell), Hollie McNish (West Bridgford and Worksop), Henry Normal (Worksop) and Jackie Kay (Southwell), we are proud to welcome many other fine poets and performers including:

Joanne Limburg at West Bridgford talking about, and reading from, her book *The Autistic Alice* in which she explores her own experience of living with autism;

Panya Banjoko and Abii, also at West Bridgford, performing their soulful fusion of music and lyrics;

Becky Cullen at Worksop sharing her experience of

up on the classics? Perhaps a book exploring the history of your holiday destination? Just send us a few lines about your best holiday reads and we'll feature as many as we have space for in the next issue. [Email us here](#)

Writers: We know that lots of our readers also like to write....

If you write poetry why not join **Matthew Welton** (**Southwell Library, Saturday 15 July, 11am**) for a unique workshop to create a Poetry Myriorama*? Matthew is a master of form and pattern and the workshop promises to be a fantastic opportunity to explore the 'nuts and bolts' of creating poetry.

poetry, peacocks and all things Byron as Poet In Residence at Newstead Abbey;

Kevin Fegan at Mansfield with a workshop about writing from your inspirations followed by a reading of his own poems along with those of workshop participants;

Mahendra Solanki and Candlestick Press at Southwell hosting an Afternoon Tea celebrating the publication of the *Ten Poems About Home*.

Jonathan Davidson and Carol Rowntree Jones, also at Southwell, reading from *The Tree Line*; a new anthology from Worple Press about trees, forests and people. This free launch event includes a complimentary drink.

With fascinating writing workshops, performances for children, drop-in poetry and craft and even a session about how to read poems, the festival offers readers and writers of poetry a wealth of exciting opportunities.

Plus ...

Author Evening with Stephen Booth
Edwinstowe Library



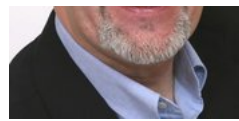
Or brush up your poetry performance skills with **Panya Banjoko (West Bridgford Library, Thursday 13 July, 5pm)**. Based on the theme of 'relationships' this workshop gives writers the chance to explore the creation of poetry with performance at its heart.

Many Inspire libraries host or run Writers' Groups, including Arnold, Kimberley, Mapperly, Retford and Southwell. If you have always wanted to write that novel or poetry, or pen those memoirs, check what support and inspiration is available at your local library and take the plunge!

*A Myriorama is a set of illustrated cards which can be reordered to create a myriad different images. The workshop

Thursday 29 June, 6 - 7.30pm

£2



Local international bestselling crime writer Stephen Booth sets his novels in and around Derbyshire, following DC Ben Cooper and partner DS Diane Fry as they solve thrilling crimes!

Tickets £2

Booking at the library is essential.

Call in to the library, or contact us for more details.

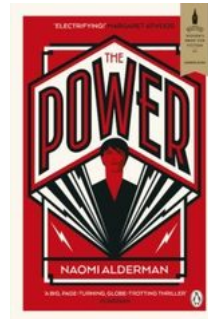
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different images. The workshop will aim to create 'a myriad of words' - lines which will 'work' as a poem regardless of the order in which they are read.

**Calling all book groups:
Tell us about
yourselves!**

If you're in a reading group we'd love to hear how it works. Perhaps you're an existing group of friends, or maybe you only came to know each other through the group. Do you take it in turns to choose a book? Do you have a zero tolerance policy on turning up without having read every page? Do you structure the conversation or just dive straight in?

[Email us](#) about your group for a special feature in a future



Book Prize News

Bailey's Women's Prize for Fiction

Naomi Alderman's *The Power* took the 2017 prize earlier this month.

Set in the very near future, girls find that with a flick of their fingers they can inflict agonizing pain and even death. With this single twist, the four lives at the heart of Naomi Alderman's extraordinary, visceral

novel are utterly transformed, and we look at the world in an entirely new light.

What if the power were in women's hands?



Shortlisted authors: Kate Ellis, Tana French, Mari Hannah, James Oswald, C.J. Sansom and Andrew Taylor,

Did you vote for your favourite crime writer? This Saturday at the British Library, the winner of the prize, voted for by library users, will be announced. For full details of the shortlist click [here](#), and watch out for the winner's announcement over the weekend..

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a special feature in a future issue. Make sure you include your contact details as we will also be inviting some readers to get involved in other ways.

We have a hunch that *The Power* is going to be a book club favourite. Naomi Alderman was in discussion with Margaret Atwood whilst writing her novel, and comparisons with Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* have been made. Let us know what you think of the book - and if you believe the comparisons with Atwood's modern classic are more than just hype. [Email us.](#)

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