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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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BOOKING EVENTS

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

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WELCOME TO YOUR WINTER WHAT'S ON GUIDE!

2026 is an exciting year as it officially marks the National Year of Reading!

This campaign aims to reignite a culture of reading for pleasure across the UK through the message of **Go All In!** Discover how reading in all its forms can unlock more of what you love.

It's the perfect year to join us for an **author visit**, or to try something new and invent your own stories at one of our **I Am A Storyteller** workshops, perfect for families.

There's no better activity on a cold day than staying indoors and watching your favourite film. We've got even bigger programme of **dementia friendly and relaxed film screenings** this season, ranging from family classics like **The Jungle Book**, to Academy Award winners like **Casablanca**.

We're delighted to bring you a new project called **Hucknall, Skegby and Selston: Then & Now**, which will bring workshops, heritage talks, exhibitions and a celebration event to Ashfield from February.

This is just a small overview of some of the events we've got planned, so do read on to find out what's on near you – including:

HERITAGE, LIVE MUSIC, FAMILY THEATRE, ACTIVITIES FOR U5s, EXHIBITIONS, CHRISTMAS MARKETS, AND MUCH MORE!

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Peter Gaw Chief Executive, Inspire

Peter Gaw



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Booking required



Advised booking



No booking needed



Author Event

KATY WATSON

£5 West Bridgford Library ^(A)

7pm / Thursday 12 February

Join bestselling author Katy Watson for an evening celebrating the golden age of crime fiction with a modern twist. Her delightful *Three Dahlias* series follows three glamorous actresses who turn amateur sleuths when murder strikes. In their latest mystery, *A Deadly Night At The Theatre* (published in hardback July 2025), the Dahlias find themselves caught up in intrigue in London's glittering West End.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Growing up in a family of murder mystery addicts, Katy learned early to look for means, motive and opportunity.

Two careers, a lot of air miles, one husband, two children, three houses and 45 published books for children and adults later, lockdown finally gave Katy the means, motive and opportunity to create her own murder mystery.

The *Three Dahlias* Mysteries are the result.



Photo credit © Hannah Francis.

Author Event

DANNY SCOTT

£3 Sutton-in-Ashfield Library ^(A)

12pm / Saturday 21 February

Hear Danny Scott share stories from his remarkable memoir. There was a time when Danny felt like the undisputed King of Selston – but deep down he knew the real king was coal. In his vivid and funny memoir, Danny recalls growing up in the Nottinghamshire mining village of Selston in the 1970s. Evoking resilience, humour and the changing fortunes of a proud community, *The Undisputed King of Selston* shines a light on a way of life that shaped both a village and an era.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Danny Scott grew up in Selston, serving his apprenticeship as an engineer on leaving school, before moving to London in the 1980s. After a job in counterespionage, he became a private investigator, then a painter and decorator, then an engineer again, before becoming a journalist and interviewing people like Sir Paul McCartney, Mikhail Gorbachev, Usain Bolt and Dave Hill from Slade. He lives in Essex with his wife and their young son.

"PROPER WORKING-CLASS STORIES DON'T GET MUCH OF A LOOK-IN THESE DAYS. A SHAME, REALLY. ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY'RE AS BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN AS THIS ONE."

Noddy Holder





Author Event

MARCUS ALTON:
BRIAN CLOUGH THE LOST TAPES

£3 Mansfield Central Library ^(A)

2pm / Tuesday 24 March

Join award-winning former radio and print journalist and now bestselling author Marcus Alton, as he talks about legendary football manager Brian Clough.

MARCUS MET BRIAN SEVERAL TIMES AND HAS WRITTEN FIVE BOOKS ABOUT 'OLD BIG 'EAD'.

He will be talking about his latest book *Brian Clough The Lost Tapes*, which lifts the lid on a treasure trove of Cloughie stories.

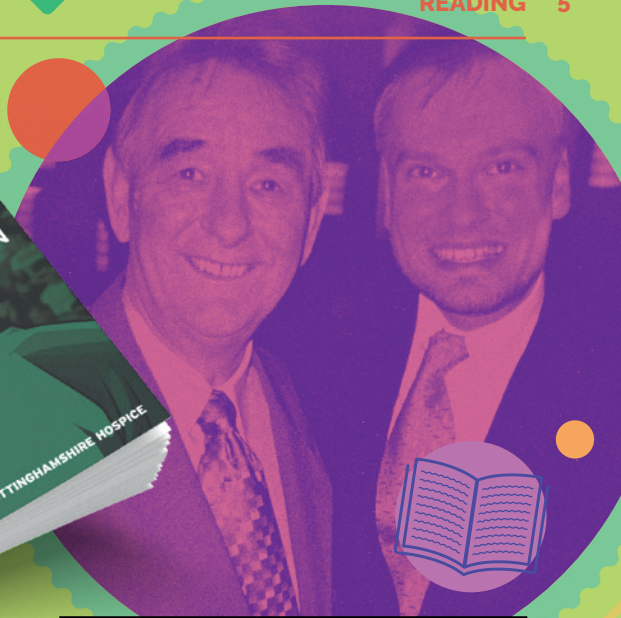
This is a special event with the author who uncovered the classic Clough quote, "I wouldn't say I was the best manager in the business, but I was in the top one."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Marcus hosts the popular *Green Jumper* podcast, which was named as one of the best football podcasts in the world in the 2025 Sports Podcast Awards.

Marcus has been described as 'the leading authority on Brian Clough' while *Four Four Two* magazine hailed him as 'Brian Clough's No1 fan.'

Marcus was born in Nottingham and became the driving force behind the fundraising campaign for the city's Brian Clough statue unveiled by Barbara Clough in 2008.



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The National Year
of Reading 2026.**

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transformative national
campaign designed to
reignite a culture
of reading for pleasure
across the UK.**

Find out more at
inspireculture.org.uk/NYR2026

Family Theatre

**NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE
PRESENTS: THE LITTLE MERMAID**

£4 library members /
£7 non-library members

Workshop Library ^(A)

11am / Saturday 24 January

DIVE INTO A WORLD OF
MAGIC AND MUSIC WITH OUR
ADVENTUROUS MERMAID AND
HER SEA CREATURE FRIENDS.

The little mermaid dreams of a life on the land but finds herself out of her depth when her dreams finally come true. Nottingham Playhouse's brand-new version of a family favourite is the perfect introduction to live theatre and a fin-tastically fun treat!

Specially created for children aged 3 – 8 and their grown-ups.

inspireculture.org.uk/LittleMermaid



AN AMAZING
UNDERWATER
ADVENTURE
AWAITS!

**NOTTINGHAM
PLAYHOUSE**

Under 5s

**MAGICAL MISSIONS!
IN ASSOCIATION WITH
NOTTINGHAM PLAYHOUSE**

£2 Inspire Libraries ^(A)

Mansfield Central Library

10.30am / Monday 26 January

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library

2pm / Monday 26 January

Newark Library

10.30am / Tuesday 27 January

Southwell Library

2pm / Tuesday 27 January

Hucknall Library

10.30am / Wednesday 28 January

Sutton-in-Ashfield Library

2pm / Wednesday 28 January

West Bridgford Library

10.30am / Thursday 29 January

Bingham Library

2pm / Thursday 29 January

Workshop Library

10.30am / Friday 30 January

Retford Library

2pm / Friday 30 January

Beeston Library

10.30am / Saturday 31 January

Arnold Library

2pm / Saturday 31 January

STEP INTO THE LEGENDARY
WORLD OF THE MAGICAL MAJOR
OAK AND JOIN MARIAN AS THE
FOREST IS TRANSFORMED INTO
A SNOWY PLAYGROUND.

Children will love this unique chance to physically explore stories, characters and landscapes led by the theatre making team from Nottingham Playhouse.

These workshop sessions will unleash your child's imagination and stimulate the senses by using music, movement, puppetry, crafting, and sensory play.

For children aged 2 – 4 and their grown-ups.

inspireculture.org.uk/MagicalMissions



Booking Info: ^(B) Booking required

^(A) Advised booking

^(N) No booking needed

Children's Author Event

**WE ARE ALL INVENTORS
WITH KATE PANKHURST**

£3 children /

FREE accompanying adults

Inspire Libraries (A)

**Mansfield Central Library****10.30am / Saturday 7 February****Workshop Library****2pm / Saturday 7 February**

Unleash your imagination
and learn all about inventing!

Kate is the bestselling author
of the internationally successful
Fantastically Great Women series.

This is the perfect introduction to
inventing for the next generation of curious
creators to encourage them to aim high
and dream big! Expect drawing, dressing
up and plenty of incredible inventions!

For children aged 6 – 10.



Kate Pankhurst

Family Theatre

**HALF MOON PRESENTS:
LAST UNICORN AIRWAYS,
A BLANKET FORT CLUB PRODUCTION**

£4 library members /

£7 non-library members

Inspire Libraries (A)

Beeston Library**11am & 2pm / Tuesday 17 February****Mansfield Central Library****11am & 2pm / Wednesday 18 February****Workshop Library****11am & 2pm / Thursday 19 February****TAKE FLIGHT WITH LAST
UNICORN AIRWAYS!**

Join two playful baggage handlers as
they unpack a globe-trotting adventure from
a magical final flight, where every suitcase
tells a story. Among them is *The Flying Trunk*,
a spellbinding Arabian Nights-inspired tale
of a daring storyteller and his enchanted
flying suitcase, adapted from Hans Christian
Andersen's timeless tale.

The show uses playful storytelling to remind
us to see everyday life as an adventure and
to cherish our world and each other - perfect
for families and children, including those
with complex needs and disabilities.

For children aged 4 – 9.

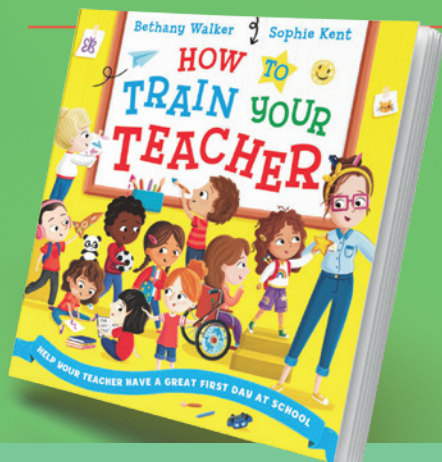
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**STICK AROUND
AFTER THE SHOW
FOR AN IMMERSIVE
HANDS-ON SENSORY
EXPERIENCE!**



Programmed in association with The Spark Arts for Children.



Children's Author Event

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR TEACHER WITH BETHANY WALKER

£3 children /

FREE accompanying adults

Inspire Libraries ^(A)

West Bridgford Library

10.30am / Friday 20 February

Beeston Library

2pm / Friday 20 February

Join Bethany Walker for a fun session of silly stories and awesome activities, inspired by her books. Get inspiration for creating your own funny stories, learn how to train your teacher, test out your myth knowledge, and enjoy a Medusa-themed craft activity.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Bethany Walker is the author of funny books for children. Before becoming a children's writer, Bethany worked in some very weird and wonderful museums as an educator. She now lives in Lincolnshire with her husband, two children and a completely unmanageable garden.

For children aged 5 – 9.



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Family Theatre

THE HERD PRESENTS: COUNTING SHEEPS

£4 library members /

£7 non-library members

Inspire Libraries ^(A)

Manfield Central Library

11am & 1.30pm / Tuesday 31 March

Workshop Library

11am & 1.30pm / Wednesday 1 April

Beeston Library

11am & 1.30pm / Thursday 2 April

A sleepy, sheepy show for babies and toddlers (and very tired grown-ups)

**TWO SHEEP THINK THEY KNOW
EVERYTHING ABOUT SLEEP.
THEY'RE EXPERTS IN THE FIELD.
BUT TONIGHT, THEY'RE WIDE AWAKE.**

Snuggle up and join two sheep on a journey through the joys and frustrations of everything bedtime. A touching, musical adventure filled with sensory play. For 0 – 3 year olds and their (very tired) grown-ups.

inspireculture.org.uk/CountingSheeps

Programmed in association
with The Spark Arts for Children

THE HERD





Family Concert

ROOTS OF MUSIC

£4 library members /
£7 non-library members
Inspire Libraries ^(A)

West Bridgford Library
1pm / Sunday 8 February

Beeston Library
1pm / Saturday 28 February

Sutton-in-Ashfield Library
1pm / Saturday 28 March

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



Family Workshop

MAKE SEED PAPER AND HAVE FUN GROWING! WITH BUS AND BIRD ARTS

FREE Arnold Library ^(N)

10.30am – 12.30pm / Saturday 28 February

A free workshop that's all about recycling. It's easy and fun to make your own naturally coloured seed papers and then to decorate them with natural materials.

You can keep your beautiful creations or give them as gifts. But if you decide to plant them you will have lots of fun watching the seeds grow into beautiful plants!

All children must be accompanied.



No booking needed ^(N)

Advised booking ^(A)

Booking required ^(B)

Booking Info:





CALLING
ALL TINY
ARTISTS!



ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND

Under 5s

LITTLE CREATIVES WORKSHOPS

FREE Inspire Libraries **(B)**

Arnold Library Sat / 7 Feb / 7 Mar

Beeston Library Sat / 14 Feb / 14 Mar

Bingham Library Thu / 12 Feb / 12 Mar

Hucknall Library Fri / 13 Feb / 13 Mar

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library Thu / 19 Feb / 19 Mar

Mansfield Central Library Fri / 6 Feb / 6 Mar

Newark Library Tue / 3 Feb / 3 Mar

Retford Library Sat / 7 Feb / 7 Mar

Southwell Library Thu / 12 Feb / 12 Mar

Sutton-in-Ashfield Library Fri / 13 Feb / 13 Mar

West Bridgford Library Thu / 19 Feb / 19 Mar

Worksop Library Sat / 14 Feb / 14 Mar

CHOOSE YOUR SESSION!

Session 1
10am –
10.45am

OR

Session 2
11.15am
– 12pm

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



Under 5s

ADVENTURES IN MUSIC**£30** 10 weekly sessions / 45 mins each
Inspire Libraries ^(B)

Beeston Thu / 9.30am / Starts 15 Jan
Bingham Tue / 9.45am / Starts 13 Jan
Carlton Thu / 10.45am / Starts 15 Jan
Carlton Hill Wed / 9.45am / Starts 14 Jan
Cotgrave Wed / 12.15pm / Starts 14 Jan
Hucknall Tue / 10.15am / Starts 13 Jan
Kirkby-in-Ashfield Thu / 10.15am / Starts 15 Jan
Mansfield Central Fri / 10.45am / Starts 16 Jan
Newark Wed / 10.45am / Starts 14 Jan
Retford Thu / 10.15am / Starts 15 Jan
Southwell Wed / 1.45pm / Starts 14 Jan
Stapleford Mon / 10.30am / Starts 12 Jan
Sutton-in-Ashfield Tue / 1.15pm / Starts 13 Jan
Workshop Fri / 9.30am / Starts 16 Jan

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.

Suitable for children aged 2 – 5.

Children must be supervised throughout the sessions.

inspireculture.org.uk/Adventures



Under 5s

THE LULLABY BANK**FREE** Inspire Libraries ^(B)

Arnold Fri / 10.15am / Starts 16 Jan
Beeston Thu / 10.30am / Starts 15 Jan
Bingham Tue / 10.30am / Starts 13 Jan
Carlton Thu / 9.30am / Starts 15 Jan
Carlton Hill Wed / 10.30am / Starts 14 Jan
Cotgrave Wed / 1.30pm / Starts 14 Jan
Eastwood Mon / 12pm / Starts 12 Jan
Hucknall Tue / 9am / Starts 13 Jan
Kirkby-in-Ashfield Thu / 9.30am / Starts 15 Jan
Mansfield Central Fri / 9.30am / Starts 16 Jan
Newark Wed / 9.30am / Starts 14 Jan
Southwell Wed / 12.30pm / Starts 14 Jan
Stapleford Mon / 9.15am / Starts 12 Jan
Sutton-in-Ashfield Tue / 12pm / Starts 13 Jan

The Lullaby Bank is a chance for mums and babies to relax and bond in a calm space. Sing and listen to melodies from around the world to soothe and uplift.

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

A partnership between Inspire Music and Music for Everyone.

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





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Family Workshops

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE AND CURIOSITY

FREE Selected Inspire Libraries and across Nottinghamshire ^(B)

9 – 20 February

A JAM-PACKED PROGRAMME OF HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES TO INSPIRE YOUR FAMILY'S CURIOSITY.

Nottinghamshire Festival of Science and Curiosity celebrates science, technology, engineering and maths with interactive, fun and free events across Nottinghamshire. Inspire Libraries are delighted to be hosting a number of events as part of the 2026 programme during February half-term.

LOTS MORE WORKSHOPS STILL TO BE ANNOUNCED!!

Keep updated at inspireculture.org.uk/FOSAC

Family Fun Day

SCIENCE FUN DAY

FREE Mansfield Central Library ^(N)

10am – 2pm / **Monday 16 February**

Join us for a fun-filled day at Mansfield Central Library as we take science, technology, engineering and maths out of the lab and into our everyday lives. Try a variety of fun drop-in activities led by scientists, researchers and students based in Nottinghamshire.

For children aged 5 – 11 and their families.

Produced by Ignite!

The full festival programme will be available at nottsfosac.co.uk with workshops open to book in January.

Calling all teachers!

Mansfield Central Library will host Ignite's Real Science in Schools Symposium on Friday 13 February. Schools can showcase and celebrate students' science projects and pupils have the opportunity to engage with STEM professionals.

Email your interest to: info@ignitefutures.org.uk

FOR KEY STAGE 2 AND 3



Booking Info: ^(B) Booking required

^(A) Advised booking

^(N) No booking needed

Family Workshops

I AM A STORYTELLER

FREE Inspire Libraries 

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

Then don't miss our next installment
of **FREE** storytelling workshops for
families this February 2026.

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.



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 I AM A STORYTELLERS!



Ling Peng



Andy Barrett



Rebecca Dye



Nicky Rafferty



Laura Mabbutt

FREE
STORYTELLING
WORKSHOPS

STORYTELLER	LIBRARY	DATE	TIME
Nicky Rafferty	Mansfield Woodhouse	Saturday 14 February	10am – 12pm
Nicky Rafferty	Sutton-in-Ashfield	Monday 16 February	10am – 12pm
Andy Barrett	Edwinstowe	Tuesday 17 February	1pm – 3pm
Rebecca Dye	Warsop	Tuesday 17 February	2pm – 4pm
Nicky Rafferty	Farnsfield	Wednesday 18 February	10am – 12pm
Laura Mabbutt	Retford	Wednesday 18 February	10am – 12pm
Ling Peng	Balderton	Thursday 19 February	10am – 12pm
Nicky Rafferty	Collingham	Thursday 19 February	10am – 12pm
Andy Barrett	Southwell	Friday 20 February	1pm – 3pm
Rebecca Dye	Skegby and Stanton Hill	Friday 20 February	2pm – 4pm

FIND OUT MORE
inspireculture.org.uk/Storyteller

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY FILMS AT INSPIRE LIBRARIES

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



Dementia Friendly

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (U)

£1 Mansfield Central Library (A)

1.30pm / Wednesday 10 December

An old man who hates Christmas is taught the true meaning and spirit of the season by ghosts who show him his own past, present and future.



Dementia Friendly

CASABLANCA (U)

£1 Sutton-in-Ashfield Library (A)

2pm / Tuesday 10 February

Easy to enter, but much harder to leave, especially if you're wanted by the Nazis. Winner of three Academy Awards including Best Picture, *Casablanca* marks decades as a beloved favourite. No matter how often you've seen it, this looks like yet another beginning of a beautiful friendship with an unforgettable classic.

Dementia Friendly

GOING IN STYLE (12)

£1 Mansfield Central Library (A)

1.30pm / Wednesday 11 March

Desperate to pay their bills and support their loved ones, lifelong pals Willy Davis, Albert Gardner, and Joe Harding risk it all by robbing the bank that absconded with the pension money that they earned from working there for years.



No booking needed

(N)

Advised booking

(A)

Booking required

(B)

Booking Info:

In partnership with Film Hub Midlands, with support from:



RELAXED FILM SCREENINGS AT INSPIRE LIBRARIES

Relaxed family films that are suitable for all. Please feel free to talk, sing and move during the screening.



Dementia Friendly

THE JUNGLE BOOK (U)

£1 Sutton-in-Ashfield Library ^(A)

2pm / Tuesday 24 March

When Bagheera the panther finds baby Mowgli in the Indian jungle, abandoned and vulnerable, he passes him over to a pair of wolves who raise him as one of their own. Little did they know that Shere Khan the tiger's return many years later would mean Mowgli having to leave the jungle for his own safety. Watch as Bagheera and Baloo the bear try to convince Mowgli to re-join human civilisation in this Disney classic, based on Rudyard Kipling's novel *The Jungle Book*.



Relaxed Screening

THE SNOWMAN (U)

£1 West Bridgford Library ^(A)

3.30pm / Sunday 7 December

The Snowman film, adapted from Raymond Briggs's classic picture book, is a family favourite! A beautiful story of a boy whose snowman comes to life at midnight, it has captured the imagination of generations – and continues to enchant!

Enjoy a family craft activity before the film.



Relaxed Screening

GNOMEO AND JULIET(U)

£1 Mansfield Central Library ^(A)

1pm / Saturday 21 February

This comical animated reboot of William Shakespeare's play takes place in the world of warring garden gnomes. Gnomeo and Juliet have as many obstacles to overcome as their quasi namesakes when they are caught up in a feud between neighbours. But with plastic pink flamingos and lawnmower races in the mix, can this young couple find lasting happiness?

Enjoy a family craft activity before the film.



MORE FILMS THIS WAY

All films supported by:



**Nottinghamshire
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A FUN & CHARMING ROMANTIC COMEDY



Relaxed Screening

27 DRESSES (12A)

£1 Sutton-in-Ashfield Library (A)

2pm / Tuesday 3 March

A romantic, completely selfless woman has been a bridesmaid in no less than 27 weddings. Unfortunately, her own happy ending seems to be nowhere in sight. Until her younger sister Tess captures the heart of Jane's boss - on whom Jane has a secret crush - inspiring Jane to change her "always-a-bridesmaid" destiny.

Relaxed Screening

INSIDE OUT (U)

£1 Mansfield Central Library (A)

1.30pm / Wednesday 1 April

After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school.

Enjoy a family craft activity before the film.



Family Film and Activity

SMALL WORLD CINEMA: MUSICAL SHORTS

FREE Sutton-in-Ashfield Library (A)

Craft 1.30pm / Film 2pm /

Wednesday 18 February

A FEAST FOR THE EYES AND EARS!

Join Small World Cinema at Sutton Library for a joyful celebration of sound and music in film. We'll start by crafting our own sound-effect instruments — get ready to make some cool noises with kazooos and rainmakers!

Then, settle in for some fun musical animations that will have you humming along and smiling from ear to ear. A perfect blend of creativity, music, and movie magic for the whole family.

For ages 5+.

Films curated by Flatpack projects.



arcpartnership

Thanks to Arc Partnership for sponsoring the screenings of *Gnomeo and Juliet*, *27 Dresses*, and *Inside Out* through the Libraries Initiative Fund.

SING WITH FRIENDS

Join us for an hour of reminiscence using music from the movies and other favourites – with chat, tea and biscuits! This event is open to all and there's no need to book – just come along and join in!

Mansfield Central Library / 1.30pm

Monthly starting Wednesday 3 December

Sutton in Ashfield Library / 2pm

Monthly starting Tuesday 9 December

Eastwood Library / 1.30pm

Monthly starting Monday 8 December

For all event dates visit: inspireculture.org.uk/SingWithFriends

MEMORABLE MOVIES

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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Live Music

SONGS & SCONES

£3 Inspire Libraries (A)

Retford Library

Fri / 2pm / 5 Dec / 9 Jan / 6 Feb / 6 Mar

Hucknall Library

Wed / 2pm / 10 Dec / 14 Jan / 11 Feb / 11 Mar

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



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)

Retford Library

Fri / 2pm / 12 Dec / 23 Jan / 27 Feb / 27 Mar

Hucknall Library

Wed / 2pm / 3 Dec / 21 Jan / 18 Feb / 18 Mar

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 boost your wellbeing – all in a warm, welcoming space. Everyone welcome – no experience needed!

inspireculture.org.uk/MindAndMovement



Your Health
Notts



Art Workshop

CONNECT & CREATE

£3 Inspire Libraries (A)

Retford Library

Wed / 2pm / 3 Dec* / 7 Jan* / 4 Feb* / 4 Mar*

Hucknall Library

Wed / 2pm / 17 Dec* / 28 Jan* / 25 Feb* / 25 Mar*

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.

• **Emma Reynard's workshops** will draw upon shared reminiscence on themes of gardening, food, music and memory. Emma will introduce a range of print, collage and mark-making techniques, using her experience as a designer, artist and illustrator.

♦ **Dan Donovan's workshops** are fun & relaxed expressive painting classes, creating group-made art and individual pieces. Dan's focus is on improving wellbeing by finding individuals' inner artist and making art accessible for everyone, regardless of experience and ability.

* **Rachel Scanlon's workshops** invite people to explore their creativity through experimenting with materials, problem solving ideas, collaboration and helping others develop belief in themselves.

The events are particularly suitable for older people – including those living with dementia and their carers.

inspireculture.org.uk/ConnectAndCreate

LOOKING
FOR A GENTLE,
FUN WAY TO
STAY ACTIVE
& SOCIAL?

No booking needed (N)

Advised booking (A)

Booking required (B)

Booking info:



Heritage Talk

THE CHRISTMAS RADIO TIMES

£3 Beeston Library (B)

2pm / Wednesday 10 December

For many families, the arrival of the Christmas edition of The Radio Times signalled the start of the festive season. In this talk, local historian Robert Mee will look at the changing nature of the magazine, from the first edition in 1923 until 1999. He will also look at the programmes offered by the BBC on Christmas Day - there will no doubt be an element of nostalgia for days-past, but broadcasting trends and improvements in technology will also be covered.



Heritage Talk

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEWARK & SHERWOOD LANDSCAPE

£3 Newark Library (B)

2pm / Thursday 12 February

Join local historian Adrian Gray for his personal selection of the most interesting historical sites in Newark and Sherwood District - lost medieval fragments, forgotten villages, vanished castles, the forgotten world of the medieval fishpond and much more! Lots of pictures and ideas for doing some exploring of your own.



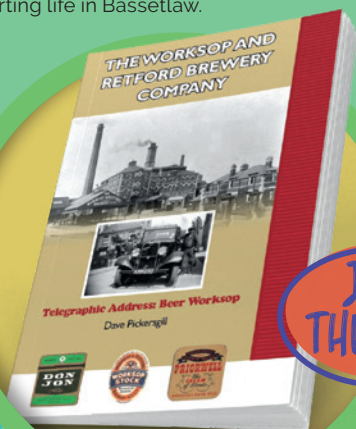
Heritage Talk

THE WORKSOP AND RETFORD BREWERY COMPANY

£3 Worksop Library (B)

2pm / Wednesday 21 January

This illustrated talk, by local authors and researchers Dave Pickersgill and John Stocks, tells the half-forgotten story of what was once one of Worksop's foremost industries. Come along to discover the history of the Worksop and Retford Brewery Company (from its nineteenth century origins to its 1959 takeover by Sheffield Brewers, Tennants) and its effects on cultural and sporting life in Bassetlaw.



JOIN
THE TALK

Heritage Talk

RED BLOOD FOR BLACK GOLD

£3 Mansfield Central Library (B)

2pm / Tuesday 17 February

Join us for a talk by Roger West, author of *Red Blood for Black Gold* to hear the story of how this local mining history was written.

"I believe we are all, each of us, unique, we all have a book inside us waiting to be written. It's not about what you know, it's about you yourself, what creates a stirring of emotions from deep within, what interests you, what angers you, what excites you, it's what makes you tick. This worked for me when writing Red Blood for Black Gold and it will work for you too."





Heritage Talk

FOOTBALL IN ARNOLD: THE FIRST 100 YEARS

£3 Arnold Library ^(B)

2pm / Friday 20 February

Join former Arnold FC player Roger Rann for a fascinating talk on the history of the beautiful game in Arnold. Following its beginnings through to the First World War, the talk will cover the inter-war years, the rivalry between 'Marys' and 'Rovers' in the 1940s and 50s, and the advent of professionalism in the 1960s-70s.

Heritage Talk

THE HISTORY OF WORKSOP MANOR

£3 Worksop Library ^(B)

2pm / Saturday 21 February

Join us for an exploration of the history of Worksop Manor through the ages, encompassing its notable residents, its architecture, its unique landscape, its good and bad times, and its relationship and influence on the wider town's development. Bassetlaw District Council's Conservation Manager, Michael Tagg, will take you on this fascinating journey through time at Worksop's traditional seat of power.

Heritage Talk

STORIES FROM HUNGERHILLS

£3 West Bridgford Library ^(B)

2pm / Tuesday 24 February

For 200 years people have lived or gardened at St Anns allotments, Nottingham's unique Victorian detached garden site. Following on from Mo Cooper's previous sell-out talk, she now presents the second part of her history of the allotments and the people who worked there - their lives, their loves, their passion. There's murder, suicide, poverty, hidden goats, the old rifle range, and the Windrush generation - Nottingham life in miniature captured on these Grade 2* listed gardens.

Heritage

HUCKNALL DIGITAL HERITAGE WORKSHOP

FREE Hucknall Library ^(B)

2pm / Wednesday 11 March

2pm / Wednesday 18 March

Join to us to explore newly digitised Archival materials focusing on highlights from Hucknall's history. Discover how you can search and view digitised documents, photographs and other collections which bring Hucknall's heritage to life. Led by one of our heritage librarians, this workshop presents an interactive opportunity to explore digitised materials made newly available at Hucknall Library.

COME ALONG TO
THIS SMALL GROUP
SESSION TO FIND
OUT MORE.



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No booking needed ^(A)

Advised booking ^(A)

Booking required ^(B)

Booking Info:

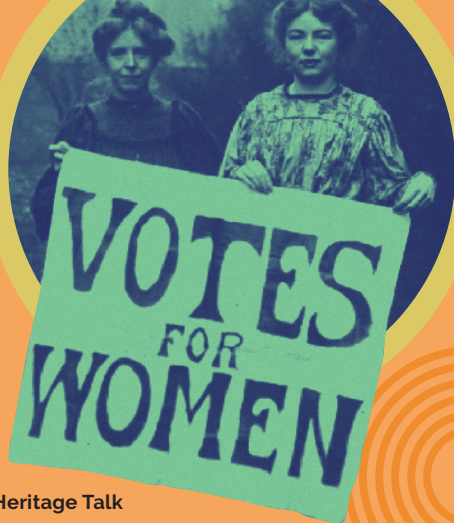
Heritage Talk

TWO QUEENS AND A COUNTESS

£3 Mansfield Central Library ⑤

2pm / Tuesday 17 March

Join historian David Templeman for an in-depth talk on the interaction between the three most colourful and charismatic women in Tudor History: Elizabeth I, Mary, Queen of Scots and Bess of Hardwick. David's talk will offer a new perspective on these women and a unique insight into a predominantly man's world, entered and conquered by these three powerful icons.



Heritage Talk

DEEDS NOT WORDS – THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SUFFRAGETTES

£3 Beeston Library ⑤

2pm / Wednesday 18 March

The Suffragette movement revolutionised how women were viewed, and what they could achieve. The Nottingham area certainly had its share of these courageous women.

Come and find out about who these remarkable women were as local historian Sandra Berrington uncovers the efforts and sacrifices they made to give women equality.

Heritage Talk

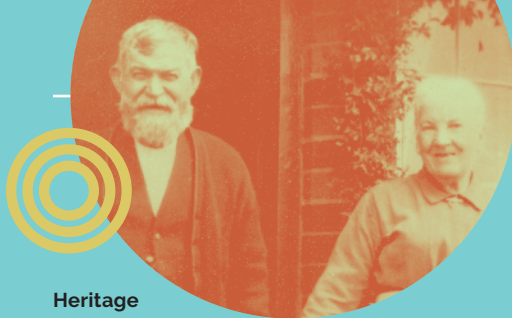
WOMEN WON THE WAR!

£3 West Bridgford Library ⑤

2pm / Tuesday 31 March

Join us for a fascinating talk on the role of women in the First World War, from the pre-war suffragettes to women taking over the roles of the men who went to war. The talk is presented by local military historian Grant Cullen and looks at several examples of women in unfamiliar roles who left a lasting mark on history.





Heritage

**FAMILY HISTORY
ONE TO ONE SESSIONS****FREE** Online or Phone ^(B)**2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm or 3.30pm /
Tuesday 20 January**

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

ARCHIVES TOUR**£6** Nottinghamshire Archives ^(B)**10.30am / Thursday 11 December****10.30am / Tuesday 20 January****2.30pm / Thursday 26 February**

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

A CHANCE TO
VIEW SOME UNIQUE
AND INCREDIBLE
HIGHLIGHTS FROM
THE COLLECTIONS.



Heritage

ARCHIVES ESCAPE!**£6** Nottinghamshire Archives ^(B)**10am – 1.30pm (one-hour slots) /****Saturday 21 February**

WATCH OUT!! YOU HAVE
BECOME TRAPPED INSIDE
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHIVES!

Solve the fiendish clues scattered throughout the records of Nottinghamshire's buildings, converse with figures from the past and use Augmented Reality to find an escape – time is running out!

CAN YOU
ESCAPE?



HUCKNALL, SKEGBY AND SELSTON: THEN & NOW

Inspire is delighted to have received funding from the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, for our Hucknall, Skegby and Selston: Then and Now Project. We will be bringing some exciting workshops to libraries in Hucknall and Skegby, as well as some fantastic heritage talks and a celebration event to launch the exhibition.

Heritage Talk

HISTORY OF ASHFIELD: PART ONE

FREE Hucknall Library 

2pm / Tuesday 3 February

Join local historian Denis Hill, for an insight into the fascinating history and heritage of the townships of Ashfield district. For this – the first of two talks – he will focus on Hucknall, Annesley and Selston, each of which has much to shout about and celebrate, but which may be generally unknown.

Photo credit © Denis Hill



Courtesy of the Inspire Picture Archive
2428 - High Street, Hucknall - NCCC00264

Heritage Talk

HISTORY OF ASHFIELD: PART TWO

FREE Hucknall Library 

2pm / Tuesday 10 February

In the second part of Denis Hill's celebration of Ashfield's heritage he will focus on Kirkby, Skegby, Sutton and Teversal. Throughout the district Denis identifies numerous historical 'firsts' or 'oldest' inventions connected to our industrial heritage of which local residents may be justly proud.

Photo credit © Denis Hill



Heritage

EXPLORING LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHS

FREE Inspire Libraries 

Skegby and Stanton Hill Library

2pm – 3:30pm / Monday 23 February

Hucknall Library

2pm – 3:30pm / Monday 2 March

A FREE small group session to explore Inspire's heritage photograph collections. Discover more about the Inspire Picture Archive which holds over 40,000 images of Nottinghamshire life from the 19th century up to the present day.

Find out how to upload your own photographs to the Archive. You will also learn about the history of early photography in Notts and Inspire's own physical photograph collections, including how to search for images in our local studies collections.



**BRING IN
YOUR OWN DIGITAL
PHOTOGRAPHS**
To add to Inspire's
Heritage Photo
Collections





Edwina Kung

Celebration Event

**HUCKNALL, SKEGBY
AND SELSTON: THEN & NOW**
FREE Hucknall Library ^(N)

10am – 12pm / Saturday 14 March

Join us for the official celebration of the Hucknall, Skegby and Selston: Then and Now project and explore Hucknall Library's heritage resources including the new Nottinghamshire Digital Archive platform! Come along and discover how Hucknall, Skegby and Selston have changed over time.

Our project artist, Edwina Kung will also be running a fun, interactive artist workshop for families, during the celebration event.

DO YOU HAVE OLD PHOTOS OF SELSTON?

Scan and upload them to the
Inspire Picture Archive as part of
our Selston Then & Now project and
contribute to the growing collection
of history for generations to come!

The Inspire Picture Archive is a digital
treasure trove of 40,000 images from around
Nottinghamshire (and beyond) where future
generations can explore and gain insight
into the past.

inspireculture.org.uk/IPA

Family Workshop

THEN & NOW ARTIST WORKSHOP
FREE Inspire Libraries ^(N)

Hucknall Library

10am – 12pm / Saturday 14 March

Skegby and Stanton Hill Library

9.30 – 11.30am / Saturday 21 March

**DROP IN FOR A FUN, INTERACTIVE
WORKSHOP WITH ARTIST EDWINA KUNG.**

Collaboratively create art maps, exploring
mark-making, layering, colour and pattern,
inspired by historical local maps.

Suitable for children and families.

Exhibitions

**HUCKNALL, SKEGBY
AND SELSTON: THEN & NOW**

FREE Inspire Libraries & Online ^(N)

Hucknall Then & Now: Hucknall Library

Tuesday 3 February – Sunday 29 March

Skegby Then & Now: Skegby Library

Tuesday 24 February – Saturday 21 March

Selston Then & Now: Online

Saturday 14 March onwards

An exhibition celebrating Hucknall, Skegby and Selston: Then & Now. Contemporary photography of place informed and inspired by photos from Inspire's collections, taken by adults from the communities, working with professional photographer, Neil Pledger.

**THE PHOTOS IN HUCKNALL AND SKEGBY
ARE SEEN ALONGSIDE ARTWORK BASED
ON HISTORICAL MAPS CREATED BY
CHILDREN FROM THE COMMUNITIES
WORKING WITH ARTIST EDWINA KUNG.**

Hucknall, Skegby and Selston Then and Now is made possible by funding from the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.



**Funded by
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**Ashfield
DISTRICT COUNCIL**





Living Knowledge Network

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Exhibition

UNEARTHED

FREE Arnold Library 

**Monday 9 February –
Saturday 28 March**



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 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.**

THE 2025[®]
**BIG
DRAW
FESTIVAL**

**DRAWN
TOGETHER**

Exhibition

**THE BIG DRAW 2025:
DRAWN TOGETHER**

FREE Inspire Libraries 

West Bridgford Library

**Saturday 15 November –
Sunday 4 January**

Beeston Library

**Wednesday 7 January –
Wednesday 18 February**

Workshop Library

**Saturday 21 February –
Sunday 29 March**

The Virtual Reality film, titled Leaf Number Three, explores the idea 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.

This exhibition celebrates the making of Leaf Number Three, which was inspired by drawing workshops held across Nottinghamshire where participants were invited to share their stories and draw oak leaves.

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



Supported using public funding by
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ENGLAND**



INSPIRE COMMUNITY OPEN EXHIBITION

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.

OPEN STUDIOS NOTTS 2026

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE OPEN STUDIOS NOTTS: BRINGING ARTISTS INTO VIEW EXHIBITION?

Open Studios Notts is making its annual call out to Nottinghamshire artists and makers who would like to open their studios to the public and be part of OSNotts 2026.

OSNotts includes:

- OS events of participating artists and makers.
- A printed brochure of all the events.
- A chance to be selected for our exhibition at Arnold, Hucknall & Worksop Libraries.

Get your work photographed! Each fee-paying artist participating in OSNotts will be eligible for selection by Inspire to have professional photos taken to be featured in the library exhibitions and for the artist's own use.

The deadline for applications is Monday 19 January 2026.

Find out more: osnotts.co.uk



Exhibition

I AM AN ARTIST

FREE Newark Library 

Saturday 22 November – Thursday 8 January

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.

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.

I Am An Artist is the second branch of our three-year *I Am A Creator* cultural programme.



Exhibition

I AM A STORYTELLER

FREE Mansfield Central Library 

Monday 2 March – Sunday 19 April

Enjoy some of the inspiring work created by five storytellers working with five groups as part of our *I Am A Storyteller* project. By empowering their inner storyteller, groups recognised themselves as creatives, as they worked together to produce some of the stories on display.



No booking needed 

Advised booking 

Booking required 

Booking Info:

JAZZ STEPS live at the libraries

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Live Music

BELPER JAZZ COMPANY & DENNIS ROLLINS MBE

£13 Inspire Libraries **(B)**

Beeston Library

7.30pm / Monday 8 December

Workshop Library

7.30pm / Tuesday 9 December

West Bridgford Library

7.30pm / Wednesday 10 December

Trombone maestro Dennis Rollins MBE is a force of nature who has performed with top bands such as Blur and Jamiroquai. Here, with the tight trio backing of the Belper Jazz Company, they pack in swing, funk and Latin - get ready to groove!

"PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNK!"



Live Music

DJANCO

£13 Inspire Libraries **(B)**

Beeston Library

7.30pm / Monday 9 March

Workshop Library

7.30pm / Tuesday 10 March

West Bridgford Library

7.30pm / Wednesday 11 March

**INFECTIOUSLY RHYTHMIC MUSIC
INSPIRED BY THE LEGENDARY JAZZ
GUITARIST DJANGO REINHARDT.**

With Djanco's expert musicianship, instrumental dexterity and their irrepressible good humour, you're in for a toe-tapping delight of a night!

"Go and see this band - they'll cheer you up no end."
Jazz Journal



No booking needed

(N)

Advised booking

(A)

Booking required

(B)

Booking Info:

Live Music

NICOLA FARNON TRIO

£13 Inspire Libraries **(B)**

Beeston Library

7.30pm / Monday 9 February

Workshop Library

7.30pm / Tuesday 10 February

West Bridgford Library

7.30pm / Wednesday 11 February

A remarkable performer, a fine singer and an outstandingly swinging and propulsive bass player with an outgoing personality and charismatic stage presence to match.

Nicola is a class act with numerous albums to her name. Don't miss the return of this talented trio to enjoy superb songs and her wonderfully warm and upbeat stage presence.

"SHE SINGS AND SWINGS WITH THE BEST OF THEM."
Jim Mullen



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CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN LIBRARIES

FREE Inspire Libraries [®]

Kimberley Library

10am – 1pm / Saturday 6 December

Arnold Library

10am – 2pm / Saturday 6 December

Ravenshead Library

10am – 12pm / Saturday 13 December

**SHOP SMALL AND SUPPORT
LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS.**

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!

inspireculture.org.uk/Markets

AN INSPIRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2025

£5 Adults

£3 Online, children & concessions

The Royal Concert Hall and Online [®]

7pm / Monday 8 December

Celebrate the start of the festive period with this showcase of amazing performances from a host of talented young singers from Nottinghamshire schools and choirs.

ENJOY MIND BLOWING MASHUPS OF
CHRISTMAS CAROLS, SEASONS SONGS,
JOYOUS PITCH BATILES AND SUBLIME SINGING.



**THE PERFECT
START TO THE
CHRISTMAS
COUNTDOWN!**

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DIGITAL ART CLASSES FOR
ALL YOUNG PEOPLE HELD
AT THE OLD LIBRARY
IN MANSFIELD.**

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Our FREE and low-cost courses take place across Nottinghamshire and online. Find out more at inspireculture.org.uk/digitalskills

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Inspire College prepares young people aged 16-19* not only for the world of work and further education, but for life!

Join us at one of our small, friendly bases across Nottinghamshire, and you'll learn from tutors who really care about your progress and wellbeing. Along with a wide variety of courses, we'll help you develop employability skills on community and work placements, gain a qualification in Maths and English, make new friends, and build your confidence. Plus, you will have access to a dedicated team of careers advisors who are here to help you with your next steps.

Find out more at inspireculture.org.uk/college

*Aged up to 24 with an Education Health Care Plan

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EVENTS DIARY

December 2025 – March 2026

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15 Nov – 4 Jan	The Big Draw 2025: Drawn Together	Exhibition	West Bridgford Library	FREE	24
22 Nov – 8 Jan	I Am An Artist	Exhibition	Newark Library	FREE	25
3 Dec	Connect & Create	Art Workshop	Retford Library	£3	17
3 Dec	Mind & Movement	Workshop	Hucknall Library	FREE	17
5 Dec	Songs & Scones	Live Music	Retford Library	£3	17
6 Dec	Christmas Markets	Market	Kimberley and Arnold Libraries	FREE	27
7 Dec	The Snowman (U)	Film Screening	West Bridgford Library	£1	15
8 Dec	An Inspired Christmas Concert	Live Music	Royal Concert Hall and online	£5/£3	27
8 Dec	Jazz Steps: Belper Jazz Company & Dennis Rollins MBE	Live Music	Beeston Library	£13	26
9 Dec	Jazz Steps: Belper Jazz Company & Dennis Rollins MBE	Live Music	Workshop Library	£13	26
10 Dec	A Christmas Carol (U)	Film Screening	Mansfield Central Library	£1	14
10 Dec	Jazz Steps: Belper Jazz Company & Dennis Rollins MBE	Live Music	West Bridgford Library	£13	26
10 Dec	Songs & Scones	Live Music	Hucknall Library	£3	17
10 Dec	The Christmas Radio Times	Heritage Talk	Beeston Library	£3	18
11 Dec	Archives Tour	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£6	21
12 Dec	Mind & Movement	Workshop	Retford Library	FREE	17
13 Dec	Christmas Market	Market	Ravenshead Library	FREE	27
17 Dec	Connect & Create	Art Workshop	Hucknall Library	£3	17
7 Jan	Connect & Create	Art Workshop	Retford Library	£3	17
7 Jan – 18 Feb	The Big Draw 2025: Drawn Together	Exhibition	Beeston Library	FREE	24
9 Jan	Songs and Scones	Live Music	Retford Library	£3	17
From 12 Jan	The Lullaby Bank*	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	11
From 12 Jan	Adventures in Music*	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	£30	11
14 Jan	Songs & Scones	Live Music	Hucknall Library	£3	17
19 Jan	THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR OPEN STUDIO NOTIS 2026!				25
20 Jan	Archives Tour	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£6	21
20 Jan	Family History One-to-One Sessions	Heritage	Online or phone	FREE	21
21 Jan	Mind & Movement	Workshop	Hucknall Library	FREE	17
21 Jan	The Worksoop and Retford Brewery Company	Heritage Talk	Worksoop Library	£3	18
23 Jan	Mind & Movement	Workshop	Retford Library	FREE	17
24 Jan	Nottingham Playhouse presents: The Little Mermaid	Family Theatre	Worksoop Library	£4/£7	6
26 – 31 Jan	Magical Missions! In Association with Nottingham Playhouse*	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	£2	6
28 Jan	Connect & Create	Art Workshop	Hucknall Library	£3	17
3 Feb	History of Ashfield Part One	Heritage Talk	Hucknall Library	FREE	22
3 Feb – 19 Mar	Little Creatives Workshops*	Under 5s	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	10
3 Feb – 29 Mar	Hucknall Then & Now	Exhibition	Hucknall Library	FREE	23
4 Feb	Connect & Create	Art Workshop	Retford Library	£3	17
6 Feb	Songs and Scones	Live Music	Retford Library	£3	17
7 Feb	We Are All Inventors with Kate Pankhurst	Children's Author Event	Worksoop and Mansfield Central Libraries	£3*	7
8 Feb	Roots of Music	Family Concert	West Bridgford Library	£4/£7	9
9 Feb	Jazz Steps: Nicola Farnon Trio	Live Music	Beeston Library	£13	26
9 – 20 Feb	Nottinghamshire Festival of Science and Curiosity	Family Workshops	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	12
9 Feb – 28 Mar	Unearthed	Exhibition	Arnold Library	FREE	24
10 Feb	Casablanca (U)	Film Screening	Sutton-in-Ashfield Library	£1	14
10 Feb	History of Ashfield Part Two	Heritage Talk	Hucknall Library	FREE	22
10 Feb	Jazz Steps: Nicola Farnon Trio	Live Music	Worksoop Library	£13	26
11 Feb	Jazz Steps: Nicola Farnon Trio	Live Music	West Bridgford Library	£13	26
11 Feb	Songs & Scones	Live Music	Hucknall Library	£3	17
12 Feb	Historical Highlights of the Newark and Sherwood Landscape	Heritage Talk	Newark Library	£3	18
12 Feb	Katy Watson	Author Event	West Bridgford Library	£5	4
14 – 20 Feb	I Am A Storyteller*	Family Workshops	Various Inspire Libraries	FREE	13

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

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16 Feb	Science Fun Day	Community	Mansfield Central Library	FREE	12
17 Feb	Red Blood for Black Gold	Heritage Talk	Mansfield Central Library	£3	18
17 – 19 Feb	Half Moon presents: Last Unicorn Airways, A Blanket Fort Club Production	Family Theatre	Beeston, Mansfield Central and Workop Libraries	£4/£7	7
18 Feb	Mind & Movement	Workshop	Hucknall Library	FREE	17
18 Feb	Small World Cinema: Musical Shorts	Film Screening	Sutton-in-Ashfield Library	FREE	16
20 Feb	Football in Arnold: The First 100 Years	Heritage Talk	Arnold Library	£3	19
20 Feb	How to Train Your Teacher with Bethany Walker	Children's Author Event	West Bridgford and Beeston Libraries	£3*	8
21 Feb	Archives Escape!	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£6	21
21 Feb	Danny Scott	Author Event	Sutton-in-Ashfield Library	£3	4
21 Feb	Gnomeo and Juliet (U)	Film Screening	Mansfield Central Library	£1	15
21 Feb	The History of Workop Manor	Heritage Talk	Workop Library	£3	19
21 Feb – 29 Mar	The Big Draw 2025: Drawn Together	Exhibition	Workop Library	FREE	24
23 Feb	Exploring Local Photographs	Heritage	Skegby and Stanton Hill Library	FREE	22
24 Feb	Stories from Hungerhills	Heritage Talk	West Bridgford Library	£3	19
24 Feb – 21 Mar	Skegby Then & Now	Exhibition	Skegby and Stanton Hill Library	FREE	23
25 Feb	Connect & Create	Art Workshop	Hucknall Library	£3	17
26 Feb	Archives Tour	Heritage	Nottinghamshire Archives	£6	21
27 Feb	Mind & Movement	Workshop	Retford Library	FREE	17
28 Feb	Make Seed Paper and Have Fun Growing with Bus and Bird Arts	Family Workshop	Arnold Library	FREE	9
28 Feb	Roots of Music	Family Concert	Beeston Library	£4/£7	9
2 Mar	Exploring Local Photographs	Heritage	Hucknall Library	FREE	22
2 Mar – 19 Apr	I Am A Storyteller	Exhibition	Mansfield Central Library	FREE	25
3 Mar	27 Dresses (12A)	Film Screening	Sutton-in-Ashfield Library	£1	16
4 Mar	Connect & Create	Art Workshop	Retford Library	£3	17
6 Mar	Songs & Scones	Live Music	Retford Library	£3	17
9 Mar	Jazz Steps: Django	Live Music	Beeston Library	£13	26
10 Mar	Jazz Steps: Django	Live Music	Workop Library	£13	26
11 Mar	Going In Style (12)	Film Screening	Mansfield Central Library	£1	14
11 Mar	Hucknall Digital Heritage Workshop	Heritage	Hucknall Library	FREE	19
11 Mar	Jazz Steps: Django	Live Music	West Bridgford Library	£13	26
11 Mar	Songs & Scones	Live Music	Hucknall Library	£3	17
14 Mar	Hucknall, Skegby and Selston: Then & Now Celebration Event	Community	Hucknall Library	FREE	23
14 Mar	Selston Then & Now	Exhibition	Online	FREE	23
14 Mar	Then & Now Artist Workshop	Family Workshop	Hucknall Library	FREE	23
17 Mar	Two Queens and a Countess	Heritage Talk	Mansfield Central Library	£3	20
18 Mar	Deeds Not Words – The Nottinghamshire Suffragettes	Heritage Talk	Beeston Library	£3	20
18 Mar	Mind & Movement	Workshop	Hucknall Library	FREE	17
18 Mar	Hucknall Digital Heritage Workshop	Heritage	Hucknall Library	FREE	19
21 Mar	Then & Now Artist Workshop	Family Workshop	Skegby and Stanton Hill Library	FREE	23
24 Mar	The Jungle Book (U)	Film Screening	Sutton-in-Ashfield Library	£1	15
24 Mar	Marcus Alton: Brian Clough The Lost Tapes	Author Event	Mansfield Central Library	£3	5
25 Mar	Connect & Create	Art Workshop	Hucknall Library	£3	17
27 Mar	Mind & Movement	Workshop	Retford Library	FREE	17
28 Mar	Roots of Music	Family Concert	Sutton-in-Ashfield Library	£4/£7	9
31 Mar	Women Won the War!	Heritage Talk	West Bridgford Library	£3	20
31 Mar – 2 Apr	The Herd presents: Counting Sheep	Family Theatre	Mansfield Central, Workop and Beeston Libraries	£4/£7	8
1 April	Inside Out (U)	Film Screening	Mansfield Central Library	£1	16

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