

WHAT'S ON

WEST BRIDGFORD LIBRARY

EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS **NOV 17 - MAR 18**

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WELCOME TO YOUR NOVEMBER - MARCH SEASON! ARTS AND CULTURE, LIVE AT YOUR LIBRARY

Welcome to your new programme of events at West Bridgford Library. This season, we're bringing books to life as children get the chance to step inside the pages of their favourite story in two fun workshops from the wonderful Rhubarb Theatre. There's also the chance for little hands to have a go at creating their own book illustrations with author and illustrator Steve Smallman.

For the grown-up creatives, February brings a fantastic opportunity with a two-part workshop where you'll get the chance to write for, and publish, your own Zine - featuring poet Andrew Graves and print studio Dizzy Ink.

Aspiring writers won't want to miss a special crime writing workshop led by award-winning crime writer Stephen Booth and former Senior Police Detective Stuart Gibbon. Fans of the genre will also enjoy a look at the golden age of crime with author and Chair of the Crime Writers' Association, Martin Edwards.

Our popular jazz evenings continue throughout the season, with a line-up that includes two wonderful female jazz vocalists, Sarah Simmonds and Nicola Farnon. Plus, exhibitions in the gallery, fascinating heritage talks and more. We do hope you can join us!

Inspire is registered for the **Family Arts Standards** for family events in our four largest libraries, including Mansfield Central. This means we are working hard to make families feel welcome. Look out for events in our programme and online with this badge:



Find out more: www.familyartsstandards.com

West Bridgford Library

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West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 6AT

0115 981 6506

westbridgford.library
[@inspireculture.org.uk](https://www.instagram.com/inspireculture.org.uk)

Opening hours

Open seven days a week
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am - 7pm
Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Saturday 9am - 4pm
Sunday 11am - 3pm

Christmas Closure: West Bridgford Library will close 4pm on Saturday 23 December and reopen 9am on Tuesday 2 January.

Contact Inspire

info@inspireculture.org.uk
Ask Libraries: 0115 804 4363

Booking events

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

Online www.inspireculture.org.uk

Phone 0115 981 6506

Tickets are non-refundable except where an event is cancelled.

Programme is subject to change.

Keep up-to-date

To receive news and information about Inspire, including our events, direct to your inbox, visit the website to sign up to email updates. You'll be able to select from a range of preferences based on your own interests. www.inspireculture.org.uk/emails

Access

There is ramped access to the main entrance and level access to ground floor areas. Access to the first floor is via stairs or lift. Please let us know if you require a wheelchair space for ticketed events or have access needs. Email us or call 0115 981 6506.

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

www.inspireculture.org.uk



BOOKS AND READING

THE GOLDEN AGE OF CRIME

Friday 3 November, 3pm

£3

Booking advised
Adults

Detective fiction flourished during 'The Golden Age of Murder' between the two World Wars. Agatha Christie, Dorothy L. Sayers, Anthony Berkeley and others revolutionised the detective novel, while Arthur Conan Doyle and G. K. Chesterton continued to write brilliant short stories about Sherlock Holmes and Father Brown. Recent years have seen an international resurgence of interest in these classic crime stories. But what explains their enduring appeal?

No-one is better qualified to help answer the question than Martin Edwards. He's the current Chair of the Crime Writers' Association, and in 2015 became the President of the Detection Club, following in the illustrious footsteps of Chesterton, Sayers, and Christie.



Books by Martin Edwards

Martin Edwards has written eighteen novels, and the multi-award winning *The Golden Age of Murder*. He is series consultant to the British Library's bestselling *Crime Classics*, and wrote an extensive commentary for a collection of Dorothy L. Sayers' crime reviews, *Taking Detective Stories Seriously*. His latest book is *The Story of Classic Crime in 100 Books* and he recently received the Poirot Award for his outstanding contribution to the field.

LIVE MUSIC

JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE LIBRARIES PRESENTS: SHIPSTONE STREET JAZZ ORCHESTRA WITH SARAH SIMMONDS

Thursday 16 November, 7.30pm

£10 / £8

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

Nottingham-based Shipstone Street Jazz Orchestra are a 17-piece big band, featuring the



amazing vocalist, Sarah Simmonds. The band reproduces sounds from the 30s through to

the 60s in styles established by the greats of jazz history such as Count Basie, George Gershwin, Herbie Hancock and Thelonious Monk, guaranteeing a warm and entertaining performance.

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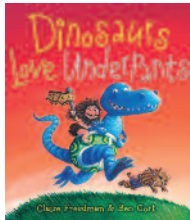


**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
STORY WORKSHOPS
WITH RHUBARB
THEATRE**

Sunday 26 November
11.30am: Dinosaurs Love Underpants
1.30pm: Charlie Cook's Favourite Book
£1 per child, accompanying adult free
Booking advised
For ages 4 - 7

Kirsty from Rhubarb Theatre presents fun and interactive workshops based on brilliant children's books.

Choose from *Dinosaurs Love Underpants* by Claire Freedman in the morning, or join us in the afternoon to dive between the pages of Julia Donaldson's fun-packed tale *Charlie Cook's Favourite Book*.



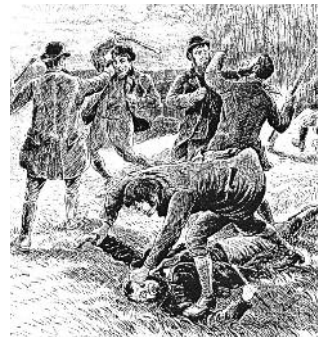
DINOSAURS LOVE UNDERPANTS

This story explains the real reason dinosaurs became extinct. Starting in a time machine, we travel back to explore the world of the cavemen in their first pairs of pants – silly, musical and creative.



CHARLIE COOK'S FAVOURITE BOOK

What's your favourite book? There's no time to curl up and settle down in this story as we dive between the pages of a library of favourites in this fun-packed tale.



**HERITAGE
THE RUFFORD PARK
POACHERS**

Tuesday 28 November, 2.30pm
£3
Booking advised
Adults

The infamous story of the Mansfield men who, in October 1851, made their way to Rufford Park to take game. The results were violent – injury, death, transportation and imprisonment - and are still remembered in local folk lore. Sam Millard of the Rattlejag Morris team tells the story that made national news during the times of Luddite unrest.



**CREATIVE WRITING SPECIAL
RESEARCHING
AND WRITING THE
PERFECT MURDER
WITH STEPHEN BOOTH
AND STUART GIBBON**

**Saturday 2 December,
9.15am – 3.45pm**

**£40
Booking essential (limited
places)
Adults**

Delve into the exciting world of crime writing with two leading experts in the field. Join former Senior Police Detective Stuart Gibbon in the morning session for an engaging workshop taking you through the scenario of the discovery of a body to the detention of a suspect. In the afternoon, armed with your authentic details of an investigation, bestselling author Stephen Booth explores how to create a protagonist who is not only believable, but interesting and engaging. The workshop will help writers to form rounded, multi-dimensional characters who will drive their stories.

Don't miss the chance to take part in this fascinating writing workshop at your library at a special price.

Stephen Booth is a former newspaper journalist and the author of 17 novels in the award-winning Cooper and Fry crime series, featuring Derbyshire police detectives Ben Cooper and Diane Fry. His books are currently in development for a TV series. Stephen lives in Nottinghamshire and has led crime writing courses for Writing School East Midlands.

Stuart Gibbon is a former Senior Police Detective with considerable experience of crime investigation in London and the East Midlands. As a Detective Chief Inspector (DCI) in Major Crime he was in charge of Murder and other serious cases. Stuart now advises writers on police actions and procedures as GIB Consultancy. He also talks with writing groups on 'Murder Investigation' and appears on TV/radio.

**LIVE MUSIC
JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE
LIBRARIES PRESENTS:
SWINGOLOGIE
Thursday 14 December,
7.30pm
£10 / £8
Booking essential
Adults (Under 18s to be
accompanied by an adult)**

Nottingham-based gypsy/jazz group Swingologie are Wayne Jefferies (guitar), John Coulson (double bass), Richard Smith (lead guitar) and the renowned Ben Martin (saxophone). Together, they fuse the gypsy/jazz style of Django Reinhardt, and other current leaders in the field, with the American bebop style of the 40s and 50s. Join us for an evening of quality live music.

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WRITING SCHOOL
EAST MIDLANDS



This workshop was originally developed for Writing School East Midlands – part of Writing East Midlands, the writer development agency for the region. Visit writingschooleastmidlands.co.uk

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EXHIBITION
**THE BIG DRAW:
LIVING LINES**

Thursday 11 January – Sunday
25 February
Free



Pay a visit to this vibrant exhibition celebrating The Big Draw 2017 - Living Lines events which took place across Inspire venues in Nottinghamshire. People worked with artists in special workshops to make textured rollers and cardboard shoes, moved their bodies to make marks, and printed patterns with their creations – resulting in miles of beautiful, delicate and wild papers.

Come and see the library gallery filled with a colourful riot of these collaborative works. Can you find the mark you made?



LIVE MUSIC
**JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE
LIBRARIES PRESENTS:
NEW ORLEANS HEAT**
Thursday 15 February, 7.30pm
£10 / £8
Booking essential
**Adults (Under 18s to be
accompanied by an adult)**

We're excited to welcome the brilliant New Orleans Heat, a seven-piece traditional New Orleans-style jazz band. Enjoy a mixture of trumpet, piano, trombone, sax, banjo, drums, bass and clarinet. Together New

Orleans Heat are ready to stomp away those winter blues and turn up the heat high, high, high!

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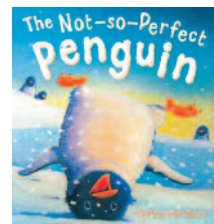


CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
**GET DRAWING! WITH
STEVE SMALLMAN**
Tuesday 20 February, 10.30am
Free
Booking essential
For ages 5 - 9



Join author and illustrator Steve Smallman for an hour of half term fun. Find out about his amazing books and have a go at creating your own illustrations.

Steve Smallman has been illustrating children's books for almost 30 years and writing his own stories for slightly less. He also teaches illustration workshops in schools, including mural-painting. Steve is the author of *Smelly Peter the Great Pea Eater* - winner of the Sheffield Children's Book Award 2009 - and *The Lamb Who Came for Dinner* which was shortlisted for the Red House Children's Book Award and read by Meatloaf on CITV's *Bookaboo!*



CREATIVE WORKSHOP**WRITE, PRINT, SHARE!
MAKE YOUR OWN ZINE
IN THIS TWO-PART
WORKSHOP****Writing Workshop:****Saturday 10 February,****10am – 12pm****Zine-making:****Saturday 17 February,****10.30am – 3.30pm****£15 for both sessions****Booking essential (limited
places)****Adults**

Make your own Zine and see your words in print in this two-part workshop featuring poet and writer Andrew Graves (formerly known as Mulletproof poet) and print studio Dizzy Ink. In part one, you'll work with Andrew to get inspiration for your poems through a selection of exercises and look at how to develop and polish them ready for publication in your Zine.

In part two, it's time to get Zine-making! Having had time to develop your poetry, you'll work with Dizzy Ink to create an anthology of everyone's poems using Dizzy's specialist printing process Risograph. Through group and individual activities, you'll learn how to work with image and layout as you design and edit your publication. You'll walk away with copies of your publications so you can showcase and share what you've created, and the work will also contribute to the Zines touring exhibition.

Book now and turn your ideas into ink.

**What is a Zine?**

Zines are self-made and self-published magazines. They're motivated by freedom of expression rather than profit, and are created using various techniques such as collage, drawing and writing. Often photocopied and hand stapled, their DIY aesthetic and self-directed content makes them an empowering and democratic medium.

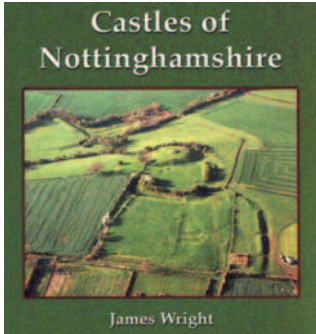
Andrew Graves regularly performs his work throughout the UK. He has appeared on numerous TV and radio programmes and performed alongside Henry Normal, John Hegley and Sleaford Mods.

Dizzy Ink is an exciting Nottingham-based print studio which delivers design and print projects, workshops, events and exhibitions.

"Blisteringly brilliant."

**Cheltenham Poetry Festival
on Andrew Graves**



**HERITAGE****CASTLES OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE****Tuesday 27 February, 2.30pm****£3****Booking advised
Adults**

Nottingham and Newark castles may be famous, but archaeologist James Wright uncovers the stories of castle sites that are often unrecognised, even by local people. Traces of motte and bailey castles hide in the landscape and medieval fortified manor houses still stand and bear witness.

Based on a book of the same name (Nottinghamshire County Council, 2008), this is a refreshed and updated talk on a popular local theme.

BOOK CLUB LIVE

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

BOOKS AND READING**BOOK CLUB LIVE****Tuesday 6 March, 7.30pm****£5****Booking advised****Adults (Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)**

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

Look out at the library and online for announcements about our March guest author.

**LIVE MUSIC****JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE LIBRARIES PRESENTS:****NICOLA FARNON TRIO****Thursday 15 March, 7.30pm****£10 / £8****Booking essential****Adults (Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)**

The Nicola Farnon Trio are no strangers to our jazz in libraries programme and we're thrilled to welcome them back. Nicola Farnon is a stunning vocalist and accomplished double bass player. Her widely acclaimed trio join us with a performance that's set to startle and inspire!

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HERITAGE
NOTTINGHAM CASTLE: FROM ROYAL RESIDENCE TO PEOPLE'S PALACE – AND BEYOND
Tuesday 27 March, 2.30pm
£3
Booking advised
Adults

Join Dr Richard Gaunt of the University of Nottingham as he considers the history of Nottingham Castle in light of the £29m re-development programme currently underway. Richard is currently working with the Castle on their new Robin Hood and Rebellion Galleries.

Castle Transformation
 Over the next five years, Nottingham Castle will be transformed into a world-class heritage destination, in what is the most significant heritage regeneration project in the UK today.

EXHIBITION
LIBRARY LANDSCAPE - A MYRIORAMA FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Wednesday 28 March – Sunday 13 May
Free



Inspire and Leicester Print Workshop have worked with groups of Nottinghamshire people in libraries, and with young people in special schools, to create a unique Nottinghamshire Myriorama. The series of printed artworks on display will form a landscape scene that can be rearranged endlessly to tell thousands of different stories about Nottinghamshire and its people. The artworks have also been reproduced as cardboard tiles for visitors to arrange and rearrange themselves.

The special schools work within this project has been funded by Children in Need small grants scheme.



REGULAR FREE EVENTS
YOUNG PEOPLE

READING HACK
Third Monday of the month, 4 - 5.30pm
For young people aged 14 – 24
 Our Reading Hack group meets monthly to discuss books, movies and music over coffee and snacks. Plus, there's the chance to get involved in Hack-related volunteering opportunities – which could include encouraging younger children to love reading or helping to organise a poetry-themed DJ set – anything with reading at its heart!

ADULTS

VIP READING GROUP
First Thursday of every month, 11am – 12pm
 Our visually impaired reading group is a lively, friendly group, reading books in either audiobook or large print format. Open to all, including those with no visual impairment, and new members are welcome.

UNWIND WITH WORDS
Third Monday of every month, 10.30am - 12pm
 Take time to relax and explore the joy of words through stories, poems and conversation.

FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY SURGERY
Last Friday of the month, 1.30 - 4pm
 Drop in for help to discover more about the history of your family or community. Beginners welcome. *Please note there will be no surgery in December.*

An **inspired** Christmas Concert

Monday 4 December, 7 - 9pm

Nottingham Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Square, Nottingham NG1 5ND
www.inspireculture.org.uk/inspiredchristmas

Tickets: Adults £5/Children and concessions £3

Royal Concert Hall Box Office: 0115 989 5555 | www.trch.co.uk

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courses in your community.
It's all about taking part and
discovering something new!

Short course
guide available
now at your local
library!



14th Annual Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Libraries'

READERS' DAY

Saturday 18 November, 2017 | County Hall, West Bridgford

An all-day event for book lovers, with an exciting line-up
of speakers and sessions.

For details and ticket information visit:

www.inspireculture.org.uk/readersday

www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/readersday



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Gallery hire

Are you an artist or a creative group looking to show your work to local audiences? Inspire library art galleries offer professional, affordable exhibition spaces that bring great art to local communities in the vibrant, creative and welcoming setting of libraries.

Our galleries feature exhibitions by amateur, semi-professional and professional artists, alongside our own programmed exhibitions throughout the year.

Six of our libraries have galleries that you can apply to hire: Mansfield Central, Worksop, West Bridgford, Arnold, Retford and Beeston.

For full details and application forms visit the website. All galleries are suitable for wall-based works. Small installations and sculpture collections will also be considered.

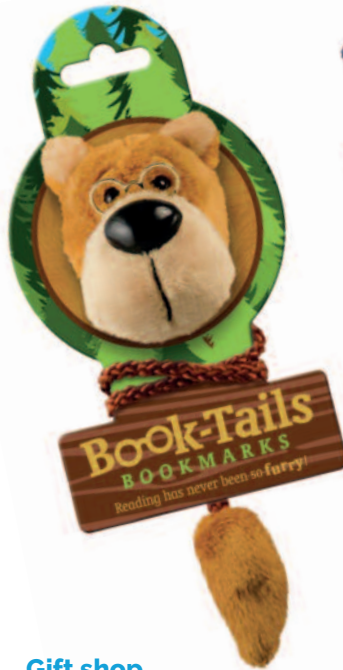
www.inspireculture.org.uk/galleries

Venue hire

West Bridgford Library is a great place to hold meetings and events. The library has two dedicated meeting rooms for hire, both with interactive SMART board and refreshment-making facilities.

Visit our web page or call the library direct for more details. www.inspireculture.org.uk/venuehire

Discounts are available for community groups.



Gift shop

Looking for the perfect present for a book lover? Then visit our library shop where you'll find a selection of quirky book-related gifts, fun items for young creatives and other unusual finds.

About Inspire

Inspire is an innovative cultural organisation launched by Nottinghamshire County Council. We are a Community Benefit Society that is dedicated to inspiring people to read, learn and enjoy culture, with the help of our services.



Join us!

It's free to join Inspire and becoming a member will allow you to help shape the way our services are managed. Visit the website to find out more.

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



WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE...

Date and time	Event	Type	Price	Page
Fri 3 Nov, 3pm	The Golden Age of Crime	Books and Reading	£3	3
Thu 16 Nov, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Shipstone Street Jazz Orchestra with Sarah Simmonds	Live Music	£10 / £8	3 3
Sun 26 Nov, 11.30am & 1.30pm	Story Workshops with Rhubarb Theatre	Children and Families	£1	4
Tue 28 Nov, 2.30pm	The Rufford Park Poachers	Heritage	£3	4
Sat 2 Dec, 9.15am – 3.45pm	Researching and Writing the Perfect Murder	Creative Writing	£40	5
Thu 14 Dec, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Swingologie	Live Music	£10 / £8	5
Thu 11 Jan – Sun 25 Feb	The Big Draw: Living Lines	Exhibition	Free	6
Sat 10 Feb 10am – 12pm	Zines: Write, Print, Share! Part 1 (Writing)	Creative Workshop	£15 (for both parts)	7
Thu 15 Feb, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: New Orleans Heat	Live Music	£10 / £8	6
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Tue 20 Feb, 10.30am	Get Drawing! with Steve Smallman	Children and Families	Free	6
Tue 27 Feb, 2.30pm	Castles of Nottinghamshire	Heritage	£3	8
Tue 6 Mar, 7.30pm	Book Club Live	Books and Reading	£5	8
Thu 15 Mar, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Nicola Farnon Trio	Live Music	£10 / £8	8
Tue 27 Mar, 2.30pm	Nottingham Castle: From Royal Residence to People's Palace and Beyond	Heritage	£3	9
Wed 28 Mar – Sun 13 May	Library Landscape: A Myriorama for Nottinghamshire	Exhibition	Free	9

REGULAR EVENTS For details of our regular, free events see page 9.