

WHAT'S ON

WEST BRIDGFORD LIBRARY

EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS **NOV 18 - MAR 19**

**FAMILY THEATRE
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WITH
MELLOW BAKU**
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As one of Arts Council England's National Portfolio Organisations, we are delighted to present a funded programme of work for children and young people.



In this brochure, the following exciting events are all funded by Arts Council England; Mischief and Mystery in Moominvalley, Story Explorers and The Big Draw.



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**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

An inspired Christmas Concert

| Monday 10 December, 7 - 9pm

Nottingham Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Square, NG1 5ND
Royal Concert Hall Box Office: 0115 989 5555 | www.trch.co.uk
www.inspireculture.org.uk/inspiredchristmas2018



We're an Arts Award Supporter!



Inspire is proud to be registered as an Arts Award Supporter and offers a wide cultural programme across our venues. Many of our events are free or incur a very small charge and many can be accessed by young people looking for opportunities locally to help them achieve an Arts Award. www.inspireculture.org.uk/artsaward

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

For our Autumn/Winter season we have a warm welcome in store for our West Bridgford audiences. Join us in Moominvalley for tales of mischief and mystery in the company of Tove Jansson's classic characters, enjoy the mellow fruitfulness of Mellow Baku's voice and Brigitte Beraha's versions of beautiful love songs in our jazz programme and meet Mike Gayle, writer of warm-hearted fiction, at Book Club Live. And if your New Year's resolution includes getting around to writing your own novel, you can take your first steps in fiction with acclaimed local writer Eve Makis.

The fabulous Big Draw 2018: Play! exhibition brings the magic of circus into the library and we have a free Draw Along with Katie Abey and an exciting Story Explorer session for young children.

National and local history are explored in talks on Suffrage, The Victorian Circus and a unique Art and Heritage crossover workshop about food, and our series of events inspired by the remarkable life of Lady Mary Montagu-Wortley includes a talk, a writing workshop and a one-woman show.

Come in from the cold to enjoy our programme of creativity, culture and fun!

Inspire is registered for the **Family Arts Standards** for family events in our four largest libraries, including West Bridgford. This means we are working hard to make families feel welcome. We've identified events in the programme and online that are Fantastic for Families with this badge:

Find out more: www.familyartsstandards.com



West Bridgford Library

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Bridgford Road
West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 6AT

0115 981 6506

westbridgford.library@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

Contact Inspire

sk@inspireculture.org.uk
Ask Inspire: 01623 677 200

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

FAMILY THEATRE

GET LOST AND FOUND PRESENTS:

**MISCHIEF AND MYSTERY
IN MOOMINVALLEY**

Sunday 11 November, 3.30pm

Library members £3

Non-library members £6

Booking essential

Ages 3 – 7

the **spark**
arts for children



Be sure to pack your imagination and join us on an unforgettable journey to Moominvalley where everyone is welcome, nature thrives, and adventures are plentiful. Based on the much-loved novels by Tove Jansson, this heart-warming show tells the story of a year in Moominvalley.

Magical puppetry, original music and interactive play will delight young audiences. Expect snow, surprises and plenty of Moomin mischief.

Programmed in association with
The Spark Arts for Children.

This production will tour six
Inspire libraries. For details visit

www.inspireculture.org.uk/popup

**TICKETS
SELLING
FAST!**



LIVE MUSIC

JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE LIBRARIES

PRESENTS:

MELLOW BAKU

Thursday 22 November, 7.30pm

£10 / £8

Booking essential

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

Mellow Baku performs popular jazz standards, American songbook repertoire and instrumentals, with fresh takes on known classics, at times with new and original lyrics. Mellow Baku's voice is described as 'sublime', inspiring audiences with heartfelt, soulful jazz and blues.

Featuring: Mellow Baku (vocals), Barry Lee (keyboard), Mark Trounson (bass) and Andy Ferguson (drums).

In collaboration with Jazz Steps.

**JAZZ
STEPS**

This performance also tours to Worksop, Southwell and Beeston Libraries. For details visit
www.inspireculture.org.uk/jazz



Photo: Sally Al-Habshi



HERITAGE TALK FOOLS AND HORSES: THE VICTORIAN CIRCUS

Tuesday 27 November, 2.30pm

£3
Booking essential
Adults

The history of the Victorian circus is one of high success and dreadful failure, of fires, falls and fabulous feats. Of horses, equilibrists, aerial acts and clowns, and the men and women who rode, tumbled and swung.

Dr Ann Featherstone's talk provides a fascinating insight into this little-known aspect of Victorian entertainment.

About Dr Ann Featherstone

Ann Featherstone is a retired university lecturer and teacher as well as a writer of non-fiction books, articles and two published historical novels. Her particular interest is the 19th century: popular entertainment, theatre, music hall, circus and literature. Ann has appeared on *The One Show*, in documentaries about fairs and circuses on BBC4, and been a guest expert twice on *Who Do You Think You Are?*



BOOKS AND READING BOOK CLUB LIVE WITH MIKE GAYLE

Thursday 29 November,
7.30pm

£5
Booking advised
Adults (Under 18s to be
accompanied by an adult)

This season's Book Club Live features bestselling novelist Mike Gayle, whose novel *The Man I Think I Know* was chosen for ITV's Zoe Ball Book Club.

Our Book Club Live events make a great night out for book groups and individual book lovers alike – and you don't need to have read the book before!

About Mike Gayle

Former journalist and agony uncle, Mike Gayle became a full-time novelist in 1997 following the publication of his Sunday Times top ten bestseller *My Legendary Girlfriend*, which was hailed by the Independent as 'Full of belly laughs and painfully acute observations.'

Since then he has written thirteen novels and his books have been translated into more than thirty languages. His latest book *The Man I Think I Know* has received rave reviews from authors Marian Keyes, Lisa Jewell and the actor Robert Lindsay.

You can find him online at www.mikegayle.co.uk and on Twitter @mikegayle

About *The Man I Think I Know*

For fans of *The Keeper of Lost Things* and *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, *The Man I Think I Know* is a powerful and bittersweet story of an unexpected male friendship and an unlikely love story, told with Mike's distinctive wit and insight. This uplifting tale reminds us of the simple courage at the heart of every human being.

"Beautifully written, thought-provoking and completely charming." Ruth Hogan
on *The Man I Think I Know*

LIVE MUSIC

**JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE
LIBRARIES PRESENTS:**

**CHRIS YOUNG WITH
THE ANDREW
WOOD TRIO -
EXPLORING
SINATRA'S
REPERTOIRE**

Thursday 13 December, 7.30pm

£10 / £8

Booking essential

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

The Andrew Wood trio is a classic jazz piano trio, joined here by superb Birmingham-based alto saxophonist Chris Young - together exploring some of the classy catalogue of music made famous by Frank Sinatra.

This tight-knit trio has performed alongside Tina May, Dave O'Higgins, Julian Siegel, Tony Kofi and Dennis Rollins amongst many other outstanding soloists.

Featuring: Andrew Wood (drums) Chris Young (alto) Matthew Ratcliffe (piano) Martyn Spencer (bass).

In collaboration with Jazz Steps.

**JAZZ
STEPS**

This performance also tours to Worksoop, Southwell and Beeston Libraries. For details visit

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



**CREATIVE WRITING
IN ASSOCIATION
WITH WRITING SCHOOL
EAST MIDLANDS
FIRST STEPS
TO WRITING YOUR
NOVEL, WITH
EVE MAKIS**

**A six-week course, Tuesdays
15 January – 19 February,
6.30 – 8.30pm
£123 / £118 concessions (see
booking information below)**

Inspire and Writing School East Midlands bring a fantastic opportunity to work with an award-winning, best-selling author in this six-week course.

Got an idea for a novel but not sure how to begin? Part way through and need some advice and a little direction? In a series of informal and interactive writing workshops led by author Eve Makis, we'll explore the practicalities of novel writing. Demystify the process by looking at dialogue, characterisation, planning and plotting, sensory writing, finding inspiration, adding polish, pitching an idea and how to stay on course. Suitable for all aspiring writers.

Eve Makis writes on trains, planes and in automobiles waiting for her son to finish football practice. She's the author of four novels, an award-winning screenplay and a non-fiction book on life writing; *The Accidental Memoir* (published by Harper Collins in July 2018). Her books have been translated into eight languages. She's a part-time tutor on the MA in Creative Writing at Nottingham Trent University.

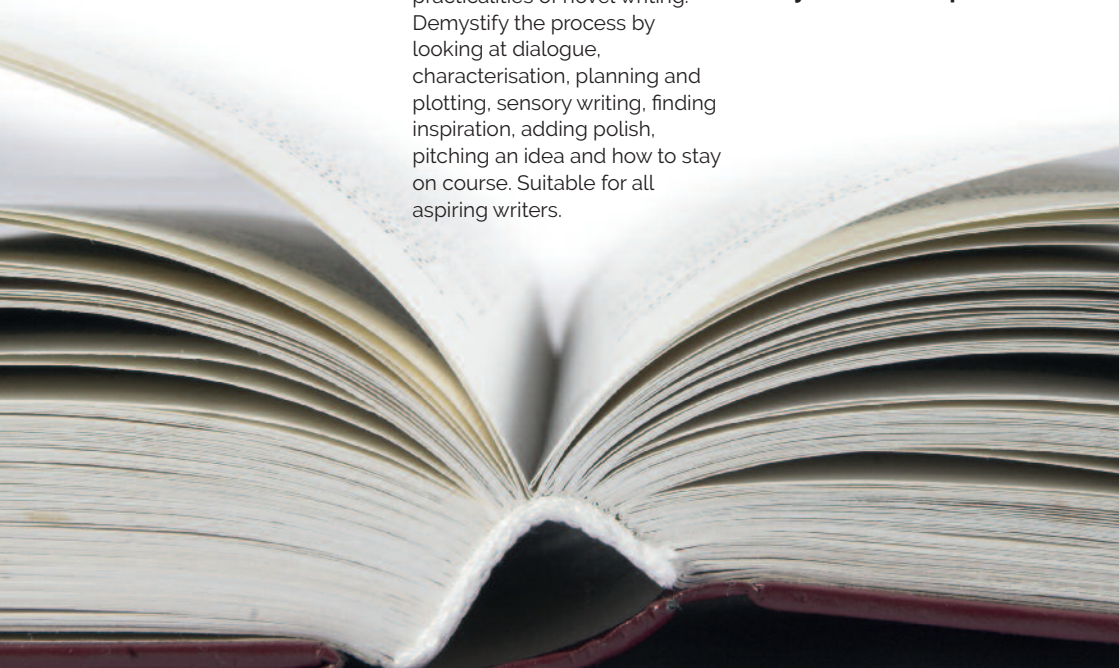
"Eve Makis's poetic and humane vision of life turns tragedy into comedy."

Waterstones Magazine

**Booking information
Places on the First Steps To
Writing Your Novel should be
booked online with Writing
East Midlands. Visit
bit.ly/wsemfirststeps**

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WRITING SCHOOL
EAST MIDLANDS



UNDER FIVES

**STORY EXPLORERS:
POLAR ADVENTURES**

Friday 1 February, 2pm

Free

Booking essential

Ages 2 - 5



A magical storytelling journey for you and your little one, in association with Nottingham Playhouse.

Through puppetry, music and sensory play, Story Explorers will unleash your child's imagination and take them on an exciting storytelling adventure. Join us as we set off to explore snowy polar lands – make sure you wrap up warm!

Story Explorers is taking place at 12 Inspire libraries. For details visit

www.inspireculture.org.uk/explorers

Story Explorers returns to West Bridgford Library in April with a Fantastical Forests adventure.

"There's always room for a story that can transport people to another place." J.K. Rowling.



**Nottingham
Playhouse**

LIVE MUSIC

JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE LIBRARIES

PRESENTS:

**BRIGITTE BERAHA SINGS
BRAZILIAN AND AMERICAN
LOVE SONGS**

Thursday 14 February, 7.30pm

£10 / £8

Booking essential

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

One of the most versatile and exciting vocalists to emerge in the UK in the last decade, Brigitte has performed with many jazz luminaries, including Kenny Wheeler and Bobby Wellins. Enjoy her dazzling performance of beautiful love songs from the American and Brazilian songbooks. She'll be joined by George Crowley (Sax) and John Turville (Piano).

In collaboration with Jazz Steps.

JAZZ
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This performance also tours to Worksop, Southwell and Beeston Libraries. For details visit
www.inspireculture.org.uk/jazz



*"One of the
most creative
vocalists on
the UK scene."*

BBC Radio 3

EXHIBITION

THE BIG DRAW 2018: PLAY!

Friday 22 February – Tuesday 9 April
Free



Visit The Big Draw 2018 exhibition and discover what happened when the circus visited the Library!

The exhibition centrepiece - by wonderful automata maker Keith Newstead - illustrates the hilarious antics that ensued. Keith was inspired by pupils from twelve Nottinghamshire primary schools and the

fantastic professional artist Emma Reynard. They all had fun letting their imaginations, creativity and pencils run wild to produce an exhibition that celebrates fabulous libraries, amazing automata and the ever playful Big Draw!

The Big Draw is the world's biggest drawing festival which takes place every October. The theme for The Big Draw 2018 was Play!



CHILDREN

DRAW-ALONG WITH KATIE ABEY

Friday 22 February, 11am
£3 per child, accompanying
adults free
Booking essential
Ages 4 - 8

Katie Abey, author and illustrator of the wild and brilliant *We Wear Pants* visits the library to share her animal stories and lead a fun draw-along. Katie has a cat called Frank and a hedgehog called Ginny, and she wants to know all about your own favourite creatures and pets!

Hear Katie read from the books then join the draw-along fun and bring your animal ideas to life with her expert guidance.

Katie Abey is an illustrator who lives in a teeny hobbit-like house in Derbyshire with a cat, a hedgehog and a husband. Her work often features animals, and she likes using a lot of colour.

This event also takes place at Beeston Library at 2pm. Visit www.inspireculture.org.uk/drawalong.



**ARTS AND HERITAGE
WORKSHOP**

**HOME COOKED
HERITAGE**

**Saturday 23 February,
10am – 12.30pm**

£5. Concessions available

**Booking essential
Adults**

Working with a performer and a visual artist, come and explore the heritage of recipes from the past unearthed in Nottinghamshire Archives, then embellish and share your favourite food stories of the present. Hear about the food of Nottinghamshire's past, before working with a visual artist to bring your own food story to life. The results will be shared in an exhibition in Inspire library galleries from April 2019 alongside works the artists produce with schools. Plus, all contributions will be added back into Nottinghamshire Archives for future food historians to uncover!

Nottinghamshire Archives is a fabulous resource open to the public and holds more than 4 million documents. Find out more at www.inspireculture.org.uk/archives

**HERITAGE TALK
STRUGGLE AND
SUFFRAGE**

Tuesday 26 February, 2.30pm

£3

**Booking essential
Adults**

The vote, equal education, rights in the workplace and health care were some of the battles fought and won locally and nationally by women and for women. Join author Carol Lovejoy Edwards as she brings these invisible heroes to life once more and celebrates their achievements.

"Votes for Women will not be won by drawing room chatter. It has got to be fought for in the market-places, and if we don't fight for it, no-one else will."
Nottingham suffragette Helen Kirkpatrick Watts (pictured)
1881 – 1972

This event also takes place at Beeston Library on Wednesday 20 February. Visit www.inspireculture.org.uk/suffragettes



THE LADY IN THE VEIL

A special series of events illuminating the fascinating life of the daring Lady Mary Montagu Wortley - Nottinghamshire's first travel writer and Europe's first champion of smallpox inoculation. Discover more about her remarkable life, use history to inspire your dramatic writing and enjoy a special performance when the series culminates in a dramatic performance by Georgina Lock.



HERITAGE TALK
THE LADY IN
THE VEIL – THE
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
CONNECTION

Tuesday 12 March, 2.30pm
£3
Booking essential
Adults

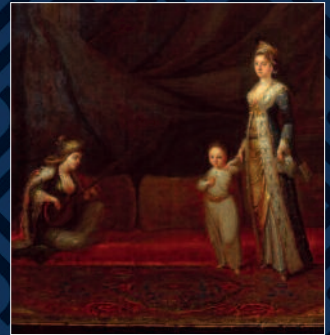
Lady Mary Montagu Wortley spent much of her childhood at Thoresby Hall. Ruth Imeson, Inspire's Heritage Services Manager, investigates some of the records held at Nottinghamshire Archives, giving us an insight into the family background in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Sadly, Lady Mary's daughter burned her mother's diaries and deprived us of her personal view of her early life!



WRITING WORKSHOP
GIVING VOICE TO
ANCESTORS WITH
GEORGINA LOCK

Thursday 21 March,
2.30 – 4.30pm
£10
Booking essential
Adults

This two-hour workshop, led by scriptwriter Georgina Lock, explores the writing of dramatic monologues for characters from history, including local, family and personal history. The workshop features drama improvisation exercises designed to increase creativity, confidence in communicating and understanding of character and narrative. Participants will also experiment with writing exercises, facilitating their drafting of dramatic monologues for characters who intrigue them. There will be feedback on work in progress.



PERFORMANCE
LADY IN THE VEIL
BY GEORGINA LOCK
Thursday 21 March, 7.30pm
£6 / £4
Booking advised
Adults (Under 18s to be
accompanied by an adult)

This one-woman-show presents the daring Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, Nottinghamshire's first travel writer and Europe's first champion of smallpox inoculation. Born in 1689, as the British ambassador's wife in Turkey she visited harems and wore the veil. Now, 52 and in Turin, Italy, she awaits emotional satisfaction. . .

Written and performed by
 Georgina Lock.

Dr Georgina Lock has directed and acted for theatre and made short films. She designed the first scriptwriting programmes at Nottingham Trent University and taught them for fifteen years. Georgina now focuses on writing, particularly writing and historical research about creative women.



LIVE MUSIC

**JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE LIBRARIES
PRESENTS:**

YOUNG PILGRIMS

Thursday 14 March, 7.30pm

£10 / £8

Booking essential

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

From Glasgow's Commonwealth Games celebrations to the Paris Jazz Festival, Young Pilgrims have entertained crowds across Europe with their rock-influenced brass band sound.

Originating in Birmingham this nine-piece band, led by charismatic Scottish trombonist Richard Foote, have performed at a range of festivals and venues including Love Supreme Festival, London Jazz Festival, Birmingham's Symphony Hall and Kings Place, with energetic and engaging performances.

In collaboration with Jazz Steps

JAZZ
STEPS

This performance also tours to Worksoop, Southwell and Beeston Libraries.

For details visit

www.inspireculture.org.uk/jazz



HERITAGE TALK EXPLORING ANCESTRY.COM

Tuesday 19 March, 2.30pm

Free

**Booking essential (limited
places)**

Adults

Join one of our Heritage Librarians for a small group session, where they will demonstrate some of the lesser-known aspects of this valuable family history research tool.

Ancestry.com is free to use in Inspire Libraries, and at Nottinghamshire Archives.



*"They are not
only one of the
finest brass
bands we've
seen, but one
of the most
energetic,
vibrant and
fresh artists
around."*

Mostly Jazz Festival

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REGULAR FREE EVENTS

FOR 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**

Book a free 1:1 appointment for help to discover more about your family or community history. Beginners welcome.

Please note there is no surgery in July, August or December.

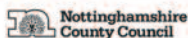


Adventures in Music

10 magical musical adventures for you and your little one

Suitable
for children
aged 2 - 5

FREE weekly sessions start again in January
See inspireculture.org.uk/adventures for details



working with
**Nottinghamshire
Music Hub**



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**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

15th Annual Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Libraries'

READERS' DAY

Saturday 17 November, 2018 | 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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 **Education & Skills
Funding Agency**



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

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WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE...

Date and time	Event	Type	Price	Page
Sun 11 Nov, 3.30pm	Mischief and Mystery in Moominvalley	Family Theatre	£6/£3	4
Thu 22 Nov, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Mellow Baku	Live Music	£10/£8	4
Tue 27 Nov, 2.30pm	Fools and Horses: the Victorian Circus	Heritage	£3	5
Thu 29 Nov, 7.30pm	Book Club Live with Mike Gayle	Books and Reading	£5	5
Thu 13 Dec, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Chris Young with the Andrew Wood Trio	Live Music	£10/£8	6
Tue 15 Jan - 19 Feb, 6.30 - 8.30pm	First Steps to Writing Your Novel	Writing Workshops	£123/£118	7
Fri 1 Feb, 2pm	Story Explorers: Polar Adventures	Under Fives	Free	8
Thu 14 Feb, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Brigitte Beraha	Live Music	£10/£8	8
Fri 22 Feb - Tue 9 Apr	The Big Draw 2018: Play!	Exhibition	Free	9
Fri 22 Feb, 11am	Draw-along with Katie Abey	Children and Families	£3	9
Sat 23 Feb, 10am - 12.30pm	Home Cooked Heritage	Workshop	£5	10
Tue 26 Feb, 2.30pm	Struggle and Suffrage	Heritage	£3	10
Tue 12 Mar, 2.30pm	The Lady in the Veil - the Nottinghamshire Connection	Heritage	£3	11
Thu 14 Mar, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Young Pilgrims	Live Music	£10/£8	12
Tue 19 Mar, 2.30pm	Exploring Ancestry.com	Heritage	Free	12
Thu 21 Mar, 2.30 - 4.30pm	Giving Voice to Ancestors	Creative Writing	£10	11
Thu 21 Mar, 7.30pm	The Lady in the Veil	Performance	£6/£4	11

REGULAR EVENTS For details of our regular, free events see page 15.