WHAT'S

MANSFIELD CENTRAL LIBRARY EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS NOV 18 - MAR 19







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.



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

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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. **inspireculture.org.uk/artsaward**

MANSFIELD CENTRAL LIBRARY

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

This season we welcome two wonderful family theatre performances. Based on the popular novels by Tove Jansson, *Mischief and Mystery in Moominvalley* arrives first, with puppetry, music and surprises set to delight young audiences. For the festive period, Handmade Theatre brings us *The Great Christmas Dig.* Presented in partnership with Mansfield Palace Theatre, this interactive family show takes us back in time to discover the secrets of Christmas.

A magical storytelling journey is in store with *Story Explorers: Polar Adventures* - featuring puppetry, music and sensory play for families with little ones to enjoy. Plus, visit the gallery to discover the Big Draw 2018: Play! exhibition celebrating libraries, amazing automata and the creativity of local children.

For grown-up book lovers, bestselling rom-com writer Cathy Bramley joins us for tea and chat, while aspiring writers have the chance to try *Thinking Like a Poet* at a fascinating workshop led by poet Sue Dymoke.

We focus on both local and national heritage, with events including a fascinating look at Papplewick Pumping Station and an exploration of the lives of three iconic Elizabethan women.

We look forward to welcoming you to your library soon!

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

Mansfield Central Library 03

Four Seasons Centre Westgate Mansfield NG18 1NH

01623 677 200 (Ask Inspire)

mansfield.library @inspireculture.org.uk

Opening hours

Open seven days a week Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.30pm Saturdays 9am - 4pm Sundays 11am - 3pm

Contact Inspire

ask@inspireculture.org.uk Ask Inspire 01623 677 200 www.inspireculture.org.uk

Booking events

Events tickets can be booked online, in person at the library or by phone during opening hours.

Online www.inspireculture.org.uk Phone 0115 804 4363 (Ask Inspire)

Tickets are non-refundable unless an event is cancelled.

Programme is subject to change.

Keep up-to-date

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

Access

Mansfield Central Library is accessible for wheelchair users. Please let us know if you require a wheelchair space for ticketed events or have access needs.

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

www.inspireculture.org.uk



EXHIBITION The Big Draw 2018: Play! Until Thursday 20 December 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!



FAMILY THEATRE

GET LOST AND FOUND PRESENTS MISCHIEF AND MYSTERY IN MOOMINVALLEY

Saturday 10 November, 3.30pm Library members £3 Non-library members £6 Ages 3 - 7



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





Handmade Theatre invite you to step into a magical wonderland and get ready for an adventure of discovery in a festive treasure hunt. Join their curious archaeologists as they journey back in time, unlocking stories from long ago, to discover the secrets of Christmas! An original and highly interactive family show guaranteed to get everyone into the Christmas spirit.

Running time approx 50mins.

Presented in partnership with Mansfield Palace Theatre.



Booking information

Bookings for this production can be made in person at the library or from Mansfield Palace Theatre. Visit mansfieldpalacetheatre.co.uk or call 01623 633 133



HERITAGE EXHIBITION SPANISH FLU: NURSING DURING HISTORY'S DEADLIEST PANDEMIC

Saturday 5 January to Wednesday 14 February Free

This travelling exhibition comes to us from the Florence Nightingale Museum in London - marking 100 years since the outbreak of the Spanish Flu.

Explore the experiences of those who lived and died during the deadliest pandemic in human history, which infected up to half of the world's population, and discover whether a similarly devastating pandemic could happen again. The death toll far outstripped that of the First World War, and there was no cure. Good nursing was the only hope to halt this deadly killer.



UNDER FIVES

STORY EXPLORERS

Free Booking advised Ages 2 - 5

Magical storytelling journeys 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 for this season's exciting adventures



Nottingham Playhouse

STORY EXPLORERS: POLAR ADVENTURES

Thursday 24 January, 2pm Wrap up warm as we set off to

explore snowy polar lands!

STORY EXPLORERS: FANTASTICAL FORESTS

Thursday 28 March, 2pm

We're heading deep into the forest – what woodland creatures will we find?

Story Explorers is taking place at 12 Inspire libraries. For details visit www.inspireculture.org.uk/explorers

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





WORKSHOP

THINKING LIKE A POET WITH SUE DYMOKE

Saturday 2 February, 11.30am – 1pm £10 / £8 Booking essential Adults

Discover how to think like a poet in this workshop led by poet Sue Dymoke. You'll have the chance to try out a number of poetry thinking, writing and editing activities, designed to inspire new ideas and deepen your understanding of how poets write.

Simply bring a notebook, a pen and an open mind. Come and share some of your new writing with other people in the group and enjoy playing with words.

Sue Dymoke is the author of three Shoestring Press collections; *What They Left Behind (2018), Moon at the Park and Ride* (2012) and *The New Girls – new and selected poems* (2004).

Sue is a Reader in Education and Fellow of the Royal Society for the Arts. Her work on poetry education and writing has been internationally recognised with invitations to lecture and lead poetry workshops with adults and young people in Europe, Japan and New Zealand. She is the author of Drafting and Assessing Poetry (Paul Chapman); two highly acclaimed co-edited volumes from Bloomsbury: Making Poetry Matter: international research on poetry pedagogy and Making Poetry Happen: transforming the poetry classroom and, with Andy Croft, she edited the anthology Not Just a Game: Sporting Poetry (Five Leaves). Sue lives in Nottingham.







HERITAGE TALK INVESTIGATING LIFE IN THE ICE AGE

Tuesday 19 February, 2pm £3 Booking advised Adults

Find out more about the exciting Ice Age Journeys project which, since 2012, has been researching the archaeology of an Ice Age site in Nottinghamshire.

Inspired by the tools left behind 14,000 years ago, and thanks to Heritage Lottery funding, the project's focus is now on the making and use of the tools, and the way the people may have dressed.

This talk highlights the range of activities open to volunteers throughout 2019.

Find out more at www.iceagejourneys.org.uk





EXHIBITION

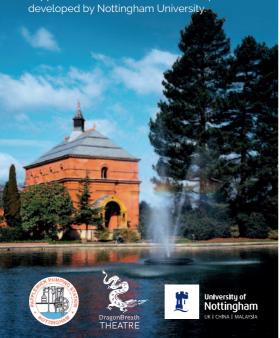
PAPPLEWICK PUMPING STATION: A TEMPLE TO WATER

Wednesday 20 February - Sunday 21 April Free

This exhibition explores Papplewick Pumping Station as a treasure of Nottinghamshire Heritage - an exciting education venue offering a fascinating and unique opportunity to become immersed in the past and develop understanding of contemporary global water issues.

Inspire Arts and Heritage have worked in collaboration with Dragon Breath Theatre, Nottingham University and Papplewick Pumping Station to highlight the water heritage story behind the pumping station and show the cross-curricular education resources available to schools.

The exhibition includes film of how an education visit works, archive images of the pumping station and the history of its past, and Carol Adlam's wonderful illustrations of Papplewick for the Get Wet teacher's pack



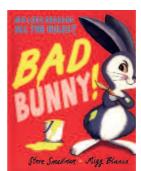


CHILDREN AND FAMILIES GET DRAWING! WITH STEVE SMALLMAN



Thursday 21 February, 2pm Free Booking advised 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 fewer. He also teaches illustration workshops in schools, including mural-painting.

Steve's books include *Smelly Peter the Great Pea Eater* (Winner of the Sheffield Children's Book Award 2009), *The Lamb Who Came for Dinner* (Shortlisted for the Red House Children's Book Award and read by Meatloaf on CITV's Bookaboo) and *Bad Bunny*.

This event also takes place at Worksop Library at 11am. Visit www.inspireculture.org.uk/drawalong

WORKSHOP HOME COOKED HERITAGE

Saturday 2 March, 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.

You will get to hear about the food of Nottinghamshire's past in an entertaining and interactive presentation, 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 holding more than 4 million documents waiting to be discovered. Find out more at www.inspireculture.org.uk/

archives







HERITAGE TALK TWO QUEENS AND A COUNTESS

Tuesday 19 March, 2pm £3 Booking essential Adults

Elizabethan historian David Templeman gives a totally new perspective on the most colourful and charismatic women in Elizabethan History: Queen Elizabeth I, Mary Queen of Scots and Bess of Hardwick. He shines a light on the interaction between these iconic women and their challenge to a male dominated world.





THEATRE AT THE OLD LIBRARY

BESS THE COMMONER QUEEN

by Kevin Fegan

Thursday 21 March, 7.30pm Friday 22 March, 2pm Pay what you can

This event takes place at The Old Library, Leeming Street, Mansfield

Book your tickets online: inspireculture.org.uk/theatre

A female story of survival and astonishing business success in the brutal world of Elizabethan politics, as witnessed first-hand by Bess of Hardwick.

An ambitious drama by award-winning Mansfield-born playwright Kevin Fegan, presented as a seamless mix of powerful live performance and luscious film, shot on location at Hardwick Hall and premiered to sell-out audiences at The Guildhall Theatre, Derby before embarking on a national tour.

Mansfield Central Library hosted a live reading and discussion of the new play, with locally born actress Michelle Todd and a cast of community actors, hosted by playwright Kevin Fegan, in July 2017.



Inspire's 100-seat Old Library Theatre venue on Leeming Street, Mansfield, is a great place to see high-quality performances. As part of our Affordable Theatre Programme, all productions are FREE to book and then you pay what you can on the night – so why not try something new?

For more details about each of the shows and to book tickets visit inspireculture.co.uk/ theatre

THE FLOP

Thursday 11 October, 7.30pm A Hijinx Production in association with Spymonkey

A hilarious slice of stupidity with live music and unfeasibly large wigs. Recommend 16+

USER NOT FOUND

Friday 19 October, 6pm & 8.30pm Created by Dante or Die, written by Chris Goode

A pioneering and intimate new play performed through smartphones and headphones.

CROSSINGS

Thursday 25 October, 7.30pm By Deidre Kinahan, presented by New Perspectives and Pentabus

Two actors dance you through a century exploring how we return and resettle. Recommended 14+

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Wednesday 31 October, 10.30am & 1.30pm Thursday 1 November, 7.30pm An Unanima Theatre Company Production

A unique storytelling experience of one woman's life told through 14 extraordinary, mischievous and heart-warming voices.

FLY HALF

Thursday 15 November, 7.30pm

Follow the trials and tribulations of a rugby player and celebrate the working-class families who head out to the match every week.

WORDSHOW

Thursday 7 February 2019, 7.30pm

Presented by Greg Byron

Verses inspired by modern life and social comment performed with a grimace, a twinkle and a wry pointy finger.

THE ODYSSEY

Thursday 14 March 2019, 7.30pm

The critically-acclaimed Pantaloons and their hilarious new verse adaptation of the most epic journey of all time.

BESS – THE COMMONER QUEEN

Thursday 21 March 2019, 7.30pm Friday 22 March, 2pm A new play by award-winning playwright Kevin Fegan. Featuring Michelle Todd as Bess

A female story of survival and astonishing business success in the brutal world of Elizabethan politics. Details on opposite page.

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DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SCREENINGS

Enjoy an afternoon film on the big screen in the welcoming setting of the library's auditorium. While open to the general public, these screenings are particularly suitable for people living with dementia, their families and friends. Lighting and volume are sensitively set, and the audience is free to talk, sing and move around. Doors open 20 minutes before the screenings, and there will be a 20-minute interval. Free tea and coffee available

The auditorium is on the second floor, and there is lift access. There is tiered seating in the auditorium, with steps. Wheelchair spaces are limited. Please arrive in plenty of time to take your places.

If you have any additional requirements or questions before booking, contact arts@inspireculture.org.uk and let us know. Visit the website for more details.

Due to popularity of these screenings, booking is essential.



ANNIE GET YOUR GUN (U) Thursday 21 March, 2 - 4.30pm £1

Betty Hutton as Annie Oakley and Howard Keel as Frank Butler star in this sharpshootin' funfest. This lavish, spirited production showcases songs and performances with bull's eye precision. The story is a brawling boy-meets-girl-meets- buckshot tale of rivalry. Will love finally triumph for Annie?

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BOOKS AND READING TAKING TEA WITH... CATHY BRAMLEY

Tuesday 26 March, 2pm £4 (with a hot drink) Booking advised Adults

Sit back with a cuppa to enjoy cosy chat from popular rom-com writer Cathy Bramley. Cathy once hosted the world's smallest book launch – in a telephone box – before she hit the Sunday Times bestseller list!

Cathy's new novel A Vintage Summer is published in March, and she's also the author of romantic comedies including Ivy Lane, Appleby Farm, Conditional Love, Wickham Hall, The Plumberry School of Comfort Food and A Match Made in Devon

"A page-turner of a story about love, courage, and following your dreams"

Milly Johnson on A Match Made in Devon

FAMILY CONCERT

THE IMPOSSIBLE
JOURNEY: A MUSICAL
TIME TRAVELLING
ADVENTURE

Saturday 30 March, 2pm Library members £3 Non-library members £6 Ages 5 - 11 Booking advised

Our orchestral band The Hubs are lost in time! Can you help them find their way home?

Join our marvellous musicians as they whizz through time and space performing music from Doctor Who and Back to the Future alongside popular classics from Beethoven, Gershwin and Elvis!

This musical time travelling extravaganza offers an exciting introduction to live music and the orchestra.

After the performance meet the musicians for musical fun and games and try out some instruments for yourself.



REGULAR FREE EVENTS

AN HOUR TO KILL CRIME CAFÉ

Last Tuesday of the month, 2pm

Love crime fiction? Come along and chat to other readers about the books you love.

READING GROUP

Third Wednesday of the month, 2pm

Talk about books and discover new reads.

CRAFT, CREATE AND DONATE

Every fourth Saturday
of the month, 10am – 12pm
Enjoy mixed crafts and giving

Enjoy mixed crafts and giving. Anything goes. All welcome!

RATTLE, RHYME AND ROLL



Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 - 10.30am (Under 5s) Wednesdays, 10 - 10.30am (Under 1s)

Rhyme times with your little ones!

CHILDREN'S CRAFT



Second Saturday of the month, 11am – 1pm

Drop by with the children to enjoy simple craft activities.



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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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

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.

Venue hire

Mansfield Central Library is a great place to hold meetings and events. With a range of creative spaces including our 192 capacity auditorium, it's a great setting for corporate, community and cultural events.

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

Discounts are available for community groups.



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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INSPIRE YOUTH ARTS

Can all young people make great art?

We think so! We believe that all young people should have the opportunity to access the highest quality arts; explore their own strengths and to make the unimaginable happen.

Join us and work alongside professional artists and companies and take part in projects, programmes and festivals across dance, music and digital.

Visit inspireculture.org.uk/iya for more details.



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WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE...

Date and time	Event	Туре	Price	Page
Until Thu 20 Dec	The Big Draw 2018: Play!	Exhibition	Free	4
Sat 10 Nov, 3.30pm	Mischief and Mystery in Moominvalley	Family Theatre	£6 / £3	4
Sat 8 Dec, 12pm	The Great Christmas Dig	Family Theatre	£4.75	5
Sat 5 Jan - Thu 14 Feb	Spanish Flu: Nursing During History's Deadliest Pandemic	Heritage Exhibition	Free	5
Thu 24 Jan, 2pm	Story Explorers: Polar Adventures	Under Fives	Free	6
Sat 2 Feb, 11.30am - 1pm	Thinking Like a Poet	Creative Writing	£10 / £8	7
Tue 19 Feb, 2pm	Investigating Life in the Ice Age	Heritage Talk	£3	7
Wed 20 Feb - Sun 21 Apr	Papplewick Pumping Station: A Temple to Water	Exhibition	Free	8
Thu 21 Feb, 2pm	Get Drawing! With Steve Smallman	Children and Families	Free	8
Sat 2 Mar, 10am – 12.30pm	Home Cooked Heritage	Workshop	£5	9
Tue 19 Mar, 2pm	Two Queens and a Countess	Heritage Talk	£3	10
Thu 21 March, 2pm	Film: Annie Get Your Gun	Dementia Friendly Screening	£1	12
Thu 21 Mar, 7.30pm	Bess the Commoner Queen at The Old Library	Performance	Pay what you can	10
Fri 22 Mar, 2pm	Bess the Commoner Queen at The Old Library	Performance	Pay what you can	10
Tue 26 Mar, 2pm	Taking Tea with Cathy Bramley	Books and Reading	£4	12
Thu 28 Mar, 2pm	Story Explorers: Fantastical Forests	Under Fives	Free	6
Sat 30 Mar, 2pm	The Impossible Adventure	Family Concert	£6 / £3	13