

Mansfield Central Library:

What's On

Events & Exhibitions July - October 2016

Children:

Summer Reading Challenge Launch

Saturday 16 July, 10am – 3pm

Join us for our Summer Reading Challenge launch. This year's challenge celebrates 100 years of the wonderful Roald Dahl. Children aged 4+ can sign up for The Big Friendly Read and take part in craft activities inspired by the books of Roald Dahl. Just drop in.



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Exhibition:

The Big Friendly Exhibition

Tuesday 19 July to

Thursday 1 September

Nottinghamshire school children and artists have been inspired by the fantastic stories of Roald Dahl and the writing hut in which he wrote his marvellous children's stories. Together they've created a Big Friendly Exhibition of amazing artwork and an 'interactive reading shed' set in a garden of wonderful woolly flowers. Discover an exhibition full of fun, free activities during the Summer Reading Challenge.

Heritage:

Local Mining Communities

Tuesday 19 July, 2pm | £3

Coal mining has been at the heart of many local communities for generations. Denis Hill looks at how lives were changed by its rise and fall, and how the landscape altered to create the Nottinghamshire we know today. Booking advised.

To book an event visit the library, or call 01623 651 337

Events are free unless otherwise stated. For the latest details of these and other events visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/librariesevents



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Community:

Summer Safety Roadshow

Monday 1 August, 12 – 3pm

Join Mansfield Firefighters, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Notts Road Safety, Ambulance Heritage Society, Notts Police, Nottinghamshire Blood Bikes and St John Ambulance for fun and education in the library, with hands-on activities for all. Ends with a visit from a fire engine (subject to availability)! Just drop in.

Film Screening:

**The Battle of the Somme with
Orchestral Backing**

Saturday 6 August, 2 – 5pm

To commemorate the battle's 100th anniversary, a showing of the iconic 1916 film the Battle of the Somme on the big screen – with live orchestral backing from Music Workshop's Advanced Music Ensemble. Join us for a pre-screening talk about the film's political and military context by Dr Greg Davey and Nottinghamshire Archives' Ruth Imeson. Booking strongly advised.



Film Screening:

Matilda (PG)

**Friday 5 August, 1.30pm | £1 per child,
accompanying adults free**

Join us as we celebrate the brilliant world of Roald Dahl with the magical tale of the book-loving Matilda Wormwood.

Books & Reading:

**Scandi Crime with Author
Sarah Ward**

Tuesday 16 August, 2pm | £3

Fans of Nordic Noir won't want to miss this session led by author Sarah Ward - a judge for the Petrona Award for Scandinavian translated crime novels. Join Sarah as she talks about Scandinavian crime fiction and how it influences her own work and that of other British crime writers. Share your own favourites and look at distinctive themes in Scandi literature. Sarah is the author of In Bitter Chill, set in the Derbyshire Peak District. Booking advised.

Film Screening:

Fantastic Mr Fox (PG)

**Friday 19 August, 1.30pm | £1 per child,
accompanying adults free**

We continue our celebration of the amazing Roald Dahl with the big screen adaptation of one of his most loved books. Mr Fox pits his wits against the evil farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean. A fun film for all the family.

**Southwell
Library**

POETRY

FESTIVAL

14 -17 JULY 2016

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/southwellpoetryfestival

Exhibition:

3x3x3: Three Poets, Three Artists, Three Libraries: The Night Library

Tuesday 6 September to Sunday 9 October

Take three poets, match them up with three artists, and the results are three very different books: Small Grass, a short collection of nature poems written from the viewpoint of grass; The Night Library, a love song to libraries, and Lace, a celebration of lace and the women who made it. Our gallery hosts a special exhibition of The Night Library, and a workshop with the creators. 3x3x3 is brought to us by Stonewood Press.



Heritage:

Clubbing Together

Tuesday 20 September, 2pm | £3

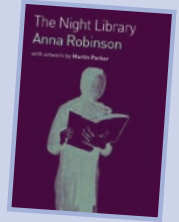
Remember the Ovaltineys and the I-Spy Tribe? Historian and collector Brian Howes takes a trip down memory lane to the days when joining children's clubs and wearing badges were all part of the fun of growing up. Booking advised.

Family Art Workshop:

3x3x3: Three Poets, Three Artists, Three Libraries: Tales from The Night Library

Saturday 24 September, 11am – 1pm

Libraries are special places and they hide a thousand stories. How many of these stories are yours? To complement The Night Library exhibition showing in the gallery, poet Anna Robinson and artist Martin Parker have hidden special story books in and around our library. Seek them out and add your own story and illustrations. All you need is a pen and your imagination. And if you need help, Anna and Martin will be on hand to inspire you. Adults and children welcome. Just drop in.



Books & Reading:

Meet the Author - Elizabeth Chadwick

Tuesday 18 October, 2.30pm | £3

Meet award-winning, bestselling author of historical fiction Elizabeth Chadwick, live at your library. The author's latest book, Autumn Throne, will be published in hardback September – completing the Eleanor of Aquitaine trilogy. Don't miss the chance to hear from the author of The Winter Crown, The Summer Queen, The Greatest Knight and more. Booking advised.



FREE fun at your library

for children aged 4-11

16 July - 11 September

Opening hours

Open seven days a week

Monday

to Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm

Saturdays 9am - 4pm

Sundays 11am - 3pm

Venue Hire

The Central is our inspiring events and hire venue. With a range of creative spaces, including a 192 capacity auditorium, it's a great setting for corporate, community and cultural events. For details and rates, visit: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries



Family Fun Day:

Super Sharratt Day

Wednesday 26 October, 10am – 3pm

Join us for a day of half-term fun inspired by the brilliant books and illustrations of one of our favourite authors - Nick Sharratt. Enjoy stories, crafts and our amazing Big Draw workshop. No need to book, just drop in.

Family Art Workshop:

The Big Draw – Circuit Drawings

**Wednesday 26 October,
10am – 3pm**

Come and use creativity to explore technology at this family workshop. Use conductive drawing materials and work with an artist to create beautiful drawings that are also an electric circuit. Complete them with a battery and an LED to light up your work and turn art into science. Drawings will be inspired by the books of Nick Sharratt. Just drop in.



**PLUS
DON'T
MISS...**

the marvellous **Pirates, Pants and Wellyphants** exhibition at Mansfield Museum from 17 September!

Young People's Author Event:

Sarah Mussi

**Friday 28 October
Angels, Witches and
Dragons Workshop:
11am – 1pm**

**Here be Dragons ...
and Witches!
Talk: 2pm**



Sarah Mussi, author of the acclaimed novels *Angel Dust* and *Here Be Dragons*, makes her first visit to Mansfield Central Library. Take part in an interactive fantasy writing workshop at 11am, then hear Sarah talk about her exciting work in the afternoon. Booking for these sessions is strongly advised!

Strictly for age 11yrs and above. Part of our Young People's Spooktacular Horror Writing Season.



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