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A festival of story events for everyone

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During March, libraries across the county will be celebrating our love of stories. Storyfest Nottinghamshire is a programme of great events to inspire you to fall in love with stories in all their forms, from live storytelling nights and author events, to story writing workshops and tales of Nottinghamshire's past.

And as always, you can stock up on stories to take home for free from our bookshelves every day.

I hope to see you at a library soon!

Sheelagh Gallagher
The Book Doctor,
Nottinghamshire Libraries

Welcome to Storyfest Nottinghamshire

Stuck for inspiration on books to choose from your library? Ask the Book Doctor for a reading prescription by visiting Doctor, Doctor at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/reading

Booking information

To book, or for more information, please contact the address or number specified with the events.

Festival exhibition:

This is our story

**Monday 1 March –
Wednesday 31 March
West Bridgford Library,
Bridgford Road**

Free

T: 0115 981 6506

Visit our festival exhibition about Nottinghamshire stories. Post your own tale to our story wall, and become part of the big story.

narrative creative writing stories local history festival

Stories live!

Looking for something different to do? Then take your seats for our live storytelling events. From the seven deadly sins to ghost stories told live in the library – watch performers weave their storytelling magic.

Audience: Adults

Booking advised except where specified

The Seven Deadly Sins

Live storytelling

with Sophie Snell

Friday 5 March, 7.30pm

Stapleford Library, Church Street

£6 / £4 concessions

T: 0115 939 9178 / 0115 924 5296

A young girl hiding in the confessional overhears her neighbours' confessions - lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy and pride. As she listens with growing unease, stories unfold that should never be told...

At turns dark and comic, this show offers twisting tales from the stones and bones of the British Isles...

Not suitable for children

**“Absolutely wonderful!
Blown away”**

Praise for The Seven Deadly Sins

fright storytellers story libraries night

Fright Night **Live at the library**

Ghost stories with storyteller
Nicky Rafferty

Touring libraries
£6 / £4 concessions

A chilling performance of ghostly tales told live in the library. Experience the atmosphere as storyteller, Nicky Rafferty, dims the lights and takes you to the edge of your seats with her Fright Night stories, which mix urban myths, ghost stories and folklore. Bring someone to hold your hand!

Stories contain moments of surprise. Not suitable for under 16s.

Monday 8 March, 7.30pm
Relford Library, Churchgate
T: 01777 708 724

Wednesday 10 March, 7.30pm
Southwell Library,
The Bramley Centre
T: 01636 812 148

Tuesday 16 March, 7.30pm
West Bridgford Library,
Bridgford Road
T: 0115 981 6506

Wednesday 31 March, 7.30pm
Newark Library,
Beaumont Gardens
T: 01636 703 966 / 0115 924 5296

“Great atmosphere!”

*Praise for Fright Night
Live at the library*

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Our stories on stage
Saturday 13 March, 2pm
Mansfield Library, Lecture Theatre,
Four Seasons Centre

A free event
T: 01 623 627 591

Enjoy this special community storytelling performance led by performance poet and storyteller, Michelle Hubbard. The result of a workshop involving local people of African, African Caribbean and multiple heritage descent to explore culture and identity through story.

Storytelling café with Joy Pitt
Wednesday 17 March, 10.30am
Arnold Leisure Centre, Front Street

Free
T: 01 15 920 2247

Arnold Library's popular weekly Reading Café heads to the leisure centre to enjoy stories and chatter with storyteller, Joy Pitt. Come along to meet other story lovers.

Festival finale
Lost in Translation with
storytellers Shonaleigh
and Peter Chand
Saturday 27 March, 7.30pm
The Bonington Theatre, Arnold

£10 / £8
T: 01 15 956 0733

The fate of the kingdom lies in the hands of two men. Can Jakov and Pardesi put aside their differences and reach the magical city of Lutz, a place where men forget who they are?

A tale of destiny, aching for one's homeland, and the understanding between cultures. Some things remain eternal – others get Lost in Translation.

Indo/Jewish storytelling from two celebrated storytellers.

“A witty, literate and engaging storyteller.”

The South Bank. Praise for Shonaleigh

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Author events

Get a dose of culture this month and listen to writers reading from their own works and talking about a love of stories.

Audience: Adults
Booking advised

Nicola Monaghan
Monday 1 March, 6pm
Worksop Library, Memorial Avenue
A free event
T: 01909 472 408

Join the prize winning local author of *The Killing Jar* as she reads from her own books and talks about a life in stories.

“A wonderful novel...
I am full of admiration”
Alan Sillitoe. Praise for The Killing Jar

Ann Cleeves
Thursday 4 March, 7.30pm
West Bridgford Library,
Bridgford Road
£3
T: 0115 981 6506

Crime fiction is the most popular genre with Nottinghamshire library lovers. Book early to hear award-winning crime writer Ann Cleeves, read from *Blue Lightning*, the final novel in her quartet set in the Shetlands.

Jon McGregor
Thursday 11 March, 2.30pm
West Bridgford Library,
Bridgford Road
£3
T: 0115 981 6506

Jon McGregor's debut, *If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things*, made him the youngest contender on the 2002 Man Booker Prize longlist. The Nottingham writer will be reading from his latest novel, *Even the Dogs*.

Eve Makis

Friday 12 March, 7.30pm

**Southwell Library,
The Bramley Centre**

£3

T: 01636 812 148 / 0115 924 5296

Readings and talk from best-selling and award-winning Nottinghamshire writer, Eve Makis, author of Land of The Golden Apple.

Goal! Football stories

with Graham Joyce

Thursday 18 March, 7pm

**Mansfield Library, Lecture Theatre
Four Seasons Centre**

£3

T: 01623 627 591

Football is full of great stories. Hear Graham Joyce, read from his laugh-out-loud memoir of grass roots football, Simple Goalkeeping Made Spectacular - shortlisted for the 2009 William Hill Sports Book of the Year. Come and share your own favourite football stories.

Karen Maitland

Thursday 25 March, 2pm

Refford Library, Churchgate

£3

T: 01777 708 724 / 0115 924 5296

Karen Maitland writes Medieval mysteries. Hear her read from her new novel, The Owl Killers.

Stephen Booth

Wednesday 24 March, 2pm – 3pm

Kirkby-in-Ashfield

Ashfield Precinct

A free event

T: 01623 753 236

Another event for crime fiction fans. The ever-popular local crime writer, Stephen Booth.

Joy James

Thursday 25 March

2.30pm – 3.30pm

Carlton Library, Manor Road

A free event

T: 0115 987 0276

Meet local author, Joy James, who writes about growing up in Nottinghamshire and listen to her read from her new book.

Margaret Dickinson

Friday 26 March, 2pm

Ollerton Library, Forest Road

A free event

T: 01623 860 274

Margaret Dickinson writes family sagas. Meet the author and hear extracts from her latest novel, Suffragette Girl.

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Over to you

Do you have a story you're itching to write? Get started in our writing workshops, and meet the people who help put local writers into print at two special events.

Audience: Adults
Booking required

Writing workshops with prize-winning writer, Anthony Cropper

Touring libraries
£5 / £3 concessions

Thursday 4 March, 9.30am – 12pm
Arnold Library, Front Street
T: 0115 920 2247

Friday 5 March, 9.30 – 12pm
Ollerton Library, Forest Road
T: 01623 860 274

Friday 5 March, 2.30pm – 5pm
Forest Town Library, Clipstone Road
T: 01623 623 395

Saturday 20 March, 9.30am – 12pm
Mansfield Library, Westgate
T: 01623 627 591

Saturday 20 March, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
West Bridgford Library, Bridgford Road
T: 0115 981 6506

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New Writers UK

**Friday 12 March, 7pm
Radcliffe-on-Trent Library,
New Road**

A free event
T: 0115 933 2312

Is there a story in your head that's itching to be written? Always wondered how to get your book into print? Need someone to design your book cover how you want it? New Writers UK is a locally run organisation that aims to help. Meet them at this free event.

Pewter Rose Press:

Short story publishers

Wednesday 24 March

Writing Workshop: 4pm – 5.30pm,

The world of short story publishing:

7pm – 8.30pm

Beeston Library, Foster Avenue

£ 5 / £3 concessions (each event)

£8 / £4 concessions (both events)

T: 0115 925 5168 / 0115 924 5296

Pewter Rose Press is an independent short story publisher in Nottingham. Join Pewter Rose authors, Roberta Dewa and Frances Thimann, for an afternoon workshop, and hear them read from their works in the evening which includes an insight into the world of short story publishing.

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Our Nottinghamshire stories

Explore tales of our past at these great events which bring local histories to life.

Audience: Various
All library events are free
Booking advised unless stated

Stories of the past

**Saturday 6 and Saturday 27 March,
12pm – 4pm
Southwell Workhouse, Upton Road
T: 01636 817260**

We head to the workhouse for hourly storytelling tours. No need to book. Normal admission rates apply.

Workhouse storytelling in the library

**Saturday 13 March, 2pm – 4pm
Southwell Library,
The Bramley Centre
T: 01636 812 148 / 0115 924 5296**

Stories of Southwell's past brought to life in the library. With Southwell Workhouse storyteller Karen Winyard.

At the coalface

**Tuesday 16 March, 2pm – 5pm
Cotgrave Library, Cotgrave
Shopping Centre
T: 0115 989 2578**

Discover the story of mining and life at the local coalface at this display of artefacts and memorabilia.

Stories of Burton Joyce

**Saturday 13 March, 9.30 – 3.30pm
Burton Joyce Library,
Meadow Lane
T: 0115 931 3630**

A day dedicated to Burton Joyce past with the local history society. With talks on the stories of Burton Joyce, and the chance for families to create personalised local history scrapbooks.

All about me!

Scrapbook workshops

Create a scrapbook of your local family history together. Bring along your photos and stories and use our old maps, photos and newspapers to bring your tale to life.

A family event
Booking required

Saturday 20 March, 10am -12pm

**Cotgrave Library,
Cotgrave Shopping Centre**

T: 0115 989 2578

Tuesday 25 March, 3.30pm – 5pm

**Sutton-in-Ashfield Library,
Idlewells Shopping Centre**

T: 01623 556 296

Down memory lane

Thursday 25 March, 2pm – 5pm

**Sutton-in-Ashfield Library,
Idlewells Shopping Centre**

T: 01623 556 296

Enjoy stories from the past with The Living Memory Group. Share your own tales from down memory lane.

Pull up your stockings

Monday 22 – Tuesday 30 March

**Sutton-in-Ashfield Library,
Idlewells Shopping Centre**

T: 01623 556 296

A photographic exhibition of local occupations, schools and weddings from the past. Just drop by.

My life!

Write it, blog it, make your story count. Diary competition workshops for 7 - 16 year olds (with parents/carers).

Booking required

My life! is a competition for local youngsters to record their true story of a single day in their life, with cash prizes and the chance to be added to the collections of Nottinghamshire Archives.

During Storyfest, youngsters can get a head start at workshops across the county.

Find out more at:
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/archives

Monday 1 March, 4pm – 5.30pm

**Mansfield Woodhouse Library,
Church Street**

T: 01623 621 781

Wednesday 3 March, 3.30pm – 5pm

Selston Library, Chapel Road

T: 01773 810 093

Saturday 6 March, 10.30am – 12pm

Retford Library, Churchgate

T: 01777 708724

Tuesday 9 March, 3.30pm – 5pm

Keyworth Library, Church Drive

T: 0115 937 3509

Wednesday 10 March, 3.30pm – 5pm

Burton Joyce Library, Meadow Lane

T: 0115 931 3630

Saturday 13 March, 10.30am – 12pm

Balderton Library, Main Street

T: 01636 703 930

Wednesday 17 March, 3.30pm – 5pm

Toton Library, Stapleford Lane

T: 0115 972 6403

Children's story events

What better way to inspire a love of stories in your children, than a day dedicated to the wonderful world of Roald Dahl? Enjoy fun activities designed around their favourite Dahl tales. And don't forget our regular Storyhullabaloo for pre-schoolers at libraries across the county.

All events are free

Roald Dahl fun day Saturday 20 March

At libraries around the county

Audience: 5 - 10 year olds with parents/carers

10am – 12pm
Edwinstowe Library, High Street
T: 01 623 822 280

10am – 12pm
Bilsthorpe Library, The Crescent
T: 01 623 870 216

10am – 12pm
**Calverton Library,
St Wilfrid's Square**
T: 01 15 965 2580

10am – 12pm
East Leake, Gotham Road
01509 852 349

10am – 3pm
Bircotes Library, Scrooby Road
T: 01302 742 384

10am – 3pm
Eastwood Library, Wellington Place
T: 01773 712 209

10am – 3pm
**Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library,
Ashfield Precinct**
T: 01623 753 236

Storyhullabaloo Libraries across the county

Audience: Under fives with parents/carers. No booking required

Every week, all year round, libraries across the county bring stories to life for pre-schoolers and their parents/carers in our Storyhullabaloo sessions.

Discover a session near you during Storyfest Nottinghamshire. Visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries for details.

Events at a glance

DATE	EVENT
Monday 1 March	This is our story (until 31 March)
Monday 1 March	Diary workshop
Monday 1 March	Nicola Monaghan - contemporary fiction
Wednesday 3 March	Diary workshop
Thursday 4 March	Writing workshop - with Anthony Cropper
Thursday 4 March	Ann Cleeves - crime fiction
Friday 5 March	Writing workshop - with Anthony Cropper
Friday 5 March	Writing workshop - with Anthony Cropper
Friday 5 March	The Seven Deadly Sins - live storytelling with Sophie Snell
Saturday 6 March	Diary workshop
Saturday 6 March	Storytelling at the Workhouse
Monday 8 March	Fright Night - ghost stories with Nicky Rafferty
Tuesday 9 March	Diary workshop
Wednesday 10 March	Diary workshop
Wednesday 10 March	Fright Night - ghost stories with Nicky Rafferty
Thursday 11 March	Jon McGregor - contemporary fiction
Friday 12 March	New Writers UK
Friday 12 March	Eve Makis - contemporary fiction
Saturday 13 March	Stories of Burton Joyce
Saturday 13 March	Diary workshop
Saturday 13 March	Our stories on stage - community group performance
Saturday 13 March	Workhouse storytelling - in the library
Tuesday 16 March	At the coalface
Tuesday 16 March	Fright Night - ghost stories with Nicky Rafferty
Wednesday 17 March	Storytelling café - with Joy Pitt
Wednesday 17 March	Diary workshop
Thursday 18 March	Goal! Football stories with Graham Joyce
Saturday 20 March	Roald Dahl fun day - Bilsthorpe
Saturday 20 March	Roald Dahl fun day - Edwinstowe
Saturday 20 March	Roald Dahl fun day - Calverton
Saturday 20 March	Roald Dahl fun day - East Leake
Saturday 20 March	Roald Dahl fun day - Bircotes
Saturday 20 March	Roald Dahl fun day - Eastwood
Saturday 20 March	Roald Dahl fun day - Kirkby-in-Ashfield
Saturday 20 March	Writing workshop - with Anthony Cropper
Saturday 20 March	All about me! Local family history scrapbook workshop
Saturday 20 March	Writing workshop - with Anthony Cropper
Monday 22 March	Pull up your stockings (until 30 March)
Wednesday 24 March	Stephen Booth - crime fiction
Wednesday 24 March	Pewter Rose Press writing workshop
Wednesday 24 March	Pewter Rose Press - The world of short story publishing
Thursday 25 March	Down memory lane
Thursday 25 March	Karen Maitland - medieval mysteries
Thursday 25 March	All about me! Local family history scrapbook workshop
Thursday 25 March	Joy James - local memoirs
Friday 26 March	Margaret Dickinson - family sagas
Saturday 27 March	Storytelling at the Workhouse
Saturday 27 March	Lost in Translation - live storytelling Shonaleigh and Peter Chand
Wednesday 31 March	Fright Night - ghost stories with Nicky Rafferty

EVENT TYPE	TIME	VENUE
Exhibition	N/A	West Bridgford Library
My life! Children's competition	4pm - 5.30pm	Mansfield Woodhouse Library
Author event	6pm	Woksop Library
My life! Children's competition	3.30pm - 5pm	Selston Library
You write the stories	9.30am - 12pm	Arnold Library
Author events	7.30pm	West Bridgford Library
You write the stories	9.30am - 12pm	Ollerton Library
You write the stories	2.30pm - 5pm	Forest Town Library
Stories live!	7.30pm	Stapleford Library
My life! Children's competition	10.30am - 12pm	Retford Library
Tales of Nottinghamshire	12pm - 4pm	Southwell Workhouse
Stories live!	7.30pm	Retford Library
My life! Children's competition	3.30pm - 5pm	Keyworth Library
My life! Children's competition	3.30pm - 5pm	Burton Joyce Library
Stories live!	7.30pm	Southwell Library
Author event	2.30pm	West Bridgford Library
Author event	7pm	Radcliffe-on-Trent Library
Author event	7.30pm	Southwell Library
Tales of Nottinghamshire	9.30am - 3.30pm	Burton Joyce Library
My life! Children's competition	10.30am - 12pm	Balderton
Stories live!	2pm	Mansfield Library
Tales of Nottinghamshire	2pm - 4pm	Southwell Library
Tales of Nottinghamshire	2pm	Cotgrave Library
Stories live!	7.30pm	West Bridgford Library
Stories live at the Reading Cafe	10.30am	Arnold Leisure Centre
My life! Children's competition	3.30pm - 5pm	Toton Library
Author event	7pm	Mansfield Library
Children's event	10am - 12pm	Bilsthorpe Library
Children's event	10am - 12pm	Edwinstowe Library
Children's event	10am - 12pm	Calverton Library
Children's event	10am - 12pm	East Leake Library
Children's event	10am - 3pm	Bircotes Library
Children's event	10am - 3pm	Eastwood Library
Children's event	10am - 3pm	Kirkby-in-Ashfield Library
You write the stories	9.30am - 12pm	Mansfield Library
Tales of Nottinghamshire	10am - 12pm	Cotgrave Library
You write the stories	1.30pm - 3.30pm	West Bridgford Library
Exhibition	N/A	Sutton-in-Ashfield Library
Author event	2pm	Kirkby-in-Ashfield
Author event	4pm	Beeston Library
Author event	7pm	Beeston Library
Tales of Nottinghamshire	2pm	Sutton-in-Ashfield Library
Author event	2pm	Retford Library
Tales of Nottinghamshire	3.30pm - 5pm	Sutton-in-Ashfield Library
Author event	2.30pm	Carlton Library
Author event	2pm	Ollerton Library
Tales of Nottinghamshire	12pm - 4pm	Southwell Workhouse
Stories live!	7.30pm	The Bonnington Theatre, Arnold
Stories live!	7.30pm	Newark Library

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