

THE LIBRARY PRESENTS

Cambridgeshire
libraries

Affordable, Local and Inspiring Arts Events

April – July 2026

Look out for our
accessible activities



Supported using public funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**



Funded by
UK Government

Urban&Civic



**Cambridgeshire
County Council**

WELCOME!

Thank you for helping shape another extraordinary season of performances and inspiring workshops.

Our goal is simple: to make every high-quality The Library Presents event accessible, affordable, and welcoming for everyone. A huge round of applause to our incredible staff and volunteers, whose dedication brings this programme to life.

The Library Presents grows every year through your feedback and involvement. These are your libraries and this is your stage so join in and be part of the magic!

We can't wait to welcome you to the season — whether it's at a performance, a workshop, or your local library.

We always love to hear from you, so if you have any thoughts, suggestions, or feedback email us at thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Don't forget to sign up for our newsletter to stay up to date with news, events, and ways to get involved.

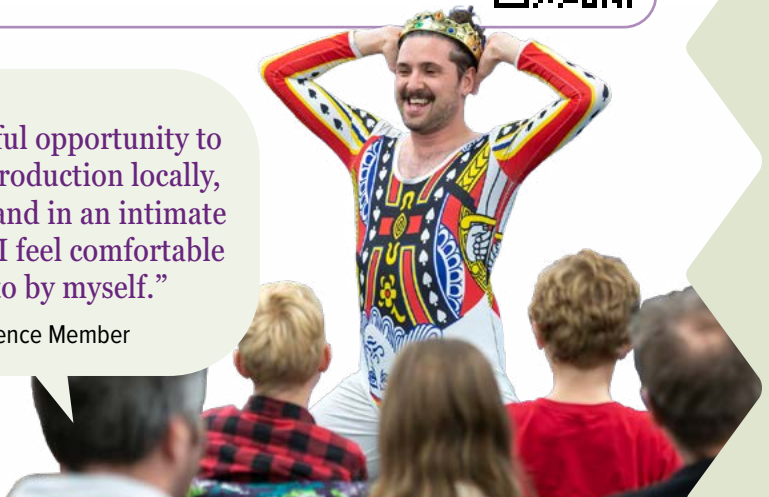
**Sign up for the
monthly newsletter**

<https://tinyurl.com/TLP-Newsletter>



“A wonderful opportunity to see a live production locally, affordable and in an intimate venue that I feel comfortable going to by myself.”

Audience Member



Find the events recommended for your age group using the colour coded pages.

Green - All Ages

Events recommended for All Ages 0yrs - 99yrs



Blue - Families

Events for Families 0yrs - 11years



Orange - Adults and Young Adults

Events for Adults and Young Adults



VOLUNTEERING

Can you help us with any of the following?

- **Setting up spaces** (putting out chairs, tables & backdrops)
- **Stewarding** (welcoming people, checking tickets, collecting feedback)
- **Refreshments** (serving interval drinks or making hot drinks at workshops)
- **Promotion** (distributing brochures and posters or posting on social media)
- **Technical Support** (setting up basic sound and light equipment)

To find out more please contact us:
thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

"I enjoy serving the drinks ... quietly helping things run smoothly."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

			Page
Sat 16	Fused Glass Workshop	Yaxley Library	45
Sat 16	Rhythms of Africa, Percussion Workshop	Barnwell Road Library	32
Tue 19	Collage, Explore, Express and Create	Cambridge Central Library	43
Fri 22	Once Upon a Time in Fenland	March Library	23
Sat 23	The Zoo That Comes To You	Chatteris Library	26
Sun 24	The Zoo That Comes To You	Alconbury Weald Pavillion	26
Wed 27	How to Catch a Book Witch	St Neots Library	28

June

Fri 5	Lord Byron; Dangerous to Know	Wisbech Library	24
Sat 6	Peachy & Me (Comedy & Magic)	Sawston Library	30
Sat 6	Nature Writing Workshop	St Ives Library	36
Sat 6	Foil Embossing Workshop	Ramsey Library	40
Sat 6	Shake Rattle & Roll	Wisbech Library	33
Sat 13	Romeo & Juliet	Bassingbourn Library	22
Sat 13	Gel-plate printing Workshop	Huntingdon Library	42
Sat 13	Coil & Cordage Workshop	March Library	41
Fri 19	Secrets of Soil and Water Portals	Cherry Hinton Library	21
Sat 20	Gel-plate printing Workshop	Chatteris Library	42
Sat 20	Sea Shanties Workshop	Histon Library	34
Mon 22	Schools Art Exhibition until Sat 27 June	Ely Library	46
Tue 23	Nature Writing Workshop	Papworth Library	36
Thu 25	Schools Art Exhibition Prize Ceremony	Ely Library	46
Sat 27	Ask Granny (Comedy)	Huntingdon Library	29
Sat 27	Finding Magic Workshop	Arbury Court Library	31
Sat 27	Rhythms of Africa, Percussion Workshop	Whittlesey Library	32

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

Fri 3	Shades of Miles Centenary	Ramsey Library	20
Sat 4	Foil Embossing Workshop	Cambourne Library	40
Sat 4	Coil & Cordage Workshop	Littleport Library	41
Sun 5	Dance for over 55s Workshop	Cambridge Central Library	35
Fri 10	Graffiti Classics	Whittlesey Library	18
Sat 11	LGBTQIA+ Zine Making	Cherry Hinton Library	38
Sat 11	Finding Magic Workshop	Wisbech Library	31
Sat 11	Ukrainian Cultural Afternoon	Ely Library	17
Wed 15	Writing for Friends Workshop	St Neots Library	37
Fri 17	Times of Our Lives	March Library	19
Sat 18	Peachy & Me (Comedy & Magic)	Burwell Library	30
Sat 18	Miss Moore Thought Otherwise	Cambourne Library	25
Sat 18	Fused Glass Workshop	Fulbourn Village Library	45
Thu 23	Bird Puppet Making Workshop	Soham Library	44
Fri 24	Life is a Game Graffiti Workshop	Coneygear Community Centre	39
Sat 25	Tiny Planet	Barnwell Christ the Redeemer	27

TICKETING INFORMATION

How to buy tickets

- Online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/thelibrarypresents
- In person from participating libraries (cash only)
- On the door at all activities (subject to availability/cash only)
- By phone 0333 666 3366

Phone line open Monday to Friday 9am to 7pm (excluding bank holidays), Saturday 9am to 5pm. Outside these times customers can leave an answerphone message for a return call.

For enquiries about accessibility customers should call 01223 706 779 or email: thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Scan the QR code for event details and to book tickets (links to library live website)



Ticket Prices

All tickets for the programme are subsidised by our funding from Arts Council England. To cover basic costs without the funding one ticket would cost between £20 and £70. Our highest ticket price is £9.50. No Booking Fees on any of our tickets.

Performances: Full price £9.50

Students and Senior Citizens £6.50

Children (under 16), Unwaged and Disabled £5.50

Selected shows will have discount ticket options:

£4.50 each / £17 group saver (4 people) / 'Pay What You Can' starting at £0

Workshops: Full price £7.70

Children (under 16), Students & Senior Citizens, Unwaged & Disabled £4.50

PLEASE NOTE: ALL CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT (18+YRS) WHO HAS A TICKET. Adults can take part in all workshop activities.

Companion Tickets

Disabled customers who need a companion to accompany them should book a free companion ticket when booking their own.

Babes in arms

Babes in arms under 1 year old are welcome at family and all ages events without a ticket. If you would like them to have a seat you will need to buy a child ticket.

TICKETING INFORMATION

'Pay what you can' performance tickets

You choose which pricing option is best for you. Think about what the performance is worth to you and what you can afford then book your ticket.

£0-£2 anyone who could not afford to come if they paid more

£4-£7 anyone who would usually buy a concession priced ticket

£8-£9 anyone who would usually buy full price tickets

£10 and over anyone who would like to make sure ticket prices remain accessible to as many people as possible

Time Credits:

A limited number of Digital Time Credits places are available for selected performances; they cannot be used for workshops.

A performance ticket costs 1 Time Credit. For details please visit:
<https://tempotimecredits.org/use/venue/3230>

Earn Tempo Time Credits by volunteering with groups on the Tempo network.



Earn Digital Badges:

You can earn a digital badge for attending any event with The Library Presents. Digital badges record learning and experiences outside of school. They can be added to a CV to help you pursue your chosen career. To find out more visit the Region of Learning platform:
<https://navigatr.app/community/4/region-of-learning>



No longer able to attend?

If you cannot attend, please let us know; even if your ticket was free or you do not wish to have a refund. **Places are limited, there is often a waiting list, and your ticket can be offered to someone else.**

Refund requests made 7 days or more before the event will be given. You can request a refund by clicking 'manage my booking' in your ticket confirmation email or by emailing us your details. Refund requests made less than 7 days before an event will be at the discretion of The Library Presents.

Email: thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

ACCESSIBILITY

Everyone is welcome!

We aim to make our activities as accessible as possible and remove barriers to arts events for our audiences. This includes family, older adult, deaf, disabled and neurodivergent audiences.

Your views are very important to us – so please let us know if you have a good experience with us or tell us what you'd like us to improve.

We have signed up to the **Family Arts Standards** and **Age Friendly Standards**. To help you enjoy your experience we are committed to ensuring we meet these standards.



Detailed access information can be found on the website or if you prefer you can phone or email.



Website: www.library.live/the-library-presents

Tel: **01223 706779**

Email: thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

At all our events you can:

- Move around if you need to.
- Use quiet fidget toys (e.g. fidget spinner).
- Use ear defenders or weighted blankets.
- Stand if you need to (please move to the side or back of the audience).

If strobe lighting, very loud music or sudden bangs are included this will be noted in the information for the event.

Our audience seating is created using freestanding chairs. They are flexible and we can accommodate users of wheelchairs, mobility aids and service animals. Additional aids such as cushions and frames to support with standing up can be provided on request at Age Friendly badged events.

Wheelchair access for some art and craft workshops needs advance planning, please email us at least 2 weeks before a table-based workshop if you require a height adjustable table to accommodate your wheelchair, this table will be located with the main group of participants.

If you have access requirements that you would like to check with us before booking, please get in touch with us (details above). Please allow as much notice as possible so we can arrange appropriate services

ACCESSIBILITY AND VENUE INFORMATION

For some activities we offer additional accessibility measures. Please look out for the following logos in the brochure.

A full list of additional access events can be found at: www.library.live/the-library-presents-blog/accessible-events-this-season



Relaxed Events Relaxed events are safe spaces where special consideration is given to the sensory needs of Neurodiverse / Autistic audience members. There is a quieter space provided with chairs. Overhead lights will be off for daytime activities; this is not possible for evening events.



British Sign Language Events These are events where BSL (British Sign Language) is integrated or an interpreter is provided. You can request an interpreter for any event and we will do our best to provide one and refund you if it is not possible.



Non-verbal Events Events without spoken language. Accessible to D/deaf audiences and non-English speaking audiences.



Hearing Loops Hearing loops are available at events with the symbol. Book one with your ticket if required. For activities without the logo, we can provide a loop if you inform us at least 10 days in advance.



Audio Described Performances You can bring someone to describe the performance to you for free by booking a (free) companion ticket. There are no events with a professional audio describer planned this season, to request professional audio description for future events please email us.



Touch Tours If you would like a touch tour before a performance, please contact us when you book your ticket so we can arrange this for you.



Captioned Performances The words are displayed on a screen, placed near the stage or in the set and can be seen at the same time as they are spoken or sung.



50 Things to do before you're 5

Look out for the 50 Things to do before you're 5 logo, featured across the booklet, showcasing events ideal for families with children from birth to 5 years. Please check specific age guidance on each page.



VENUE INFORMATION

For detailed venue access and travel information visit the 'venue access information' blog post on our website www.library.live/the-library-presents

Contact us with accessibility or venue questions:

Email: thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk · Phone: 01223 706 779

Alconbury Weald Cricket Pavilion The Boulevard PE28 4LT.
Allocated accessible parking, accessible toilet, baby changing.

Arbury Court Library 46 – 47 Arbury Road, Cambridge CB4 2JQ.
No parking at venue, accessible toilet, baby changing. Bus stops at Nursery School and Campkin Road both 5 minute walk.

Barnwell Christ the Redeemer Church Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8RS.
Car park at church, accessible toilet. Newmarket Road bus stop 2 minute walk.

Barnwell Road Library 87 Barnwell Rd, Cambridge CB5 8QS.
Limited parking, no accessible toilet. Newmarket Rd bus stop 1 minute walk.

Bassingbourn Community Library The Old School Community Centre, High Street SG8 5LD. Limited roadside parking and drop off point, accessible toilet. Bus stop on High Street, 3 minute walk.

Burwell Library Village College, Burwell CB25 0DU. Accessible parking, accessible toilet, baby changing. Guyatt Court bus stop 3 minute walk.

Cambourne Library Sackville House, Sackville Way CB23 6HL. Allocated accessible parking, accessible toilet, baby changing. High Street bus stop 2 minute walk.

Cambridge Central Library 7 Lion Yard CB2 3QD. Accessible parking in Grand Arcade car park, accessible toilet, access via lifts, baby changing. St Andrews & Drummer Street bus stations, 4 minute walk. Cambridge train station 26 minute walk.

Chatteris Library 2 Furrowfields Rd, Chatteris PE16 6DY. Accessible parking, accessible toilet, baby changing. Ash Grove bus stop 1 minute walk.

Cherry Hinton Library High Street CB1 9HZ. Accessible parking, accessible toilet, baby changing. Fisher's Lane bus stop 2 minute walk.

Coneygear Centre Buttsgrrove Way, Huntingdon PE29 1PE. Allocated accessible parking, accessible toilet, baby changing. Thongsley bus stop 1 minute walk.

Ely Library 6 The Cloisters CB7 4ZH. No parking at venue, lift to access library, accessible toilet. Bus stops at Market Street and Newnham Street, both 3 minute walk. Ely train station 18 minute walk.

VENUE INFORMATION

Fulbourn Village Library The Swifts, Haggis Gap CB21 5HD. Parking on site, accessible toilet, baby changing. Bus stop Haggis Gap 2 minute walk.

Histon Library School Hill CB24 9JE. Parking at shops limited time, accessible toilet, baby changing. School Hill bus stop 1 minute walk.

Huntingdon Library Princes Street PE29 3PA. Accessible parking on street, accessible toilet - Radar key, baby changing. Huntingdon Bus Station 1 minute walk.

Littleport Library Victoria Street CB6 1LU. Accessible parking in public car park (2 minute walk), accessible toilet. White Hart Lane bus stop 1 minute walk.

March Library City Road PE15 9LT. Accessible parking, accessible toilet, baby changing. Grays Lane bus station 10 minute walk. March train station 28 min. walk.

Papworth Library Pendrill Court, Ermine St North, Papworth Everard CB23 3UY. Accessible parking at shops. Elm Way bus stop 1 minute walk.

Ramsey Library 25 Great Whyte PE26 1HA. Accessible parking on road, accessible toilet, baby changing. New Road Bus Station 1 minute walk. Great Whyte stop 3 minute walk.

Sawston Library 41 New Road CB22 3BP. Accessible parking, accessible toilet, baby changing. Babraham Road bus stop 2 minute walk.

Soham Library 7 Clay St, Soham, CB7 5HJ. Accessible parking, accessible toilet. Brook Dam Lane bus stop 4 minute walk.

St Ives Library 4 Library Row, Station Road PE27 5BW. Accessible parking outside Waitrose, accessible toilet. St Ives bus station 2 minute walk. Park & ride 9 minute walk.

St Neots Library 1 Priory Lane PE19 2BH. Accessible parking, accessible toilet, baby changing, lift to 1st floor. Market Square bus stops A to E, 3 minute walk. St Neots Train station 26 minute walk.

Whittlesey Library 31 – 35 Market Street PE7 1BA. Accessible parking on street, accessible toilet, baby changing. Whitmore Street bus stop 2 minute walk. Whittlesey train station 18 minute walk.

Wisbech Library Ely Place PE13 1EU. Accessible parking on street, accessible toilet, baby changing. Horsefair bus station 5 minute walk

Yaxley Library Landsdowne Rd PE7 3JL. Pay and display parking at nearby shops, accessible toilet. Queen Street bus stop 3 minute walk.

Creating a greener, fairer, and more caring Cambridgeshire

Because we care about the planet, The Library Presents:

- Uses local venues, so participants don't have to travel far for quality events.
- Utilises our existing library buildings.
- Uses no plastic bottles and serves refreshments in recyclable packaging.
- Is switching to carbon free heating, with many buildings operating on air source heat pumps.
- Uses 100% recycled paper for brochures.
- Does not use paper tickets.
- Has reduced the number of printed brochures.
- Programmes events with environmental themes
- Works with artists to reduce their carbon footprint.



Look out for the green leaf logo which highlights our activities with environmental themes.

Cambridgeshire Libraries recognise that we need to play our part in contributing to wider local, national and international climate change efforts. As a library service we understand that we are in a position where we can influence, inspire and encourage others to lead more sustainable lifestyles.

Watch a short film about Cambridgeshire County Council's Net Zero 2030 commitment: <https://tinyurl.com/mvrm2c63>



Health and Wellbeing



Libraries support your
health and wellbeing

Did you know?

Just six minutes of reading can reduce stress levels by up to 68%

- Research from the University of Sussex

Help your body relax and your mind unwind,
pick up something to read today.

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraryandwellbeing



Your Instant Reading Room

Join Cambridgeshire Libraries and discover Your Instant Reading Room. Our range of online, free to access eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers from around the world.

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/Instant-Reading-Room



A group of four young people, two boys and two girls, are gathered around a comic book. They are all looking at the book with interest and focus. The background is dark with some blue and purple lighting, suggesting an indoor setting like a library or a bookstore. The overall mood is one of shared discovery and learning.

If you're into it, read into it.

Discover more at goallin.org.uk

**GO
ALL
IN.**

Cambridgeshire
libraries

National
Year of
Reading
2026

Go All In with The Library Presents reading collections.

Discover the collections at
tinyurl.com/TLPReading



**GO
ALL
IN.**

THE
LIBRARY
PRESENTS

National
Year of
Reading
2026

SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

Put your business at the heart of creativity and community impact in Cambridgeshire and become a sponsor.

THE
LIBRARY
PRESENTS

Be part of something creative, inclusive, and truly local.

Increase Your Brand Visibility - Connect with Local Communities - Align with Social Impact & CSR Goals

£400 to £5,000+ all packages can be tailored to suit your priorities.

Contact: Jane Cox - Partnerships, Projects and Funding Manager, The Library Presents, Cambridgeshire Libraries

jane.cox@cambridgeshire.gov.uk | 07483 398 357

SUPPORTED BY

Urban&Civic

Urban&Civic are proud to support The Library Presents programme, and ensure that across the County people can enjoy, share and learn from a great programme of cultural and creative activities. Our libraries are now vibrant community spaces, in the heart of our market towns and cities. In each of the 3 developments we are bringing forward in the county – Waterbeach, Alconbury Weald and Wintringham at St Neots – we will be putting libraries

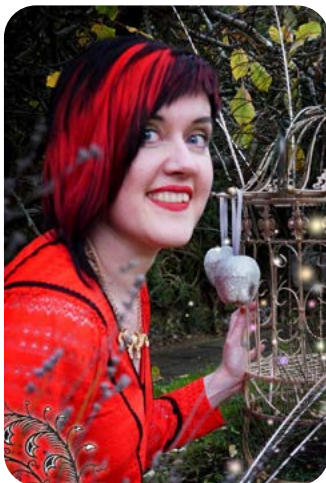
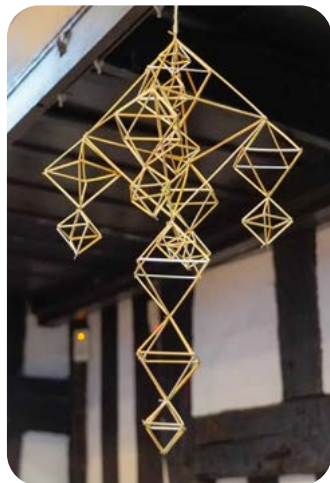
at the heart of the civic centres, to provide the place for support, events and activities, learning and sharing that is so important to people and places. So whether it is poetry, plays, art or music; story telling about the past or creative thinking about the future; we hope everyone finds some great activities to get involved with in their local community and inspiration from the creative talent around us.



Ukrainian Cultural Afternoon

Join us in Ely library (twinned with Sambir Library in Ukraine) to experience **Ukrainian food, Ukrainian crafts**, telling of a **Ukrainian Folk Tale** by **Daria Kulesh** and a **music concert** by **Mariia Petrovska**. Petrovska combines complete mastery of the bandura with a pure, emotive voice, making Ukrainian traditional music sound fresh and contemporary.

This event is part of the Libraries Connected Ukraine Twinning Scheme and supported by funding from the Homes for Ukraine scheme.



Ely Library

Saturday 11 July

2pm - 3pm

Family craft workshop - Free Drop In

3pm - 4pm

Family storytelling with Daria Kulesh - Free Drop In

5pm - 6.15pm

Folk concert suitable for all ages by Mariia Petrovska.

Tickets for concert:: £3 each

(includes Ukrainian interval snacks).

www.youtube.com/@mariampetrovska

The Libraries Connected Ukraine Twinning Scheme

was created to allow libraries to exchange skills, develop joint initiatives, connect audiences and celebrate UK and Ukrainian literature and culture.

Graffiti Classics

Recommended for All Ages 0 – 104yrs.

16 strings, 8 dancing feet and 4 voices in 1 electrifying, hilarious musical show! A comedy string quartet who never sit down. They burst perceived elitist classical music boundaries with a hilarious all-singing, all-dancing show. From Beethoven to Elvis, the group energetically clown their way through an eclectic musical landscape. They are on a mission: to make classical music irresistibly fun.



Whittlesey Library

Friday 10 July

7pm (doors open 6.40pm)

Running time: 1 hour 40 minutes + interval. Cash Bar Available.

Tickets: £9.50 / £5.50 / £4.50 (Disabled Companion Free)

www.graffiticlassics.com

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.



Hearing Loops. Audience interaction through comedy. Also may be encouraged to play an instrument (badly).



Times of Our Lives

Recommended for Adults & Young Adults (15+yrs).

A magical tour down Memory Lane packed with historic moments and heart-warming memories. With a soundtrack of over eighty years there's a hit melody and headline memory at every turn. Combining headline news, footage of national events and songs. Re-discover the Roaring Twenties, Elegant Thirties, Nostalgic Forties, Rock & Roll Fifties, Swinging Sixties, Groovy Seventies and Awesome Eighties.



March Library

Friday 17 July

7pm (doors open 6.40pm)

Running time: 1 hour 30 minutes + interval. Cash Bar Available.

Tickets: £9.50 / £5.50 / £4.50
(Disabled Companion Free)

www.dreamcastmusic.com

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.



Hearing Loop. Live singing with a projected backdrop of images.

Performers talk directly to the audience in friendly way. A couple of songs are in French and Italian, most of the songs are in English.



Shades of Miles Centenary

Recommended for Adults & Young Adults.

2026 marks the centenary of Miles Davies. Paul Higgs presents a performance of tunes by the trumpet legend. At the forefront of many important jazz innovations from the 20th century, Miles Davis was also famous for his haunting lyrical sound. Paul plays well-known favourites and less familiar treasures.



*“Very good music
and impressed
with storytelling”*
Audience comment

Ramsey Library

Friday 3 July

7pm (doors open 6.40pm)

Running time: 1 hour 30 minutes + interval. Cash Bar Available.

Tickets: £9.50 / £5.50 / £4.50 (Disabled Companion Free)

www.paulhiggs.com

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

Played live and acoustic by jazz quartet, trumpet, piano, double bass and drums. Nothing will get very loud. Semi-humorous chat between numbers explains what was happening in Miles' life at that moment.



Secrets of Soil and Water Portals - Films and Video Games

Recommended for All Ages 4yrs - 104yrs.

Experience two immersive films that explore nature and science and play nature video games too! Journey through stunning digital landscapes. Discover the beautiful invisible lifeforms that keep our planet healthy and live in our soils, rivers, lakes and seas. After the films there will be a Q & A session with the artist Henry Driver and a chance to experience nature video games. Created in collaboration with leading scientists and farmers, this event is suitable for enthusiasts and those with no prior knowledge.



*"Our kids loved it,
I never knew how
many amazing
shapes there are
in nature"*

Audience member

**GO
ALL
IN.**

National
Year of
Reading
2026

When you are ready, press any button to continue journey.

Cherry Hinton Library

Friday 19 June

7.30pm (doors open 7.10pm)

Running time: 2 hours: Water Portals
Film 20 mins, Secrets of Soil Film 25mins,
Q&A 15mins, Interval 15mins, 45 mins
playing the video games.

Tickets: Pay what you can

www.henrydriverartist.com

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue
information on pages 8-11.



Captions. Relaxed Event -
guides available on the website.
Ambient sounds of soil and water.
Educational and accessible
narration. Visuals of microscopic
life projected or on TV screens.

Romeo & Juliet

Recommended for All Ages 5yrs - 105yrs.

Enemies. Balconies. Kissing... SAUSAGE ROLLS!?! Three hapless idiots perform Shakespeare's famous tragedy! They use nothing but tatty wigs and a burst airbed they found by the bins. A frenetic 60 mins of fourth-wall-breaking, ludicrous action. Featuring clowning, slapstick and mischievous storytelling. Everyone from 5 to 105 will know what's going on!



Bassingbourn Community Library

Saturday 13 June

2.30pm (doors open 2.10pm)

Running time: 1 hour. Café on site with drinks, cakes and snacks available before the show (cash only).

Tickets: £9.50 / £5.50 / £4.50 (Disabled Companion Free)

www.rubbishshakespearecompany.com

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.



Hearing Loop.

Loud, fast-paced physical theatre.

Lots of laughter, participation welcome. Perfect for newbies to Shakespeare and anyone alienated in the past.

Once Upon a Time in Fenland

Recommended for All Ages 7yrs - 104yrs.

Uncover the secrets of human existence (in Fenland). Go back in time: to the Romans and then into pre-history when Fenland was joined to the European continent. Fantastical, funny and thought-provoking tales told by an intrepid team of archaeologists. Based on artefacts from the most important archaeological dig in Northern Europe this show is a mix of fact and fiction. Featuring genuine artefacts over 2000 years old and million-year-old footprints. Told with live music, animation and performed in a yurt.



Age-Friendly



Fantastic
For Families



*"I feel Fenland
has loads of cool
stories. I feel I
belong because
my ancestors were
here as well"*

Audience comment

March Library

Friday 22 May

7pm (doors open 6.40pm)

Running time: 50 minutes.

Tickets: £4.50 each or £17

Group Saver (4 people).

www.nie-theatre.com

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.



Hearing Loop. Benches and floor seating in the yurt, some chairs will be provided for audiences who require the additional back support.



Age-Friendly

Lord Byron: Dangerous to Know

Recommended for Adults and Young Adults (10+yrs).

A secret is passed to Claire Clairmont, Lord Byron's former mistress. It rakes up painful memories of their scandalous affair. Claire must uncover the truth! She co-opts her stepsister, Mary Shelley, author of 'Frankenstein' to help. But, the past is murky; are they prepared for what they unearth?



*"A masterpiece
which celebrates
women in history"*

Brighton Fringe

Wisbech Library

Friday 5 June

7pm (doors open 6.40pm)

Running time: 1 hour 30 minutes + Interval.

Cash Bar Available.

Tickets: £9.50 / £5.50 / £4.50 (Disabled Companion Free)

www.clairobcur.co.uk

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.



Hearing Loop.

Some immoral actions by characters in the plot.

Miss Moore Thought Otherwise

Recommended for Families with children 3-6yrs (all ages welcome).

An interactive musical about the first children's librarian - Anne Carroll Moore. Back when children were banned from libraries, she created a space filled with music, stories and art. Welcoming children into a special library room created just for them! Join Miss Moore and Nicholas for a thrilling experience of puppetry, songs and your own ideas. You'll never look at your library in the same way again!



*"Magical, Amazing,
Colourful, Inspiring
and Cheerful".*

Audience comments

Cambourne Library

Saturday 18 July

2pm (doors open 1.45pm)

Running time: 35 minutes + 25-minute
design your own book cover activity.

Tickets: £4.50 each or
£17 Group Saver (4 people).

www.goldentoadtheatre.com

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue
information on pages 8-11.



**Makaton Signing.
Relaxed Performance**
with 9 songs and some

magical objects. You're invited
to speak, sing and join in with
activities like waving flags and
even to become some of the
stories' characters.



Fantastic
For Families

The Zoo That Comes To You

Recommended for Families 5+ years.

Two wildlife enthusiasts who provide care to animals in need, now have a sanctuary full of animals, but no visitors! So everybody - animals and humans alike - have decided it is time to bring the zoo to you! Featuring puppetry, live music and unforgettable characters. This joyful production inspires anyone to take action.

**GO
ALL
IN.**

National
Year of
Reading
2026

*"The best play
we've ever seen!
So educational
and fun!"*

Audience comment

Chatteris Library

Saturday 23 May

3.30pm (doors open 3.15pm)

Alconbury Weald Cricket Pavillion

Sunday 24 May

11.15am (doors open 11am)

Running time: 1 hour, no interval +
after the show meet the puppets

Tickets: £4.50 each or
£17 Group Saver (4 people).

www.scarletoaktheatre.com/zoo

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue
information on pages 8-11.



Relaxed Performance.

Gentle audience
participation, some
members join the animals on the
stage. Music and lots of talking
from the puppets and keepers.

Tiny Planet

Recommended for All Ages 5yrs - 104yrs.

Imagine a whole world no bigger than a house! A planet that you can explore in a matter of minutes yet, it is the centre of a galaxy. Featuring puppetry, original live folk songs and stunning live camera projection. Uncover the mysteries that keep this little globe turning. We invite you on a journey to explore how we can feel impossibly small and infinitely gigantic!



Barnwell Christ the Redeemer Church

Saturday 25 July

11am (doors open 10.45am)

Running time: 1 hour, no interval.

Tickets: £4.50 each or

£17 Group Saver (4 people).

www.halfastring.co.uk

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.



Relaxed performance -

guides available on the website. Live percussion, folk songs. Lights and clouds orbit the mini planet at centre stage. All detailed puppetry is projected on a screen live so everyone can see.

How to Catch a Book Witch

Recommended for Families 4+ years and disabled / neurodivergent audiences of all ages.

Kira loves reading, visiting the library is her favourite thing! One day the words in the books start to disappear and the adults start to get grumpy. Graham Grey says the library will be knocked down to make way for a car park! Let's uncover where these book monsters have come from! Exploring the importance of libraries and sharing stories.



St Neots Library

Wednesday 27 May

11am (doors open 10.45am)

Running time: 1 hour, no interval.

Tickets: £4.50 each or

£17 Group Saver (4 people).

www.coppicetheatre.co.uk

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.



Relaxed Performance with **Captions**. Access pack available on website with detailed information.

Ask Granny

Recommended for Families 4+ years.

Meet NaanE – the comedy Granny with wisdom, mischief and unbeatable life hacks! Bring your everyday worries and trade them for NaanE's hilarious, heartwarming advice. This uplifting interactive show blends clowning, storytelling, gentle improvisation, singing and dancing. It celebrates love, culture and community through laughter.



Huntingdon Library

Saturday 27 June

4.30pm (doors open 4.15pm)

Running time: 55 minutes, no interval +
“Meet NaanE” photo opportunity

Tickets: £4.50 each or
£17 Group Saver (4 people).

<https://tinyurl.com/lshikhan>

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.



Relaxed performance.

Simple English, visual physicality and comedy, make it accessible to multilingual families, young children and neurodivergent audiences. Gentle atmosphere with a chat-show format encouraging audience interaction.

Peachy & Me

Recommended for Families (4+ years).

Follow Cherry, a budding live magician and her mischievous on-screen companion, Peachy. Together, they take audiences on a magical journey of friendship, self-discovery. Discover the transformative power of connection. Using inventive comedy, heartfelt storytelling and interactive magic, this joyful performance captivates audiences. You'll leave inspired to embrace your own unique magic.



Sawston Library

Saturday 6 June

2.30pm (doors open 2.15pm)

Burwell Library

Saturday 18 July

3pm (doors open 2.45pm)

Running time: 50 minutes, no interval.

Tickets: £4.50 each or

£17 Group Saver (4 people).

www.findingmagic.co.uk

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.



Relaxed performance.

with no verbal language used in the performance, suitable for D/deaf audiences. Hearing loop available.

Finding Magic Workshop

Recommended for Families (4+ years).

A joyful, creative workshop led by performer and magician Beverley Bishop. A blend of storytelling, mindfulness, playful activities, reflection and hands-on magic. Explore where you find “magic” in everyday life and improve your confidence and wellbeing. Come if you're seeking lightness, inspiration and wonder in a welcoming, accessible space.



Arbury Court Library

Saturday 27 June

2.30pm

Wisbech Library

Saturday 11 July

1.30pm

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: £7.20 / £3.50

www.findingmagic.co.uk

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

The workshop is designed to be inclusive and adaptable, activities can be adjusted on the day to ensure participants can take part comfortably.

Rhythms of Africa, Percussion Workshop

Recommended for All Ages 0-104yrs.

Discover the vibrant rhythms of the Africa! A hands-on percussion workshop led by Pan-African musician Obase-Aboli Masango. Explore traditional instruments like djembes, balafons, and shakers. Work together to create soulful beats. Open to all ages and skill levels. A fun, inclusive experience promoting creativity, teamwork, and cultural appreciation. Let the heartbeat of Africa bring your community together!

*"Full of my
favourite music.
It was lovely."*

Participant in 2025

50
things to do
before you're
five

Barnwell Road Library

Saturday 16 May

2pm

Whittlesey Library

Saturday 27 June

2pm

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: £7.20 / £3.50

<https://tinyurl.com/UjhasumaAfrica>

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

Bring ear defenders if you are sensitive to noise. All abilities welcome, no music experience needed. A variety of instruments to choose from. Listening to guidance and some turn taking involved.

Shake Rattle and Roll

Recommended for Families (0-5yrs - older siblings welcome).

Join Shake, Rattle and Roll at an interactive live music session for the whole family. Expect anything and everything! From traditional nursery rhymes to folk tunes, pop songs and classical gems. All played on a variety of instruments with vocal harmonies. Sensory props such as scarfs and shakers mean you can join in the fun too. No musical expertise necessary as Shake Rattle and Roll will take you on a musical adventure!



Wisbech Library

Saturday 6 June

11am

Running time: 45 minutes

Tickets: Pay what you can

www.shake-rattle-roll.org

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

Everyone is encouraged to move, dance and sing as much or as little as they are comfortable with. Children may be given egg shakers and a scarf for waving during songs.

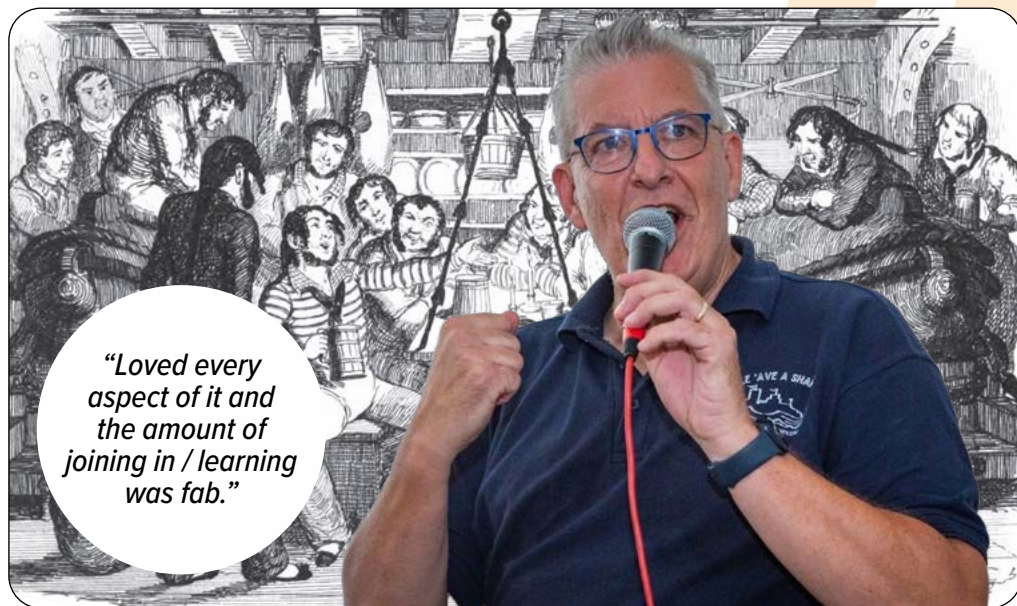


Sea Shanties Workshop

**Recommended for Adults and Young Adults (12+yrs)
all abilities.**



Learn a little history of sea shanties and have fun and laughs singing along with some! It includes a variety of activities and group singing. You can even try writing your own shanty. No singing ability needed, this is a fun sing-along that celebrates the shanty ethos, not a choral masterpiece!



“Loved every aspect of it and the amount of joining in / learning was fab.”

Histon Library

Saturday 20 June

7pm

Running time: 1 hour 30 minutes.

Cash Bar Available.

Tickets: £7.20 / £3.50

tinyurl.com/StuartGreen

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

This workshop involves singings, don't worry about sounding good or being in time, most sailors probably weren't! All abilities welcome, no need to be able to read music.



Dance for Over 55's

Recommended for Older Adults.

Fun, accessible dance classes for over 55s. Explore a range of taught exercises and creative activities. Based on contemporary and jazz dance, explore emotions, storytelling, and the joy of moving! Join all three sessions to build strength, confidence and fitness. Great for individuals... or come with a friend! Wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle with a lid. Led by friendly dancers Melanie & Daniel Cossette (Infusion Physical Theatre) for all abilities.



Cambridge Central Library

Sunday 5 July

2pm

Running time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Tickets: £7.20 / £3.50

infusionphysicaltheatre.net

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

Suitable for all abilities. Beginners welcome. Movements can be changed to accommodate individuals' mobility needs.

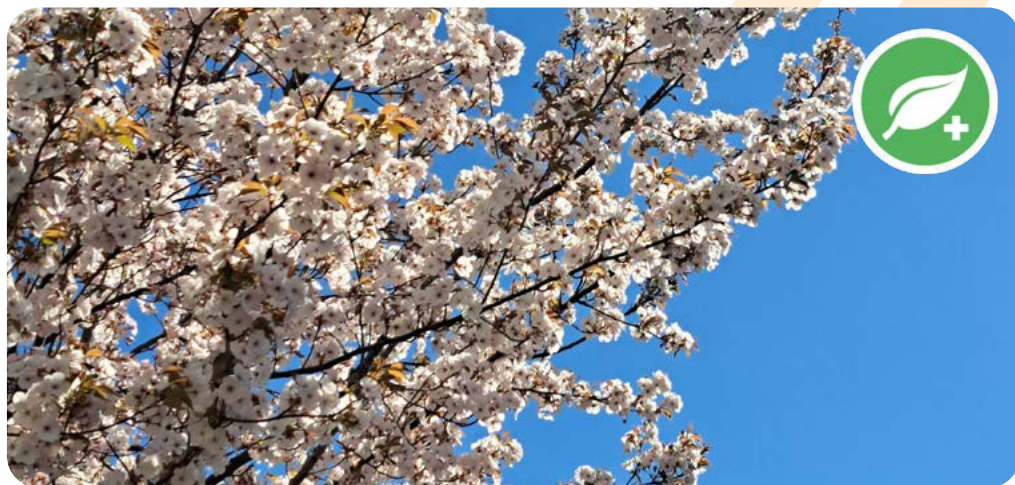


Nature Writing Workshop

Recommended for Adults and Young Adults (16+yrs) of all abilities.

Nature writing workshop celebrating trees, forests, and nature with award-winning poet, Leanne Moden. It's fun and friendly, and filled to the brim with great ideas to kick-start your creativity.

There's nowhere I'd rather be, than under the old oak tree with you! A poem to your favourite tree? Get lost in some woodland words? This is all about experimenting, trying new things and having fun with writing.



St Ives Library

Saturday 6 June

1pm

Papworth Library

Tuesday 23 June

6.30pm

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: £7.20 / £3.50

www.leannemoden.com

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.



Relaxed session.

Session suitable for all abilities, no writing experience needed.

This is a table-based workshop, please give us 2 weeks notice if you need a height adjustable table for a wheelchair user.

Writing For Friends

Recommended for Adults and Young Adults of all abilities.

Men and boys are particularly welcomed.

Join award winning writer, Lewis Buxton to celebrate the friends in your life! Write odes to old mates, stories for soul mates, arias to amigos and ballads to your boon companions. Whether you're new to writing or an old hand, you'll find something friendly in this dynamic workshop.

A portrait of Lewis Buxton, a man with a short beard and a dark jacket over a yellow and white striped shirt, smiling slightly. He is standing in front of a brick wall.

"He was wonderful at helping participants find new and creative ways to explain their world."

Audience comment

St Neots Library

Wednesday 15 July

7pm

Running time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Tickets: £7.20 / £3.50

www.lewisbuxton.com

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

Suitable for beginners, no writing experience needed, just come and get creative. This is a table-based workshop, please give us 2 weeks notice if you need a height adjustable table for a wheelchair user.

LGBTQIA+ Zine-Making

**Recommended for Adults and Young Adults (10+yrs)
of all skill levels.**

**GO
ALL
IN.**

National
Year of
Reading
2026

Join this playful and expressive zine-making workshop celebrating queer identity, and self-expression. Inspired by queer identity, community, personal stories, and allyship. This workshop invites you to reflect, share, and explore ideas that matter to you. It's a space to celebrate creativity, connection and pride. There's no right or wrong way to make a zine. Using collage, drawing, and writing, you'll create a handmade zine. Experiment with materials, play with ideas, and let the process guide you. All materials provided. You're welcome to bring your own items as well (photos, printed images, notes, or small personal materials) if you'd like to include them in your zine.



Cherry Hinton Library
Saturday 11 July
3pm

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: £7.20 / £3.50

www.instagram.com/annabenari_art

Accessibility Information

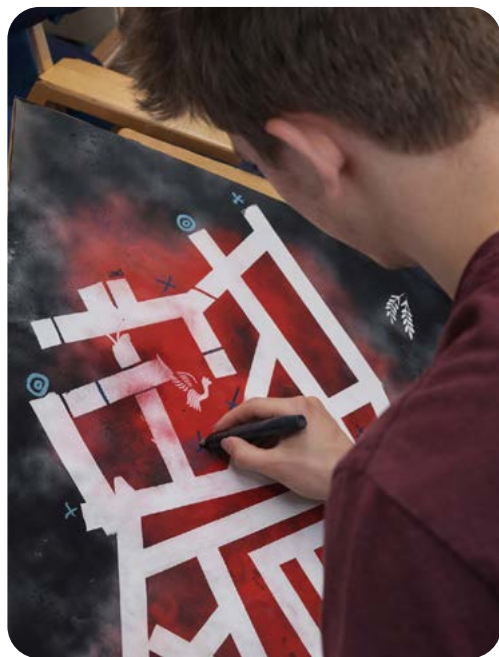
Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

This is a table-based workshop, please give us 2 weeks notice if you need a height adjustable table for a wheelchair user.

Life is a Game Graffiti Workshop

Recommended for Young Adults 16–25yrs.

A high-energy graffiti workshop where you'll design your own game board for life! Learn simple spray-paint techniques. Experiment with colour and stencils. Create bold artwork that reflects your journey, choices, and dreams. No experience needed — bring imagination and attitude. A fun, expressive session exploring creativity, identity, and play through street art. All materials provided.



**Coneygear Centre,
Huntingdon**

Friday 24 July
2pm

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: Pay what you can

www.cranecreatives.co.uk

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

Spray cans have a strong smell, the session will be in a well-ventilated space or outside (weather permitting). Please give us 2 weeks notice if you need a height adjustable table for a wheelchair user.



Fantastic
For Families



Age-Friendly

Foil Embossing Workshop

Recommended for All Ages 7yrs - 104yrs.

An introduction to the craft of foil embossing with artist Lizzie Ault. Combining creativity, mindfulness, and skill-building. Design and create a decorative garland inspired by folk art and seasonal themes to take home.



Ramsey Library

Saturday 6 June

10.30am

Cambourne Library

Saturday 4 July

2pm

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: £7.20 / £3.50

www.talesfromthefen.co.uk

Accessibility Information

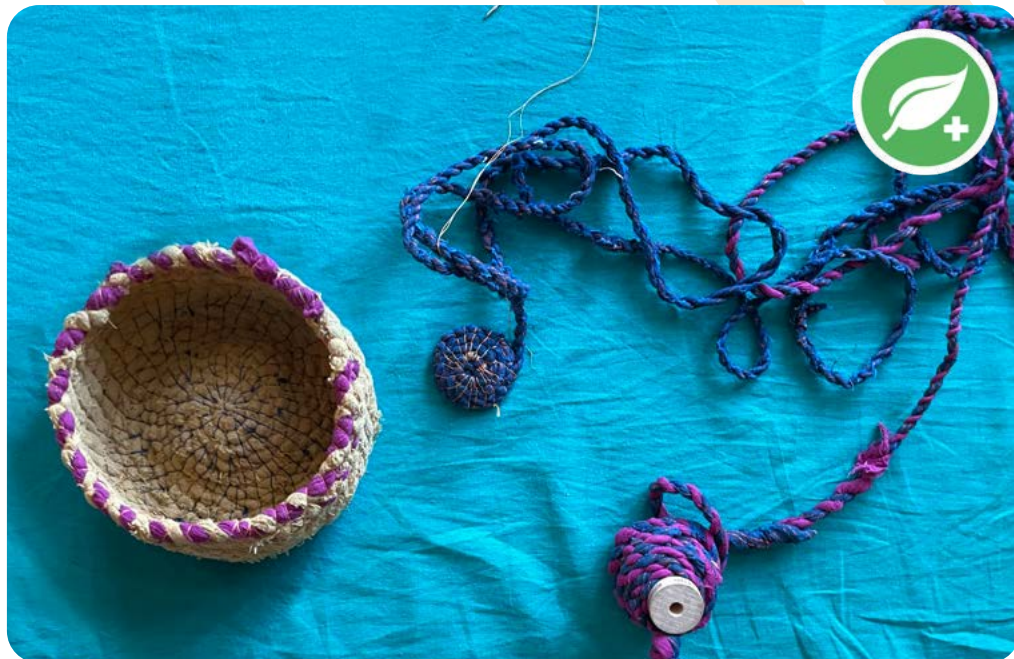
Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

Specialist metal 'pens' are used. Ability to hold a pencil / pen needed to engage fully. This is a table-based workshop, please give us 2 weeks notice if you need a height adjustable table for a wheelchair user.

Coil and Cordage Techniques

Recommended for Adults and Young Adults (12+yrs).

Make cordage from salvaged cloth and then turn it into your own little trinket bowl using coiling stitch techniques.



March Library

Saturday 13 June

1.30pm

Littleport Library

Saturday 4 July

2pm

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: £7.20 / £3.50

www.instagram.com/femkewindelemmens

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

Some fine motor skills required to work with the cord. This is a table-based workshop, please give us 2 weeks notice if you need a height adjustable table for a wheelchair user.

Gel-plate Printing Workshop

Recommended for Adults and Young Adults (7+yrs) of all abilities.

Artist Syrah Arnold will guide you through this relaxed Gel-plate printing session. Create artworks using natural objects and capture their textures and intricate shapes. Experiment with materials, colours and patterns. Go home with your own artworks made on cards, wrapping paper and prints on paper and fabric. All materials provided.



Fantastic
For Families



Age-Friendly



Huntingdon Library

Saturday 13 June

1.30pm

Chatteris Library

Saturday 20 June

10am

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: £7.20 / £3.50

tinyurl.com/SyrahArnold

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

Use of rollers and inks, guidance given verbally. Individual support given by tutor as needed. Relaxed and calm tutor. This is a table-based workshop, please give us 2 weeks notice if you need a height adjustable table for a wheelchair user.

Due to the popularity of this workshop tickets will be password protected for the first 2 weeks of sales to allow residents in each of the villages to have access to tickets first. If you live in Cambourne or Huntingdon visit your library to obtain your tickets / password.

Collage, Explore, Express and Create

Recommended for Adults and Young Adults (16+yrs).

Cut, collage, and draw your way into new ideas of identity, creativity, and community. Through hands-on art, you'll experiment with how collective projects can grow — exploring values like decentralisation, shared ownership, and collaboration that also shape our future. Join us for hands-on art and uncover the values shaping our digital future.



Cambridge Central Library

Tuesday 19 May

6pm

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: £7.20 / £3.50

www.instagram.com/kurtlouisstudios

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

Cutting with scissors and sticking involved. This is a table-based workshop, please give us 2 weeks notice if you need a height adjustable table for a wheelchair user.



Bird Puppet Making

Recommended for Families with children 5+yrs.

Take flight with creativity in this fun, family workshop. Inspired by British birds and birds that visit each year! Explore the flight paths of birds - and the journeys of people who make their homes in new places.

Make your own beautiful bird puppet using recycled and colourful materials. The friendly artist will guide you through simple, hands-on techniques. Perfect for young makers and their grown-ups. Come along to make, decorate, discover and play together.

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

Suitable for all abilities.

Adults as well as children are welcome to make puppets.

The session involves sticking, glueing, wrapping and cutting.



Soham Library

Thursday 23 July

2pm

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: Pay what you can

www.cranecreatives.co.uk



Fantastic
For Families

Fused Glass

Recommended for All ages 8yrs – 104yrs.

Join June Massey, Fused Glass artist, to explore your creative skills to make a beautiful, fused glass dish that you will treasure forever. The workshop is suitable for all ages (over 8) and beginners as well as those who have experience. It is also accessible for those with physical or learning challenges. You will also learn about how the glass that you use is made. June ensures that the workshops are a fun and relaxing experience.



Age-Friendly



“Creative, well organised, great materials and nice to meet some people.”

Yaxley Library

Saturday 16th May

2.30pm

Fulbourn Village Library

Saturday 18 July

2.30pm

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: £7.20 / £3.50

www.semperartglass.co.uk

Accessibility Information

Full accessibility and venue information on pages 8-11.

Instructions and safety information given verbally and as text. No cutting or breaking of glass involved. Tweezers and small scoops are provided, Glass can be placed by someone else instructed by a participant.

This is a table-based workshop, please give us 2 weeks notice if you need a height adjustable table for a wheelchair user.

Due to the popularity of this workshop tickets will be password protected for the first 2 weeks of sales to allow residents in each of the villages to have access to tickets first. If you live in Fulbourn or Yaxley visit your library to obtain your tickets / password.

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE SCHOOLS' ART EXHIBITION 2026

Ely Arts Festival is working in partnership with The Library Presents and Cambridgeshire Libraries to bring you this wonderful exhibition of young local talent.

The exhibition will feature art works by students from Reception up to Years 12 and 13 and is free to attend.

Ely Library, Monday 22 June to Saturday 27 June
during library opening hours (tinyurl.com/ElyOpeningHours)

Prize giving ceremony:

Ely Library, Thursday 25 June 5pm - 6pm

13 - 27 June

**ELYARTS
FESTIVAL**

READ to the BEAT

in your local library this summer!

For the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge, Read to the Beat, the Reading Agency has partnered with Universal Music Group. To reach more young people and show them that stories and songs share the same power to transport, inspire and transform.



To complete the Challenge, children need to read six library books over the summer holidays and collect a sticker for each one. Everyone who completes the Challenge is awarded their very own Read to the Beat medal and certificate.



Families can sign up in their local Library for free from **Saturday 4th July**. Start collecting special Read to the Beat stickers from Saturday 18th July.

Everything really does change when you read!

For more details visit:
tinyurl.com/ReadToTheBeat

GO ALL IN.



National
Year of
Reading
2026

THE LIBRARY PRESENTS



Bringing inspiring, accessible and affordable events in welcoming spaces to everyone across Cambridgeshire.

Run by Cambridgeshire County Council and funded by Arts Council England.

Sign up for the monthly newsletter a

<https://tinyurl.com/TLP-Newsletter>

ALCONBURY WEALD • ARBURY • BARNWELL
BASSINGBOURN • BURWELL • CAMBOURNE
CAMBRIDGE CENTRAL • CHATTERIS • CHERRY
HINTON • ELY • FULBOURN • HISTON
HUNTINGDON • LITTLEPORT • MARCH • PAPWORTH
RAMSEY • SAWSTON • SOHAM • ST IVES
ST NEOTS • WHITTLESEY • WISBECH • YAXLEY

Find out more about the programme and how you can get involved at:



facebook.com/thelibrarypresents



[@TheLibraryPresents](https://www.instagram.com/TheLibraryPresents)

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/arts

For a plain text version of this brochure visit the website www.library.live/the-library-presents

To request this booklet in another language please contact
Lai pieprasītu šo brošūru jūsu valodā, lūdzu, sazinieties ar
আপনার নজিরে ভাষায় এই পুস্তকিকার্টী পতেহেলে অনুগ্রহ করে
নমিনলখিতি ব্যক্তির সাথযোোগাযোগ করবনে
如需要這本用你的語言寫的冊子，請聯絡
Prašom susisiekti jeigu pageidaujate šios brošiūros jūsų kalba
Osoby, które chciałyby otrzymać broszurę w swoim ojczystym
języku prosimy o kontakt

thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



This programme is 100% recyclable. Please dispose of responsibly.

Front cover images, clockwise from top left:

Graffiti Classics, Tiny Planet, Once Upon a Time in Fenland, Rhythms of Africa - Percussion Workshop.