

# **THE LIBRARY PRESENTS**

Bringing arts activities to venues across Cambridgeshire

**April – July 2024**

## **Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2024 brochure for The Library Presents**

We would like to thank everyone who helped select events for this season and all our volunteers who help make the programme run so smoothly.

### **Calendar of Events**

#### **APRIL**

Sat 20

**Thumbelina (Dance)** Ely Library

Sat 27

**Writing a Neurodivergent Fairytale** Cambridge Central Library

#### **MAY**

Sat 4

**The Lodger (Film with live music)** Wisbech Library

Fri 17

**Conception Mary Shelley (Theatre)** Ramsey Library

Sat 18

**Samba Drumming Workshop** Chatteris Library

Sat 25

**Creative Clay Workshop** Northstowe Community Cabin  
**Graffiti Classics (Music)** Ely Library

Tues 28

**Creative Clay Workshop** Cambridge Central Library

**Rewild Your Story Workshop** Whittlesey Library

**Along Came A Magpie (Puppetry)** Sawtry Library

Wed 29

**Fantastical Forest Workshop** Arbury Court Library

**Along Came A Magpie (Puppetry)** St Neots Library

Thurs 30

**The Lost Colour (Puppetry)** Northstowe Community Cabin

Fri 31

**Play with Clay Workshop** Littleport Library

## **JUNE**

Wed 5

**Bash Stuff & Save the World Workshop** Ely Library

Fri 7

**Ball and Boe by The Opera Dudes** March Library

Sat 8

**Mosaic Workshop** Littleport Library

Sun 9

**Samba Drumming Workshop** Bassingbourn Community Library

Thurs 13

**Havisham (Theatre)** St Ives Library

Sat 15

**Textile Banner Workshop** Whittlesey Library

## **Boundless Sky: Storytelling & Workshop** Ely Library

Fri 21

**A Waltz in New Orleans (Theatre)** St Neots Library

Sat 22

**Rewild Your Story: Writing Workshop** Huntingdon Library

**Rewild Your Story: Writing Workshop** Cambridge Central Library

**Fantastical Forest Workshop** Wisbech Library

Sat 29

**Mosaic Workshop** St Neots Library

**Textile Banner Workshop** Histon Library

**Comic & Graphic Novel Workshop** March Library

**Jack and the Beans Talk (Puppetry)** Arbury: Church Community Hall

Sun 30

**Play with Clay Workshop** St Neots Library

## **JULY**

Fri 5

**Magic, Myth & Mystery by Moonrakers** Histon Library

Sat 6

**Textile Banner Workshop** Huntingdon Library

**Jack and the Beans Talk (Puppetry)** Whittlesey Library

**Paprika (Music)** Cambourne Library

Sat 13

**Fused Glass Workshop** Ramsey Library

**Along Came A Magpie (Puppetry)** Chatteris Library

## **Hidden Histories (Theatre) Alconbury Weald**

Sat 20

**One Man. One Ball (Circus)** Bassingbourn Community Library

**Bash Stuff & Save the World Workshop** Wisbech Library

Wed 24

**The Greenhouse (Theatre)** Huntingdon Coneygear Centre

Thurs 25

**Textile Banner Workshop** March Library

**The Greenhouse (Theatre)** Huntingdon Library

**One Man. One Ball (Circus)** Barnwell

Mon 29

**Mosaic Workshop** St Ives Library

Wed 31

**Mosaic Workshop** Ramsey Library

## **Ticketing information**

### **Tickets can be purchased in the following ways:**

- Online through [www.library.live/the-library-presents](http://www.library.live/the-library-presents)
- Phone Babylon ARTS Box Office 01353 616991
- In person from participating libraries (cash only)
- On the door at all activities (subject to availability / cash only)
- By exchanging Digital Time Credits

## **Ticket Prices**

Standard **Performance** price: £8

Concession prices for performances:

£5 Students and Senior Citizens (over 66)

£4 Children (under 16), Unwaged and Disabled

For selected family shows all tickets are £4 or £14 for a group of four people including at least one child and one adult.

Standard **Workshop** price: £6

Concession prices for workshops:

£3 Children (under 16), Unwaged, Disabled, Students, Senior Citizens (over 66).

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL CHILDREN UNDER 12 YRS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT (18+ YRS) WHO HAS PURCHASED A TICKET.**

**Adults can take part in all workshop activities.**

### **‘Pay what you can’ 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 a ticket**. If you decide to pay more on the day, donation boxes will be available.

{If you pay more you are supporting the whole programme and making sure ticket prices are accessible to as many people as possible}.

Pricing options per ticket are: £2 / £4 / £6 / £8 / £10

### **Companion Tickets**

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

### **Babes in arms**

For events for families and all ages family you can bring your baby (under 12 months old).

If they require a seat you will need to buy a concession ticket.

### **Time Credits**

A limited number of Digital Time Credit 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. Email [time.credits@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:time.credits@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) for more details.

## **Digital Badges**

You can earn a digital badge for attending any event with The Library Presents.

Digital badges record learning achieved outside of school.

They list the skills developed so can be added to personal websites and CVs to showcase your engagement in the arts and help you pursue your chosen career. To find out more, visit the Region for Learning platform:

<https://navigatr.app/about/4/cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-xp>

## **Refunds**

**If you cannot attend, please let us know even if you do not wish to have a refund. Places are limited and there is often a waiting list.**

To obtain a ticket refund you must inform us at least seven (7) days before the activity takes place:

[thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Refund requests with less than 7 days' notice will be considered individually.

If an activity is cancelled, you will be informed asap and can choose to get a full refund or to attend on a new date. Please be patient and wait to be contacted.

Refunds / Enquiries contact

[thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## **Accessibility and venue information**

**We aim to make our activities as welcoming and accessible as possible.**

**Detailed access information for all activities is on the Events page on our website.**

**If you do not have access to the website please phone or email for details: Tel: 01223 706720 Email: [thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**

### **Everyone is welcome**

**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.

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



logo for Relaxed events

### **Relaxed events**

Relaxed events are safe spaces where special consideration is given to the sensory needs of Neurodiverse / Autistic audience members.

- Bring sensory aids, vocalise and move around during the performance.
- There is a quieter space provided with chairs.
- Photos and a video tour of the venue will be on our website so you can become familiar with the space in advance.
- A staff member who has Autism Awareness Training will be present at the event.
- Overhead lights will be off for daytime activities, this is not possible for evening events.



BSL logo for British Sign Language events

### **British Sign Language Events**

These are events where a BSL (British Sign Language) interpreter is provided and where someone who speaks BSL will be at the event to greet audiences.



logo for Hearing Loops

### **Hearing Loops**

Hearing loops are available. Look for the Hearing Loop logo and 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.



logo for Captioned Performances

### **Captioned Performances**

The words are displayed on a screen which you hold or is placed near the stage or in the set and can be seen at the same time as they are spoken or sung. Speakers' names, sound effects and offstage noises are also shown.





logo for Audio Described Performances

## **Audio Described Performances**

Trained audio-describer talks to individuals through earpiece creating mental pictures by flashes of suggestive description interjected at appropriate moments. The describer will not speak over actors or significant sound moments / silent and poignant moments.



logo for Touch Tours

## **Touch Tours**

If you would benefit from a touch tour before a performance, please contact us when you book your ticket so we can try to arrange this for you. You can bring someone to describe the performance to you for free by booking a (free) companion ticket.

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

Contact: [thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) / 01223 706720.

## **COVID-19**

The Library Presents is aware of the continuing presence of Covid-19.

- Library venues have CO2 monitors installed.
- Where possible, venues will be well ventilated.
- Attendees are welcome to wear face coverings if they choose.

## **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](http://www.library.live/the-library-presents)**

**Contact us with accessibility or venue questions:  
Email: [thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)  
Phone: 01223 706 779**

### **Alconbury Weald Watch Office**

The Boulevard PE28 4XA

Accessible parking, accessible toilet. Harding Way bus stop, 6 minute walk

### **Arbury Church of the Good Shepherd Community Hall**

Mansel Way, Cambridge CB4 2ET

Accessible parking, accessible toilet. Bus stops at Nursery School and Campkin Road both 5 minute walk.

### **Arbury Court Library**

46 – 47 Arbury Road, Cambridge CB4 2JQ

No parking at venue, accessible toilet. Bus stops at Nursery School and Campkin Road both 5 minute walk.

### **Barnwell Baptist Church**

Howard Road, Cambridge CB5 8QS

Car park at rear of church, accessible toilet. Newmarket Road 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.

### **Cambourne Library**

Sackville House, Sackville Way CB23 6HL

Allocated accessible parking, accessible toilet. Bus stop on High Street opposite Sackville way, 2 minute walk.

### **Cambridge Central Library**

7 Lion Yard CB2 3QD

Accessible parking in Grand Arcade car park, accessible toilet, access via lifts. St Andrews & Street Drummer Street bus stations, 1 minute walk. Cambridge train station 26 minute walk.

### **Chatteris Library**

2 Furrowfields Rd PE16 6DY

Accessible parking, accessible toilet. Ash Grove 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.

### **Histon Library**

School Hill CB24 9JE

Parking at shops, accessible toilet. School Hill bus stop 1 minute walk.

### **Huntingdon Coneygear Community Centre**

Butts Grove Way PE29 1PE

Accessible parking, accessible toilet. Hartford bus stop 1 minute walk.

### **Huntingdon Library**

Princes Street PE29 3PA

Accessible parking on street, accessible toilet - Radar key.  
Huntingdon Bus Station 1 minute walk.

### **March Library**

City Road PE15 9LT

Accessible parking, accessible toilet. Grays Lane bus station  
10 minute walk. March train station 28 minute walk.

### **Northstowe Community Centre (The Cabin)**

Pathfinder Way CB24 1AU

Accessible parking, accessible toilet. Longstanton Park and  
Ride, 8 minute walk.

### **Ramsey Library**

25 Great Whyte PE26 1HA

Accessible parking on road, accessible toilet. New Road Bus  
Station 1 minute walk. Great Whyte stop 3 minute walk.

### **Sawtry Library**

Green End Road PE28 5UX

Accessible parking, accessible toilet. Middleford Road bus stop  
1 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, 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. 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. Horsefair bus station: 5 minute walk.

## **Volunteers Needed**

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](mailto:thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## **ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

### **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 too far for great quality arts events.
- Utilises our existing buildings by holding events when libraries are usually closed.

- Uses no plastic bottles and only serves refreshments that come in recyclable packaging.
- Is switching to carbon free heating, with many buildings operating on air source heat pumps.
- Uses recyclable paper.
- 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.

## **VISUAL ART**

### **The Magic Sandpit**

Play and explore in an exciting new interactive digital sandpit created by Collusion.

As you move the sand, watch the colours change and reveal fun surprises!

Suitable for all ages. Young visitors welcome.

**FREE** No need to book, just drop in.

‘Absolutely fascinating.’

‘Unique and enjoyable.’

‘What a fab thing to experience.’

‘My toddler played in it for ages.’

‘Excellent!!’

Participant comments

## **FREE TAGTOOL WORKSHOP AT EACH LIBRARY VISITED**

Recommend age: 6+ yrs.

Digital drawing with artists from Collusion and using tablets to make your drawings come to life! All equipment provided. No need to book just drop in.

Touring Cambridgeshire libraries from August to October 2024

**Milton Road Library**

**March Library**

**Papworth Library**

**St Ives Library**

**Wisbech Library**

**Whittlesey Library**

Please check [www.library.live/the-library-presents](http://www.library.live/the-library-presents) for full tour dates.

## **DANCE**

### **Thumbelina**

**Speedwell Dance** presents an enchanting tale of a miniature girl finding her place in the big wide world. A gentle, playful and interactive performance with the beauty of the natural world at its heart. Brought to life through live music, dance and song, Thumbelina is helped by the audience to escape from a hungry toad and more. The performance will be followed by a workshop led by the cast.

'I absolutely can't recommend this enough! It's a beautiful interactive performance

piece for kids that's been devised in such a mindful way.

Gentle, creative, and

collaborative - such a special show!' – Audience comment

### **Accessibility Information**

Relaxed Performance. Special consideration is given to the sensory needs of Neurodiverse / Autistic audience members. Space is well lit with cushions and chairs for seating. Children are invited into the performance space but do not have to take part. They are encouraged to sing, stamp and clap along with the songs. Children can touch and play with tactile, textile props. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.

## **Ely Library**

**Saturday 20 April** 3pm (Doors open 2.45pm)

**Running time:** 60 minutes followed by 45 minute workshop

**Suitable for:** Families with children aged 3 - 8 yrs

**Check it out:** [www.racheldeandance.co.uk/thumbelina](http://www.racheldeandance.co.uk/thumbelina)

**Tickets:** £4 / £14 (Family Saver)

## **CIRCUS**

### **One Man. One Ball.**

**Truan Jay Mathias** and his magical crystal ball are on a mission to spread astonishment and wonder. A mix of circus tricks, juggling, and electric unicycle, dance and comedy. An enthralling show that combines gentle humour, beauty and human struggle. The show will be followed by a circus workshop that all ages can join in with.

‘Absolutely loved it’ Audience comment

‘One of the most creative performers we have worked with’ The Play People

### **Accessibility Information**

Relaxed Event. Special consideration is given to the sensory needs of Neurodiverse participants.

Show features voluntary interaction with the audience.

Workshop is adapted to suit all levels of ability.



**Running time:** 30 minute performance plus 1 hour workshop

**Suitable for:** Families with children aged 5+ yrs

**Check it out:** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLIBbJNeJoc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CLIBbJNeJoc)

**Tickets:** £4 / £14 (Family Saver)

**Bassingbourn Old School Community Centre / Library**

**Saturday 20 July 2pm** (Doors open 1.40pm)

**Barnwell (Venue tbc)**

**Thursday 25 July 2pm** (Doors open 1.40pm)

## **FILM & MUSIC**

### **The Lodger**

#### **Film screening with live music by Minima**

A screening of the 1927 Alfred Hitchcock silent classic 'The Lodger'. Set in a foggy and unsettled London with a killer on the loose, this is a masterpiece of atmospheric thriller filmmaking. It contains many of Hitchcock's trademark themes and features his first film cameo. **Minima's** unique live musical accompaniment enhances the film's drama. Instruments include cello, double bass, guitars, synthesiser and drum kit. **"Minima's unmistakably spine-tingling music clung to each twist of the movie... spellbinding accompaniment."**  
The Guardian

### **Accessibility Information**

Hearing Loops will be available.

Some loud moments of music.

No spoken language.

The film is silent, with subtitles.

### **Wisbech Library**

**Saturday 4 May 7pm** (Doors open 6.45pm)

**Running time:** 90 minutes, plus interval

**Suitable for:** Adults and young people 12+ yrs

**Check it out:** [www.minimamusic.co.uk](http://www.minimamusic.co.uk)

**Tickets:** Pay what you can (Booking required – see page 4)

## MUSIC

### **Ball and Boe by The Opera Dudes**

A fabulous tribute to Michael Ball and Alfie Boe. In their inimitable style full of humour and personality, the Dudes sing original arrangements of Ball and Boe. Favourites from the West End, the movies and Las Vegas-style showstoppers. 'Fantastic show, fantastic voices. I thought we were at the Palladium.' Audience comment

### **Accessibility Information**

Hearing Loops will be available.

Amplified music with low volume settings. Optional audience interaction (e.g. clapping along). Performers move towards audience on some numbers.

### **March Library**

**Friday 7 June** 7pm (Doors open 6.45pm)

**Running time:** 90 minutes, plus interval

**Suitable for:** All ages

**Check it out:** [www.operadudes.com](http://www.operadudes.com)

**Tickets:** £8 / £5 / £4

### **Magic, Myth & Mystery by Moonrakers**

**Moonrakers** perform sparkling and unique arrangements of traditional British folk songs and their own compositions. The 4-piece band plays harp, cello, fretted instruments, accordion, whistles, and vocals. Their albums have received glowing reviews in the music press: "The real deal" (The Living

Tradition), “Uplifting, sensitively crafted songs and tunes” (FATEA magazine).

‘Startlingly talented’ (Oxford Times)

### **Accessibility Information**

Hearing Loops will be available.

Amplified music with low volume settings. Optional audience interaction (e.g. clapping along).

### **Histon Library**

**Friday 5 July 7.30pm** (Doors open 7pm)

**Running time:** 90 minutes, plus interval

**Suitable for:** All ages

**Check it out:** [www.moonrakers.net](http://www.moonrakers.net)

**Tickets:** £8 / £5 / £4

### **Paprika**

Paprika is the UK's leading Balkan band. Two accordions, violin, guitar, bass, and percussion. This electrifying group blends Eastern European, Balkan, Gypsy, and Classical music into a whirlwind of frenzied virtuosity. Performances interweave fiery melodies and foot-tapping rhythms.

‘A must see’ – Cerys Matthews, BBC RADIO.

‘They won the crowd completely with their charm and virtuosity’ – The Independent

### **Accessibility Information**

Hearing Loops will be available.

Amplified music with low volume settings. Optional audience interaction (e.g. clapping along).

### **Cambourne Library**

**Saturday 6 July 3pm**

**Running time:** 90 minutes, plus interval

**Suitable for:** All ages

**Check it out:** [www.paprikamusic.com](http://www.paprikamusic.com)

**Tickets:** £8, £5, £4

## **Graffiti Classics**

16 strings, 8 dancing feet and 4 voices with 1 aim: to make classical music wickedly funny and fantastically exhilarating. A classical concert, a gypsy-folk romp, an opera, a stand-up comedy set and a brilliant dance show all rolled into one! 'This was one of the most incredible performances I have seen in ages. Utterly brilliant' Audience comment

## **Accessibility Information**

Relaxed Performance. Special consideration is given to the sensory needs of Neurodiverse / Autistic audience members. Performers interact with audience members and come into the audience to play. Sounds are string instruments, foot tapping, clapping and some singing.

## **Ely Library**

**Saturday 25 May 7.30pm** (Doors open 7pm)

**Running time:** 90 minutes, plus interval

**Suitable for:** All ages

**Check it out:** [www.graffiticlassics.com](http://www.graffiticlassics.com)

**Tickets:** £8 / £5 / £4

## **Samba Drumming Workshop**

A high energy and all-inclusive experience that will get everyone having fun with beats and rhythms. Never touched a drum? Doesn't matter, **Anthony Paul** will support you to have a go. All instruments provided. Enjoyment is the main aim; everyone will be making mistakes as they learn.

***'Didn't want it to end.'***

***'Fabulous!!'***

Workshop participants

### **Accessibility Information**

Samba drumming is loud, ear plugs are supplied, or you can bring your own ear defenders.

Drumming takes place with hands or sticks. Shakers are also used.

### **Chatteris Library**

**Saturday 18 May 1.30pm**

### **Bassingbourn Community Library**

**Sunday 9 June 2pm**

**Running time:** 2 hours

**Suitable for:** Families (7+ yrs) and Adults

**Tickets:** £6 / £3

### **Bash Stuff and Save the World Workshop.**

Reduce waste by hitting it repeatedly with a stick. **Steve Barbe** will lead you in creating music, playing games and exploring rhythm with junk objects. Items will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own tins, tubs, pots and pans (nothing sharp, brittle or unhygienic please).

### **Accessibility Information**

Drumming can be loud, ear plugs are supplied, or you can bring your own ear defenders.

No prior drumming experience necessary. Enjoyment is the main aim; everyone will be making mistakes as they learn.

### **Ely Library**

**World Environment Day**

**Wednesday 5 June 5pm**

### **Wisbech Library**

**Saturday 20 July 3pm**

**Running time:** 2 hours

**Suitable for:** Adults and Families (4+ yrs)

**Tickets:** £6 / £3

## **PUPPETRY**

### **The Lost Colour**

Join Malcolm on his quest to find the pinky-est pink paint on the planet! Through cracking rocks, mashing vegetables, and even bottling cow's wee, he's created every colour imaginable... except for pink!

Stunning puppetry from Half a String...all on top of a van.

'The show was absolutely brilliant...my children and myself were laughing the whole way through!'

'Such a clever concept, and well executed' Audience comments

### **Accessibility Information**

Full accessibility and venue Information on pages 6 & 7.

This is an outdoor performance.

You are welcome to bring chairs, blankets and picnics. Toilets (accessible) and refreshments will be available in the Community Cabin. Umbrellas will be provided for light rain. In extreme weather conditions the performance will be cancelled, and tickets refunded.

### **Northstowe Community Cabin (Outside)**

Thursday 30 May 11.30am and 1.30pm

**Running time:** 25mins

**Suitable for:** Families with children aged 4+ yrs

**Check it out:** [www.halfastring.co.uk](http://www.halfastring.co.uk)

**Tickets:** Pay what you can (Booking required - see page 4)

## **Jack and the Beans Talk**

**Garlic Theatre** presents a charming and inventive puppet show about what might happen if you throw things out the window! Jack lives on a small farm with his mum and very little to eat. Imagine his surprise when he swaps his cow for some magic beans and starts to hear a whispering in the breeze.

'A wonderful interactive piece of work with catchy tunes-and an amazing chicken!' Colchester Arts Centre

## **Accessibility Information**

Relaxed Performance. Special consideration is given to the sensory needs of Neurodiverse / Autistic audience members.

The giant is a life size puppet.

There is one song for the audience to join in with (gentle encouragement, optional singing).

**Arbury: Church of the Good Shepherd Community Hall**  
**Saturday 29 June 3.15pm** (Doors open 3pm)

## **Whittlesey Library**

**Saturday 6 July 2.30pm** (Doors open 2.15pm)

**Running time:** 45 minute performance plus 15-minute meet the puppets.

**Suitable for:** Families with children aged 3 - 8 yrs

**Check it out:** [www.garlictheatre.org.uk](http://www.garlictheatre.org.uk)

**Tickets:** £4 / £14 (Family Saver)

## **Along Came A Magpie**

**Scarlet Oak Theatre** present a show featuring puppetry, plants and lots of pots! In an intimate potting shed, we meet a gardener. She loves the smell of the flowers, the feel of the earth and watching her plants bloom. But along comes a

magpie who turns her potting shed upside down! Making friends is lots of fun, but can sometimes be tricky. Join our gardener and magpie on this playful and heart warming journey as they navigate the intricacies of friendship.

“A heartwarming story about friendship, compromise and the joy of sharing a cup of tea!” - Emily Koch, author and audience member.

### **Accessibility Information**

Relaxed Performance. Special consideration is given to the sensory needs of Neurodiverse / Autistic audience members.

Captioned Performance.

Very little English language used (15 words approx).

Musical backing tracks used to help express action.

### **Sawtry Library**

**Tuesday 28 May** 11.15am (Doors open 11am)

### **Chatteris Library**

**Saturday 13 July** 2.30pm (Doors open 2.15pm)

### **St Neots Library**

**Wednesday 29 May** 11am (Doors open 12.45pm)

**Running time:** 40 minute performance plus 15-minute meet the puppets

**Suitable for:** Families with children 2 – 6 yrs

**Check it out:** [www.scarletoaktheatre.com](http://www.scarletoaktheatre.com)

**Tickets:** Pay what you can (Booking required - see page 4)

## **THEATRE**

### **The Greenhouse**

Come on a magical journey into the plant world. Follow gardener Peppina in her quest to grow Pimpernell, the most



beautiful plant ever seen. Discover how the apple tree grows apples and how the willow tree fights off the caterpillar. A bit silly, a bit poetic and you get to plant your own sunflower to take home! Presented by **Sophie Nüzel Projects**.

### **Accessibility Information**

Audiences can choose to enter through a greenhouse of 'whispering plants'.

You can sit down on rugs or chairs. Bring your own blanket if you prefer.

The Coneygear centre performances is outside. If the weather is poor the event will be moved indoors.

### **Huntingdon Library**

**Thursday 25 July 3.30pm** (Doors open 3.15pm)

### **Huntingdon: Coneygear Community Centre - Outdoors**

**Wednesday 24 July 1pm** (Doors open 12.45pm)

**Running time:** 35-40 minutes, followed by 10 minute planting activity.

**Suitable for:** Families with children aged 4 - 12yrs

**Check it out:** [www.sophienuezel.com/project/the-greenhouse](http://www.sophienuezel.com/project/the-greenhouse)

**Tickets:** Pay what you can (Booking required - see page 4)

### **Hidden Histories**

A celebration of three people from the past through dance, spoken word and song. Set in 2024, the cast tells the stories of Florence Nightingale, Walter Tull and Karpal Kaur, considering who is remembered and why. After the performance join the cast to decorate bunting sharing who or what you want to commemorate in 2024.

This is an outdoor performance.

You are welcome to bring chairs, blankets and picnics. Toilets (accessible) and refreshments will be available in the Community Cabin. Umbrellas will be provided for light rain. In

extreme weather conditions the performance will be cancelled, and tickets refunded.

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### **Alconbury Weald; The Watch Office**

**Saturday 13 July** 11am and 2.30pm

**Running time:** 1 hour performance, followed by 30-minute workshop

**Suitable for:** Adults and young people 11+ yrs

**Check it out:** [www.louisejordan.co.uk/puphiddenhistories](http://www.louisejordan.co.uk/puphiddenhistories)

**Tickets:** £8 / £5 / £4

### **Conception Mary Shelley: The Making of a Monster**

October 1840: Does gothic writer, Mary Shelley, have the courage to confront the past? Will she find solace at Villa Diodati where she, Percy Shelley and Byron spent that unforgettable summer? A voyage of self-discovery leading to a brutal confrontation with her creation. Discover why Mary really wrote Frankenstein. Presented by **CLAIR/OBSCUR**.

‘A remarkable piece or work...clearly relevant today.’

‘An awesome spectacle, so engrossing.’ Audience comments

### **Accessibility Information**

Deals with real life themes; feminism and mental health

Gothic in style – low level lighting.

Use of projections in act two.

## **Ramsey Library**

**Friday 17 May 7.30pm** (Doors open 7.10pm)

**Running time:** 90 minutes, plus interval

**Suitable for:** Adults and Young People 12+yrs

**Check it out:** [www.clairobcur.co.uk](http://www.clairobcur.co.uk)

**Tickets:** £8 / £5 / £4

## **Havisham**

Miss Havisham is in town! Come meet her in the flesh. Find out why she waits forever at her wedding feast for a husband who will never arrive. Delve into the dark psyche of Miss Havisham's fractured world and live the experiences that drove her to the brink and over the edge of insanity. Presented by

**Emul8 Theatre.**

'Gorgeous Writing' - The Stage

'Heather Alexander expertly mines the horror beneath Dickens' most Gothic character.

Powerful, tense, heart-breaking.' - Broadway Baby

## **Accessibility Information**

Hearing Loops will be available.

Themes of identity, justice and betrayal.

References to; childhood trauma, emotional abuse and coercive control.

**Running time:** 75 minutes, followed by 15-minute Q&A

**Suitable for:** Adults and Young People 12+yrs

**Check it out:** [www.heatheralexandershows.co.uk/havisham](http://www.heatheralexandershows.co.uk/havisham)

**Tickets:** £8 / £5 / £4

## **St Ives Library**

**Thursday 13 June 7pm** (Doors open 6.45pm)

## **A Waltz in New Orleans**

The yarn of the greatest jazz musician you've never heard of, the braggadocios and fictitious Henri 'Second Line' DuBois. "The story I have to tell you is about how something beautiful, something excellent, was created in spite of unfairness and vexation".

A story of rhythm, jazz, opera and West African music created by **Lucas Keen**.

### **Accessibility Information**

Hearing Loops will be available.

Show contains live acoustic music.

### **St Neots Library**

**Friday 21 June** 7pm (Doors open 6.45pm)

**Running time:** 60 minutes followed by 15-minute Q&A

**Suitable for:** Adults and Young People 12+yrs

**Check it out:** [www.instagram.com/awaltzinneworleans](http://www.instagram.com/awaltzinneworleans)

**Tickets:** £8 / £5 / £4

## **CREATIVE WRITING**

### **Writing a Neurodivergent Fairytale**

Through a series short, fun exercises, **Lizzie Milton** will equip you with the tools to write the neurodivergent fairytale you wish you had growing up. Explore the power of mythology, folklore, and share common experiences that bind neurodivergent folk together. No writing experience necessary! Just a desire to tell your story.

### **Accessibility Information**

Hearing Loops will be available.

Relaxed Event. Special consideration is given to the sensory needs of Neurodiverse participants.

Neurodiversity includes Autism, ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Dyspraxia.

The event is taking place in the conference room at Central Library. There will be a quiet break out space in the main library.

**Cambridge Central Library**  
**Saturday 27 April 2pm**

**Running time:** 2 hours

**Suitable for:** Neurodivergent adults and young people 16+ yrs

**Check it out:** <https://lizziemiltonwriter.wordpress.com/>

**Tickets:** £6 / £3

### **Rewild Your Story: Writing Workshop**

Join picture book maker **Rose Feather** for a creative, rewilding-themed story workshop inspired by the curious insects and birds we share our world with. Watch how Rose invents a story before creating your own character and taking them on a wild adventure of your own invention. You will leave with a handmade concertina book filled with stories and drawings to retell over and over.

### **Accessibility Information**

This workshop can be accessed at a sensory level for toddlers, or at a higher level for children who want to make their own stories.

**Whittlesey Library**  
**Tuesday 28 May 2.15pm**

**Huntingdon Library**  
**Saturday 22 June 10.30am**

**Cambridge Central Library**

**Saturday 22 June 2.30pm**

**Running time:** 2 hours

**Suitable for:** Families with children aged 2 – 7yrs

**Tickets:** £3 / Family Saver £8 (Maximum 3 people, at least 1 adult)

## **STORYTELLING & ACTIVITIES**

### **Boundless Sky: Storytelling, Writing & Art Workshop**

Join author and artist, **Amanda Addison** to hear the story of a tiny bird that flies halfway around the world looking for a place to nest, and a young girl from northern Africa who flees halfway around the world looking for safety. The storytelling is followed by activities where you will create bird themed craft and written pieces to take home together as a family.

### **Accessibility Information**

This event will explore themes of migration in connection with World Refugee Week (17 – 23 June)

### **Ely Library**

**Saturday 15 June 1.30pm**

**Running time:** 2 hours

**Suitable for:** Families with children aged 5+ yrs

**Check it out:** [www.amandaaddison.com](http://www.amandaaddison.com)

**Tickets:** £3 / Family Saver £8 (Maximum 3 people, at least 1 adult)

## **VISUAL ART**

### **Play with Clay Workshop (for SEND children and their carers)**

Join drama and creative writing facilitator **Melanie Hering** and ceramics artist **Emily Stapleton** for a storytelling and clay

workshop designed specifically for children with additional support needs. Using the theme of 'our natural world', create stories, play, make models and explore materials as a family in an open and friendly shared space.

### **Accessibility Information**

This workshop is specifically for families who have a child or children aged 5+ who is disabled or has additional support needs. The workshop will be tailored to the participants and participant led. After booking your ticket we will be in contact to discuss your access requirements.

**Littleport Library**  
**Friday 31 May 2pm**

**St Neots Library**  
**Sunday 30 June 11am**

**Running time:** 2 hours

**Suitable for:** Families with disabled children / young people aged 5+ yrs

**Tickets:** 1 child + 1 carer £6 (places limited to 5 pairs)

### **Mosaic Workshop**

Re-cycle and re-purpose to create a unique mosaic masterpiece. Professional mosaic artist **Carolyn Ash** will teach you to design, create and grout your own work of art by arranging shells, tiles, mirror, pottery, jewellery, china and beads. Bring along broken treasures to include! Tools, materials inspirational books & safety glasses provided.

**'Amazing experience!'**

**'Fun workshop, pitched at the right level'** Participant comments

### **Accessibility Information**

Tiles will be glued onto a base which you grout and polish. Some tiles can have rough or sharp edges so take care when using them.

**Littleport Library**  
**Saturday 8 June 2pm**

**St Neots Library**  
**Saturday 29 June 11am**

**St Ives Library**  
**Monday 29 July 2.30pm**

**Ramsey Library**  
**Wednesday 31 July 2pm**

**Running time:** 2 hours

**Suitable for:** All ages (3+ yrs)

**Check it out:** [www.facebook.com/mosaicpaintedmemories](http://www.facebook.com/mosaicpaintedmemories)

**Tickets:** £6 / £3

## **Comic & Graphic Novel Workshop**

Professional illustrator **Stuart Paterson** of **Essential Sequential** will demonstrate the tools and techniques used by professional comic writers and artists. Plan and create your own mini-comic book whatever your skill level, by choosing from a range of quick and accessible activities. All materials provided.

'Lots of fun!' Participant comment

## **Accessibility Information**

Hearing Loops will be available. Please choose a hearing loop ticket when booking if required.

Open to all abilities from expert graphic artists, to children or adults wanting to explore comic making for the first time.



**March Library**  
**Saturday 29 June 2pm**

**Running time:** 2 hours

**Suitable for:** Families (8+ yrs) and Adults

**Check it out:** [www.essentiasequential.co.uk](http://www.essentiasequential.co.uk)

**Tickets:** £6 / £3

### **Fantastical Forest Workshop**

Join artists from **Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination** for a creative workshop about the hidden world of tiny fungal threads thriving under our feet. Play with natural materials, think about the natural world around you and make new artwork in response. The workshop is inspired by new discoveries at the University of Cambridge and Cambridge City Council Tree Team.

### **Accessibility Information**

No skills are required. Participants will be invited to try out a wide range of art materials and resources.

This may include scissors.

**Arbury Court Library**  
**Wednesday 29 May 10.30am**

**Wisbech Library**  
**Saturday 22 June 1.30pm**

**Running time:** 2 hours

**Suitable for:** Families (4+ yrs) and Adults

**Tickets:** £6 / £3

### **Creative Clay Workshop**

Create your own ceramics artwork, using a range of techniques with artist **Louise Beale**. Bring your own natural forms (e.g. leaves, flowers and pebbles) to imprint into clay and make your

own sculpture to take home. All tools and materials provided.  
Please bring a box to take your artwork home in.  
**'Fun, relaxing and social'** Participant comment

### **Accessibility Information**

Use of water. Clay feels cold and can be slippery. People with low levels of finger strength may want to bring a person to support them with moulding the clay (free companion tickets are available). Flowers / leaves for imprinting may be used.

**Northstowe Community Cabin**  
**Saturday 25 May 2pm**

**Cambridge Central Library**  
**Tuesday 28 May 1pm**

**Running time:** 2 hours  
**Suitable for:** Families (4+ yrs) and Adults  
**Tickets:** £6 / £3

### **Textile Banner Workshop**

Join artist **Titania Fisher** to create your own unique applique floral banner. Use spring flowers to inspire floral designs as Titania guides you through the various textile techniques required to craft your own banner.

### **Accessibility Information**

Participants require a basic level of skills in sewing. Hand embroidery will be applied to the designs, and this will require the use of needles and scissors.

**Whittlesey Library**  
**Saturday 15 June 1.30pm**

**Histon Library**

**Saturday 29 June 2pm**

**Huntingdon Library**  
**Saturday 6 July 1pm**

**March Library**  
**Thursday 25 July 5pm**

**Running time:** 2 hours

**Suitable for:** Adults and young people 14+ yrs.

**Tickets:** £6 / £3

### **Fused Glass Workshop**

Artist **June Massey** will help you use your creative skills to make a beautiful, unique piece of glass art. Have fun sharing ideas and learn interesting facts about glass artistry. June will take your work home to fire in her kiln and return it to the library a week later.

**‘Fantastic, practical workshop – would definitely attend again.’** Participant comment

### **Accessibility Information**

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.

**Ramsey Library**  
**Saturday 13 July 2.30pm**

**Running time:** 2 hours

**Suitable for:** Families (8+ yrs) and Adults

**Check it out:** [www.semperartglass.co.uk](http://www.semperartglass.co.uk)

**Tickets:** £6 / £3

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