

THE LIBRARY PRESENTS



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**'Bringing Arts Events to Libraries across
Cambridgeshire'**

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Images, Left to right: Graffiti Classics, Louise Jordan, Tit for Tat

WELCOME

The Library Presents team is currently planning the Spring Season of arts events in libraries across the County. The views of residents would be valued on the type of arts events to be enjoyed in local libraries and residents are invited to help select through this menu.

The majority of activity will take place in libraries across the County and there will be some online offers too.

All events are ticketed at reasonable prices, with options for child and family activity as well as events for adults of all ages.

All information and online forms to send selections are available at:
www.library.live/the-library-presents

Or residents can visit one of the following libraries to make selections:

Alconbury Weald, Arbury Court, Barnwell Road, Cambourne, Cambridge Central, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Littleport, March, Papworth, Ramsey, St Ives, St Neots, Sawston, Soham, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

Opening hours can be found on the council website - [Visit a Library](#)

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MULTI-ARTFORM EVENTS



Eco Fashion with Oblique Arts

Suitable for: all ages

The Fashion Industry is arguably the 2nd largest polluter of the Earth. Help save the planet and reduce landfill by joining us in our upcycle workshops where we show you how to create fabulous fashion from your castaway clothing!

Customise your clothing with fabric spray paints, stencils, fabric pens, crayons and a treasure trove of embellishment materials.

Model your creation on our be-green catwalk and get photographed for our eco fashion gallery. Look unique and individual with your newly created one off pieces!

<https://oblique-arts.com>



Style First with SIN Cru

Suitable for: young people and their families

Style First is an interactive Hip Hop experience for the whole family. Set in front an amazing exhibition backdrop of Hip Hop icons, SIN Cru invite you to take part in their annual photoshoot.

Influenced by the pioneering early days of Hip Hop culture and centred around style, fashion and dance, the artists pose for the camera and find movement to explore their own sense of style and identity. Hold on to your Kangols as you might find yourself swept up into the shoot finessing, flexin and maxin with a new attitude and easy to follow Bboy poses.

DANCE



Flowing and Alive with Divya Ravi

Suitable for: Families, age 5+

Hop on an exciting cruise into the world of rivers through an action-packed, and thought-provoking presentation, featuring dance by Divya Ravi and live music by Sharan Subramanian. Interlaced with World Poetry and Spoken

Word this performance vividly demonstrates the ability of Rivers to move, sense, respond, remember, adapt, create, and sustain. Share your thoughts in a post-performance discussion where we collectively arrive at creative and realistic solutions to uphold the integrity of Rivers and envisage a path to coexist with Nature.

<https://www.instagram.com/dancingdivyaravi/>



CHOOGH! CHOOGH! with Beeja

Suitable for: Children, under 5

Created by Anusha Subramanyam of Beeja and performed by 3 dancers, CHOOGH!, CHOOGH! takes a simple Indian song about train travel and expands it to create an immersive, sensory experience with dance, songs and music.

As a joyful, authentic affirmation of Indian culture it will give early years children of Indian heritage pride and others a chance to share in one of the major cultures of the UK.

<http://beeja.com/choogh-choogh/>

MUSIC



Graffiti Classics

Suitable for: all ages

16 strings, 8 dancing feet and 4 voices with 1 aim: to make classical music wickedly funny and fantastically exhilarating for everyone, young and old.

Graffiti Classics burst the elitist boundaries of the traditional string quartet with their hilarious all-

singing, all-dancing musical comedy show. It's a classical concert, a gypsy-folk romp, an opera, a stand-up comedy set and a brilliant dance show all rolled into one! From Beethoven to Bluegrass, Baroque to Pop, Strauss to Saturday Night Fever, kids and adults alike love the virtuosic variety of musical styles, tied together with cheeky audience interaction.

www.graffiticlassics.com



Kakatsitsi Master Drummers

Suitable for: all ages

An evening of outstanding West African drumming, dance and singing from festival regulars and the leading African traditional group in the UK.

Kakatsitsi's music takes traditional rhythms and chants and rearranges them in a modern and accessible way which delights all ages. Expect infectious funky grooves and amazing dance moves at this amazing opportunity to see traditional Ghana in rural England. Also, learn how to join in at the post show workshop, where the group will be teaching some traditional rhythms and

techniques.

A pre or post show drumming workshop is also offered.

<https://www.midnightmango.co.uk/the-kakatsitsi-master-drummers/>



Ninebarrow

Suitable for: all ages

A Ninebarrow show is filled with outstanding songs, delivered atmospherically, using the highest quality sound and lighting equipment.

But this doesn't necessarily mean it's going to be an exceptional 'show'!

What DOES make a Ninebarrow concert an exceptional evening of entertainment is that the duo are equally passionate about their relationship with the audience and it's their storytelling that really enhances the experience. With a healthy dose of humour, you'll be transported through mysterious folktales, wild landscapes and fascinating history.

www.ninebarrow.co.uk



Dani Larkin

Suitable for: all ages

Hailing from the Armagh-Monaghan border, Dani Larkin is a singer-songwriter and folk musician who is already being heralded as one of Ireland's finest songwriters. Larkin is a well known face on the live circuit in Ireland. A storyteller by nature, her music is inspired by the folktales she

was raised with, intertwined with elements of traditional melodies and rhythms from around the world. "The rising star on the Irish contemporary and alt folk scene." The Irish Times.

<https://www.midnightmango.co.uk/dani-larkin/>



Daria Kulesh

Suitable for: all ages

With her striking voice and Russian and Ingush heritage, Daria Kulesh is a rising star on the UK folk scene.

Her quest to explore her North Caucasus family roots in the solo album and show Long Lost Home has enjoyed rave reviews and multiple awards.

Mixing history and folklore in captivating storytelling, performed on a selection of folk instruments, Daria will take you on an enchanting and uplifting journey. "Not a concert but an experience; emotional, compelling, and entertaining."

A 1-hour talk and Q&A, "The Story of the Ingush People", is also offered.

www.daria-kulesh.co.uk



The People's String Foundation

Suitable for: all ages

The People's String Foundation is an army of bohemians and vagabonds hailing from the grass roots of British music culture.

Mixing world, classical and urban styles, this Cornish band is

fronted by the virtuoso violinist Ben Sutcliffe with co-founder and composer Zaid Al-Rikabi at the core.

Their in-person show presents the duo alongside a 32 piece virtual gypsy orchestra, inviting the audience on an incredible journey of discovery. Using music, puppetry, cinematography, it is a unique project that combines many art forms to create an immersive and exhilarating show.

<https://vimeo.com/channels/paramoreproductions/470251470/>



The Music of Trees with Geoff Robb

Suitable for: all ages

Join Geoff Robb, winner of the 2018 Brighton Fringe Live Music Award, for an evening of magical storytelling and music. Geoff brings virtuoso acoustic guitar to his latest show, 'The Music of Trees', which earned him rave reviews at the 2019 Edinburgh Fringe.

'The Music of Trees' weaves together tales of our woodland folklore and history with a suite of new original compositions featuring Geoff's signature blend of classical, jazz,

Celtic and Spanish influences, promising to transport you out into the woods. "Very talented, makes the guitar sound like two guitars and a piano." BBC Southern Counties.

<https://geoffrobb.com/the-music-of-trees/>



GANGA: Tales of the River with Emily Hennessey & Sheema Mukherjee

Suitable for: ages 14+

Storyteller Emily Hennessey and sitar player Sheema Mukherjee conjure fast-flowing worlds of cosmic creatures, celestial curses, wise women and gods behaving badly in these Indian stories of liberation, love, truth and illusion.

When the River Goddess leaps from the skies, only Shiva's hair can catch her wild torrents. But still she roars, surging from mountains to sea, leaving no stone - or ego - unturned as she washes illusion from the truth.

'Extraordinary tales for a transfixed audience' British Theatre Guide.

www.emilyhennessey.co.uk



Ensonglopedia

Suitable for: families, ages 6+

What does it mean to be human? Multi-award-winning science-singer-songwriter John Hinton has not one answer, but twenty-six, one for each letter of the alphabet, and he's turned them all into comedy song. Peer reviewed by scientists, academics and healthcare professionals. Suitable for all humans old enough to think and laugh at the same time. "A magical show, wonderfully performed by Hinton." The Reviews Hub.

An additional songwriting workshop is also offered.

www.ensonglopedia.com



Shake, Rattle & Roll

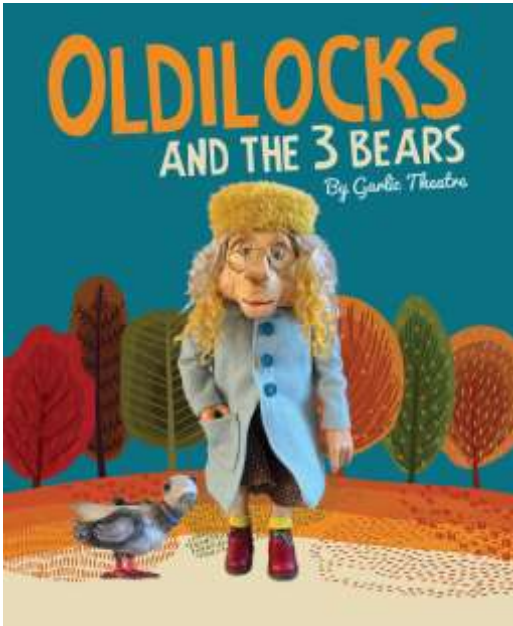
Suitable for: children under 5 years

We will play a mixture of familiar and lesser known songs on real instruments while you and your child sing along. We will get you up and moving, giving you a chance to try out some dance moves with your child. You can expect to hear

anything, from Bowie to Baroque and from Chopin to Chas'n'Dave. We love it all and hope you will too! The main idea is that you enjoy the music and then hopefully your child will too.

www.shake-rattle-roll.org

PUPPETRY



Oldilocks with Garlic Theatre

Suitable for: ages 3-8 years

One winter, Oldilocks finds a teddy bear in the park and remembers a delicious bowl of porridge she tasted years ago in the woods. Something else happened but she can't quite remember what... so she sets off for the forest. Will she find the bears house and what will happen then?

A wonderfully funny and warmhearted celebration of the classic story starring a naughty old lady who looks very familiar... and 3 funny bears who love their breakfast.

Garlic Theatre hold their young audience

spellbound with lovingly crafted puppets, music and some steaming bowls of porridge.

<https://www.garlictheatre.org.uk/shows/oldilocks-and-the-3-bears/>



Pinocchio with Norwich Puppet Theatre

Suitable for: Families, children aged 4+

Norwich Puppet Theatre presents a re-imagining of this classic Italian fairytale, created by Steve Tiplady and Liz Walker.

A story exploring what it means to love, with hints of danger, slapstick, humour and a big fish! This highly visual production features puppetry, illusion, and object theatre, with an atmospheric soundtrack taking Pinocchio on an adventure of self-discovery, as they try, fail, and try again to find their heart and become a real person.

<http://puppettheatre.co.uk/touring/pinocchio/>



Rocket Girl! with Ditto Theatre

Suitable for: ages 5+

The year is 1969 and NASA has just put the first man on the moon. The world is transfixed and everyone is watching, including eight-year-old Maisie Robinson. From the very moment she saw the moon landings, Maisie knew that she was destined to be an astronaut.

Unknown to Maisie, people had

other plans.. After all, girls don't do science, do they?

Using an amalgamation of storytelling, puppetry and movement with an original score, Ditto Theatre Company invites you to join us in making the impossible possible as one girl battles to become...Rocket Girl!

<https://www.dittotheatrecompany.co.uk/rocketgi>

THEATRE



Pepper and Honey with Notnow Collective

Suitable for: all ages

There are two types of people. The ones who move away. And the ones who stay and wait...

Pepper and Honey is a new interactive play about two women questioning the meaning of home.

The play is timed to perfection in order to deliver a perfect Croatian pepper biscuit, baked live in front of and with the help of the audience. The live baking process is intertwined with a story of what it is like to settle in a

different country, leaving, returning and making and breaking family traditions.

<https://notnowcollective.com/2019/03/25/pepper-and-honey/>



Just An Ordinary Lawyer with Tayo Aluko & Friends

Suitable for: All ages

Nigerian Tunji Sowande quietly breaks through multiple barriers to become Britain's first Black judge in 1978.

Also a fine concert singer and keen cricket lover, he muses on international politics and history as they affect the Black world from Africa to the USA and Britain, from the point of view of one who would rather watch sports, and spread love and peace through the medium of song.

Recalling heroic sporting achievements alongside epoch-defining politics, Tayo Aluko delivers "a brilliantly put together history lesson delivered as art."

<https://www.tayoalukoandfriends.com/jaol/>



Roald Off The Tongue with Chip Colquhoun

Suitable for: ages 4 - 11 and family

Discover the fables and fairy tales that inspired the young Roald Dahl... retold to inspire you! Hear the bedtime stories Mrs Dahl told her son, which later gave rise to The BFG, Matilda, The Twits, and more.

With Oxford Owl storyteller Chip Colquhoun as your guide, get set for tales of heroic children, cunning animals, and the occasional exploding troll – all presented with a variety of magic, music, and PLENTY of joining in! And think: if Roald went on to become a bestselling author adored worldwide, who knows what YOU will achieve once you've enjoyed the same inspiration?



The Stars in the Sky with Luminous Tales

Suitable for: Families, with children aged 3+

Luminous Tales present a shadow show in a box. The light comes on, the stars glow and as the doors open the scenery starts to scroll before your eyes...

'There was once an old lady who wanted to play with the stars...' so

begins the traditional tale which then takes off on an adventurous romp amongst the wild beasts of the stars. Fantastical shadow puppets leap across the scrolling background and even fly out of the box onto a large paper screen. Afterwards the audience are invited to stay and play with the puppets inventing their own adventures among the stars.

<https://www.luminoustales.com/the-stars-in-the-sky>



Silly Squirrel with Above Bounds Theatre Collective, Helen Bovey

Suitable for: under 7 years of age

Deep in the woods on the big oak tree, lives a little squirrel with big ideas. This is Silly Squirrel. Silly Squirrel has never left the tree but longs to explore! Before the other squirrels are awake, Silly Squirrel conducts a plan, to go on their

biggest adventure yet!

Pull up a picnic blanket and join Above Bounds for this playful story, written in 2020 for the Summer Reading Challenge and now created into a show for 2021, with puppets, gentle interaction and lots of laughs!

<https://abovebounds.co.uk/aboveandbeyond/>



Tea and Poppins with HyperFusion Theatre Company

Suitable for: For young people 5-10 years old and those older Poppins fans too.

HyperFusion Theatre Company is honoured to welcome you to our kid's cabaret club where our special friend, Mary Poppins is flying in to entertain you with her fabulous and talented friends.

Enjoy afternoon 'tea' (refreshments in mismatched tea cups and saucers) whilst being entertained by Mary Poppins and her talented friends including a 'beat boxing' comedian and more who makes up raps to audience suggestions.

www.hyperfusion.co.uk



Miss Sherlock Holmes with Lantern Light Theatre Company

Suitable for: 12+ years

Join Lantern Light for an exciting adventure with Miss Sherlock Holmes and her loyal companion Dr. Jane Watson!

Across three separate evenings Miss Holmes is visited at home by: a desperate woman searching for her boyfriend, a terrified robbery victim and the dark and deadly villain known only as 'The Colonel'. A rarely performed series of short 19th century Sherlock Holmes plays, set in contemporary London, bookended with

the story of how homeless teenager, Billie, came to live and work with the famous detective and her friend.

<https://www.lanternlighttheatrecompany.com/miss-sherlock-holmes---a-triple-bill.html>



Florence: the lesser known life and legacy of Florence Nightingale with Louise Jordan

Suitable for: Ages 14+

Songwriter and performer Louise Jordan explores the legacy of Florence Nightingale as a pioneering statistician who used data to call for government accountability, demanding equal healthcare for all.

This one-woman-performance shines a light on lesser known aspects of Florence Nightingale's life and work. Florence spent

less than two years as a nurse during the Crimean War, but lived to the age of ninety, spending decades campaigning for social reform. This dynamic performance celebrates her legacy, connecting it with issues we face today.

A 'pop-up pedestal' performance in market squares locally is also offered, as well as a post-performance quiz.

<https://louisejordan.co.uk/florence/>



The Ballad of Mulan with Red Dragonfly Productions

Performance suitable for ages 10+

Woman, warrior, legend: meet the real Chinese heroine that inspired Disney's animation and feature film Mulan. This solo theatre show is a gritty, intimate exploration of breaking traditional gender roles.

With a little humour and a lot of heart, the audience will enjoy this refreshing take on a familiar story. From British East Asian

theatre company Red Dragonfly, in collaboration with the team behind Edfringe Sell-Out 'The Unknown Soldier' Grist to the Mill.

A drama workshop for children and young people exploring Mulan's story and Chinese culture, is also offered.

<https://www.reddragonflyproductions.co.uk/ballad-of-mulan>



Pride and Prejudice with Time & Again Theatre Company

Suitable for: ages 7+

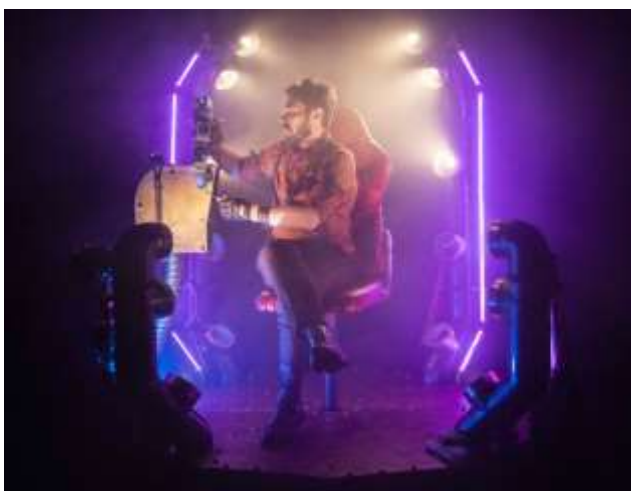
A frantic dash through Jane Austen's famous novel, *Pride and Prejudice*. Live theatre, inspired by the Golden Age of Radio!

Follow Miss Sally Price and Mr Herbert Windsor as they bicker their way through a full cast of characters and struggle to create a whole host of sound effects with only a few household objects to hand.

Harking back to when every household crowded around their wireless for an exciting new instalment each week, Pageturners

presents... *Pride and Prejudice* has lashings of charm, plenty of squabbling, and heaps of vintage flair!

<https://timeandagaintheatre.com>



The Time Machine, by H.G. Wells with The Keeper's Daughter

Suitable for: ages 7+

An eccentric Victorian Time Traveller has crash-landed in the 21st Century. He has journeyed across time to escape the horrors of Earth's far-flung future.

Join this mysterious traveller on an enterprising, heartfelt and amusing adventure where he encounters alien

species, explores brand new landscapes and battles the dreaded subterranean Morlocks in order to save the human race from catastrophe.

Stunning puppetry, scintillating movement and a unique electronic soundtrack combine to create a visual feast that brings HG Wells' classic sci-fi story to the stage as never before.

<https://www.keepersdaughter.com/timemachine>



Truth Sleuth with Modest Genius Theatre Company

Suitable for: families

Truth Sleuth – Epistemological investigations for the modern age. Ever wondered who you can trust? Is your news feed feeding you fake fodder?

A choose-your-own-adventure comedy that that will make you laugh, think

critically and question everything. Exploring issues surrounding fact and fiction. Prepare to gather clues, make decisions and steer the action! Visit Truth Sleuth at your library to help solve the case in this exciting, one-woman choose-your-own-adventure live show.

Download the Truth Sleuth game to enter her animated world and learn valuable detective skills to help you along your own search engine journey.

www.modestgenius.co.uk



Ugg 'n', Ogg and the world's first dog with Theatre Fideri Fidera

Suitable for: Families, with children aged 3-7 years old

First Thank you, Ugg. Thank you, Ogg. For giving us our best friend the dog.

Don't miss this mind-boggling comic tale of how two young hunter-gatherers called Ugg 'n' Ogg palled up with the wolves Tooth 'n' Nail to invent the dog.

Join Ugg 'n' Ogg on their fun- packed adventure where you can expect sabre-toothed tigers, raging forest infernos, and even a time-travelling stick before you get the chance to pat the World's Dogg.

<https://www.theatre-fideri-fidera.com/shows/ugg-n-ogg/video/>

MAGIC & CIRCUS



Twinpossible with Kane & Abel

Suitable for: all ages

Witness the Twinpossible as Kane & Abel perform magic and comedy based on being twins. Either Kane & Abel have supernatural abilities and a unique twin connection, or they are very good at making it seem like they have. They prove they know what each other is thinking and feeling and reveal which one is the better twin.

"Both shine individually as magicians and comedians" (Broadway Baby)

"Seriously impressive" (BBC Radio Bristol)

<https://www.kaneandabelmagic.com/videos>



Books! with Tit for Tat

Suitable for: Families

Tit for Tat's bedraggled book enthusiasts are travelling from town to town - forced between the margins - on a mission to protect literature. Libraries keep closing, and their beloved books are being forced out into the streets.

With their book club numbers dwindling (due to unfortunate reading related accidents), they are on a quest to recruit more members – without help, the book club might be closed forever!

Taking their immersion to literal new heights, expect flames and danger as our hardbacked heroes fight to change their epilogues.

<http://ryanmurphycircus.com/books/>

Poetry & Spoken Word



Stop Trying to be Fantastic with Molly Naylor

Suitable for: Ages 14+

One day, a magpie comes into a little girl's house by mistake. It decides it likes her. She spends the next twenty-five years trying to get away from it. Stop Trying to be Fantastic is a story about suffering, saviour-complex, self-acceptance, and a magpie who refuses

to quit.

From award-winning writer/performer Molly Naylor (Whenever I Get Blown Up I Think Of You, Sky One's After Hours) comes this lyrical and funny show that explores what we owe to each other and what we owe to ourselves.

It's an anti self-help show... that might actually help.

<https://www.mollynaylor.com/see-live>



Poetry Picnic with Simon Mole,

Suitable for: Families with children aged 6+

Come together. Write Now! A brand new event, the POETRY PICNIC!

A snack heavy celebration of music and poetry, with poet Simon Mole and musician Gecko. You'll play fun (and quite silly) games to get to know each other and build your confidence and skill with words, then pen a poem with the power to send your picnic blanket skywards. And we'll play some Beatles meets the Beastie Boys style bangers of our own.

Please note, this event is Bring Your Own Biscuits.

<https://www.simonmole.com/events>

WORKSHOPS



Mosaic workshop with Carolyn Ash

Suitable for: Suitable for people of all ages (3+)

Max. participants: 20.

In this inspirational and fun 2 hour session, professional mosaic artist Carolyn Ash will teach you to design, make & grout your own unique masterpiece of mosaic art.

Using colour, she will encourage you to use your skills to design & organise the tesserae provided, which will include an array of treasures such as broken mirror, china, shells, pebbles, pottery, beads and glass. Then learn the techniques of grouting your piece!

<https://www.facebook.com/mosaicpaintedmemories>



Tune In, Singing for Health and Wellbeing Workshops with Mary Denn

Suitable for: ages 18+

Tune In - Singing for Health & Wellbeing sessions help you find a natural connection to your breath, body and voice. Everyone has a voice, and it's time to celebrate yours! With elements of mindfulness, relaxation, breathing exercises, gentle movement and of course... singing!

- Improve breathing and posture
- Lift mood and reduce stress
- Fun and freeing!

<https://tuneinwithmary.wixsite.com/home>



Writing for performance workshop with Deborah Curtis

Suitable for: ages 14+

Max. participants: 10

Become a spoken-word superstar! Deborah Curtis, artistic director of The Field Theatre Group, leads these informative and supportive 'Page to Stage' workshops.

*'If my brother has rabies ...
he will have to be shot'*

Page to Stage is packed with tips and techniques, information and inspiration, for writers wishing to develop their work for performance. Covering all aspects of the process from rehearsal tips, to editing your work for performance. Finding your audience. Voice production techniques. Use of audio equipment. Taking your writing to a new level. Bring a piece of your own work and let's get it 'off the page' and 'onto the stage'!

<https://tccurtis9.wixsite.com/website>



Willow sculpture and basket workshops with Jane Frost

Suitable for: ages 13+
Max participants: 12

Four, two hour workshops will cover a range of traditional and contemporary techniques to make sculptures and baskets.

Participants will be able to include some of their own ideas to techniques they learn, whether it is a basket, decoration, animal, bird or birdfeeder.

Jane encourages workshop participants to be ambitious and try techniques they have not experienced before, everyone will be successful and take home beautiful items they can be proud of owning. Drop in for one session or join for all four to develop your piece.

<https://www.frostart.co.uk/>



Ceramics workshop with Louise Beale

Suitable for: Ages 8+
Max. participants: 20 children with one assisting adult per child

Clay Sculpture Workshop: Learn how to create your own 3D clay sculpture using a range of clay hand-building techniques with ceramic artist Louise Beale.

Join Louise at her ceramics workshop to learn more about the history of ceramics and the techniques used by contemporary artists.

Let your imagination go wild or use some of Louise's ideas to inspire your own clay artwork to take home. All tools and materials provided.

www.artxplorers.co.uk



Samba Drumming workshop with Anthony Paul

Both workshops are suitable for: Ages 7+
Max. participants: 30 (depending on covid restrictions & size of library)

Beginners workshop: This high energy all-inclusive experience will get everyone having fun with beats and rhythm. Never touched a drum? Doesn't matter, you'll be supported to have a go here. No need to have musical experience, this is great for your well being.

Returners workshop: Know which instrument you like? Ready to delve deeper into samba? If you have been to a samba workshop or in a samba group this workshop is for you.

All the drums and samba instruments are provided.



Poetry workshop with Zeena Ul Islam (Oblique Arts)

Suitable for: ages 8+
Max. participants: 20

Come and be inspired by our video poems. Have a go at creating your own poems in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

You will be able to explore rhythm, identity and nature in this interactive poetry workshop. Join Zeena as she takes us on a poetry filled hour long workshop. All levels welcome.

<https://polymathenterprise.org/>

