Festival of Libraries 2025 - Impact Highlights

21.5k attenders across 64 venues

Average audience event rating:

9.2/10

65% of attenders learnt something new at their festival event

96%

of attenders enjoyed their festival event

"A lot of the events are participatory, which feels different from other literary festivals."

Audience member

"It's a tremendous festival and I was amazed at the number of events. I wish I'd had the time to attend more."

Audience member

Evaluation by Eric Hildrew

82%

of attenders felt the festival showed their library has *'more to offer than previously thought'*

44%

of attenders made or created something themselves at their festival event

"I think it's one of the best festivals in the city now, and there are quite a lot to choose from."

Library partner

"The event reinforced my view of Manchester as a community-centred city."

Workshop participant

84% of attenders felt the festival *'made their library seem more connected to their community'*

140+ events over 5 days

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Participating Libraries/Partners 2025

Alliance Francaise
Bolton Libraries
Bury Libraries
Chetham's Library
Creative Manchester
Elizabeth Gaskell's House
Instituto Cervantes
John Rylands Research Institute and Library
Levenshulme Old Library
Manchester Cathedral
Manchester Council
Manchester Histories
Manchester Libraries
Manchester Metropolitan University
Manchester Poetry Library
Oldham Libraries
People's History Museum
Rochdale Libraries
Salford Libraries
Spinningfields
Stockport Libraries
Stockroom
Tameside Libraries
The Portico Library
Trafford Libraries
Transport for Greater Manchester
UNESCO Manchester City of Lifelong Learning
University of Manchester
Wigan Libraries
Z-arts

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