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Festival of Libraries 2025

Manchester's Festival of Libraries, the largest festival of its kind in the country with over 133 of Greater Manchester's libraries, is thrilled to share its full programme for 2026.

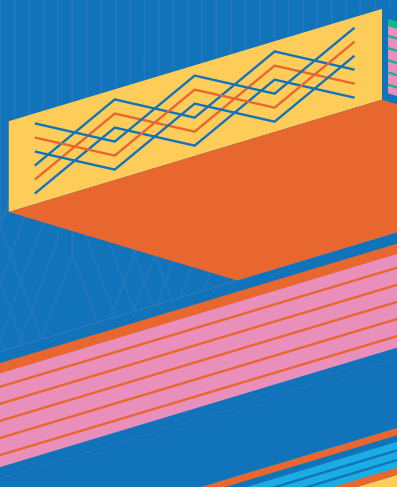
Winner of second 'Most Inclusive Literature Festival in the UK' in 2025 thanks to Inclusive Books for Children, this festival is a joyful and uplifting coming together of libraries that celebrates the inspiration, creativity and community that they represent and reminds us that they are places of real civic pride.

This year there are events for everyone, we have a huge range of exhibitions and creative workshops, plus things you may not expect to see in a library, including acrobatics, classic comedy, dance and music masterclasses for all ages.

Almost all events are free to participate, but check the website for ticket information and the back of the programme for full listings.

Organised by Manchester City of Literature, the festival connects the city and its communities to other UNESCO Cities of Literature around the world with exciting international collaborations. Our guest city this year is Barcelona City of Literature and we're delighted to have some new public artwork in the city to celebrate, as well as various events and exhibits.

This belief in libraries and their roles in communities is reflective across Greater Manchester and celebrated in the Festival of Libraries, winner of Best Event at the Manchester Culture Awards in 2024. Join us and celebrate all that libraries are for Festival of Libraries 2026. Enjoy the week!



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"It's great to see Festival of Libraries back with another bumper edition of activities across 133 libraries in Greater Manchester. Libraries are essential to communities - championing stories, ideas and offering access and information for everybody - and we are so pleased to be able to once again support this year's festival through our National Lottery Project Grants programme. I'm looking forward to experiencing some of the exciting events on offer."

– Jen Cleary, Director North West, Arts Council England



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"The Festival of Libraries has become such an important and moving experience due to all the artists, libraries and communities who come together. Huge thanks to them and to Arts Council England for its support to make this happen, alongside the regular funders of Manchester City of Literature: Manchester City Council, the University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University. As a UNESCO City of Literature, we are also able to use our global connections to bring international artists to Greater Manchester to enrich the festival further. This year we have contributions from Barcelona, Jordan, Denmark and Ukraine. Please do see and engage with this work that has travelled so far to be here - it speaks powerfully to us across distances and cultures. And a final heartfelt thanks to the Festival of Libraries staff team who knit together the contributions of our all partners with such grace and skill."

– Ivan Wadeson, Executive Director

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Poetry

HOME

Let Wildflowers Bloom by Nóra Blascsók and Esteve Plantada

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after grassy areas
let wildflowers bloom

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and shaping this city

let wildflowers bloom
our strength in (bio)diversity
buzz of mother tongues

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de com s'arrela el futur
en la llum dels mots.

This is an excerpt of a collaborative poem between Manchester City Poet Nóra Blascsók and Catalan poet Esteve Plantada specially commissioned for Festival of Libraries 2026.

You can see the poem in situ in the windows of HOME Arches, Whitworth Street West, Manchester June-July 2026, and read the poem in full with translations on our website here:



Inspired By Libraries

Inspired by Libraries with DJ Paulette

Thursday 11th June
6pm – 7pm

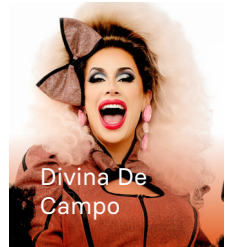
At Manchester Poetry Library

Join DJ Paulette for an intimate evening as she chats with musician, author and media personality John Robb about the influences she received from books and libraries throughout her life journey.

They will let us eavesdrop into their conversation on the campus of Manchester Metropolitan University, where Paulette got her English degree.

Winner of the DJ Mag Top 100 Lifetime Achievement Award and voted DJ of the Year (Nordoff and Robbins) Northern Music Awards 2024, Paulette is a highly regarded DJ, broadcaster and now author, celebrated around the world, born and raised in (and still resident of) Manchester.

Over a 30-year career, she has scaled the heights of dance music fame and hedonism playing disco, house and techno to huge crowds and in cool underground basements. Her debut book 'Welcome To The Club: The life and lessons of a black woman DJ' published in January 2024 by Manchester University Press to huge critical acclaim.



Inspired by Libraries with Divina De Campo

Friday 12th June
5pm – 6pm

At Oldham Library and Lifelong Learning Centre Cultural Quarter

Join British drag queen and singer Divina De Campo in conversation with Manchester City of Literature's Jo Flynn for an intimate but lively evening in Oldham Central Library.

They will be discussing Divina's life journey and the influences she gained through reading and libraries. Crowned runner-up on the first series of RuPaul's Drag Race UK, Divina has made waves with a UK Top 40 single as part of the girl group The Frock Destroyers as well as critically acclaimed theater credits, including her role as Mary Sunshine in Chicago, her award-winning performance as Hedwig in Hedwig and the Angry Inch, and most recently, The SpongeBob Musical. Known for her high soprano and four-octave range, she has also been featured on ITV's The Voice and the BBC's All Together Now. The Festival of Libraries welcomes Divina back to Greater Manchester, where she studied at Manchester Metropolitan University.

Inspired by Libraries with Bobby Seagull

**Saturday 13th June
2:30pm – 3:30pm**

At Altrincham Library

Join Bobby Seagull in a fun and inspiring conversation with children's book author Ashley Thorpe about the role books and libraries played in Bobby's upbringing, and how staying with maths has opened the door to the many different and interesting experiences he's had so far in life.

Bobby Seagull MBE is a teacher, broadcaster, and writer. After a career as an investment banker at Lehman Brothers, Bobby switched trajectories and became a teacher, a passion that started with a scholarship to Eton College. He writes regularly for the Financial Times and has published two books: *Monkman* and *Seagull Quiz Book* and *The Life-Changing Magic of Numbers*. In 2025, Bobby received an MBE, being recognised for his services to public libraries, including serving as a Library Champion for CILIP (Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals).

On television, Bobby was a co-host on *Monkman* and *Seagull's Genius Guides* for BBC Two and *Monkman* and *Seagull's Genius Adventures*. He was featured in E4's *The Real Dirty Dancing*, and in popular gameshows such as Richard Osman's *House of Games*, *Pointless Celebrities*, and in *Countdown's Dictionary Corner*.



Bobby
Seagull



Mollie Ray

Inspired by Libraries in Schools with Mollie Ray

Wednesday 10th June

**Closed audience for schools
in Oldham**

Mollie Ray is a comic artist, illustrator and author from Lancashire.

Ray will talk to and draw with young people in Bolton during the Festival of Libraries to share how comics and literature have inspired their life and career.

Ray's debut graphic novel *giant* was published in 2024 with Faber & Faber, paperback released August 2025. Ray's work has been featured by Creative Boom, The AOI, Bookmunch, Foyles and more.

Winner of the Break Out Talent category of the Broken Frontier Awards 2026 and recently appointed the first Young Comics Laureate for 2025/26 by Comics Youth and The Lakes International Comic Arts Festival.

Unlimited Artist in Residence Sophie Woolley

Thursday 11th June
2pm – 3:30pm

At John Rylands Research Institute and Library

Sophie Woolley performs a work-in-progress sharing of Robovac, a comedy solo show based on her lived experience of being a Deaf cyborg and Wellbeing Manifestation Officer in 2126.

Deep into a dangerous, prohibited solo mission back in time to 2026 (a historically weak and treacherous year for 21st-century humanity), Sophie has no alternative but to become a stand-up comedian. Far from her home in the future, and pining for current mood sanctuary in the neo-Gothic John Rylands Library, Sophie stumbles on some sensational people and clues to help create a cooler tomorrow.

Sophie is an Unlimited Artist in Residence. She is a multi-disciplinary writer, performer, and comedian from London, working across comedy, TV, theatre, radio, and literature. Her TV acting credits include Bridgerton (Netflix), Cast Offs (Channel 4), and Comedy Lab (Channel 4).



Sophie Woolley

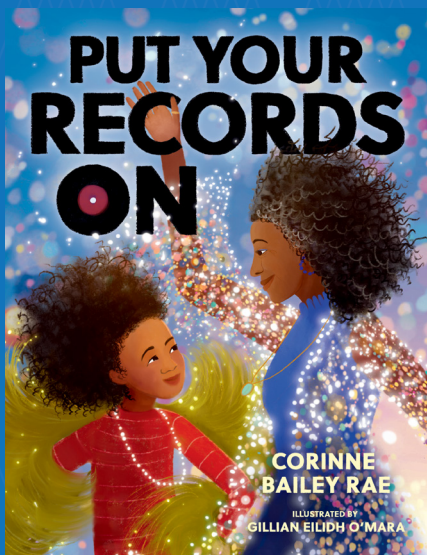


Look for a Book

To find gold, all you have to do is follow the melody! During May half term, hidden in and around the green spaces of Manchester's libraries will be 500 copies of Corinne Bailey Rae's *Put Your Records On*, waiting for young readers to get their hands on.

Corinne Bailey Rae is a Grammy award-winning singer/songwriter who has released multiple albums and toured around the world. Bailey Rae is known for her jazz-infected soul stylings. She also became the fourth female act in history to have her album debut at number one in the US. This year marks the 20th anniversary of her Number One hit single 'Girl, Put Your Records On'. To mark the song's milestone, she is releasing a Children's picture book inspired by the title, *Put Your Records On*.

Put Your Records On celebrates the infectious power of music and its ability to soothe and energise us when we need it most. Following the Brits and the MOBO's in Manchester this year, you can get lost in the music across Greater Manchester!



“Music and reading alike are such powerful mediums for navigating our emotions, and the *Put Your Records On* book trail at Festival of Libraries will take children on both an exciting physical journey through Manchester and a personal journey of creativity and identity within.”

- Corinne Bailey Rae

Music

Manchester City of Learning: DJ Workshop at Wythenshawe Forum

Thursday 11th June
12pm – 4pm

At Wythenshawe Forum Library

A culmination of new music created during Amplify Wythenshawe, Brighter Sound's regular music-making sessions for instrumentalists, rappers and singers aged 11-17. The evening is open to any songwriters or performers aged 11-17 from the Wythenshawe area who want to perform.

Amplify Wythenshawe Live

Thursday 11th June
6pm – 7:30pm

At Wythenshawe Forum Library

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Manchester City of Learning: Band Session at Wythenshawe Forum

Friday 12th June
1:30pm – 4:30pm

At Wythenshawe Forum Library

Try your hand at playing the drums, guitar, bass - or even singing - at this interactive music session. Come along, learn a song, and find out more about how Music Evermore works with children and young people. No prior musical experience required.

Manchester City of Learning: Music Session at Chorlton Library

Saturday 13th June
10pm – 2pm

At Chorlton Library

Join Billy & Andy's Music School at Chorlton Library, and unleash your musical talent. This interactive session will showcase the beauty and possibility of accessible musical instruments.

Billy & Andy's Music School aims to bring the joy of music to those who face barriers to traditional music making. Through years of hands-on experience, they have discovered some of the most innovative and inclusive musical instruments available today.

Community Voice

Storytelling & Moving Image Showcase: A Schools Takeover

Thursday 11th June
5pm – 7:30pm

At Manchester Central Library

This June, Manchester Central Library hosts the showcase for SNE Studios Storytelling & Moving Image pilot - a programme delivered in partnership with St Peter's RC High School and Manchester City of Literature. Over eight weeks, students from St Peter's have worked alongside professional creatives to understand the power of storytelling and narrative voice, get hands on with cameras and editing software, and transform poems by Manchester writers into short films of their own, exploring themes of place, belonging, and community voice.

The evening presents the finished films to the public for the first time, alongside an awards ceremony and a panel discussion, co-hosted by SNE's Executive Director Baka Bah and a student, and featuring representatives from Manchester Metropolitan University (RISE), St Peter's RC High School, and Blackmagic Design.

This is the proof of concept for a wider vision: an annual moving image and media literacy programme for young people, built on the belief that the next generation of storytellers deserves the tools, the training, and the platform to tell their own stories.



Community Takeover: Muslim Social Justice Initiative

Friday 12th June
6pm – 9:30pm

At Levenshulme Old Library

Muslim Social Justice Initiative (MSJI) will take over Levenshulme Old Library for a one-night community screening of Ghost Hunting, an award-winning film in which former Palestinian prisoners reconstruct their experiences of incarceration.

This event brings together film, conversation, and collective reflection to explore how storytelling functions in the aftermath of trauma and under conditions shaped by colonialism and imprisonment. The screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion considering the role of narrative and cultural production in processes of healing, resistance, and political education.

Framed within MSJI's broader commitment to political education and cultural organising, the evening invites audiences to engage critically and collectively: holding space for testimony while connecting personal histories to wider struggles for justice and liberation.

Community Takeover: 42nd Street

Saturday 6th June
1pm – 4pm

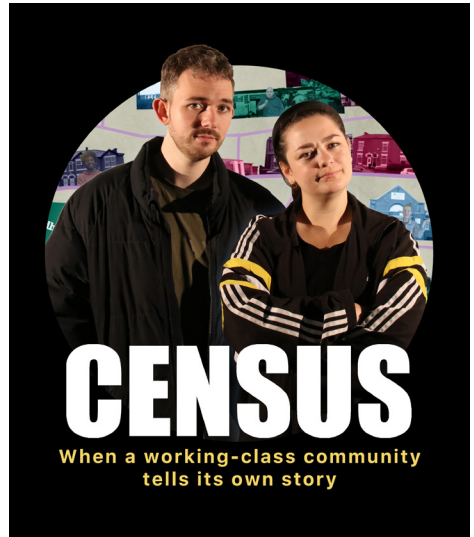
At Manchester Poetry Library

Join 42nd Steet to connect, create and campaign through poetry and community.

Come take part in the first event of 42nd Steet's 'Building Belonging' Poetry Project for young people aged 13-25.

Whether you are a budding poet, secret poet or just like to listen and appreciate, come down to Connect, Create and Campaign with other young Activists.

Poems will be around the themes of 'How do you Build Belonging in your: VOICE • WORDS • SOLIDARITY?'



Census by Malandra Jacks

At Urmston Library:
Thursday 11th June,
6:30pm – 7:45pm

At Wythenshawe Forum:
Saturday 13th June
Workshop: 3:30pm – 4.30pm
Performance: 6pm – 8pm

This is what happens when a working-class community tells its own story. A bus ride. A bingo card. A memory you didn't know you shared. This is our neighbourhood, not the one in the media, but the one shaped by our stories, our laughter and our silence.

Award-winning duo Malandra Jacks invite you into a world of spellbinding projection, real voices and unapologetic heart. Census is part theatre, part time capsule: a celebration of communities rarely seen on stage. Funny, intimate and defiant, Census is a love letter to working-class communities, a call to remember who we are and what we carry with us.

Muslims in the Medieval European Imagination: With Saaleha Iqbal

Friday 12th June
6pm – 7pm

At Chetham's Library

After the First Crusade (c. 1095-1099), many Europeans encountered Muslims for the first time and were exposed to the rich cultures of the eastern Mediterranean.

In this talk, Saaleha will introduce how northern Europeans perceived and depicted Muslims in written texts from the twelfth century, and how these developed throughout the later medieval period, by comparing two texts from the medieval manuscripts collection at Chetham's Library: *The Travels of Sir John Mandeville*, and the *Flores Historiarum* by Matthew Paris.



Books Left Behind

Saturday 13th June
3pm – 6pm

At The Portico Library

Libraries don't just hold books. They hold the memories attached to them too. This creative workshop invites participants who have experienced displacement to reflect on books and stories that have shaped their lives: those that travelled with them, those left behind in times of crisis or change, and those shared orally across generations. Through book-making, storytelling and small repair activities, participants will explore what these books mean to them — whether still on our shelves or living only in memory.



Exhibitions

Please check all venue opening times online before planning your visit.

Everything and Nothing: What makes a 220-year-old library?

Friday 20th March –
Saturday 3rd October

At The Portico Library

The Portico Library is at the heart of Manchester, and has been open for more than 200 years. But what makes the Portico? Is it the books? Is it history? Is it the building? Is it the people who walked through the doors? The readers? The members? The staff?

Or is it the feeling you have when you enter the room?

The Portico Library is going through a rapid change. This free exhibition explores the idea of the Portico as a box holding memories; a place to look back in time at 220 years and a place to imagine what a library could be like in 10, 50 and a 100 years' time.



Once Upon a Time

Saturday 21st March –
Saturday 5th September

At Gallery Oldham

Once Upon a Time... There was an amazing exhibition filled with beautiful art by five incredible illustrators: Gillian Flint, Gillian Hibbs, Holly Sterling, Jarvis, and Sharon Davey. Each of them creates magical worlds to spark imaginations and celebrate the joy of storytelling. Once Upon a Time is a family-focused, fun-filled space where everyone can enjoy brilliant books and special stories. With cosy corners for reading, colourful artwork to explore, and hands-on activities to dive into, it's a place where creativity comes to life.

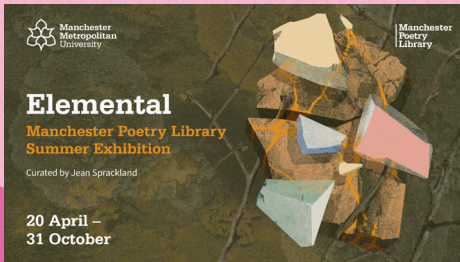
Elemental: Manchester Poetry Library Exhibition with Jean Sprackland

Monday 20th April –
Saturday 31st October

At Manchester Poetry Library

This new exhibition by Jean Sprackland takes her most forthcoming poetry collection, *Goyle, Chert, Mire*, as its point of departure.

Described by the publisher as ‘a book-length sequence of poems about place, time, illness and recovery,’ the collection unfolds across three sections, each shaped by a distinctive element of the Blackdown Hills – and in particular the remote spring line valley where the poet lives.



Deconstructing The Signature of All Things: The Books Behind the Story

Thursday 30th April –
Friday 31st July

At The Portico Library

This exhibition at the Portico Library explores Elizabeth Gilbert’s historical novel *The Signature of All Things* by breaking the story down into the books, ideas and events that might have shaped it.

Drawing on the Portico’s historic collections, the display brings together works that relate directly—or tangentially—to the characters, scientific discoveries and intellectual debates that underpin the novel’s plot.

Oldham Wakes! By Sophie Tyrrell

Saturday 23rd May –
Saturday 5th September

At Gallery Oldham

Taking inspiration from the seasonal traditions of Old Lancashire holiday festivals, rush carts and processions, Oldham based artist Sophie Tyrrell populates the gallery with a fabulously colourful and deeply political handmade carnival installation.

Sophie's giant festival-bright endangered species artworks are poised between ecological grief and hopeful imagination. Above this weirdly joyful spectacle, a magnificent murmuration of paper starlings made by local schoolchildren signals that 'the starlings are in trouble'. Original music from Manchester Folk Collective 'Brown Wimpenny' underscores the scene. You are invited to experience wonder, to dress up, and be merry, in a celebration of the radical power of collective joy.

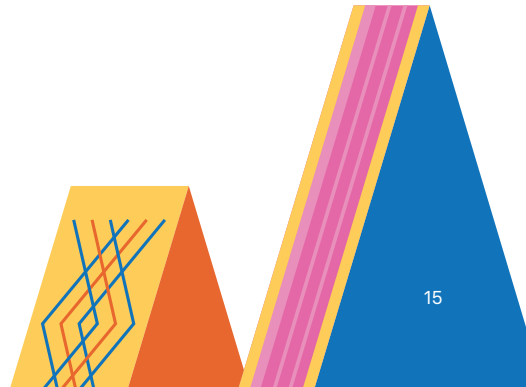


Green Libraries Flag Exhibition

Monday 25th May –
Sunday 21st June

At Ashton Library

Led by Greater Manchester Green Libraries consortium, in collaboration with Cabasa Carnival Arts, the project saw the creation of bespoke naturally-dyed silk flags for all 10 library services at workshops during Green Libraries Week 2025. Each of the 10 flags focuses on a different environmental theme, helping us to consider the impact of climate change and why nature is important to us and our planet.



Elias Canetti, a Jewish Emigré in Britain: People, Places, Impressions 1939-1988

Monday 1st June –
Tuesday 30th June

At Didsbury Library

The Manchester Manhole Collective is proud to present Manc Holes and Beyond, the world's first exhibition celebrating the art and design of manhole and drain covers.

These well-trodden yet often overlooked works of art that adorn the streets, roads & pavements of Manchester and beyond. Amaze at how these heavy industrial designs exemplify art at the heart of cities and towns and witness how they have inspired individuals to photograph, paint, write poems & books, create ceramics, make films and produce interior designs such as fabrics and wallpapers. Our hope is to encourage people to seek out these urban art forms, engage their imaginations, be inspired, and join community of operculists knowing that creative activities help improve mental health and wellbeing.



Exhibition: KFOR and Kosovo +25

Monday 1st June –
Tuesday 30th June

At Sale Library

A photodocumentary exhibition by internationally acclaimed Heartstone photojournalist Nick Sidle. Nick was embedded with several UK regiments in 2000 to document the human story of life after the 1999 war in Kosovo, which devastated so many families through brutal 'ethnic cleansing'.

This is a powerful story of hope and resilience in the aftermath of conflict, showing people rebuilding their lives and homes, and highlighting the role of the NATO-led KFOR peacekeepers, including soldiers from regiments in Greater Manchester, who helped bring safety, security and stability to all communities, laying the foundations of modern Kosovo.

Heartstone: KFOR and Kosovo +25

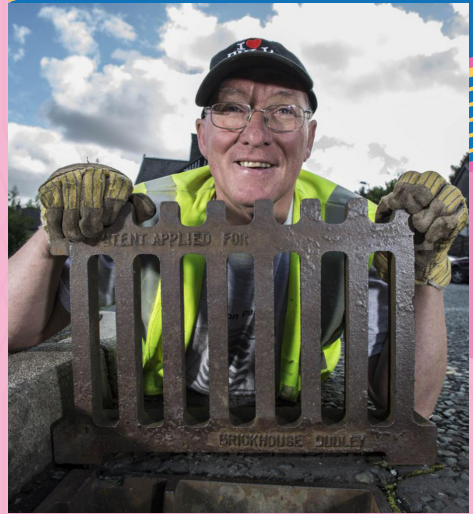
Friday 12th June

At Manchester Central Library

On June 12th, the photo-documentary exhibition, 'KFOR and Kosovo +25', is at the centre of an extraordinary event being staged at Manchester's Central Library as part of Manchester's Festival of Libraries.

Produced by internationally acclaimed photographer, Nick Sidle, covering the period 2000-1, in the aftermath of the 1999 Kosova war, the exhibition tells an uplifting visual story of the resilience of ordinary people recovering from a period of horrific ethnic cleansing and the role of the KFOR peacekeepers in bringing the stability and security from which peace followed. Many in the Greater Manchester region supported at the time with funds, blankets, toys and other items.

This event will bring together online for the first time some of the civilians pictured in the images, who have been located 25 years later in Kosova, and others who were part of this period in the North West and other parts of the UK. In Kosova, the event is taking shape from the National Library of Kosova opened by Kosova's Minister for Culture, Saranda Bogujevci, herself a survivor of the Podujeva Massacre and one of those evacuated to Manchester in 1999.



Manc Holes and Beyond

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Between Life and Death: Stories of Rescue During the Holocaust

Tuesday 2nd June –
Tuesday 30th June

At Eccles Library

This moving exhibition presents accounts from fifteen European countries. The British chapter features the stories of Eva Paddock, who arrived in Great Britain as a child on a transport organised by Sir Nicholas Winton, and Ida and Louise Cook, London-based sisters who helped Jewish refugees before the war by smuggling their valuables across borders and supporting them upon arrival in the UK. The Cook sisters were honoured as Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem in 1964.

Between Life and Death pays tribute to those who, despite the threat of imprisonment, deportation, or death, chose to help persecuted Jews during the Second World War. By combining the stories of rescuers and survivors, the exhibition explores acts of moral courage and the complexity of human relationships under extreme wartime conditions, placing each story within its broader historical context.



Into The Light: Pioneers of Black British Ballet Exhibition

Monday 1st June –
Tuesday 30th June

At Stretford Library

Black dancers have been present in British ballet from at least the 1940s onwards but the presence and contribution of these pioneers has been largely forgotten.

Into the Light: The Pioneers of Black British Ballet exhibition at Stretford Library aims to change this by celebrating the lives of these trailblazers. The exhibition brings together archive photography, film and news items alongside new interviews with the dancers themselves.

This groundbreaking exhibition, funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, is brought to you by Libraries Connected and Oxygen Arts' Black British Ballet project.

Alongside this exhibition there will be a ballet workshop on 20th June at 1pm – 2.30pm at Urmston Library for all ages. More details will be on Trafford Libraries Eventbrite and website to book a place.

I've Never Read Elizabeth Gaskell

Friday 5th June –
Tuesday 30th June

At Rochdale Central Library

Elizabeth Gaskell's House marked the 10th anniversary of its restoration and opening to the public with a bold new exhibition called I've Never Read Elizabeth Gaskell, as part of a project supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Three young writers – Georgia Affonso, Princess Arinola Adebite and Guruleen Kahlo – were awarded inaugural writers' residencies at Elizabeth Gaskell's House, Manchester's only literary house, and it is their endeavours that take centre stage.

They began their journey having never read Elizabeth's work, but by spending time at the house they have been immersed in her writing and role as a social reformist. Through their eyes visitors will also be able to discover just how much there is to the inspiring world of Elizabeth Gaskell. In partnership with The Writing Squad.



The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books

Thursday 11th June –
Friday 30th October

At John Rylands Research Institute and Library

Enriqueta Rylands founded The John Rylands Library to remember her husband, filling it with books that she bought for the people of Manchester.

The Forgotten Library exhibition explores the personal collection she kept at Longford Hall, south Manchester; her home, filled with old and new, beautiful and plain, luxurious and useful books.

12th June Book exchange: Inspired by The Forgotten Library exhibition, this event invites you to take part in a simple act of exchange. Bring along a book you've enjoyed, leave it at the John Rylands Library, and choose a book that someone else has decided to give.



Comics

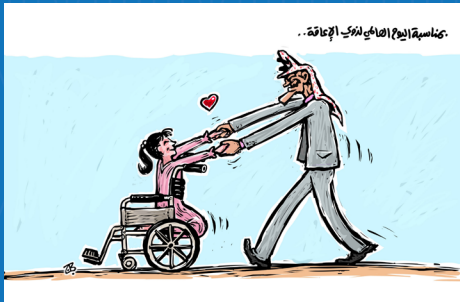
Fanzeen Jordanian Comics Exhibition

Monday 1st June –
Tuesday 30th June

At Bolton Central Library

A UK debut of this exhibition of comics that were drawn by amazing artists inspired by true stories from Jordan's disabled individuals.

Fanzeen is a collective that launched in Amman, Jordan at F.A.D.A. 317 back in 2018. There are 7 issues to date and the current issue offers a chance to shed light on the real life stories of disabled individuals.



Art Bubble Danish Comics

Monday 1st June –
Tuesday 30th June

At Wythenshawe Forum Library

Art Bubble is Denmark's friendliest comic festival and has been running in Aarhus since 2011. The exhibition gives an overview of the history of Danish comics and then introduces the contemporary artists from Denmark in a vivid and accessible way.



Printed Cinema - Jordanian Comics Workshop

Saturday 13th June
10:30am – 12:30pm

At Bolton Central Library

Join Mike V. Derderian a.k.a. "Sardine" a professional comic book artist for this dynamic talk and hands-on workshop around comics.

Mike will discuss how comics are no different than being at the movies, showing the links between panels and the big screen. After the presentation, you'll dive into a practical workshop where he guides you through writing and drawing your own comic strip, sharing the techniques, tricks, and creative mindset used by working comic artists.

The Comics Lab

Monday 1st June –
Friday 31st July

At Oldham Library and Lifelong
Learning Centre

This exhibition talks about the languages, genres and styles of comics plus how they are printed. In English, illustrated by Karolina Szejda. The exhibition comes with a four page worksheet. In partnership with Lakes International Comic Arts Festival and Brussels Comic Art Museum.



Comic Creativity Galore!

At Tyldesley Library:
Wednesday 10th June
1:30pm – 2:30pm

At Levenshulme Old Library:
Thursday 11th June
3:45pm – 4:45pm

At Walkden Library:
Thursday 11th June
4:15pm – 5:15pm

At Droylsden Library:
Saturday 13th June
11am – 12pm

At Stockroom:
Sunday 14th June
11:30am – 12:30pm

Join some of the UK's best comic artists for creative workshops for all ages. You'll learn how to create characters, speech bubbles, how to learn the rules of comics and how to break them! Most of all, these workshops will be fun and bring this vibrant artform to life.



Family

Tasting Children's Literature

Thursday 11th June
11pm – 12pm

At Z-Arts

Join us for a family-friendly, immersive session exploring foods in children's literature.

From the apple that Snow White should not have bitten and the drink that makes Alice's trip to Wonderland possible to the feast gobbled by the very hungry little caterpillar in Eric Carle's now classic 1969 story and the nut that the mouse finally gets to savour in Julia Donaldson's contemporary classic *The Gruffalo*, food has long played a central role in children's literature. Delivered in partnership with Creative Manchester.



Olive Branch by Vanhulle Dance Theatre

At Droylsden Library:
Friday 12th June
11pm – 12pm

At Bolton Library:
Saturday 13th June
11pm – 12:30pm, 2pm – 3:30pm

Olive Branch is a family-friendly acrobatic extravaganza! Join us for a funny and feel-good tale of friendship and the wonder of the natural world, told through a captivating mixture of physical theatre and martial arts. Two strangers meet in a forest and must learn to overcome their differences to help protect mother nature. How will they learn to work together? Will they make it in time to save mother nature? Immerse yourselves in Vanhulle's forest of wonders, featuring spellbinding acrobatics and a world brimming with imagination.

The Quest for Planet P by Knotted Hawk

Saturday 13th June
11pm – 12:30pm

At Levenshulme Old Library

Follow Ozmo and Orbi, two brave little aliens, as they set off on an amazing journey to find the perfect planet. Along the way, they discover that the solution might be closer to home than they think.

A heartfelt, dynamic and inspiring story about fighting for the planet we love and showing how even the smallest voices can make a BIG difference. This brand new, interactive dance theatre show is for children under 11 and their grownups.



Buzz

At Urmston Library
Saturday 13th June
11am – 11:45am

At Sale Library
Saturday 13th June
2pm – 2:30pm

Join us at Urmston and Trafford Libraries for Buzz, a 20-minute theatrical adventure for children and their grown ups, celebrating the natural world and our part in it.

Exploring biodiversity and sustainability with Betty the beekeeper, Buzz helps our young audience understand that with kindness, friendship and perseverance, they can make a real difference to the natural world around them.

Storytelling: Los sueños de Ilán

Saturday 13th June
12pm – 12:45pm

At Instituto Cervantes

Join Instituto Cervantes Manchester for a children's reading session in Spanish featuring *El sueño de Ilán* (Ilán's Dream). This gentle, thoughtful story explores how children understand the loss of a loved one and offers a supportive way to talk about grief. Through this unfinished tale from the *Coloria* collection, young readers are invited to reflect, imagine, and create their own ending.



Children's Creative Writing Club

At Leigh Library, Wigan
Saturday 13th June
11pm – 12:30pm

At Stretford Library
Thursday 11th June
4pm – 5:30pm

Manchester Libraries Family Fun Days

At Avenue Library
Saturday 13th June
11pm – 1pm

At Forum Library, Wythenshawe
Saturday 13th June
2pm – 4pm

At Gorton Library
Saturday 13th June
2pm – 4pm

At Manchester Central Library
Sunday 14th June
12pm – 4pm



Check the full listings for loads more readings, craft and writing sessions for young people across Greater Manchester's library network!

Environment

Roundview: Sustainable Words (and Actions) for a Better World

Saturday 6th June
11:30pm – 1:00pm

At Heald Green Library

Are you ready to explore a world where people and nature thrive together? Join us for a fun, interactive drop-in session where science, art, and poetry come together to inspire real change.

- Solve colourful puzzles that challenge the way we think about sustainability.
- Get hands-on with creative activities.

Team up with the RoundView team from the University of Manchester to sketch, scribble, or rhyme your vision for a healthy Earth.



Poetry and Planting for Children: Growing Words, Growing Worlds

Wednesday 10th June
10pm – 12pm

At Dukinfield Library

Give young people the chance to dig, discover and create in this unique cross-curricular workshop combining creative writing and environmental learning.

Led by Forest School researcher Abigail Reid, this engaging session supports children to explore the idea of belonging - to their local environment, their community and the wider natural world. Pupils will take part in a guided poetry activity to develop their voice and imagination, alongside a hands-on planting experience where they will learn about plant propagation, sustainability and recycling.

Great Big Green Event

Wednesday 10th June

12pm – 3pm

At Bolton Central Library

Discover how small actions can make a big difference. Meet community groups championing sustainability, explore hands-on ways to live greener, and learn about how you can get involved. The RoundView team will also be attending to answer all your questions about rethinking your relationship with the planet.



Rewriting the Waterways

Saturday 13th June

11am – 12pm

At Sale Library

There are hundreds of canal stories to tell: this one is rarely told. This inclusive workshop involves reading short extracts from poems and life writing by black and white authors to explore the relationship between the region's industrial canals and histories of enslavement in Africa and the Americas.

Participants can contribute their thoughts, feelings and creative ideas about encountering this uncomfortable history of the canal, or are welcome to have a quieter and more reflective experience. No previous experience of poetry or creative writing is required. Content Warning: This workshop involves discussing the painful history of the transatlantic trafficking of enslaved Africans and their descendants.

International Guests



Joan Brossa: The Mental Feeling of Complete Happiness ft. Pendleton College

Monday 1st June –
Friday 31st July

At Instituto Cervantes

Joan Brossa: The Mental Feeling of Complete Happiness brings the work of one of Barcelona's most inventive poetic voices to Manchester.

The exhibition celebrates Brossa's playful, experimental approach to language, objects and meaning, alongside new artworks by students from Pendleton Sixth Form College created in response to his ideas. Exploring themes such as transformation, wordplay, visual surprise and humour, these works extend Brossa's spirit into new forms. Together, they create a lively dialogue between cities, generations and creative practices, offering fresh ways to experience poetry beyond the page.



Barcelona Scenes

Monday 1st June –
Friday 31st July

At Manchester Central Library

Barcelona, City of Comics, explores the deep and long-standing relationship between the city and the comic-book medium.

From early twentieth-century satirical illustrations to contemporary graphic novels, Barcelona has been a constant source of inspiration for comic creators in Spain and beyond, and a key centre in the development of the national industry.

Focusing on iconic settings such as Gaudí's architecture and the Gothic Quarter, the exhibition shows how artists from Catalan, Spanish, European and American traditions have captured the city's spirit across genres ranging from humour and adventure to noir, social drama and political storytelling.





We Should Be Friends Forever: Manchester x Odesa Pop-up Exhibition

Monday 1st June –
Sunday 30th August

At Manchester Poetry Library

Come along and celebrate a special poetry exchange between primary schools in Manchester and Odesa Cities of Literature.

Lead by Manchester Multilingual City poet Charlotte Shevchenko Knight, this poetry exchange project by Year 5/6 students in Manchester's Manor Park Academy and Odesa City of Literature explores friendship, connection and language via poetry postcards.

The final set of poems, translated by Marta Gosovska are now printed postcards on display.

Rising Sun Film Screening

Saturday 13th June
5pm – 7pm

At Levenshulme Old Library

The Rising Sun is a documentary about a happy life that was destroyed by Russia, leaving darkness, uncertainty and fear ahead. This is the heartbreaking story of a young woman who, with her young son and a great tragedy of her own, found herself in the UK because of the war in Ukraine. We're delighted that the lead actor in this award winning film will join us at Levenshulme Old Library and speak directly to the audience after the screening.





Lines of Love and Resistance – An Evening of Ukrainian Poetry

Monday 15th June
7am – 8:30am

At Manchester Cathedral

Join prominent Ukrainian writers Yuliya Musakovska and Olena Huseinova for a reading of wartime poetry that explores the ongoing realities of resistance and survival amid Russian aggression. Alongside their poignant work, the poets will carry the voices of their colleagues serving in Ukraine's Defence Forces. The poems will be presented in both the original Ukrainian and in English translation.



Workshops

Writing for Wellbeing

At Chorlton Library:

Tuesday 9th June

2pm – 2pm

At Cheadle Library:

Thursday 11th June

3pm – 4pm

Expressing yourself and crafting an object have long been studied and considered a way to relieve stress and emotional turbulence. We are told that “talking helps” and that making “something out of nothing” can make us feel better. Delivered in partnership with Creative Manchester.



Jamaican Patois/Patwah (Creole) on the Map

Wednesday 10th June

6pm – 7:30pm

At Old Trafford Library

What is Jamaican Patois/Patwah? How much variation is there between different regions of Jamaica and /or across generations, and why? How are younger generations learning, adapting, and using the language in Manchester and beyond?

Jewellery Making Groups

At Urmston Library

Wednesday 10th June

4pm – 5pm

At Coppice Library

Thursday 11th June

4pm – 5pm

Get bedazzled and bejewelled at our community-led jewellery making group.

Some materials will be available, but feel free to bring your own.



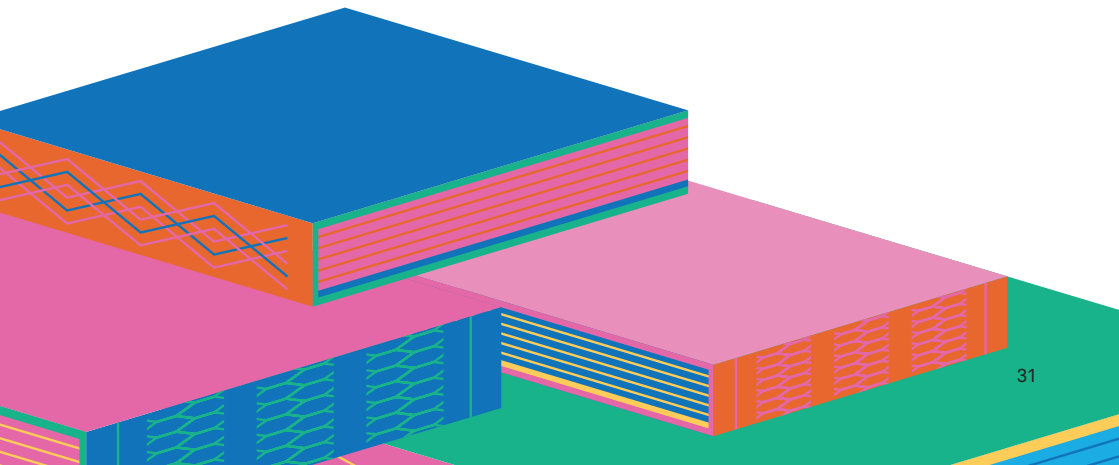
Inspiring New Writing with Europeana.eu

Thursday 11th June

11am – 12pm GMT

Online

Find out how to use Europeana.eu's vast database of European digital culture heritage to enhance your writing and research practice. In this session, you'll find out how to search and browse the diverse collections and stories. We'll also explore some Barcelona-inspired creative writing prompts together – join in via your smartphone or web browser.



Cinema Club Workshop

Thursday 11th June
11am – 12pm

At Wigan Library

A relaxed programme introducing key ideas in film analysis and storytelling, including visual language, theme development, genre, and script fundamentals.

Facilitated by Fatima Golshani Mehr, MA graduate of Screenwriting (University of Manchester) and a professional writer known for her strong craft and disciplined storytelling approach.

Suitable for anyone interested in film, narrative and thoughtful discussion.



Critical AI Literacies: Roundtable Discussion & Exhibition

Thursday 11th June
6pm – 7:30pm

At Chorlton Library

Join MMU's Digital Society (DISC) research group for a roundtable discussion exploring the political, social and cultural impacts of AI and digital technology.

In this roundtable discussion and accompanying exhibition, DISC will explore the risks and responsibilities that come with adopting AI tools into education; new challenges that come with automating major political and business decisions; the impact of AI on creativity; its environmental impact and much, much more.



Names Tell Stories: What do yours say?

Thursday 11th June
6pm – 7:30pm

At Ashton Library

What do the names around you make you feel or imagine? Place names aren't just signposts – they carry the languages, histories, and cultures that have shaped a community.

Street names might recall battles or coronations, honour local people, or follow themes like flowers and trees. Everywhere you look, names tell stories about belonging and identity. This session invites you to pause and notice the names around you. The workshop will consist of a short quiz where you can show off your local knowledge, followed by a talk on the histories and cultures these names reflect, with time for questions and discussion.



Nollywood Hair!

Thursday 11th June
7pm – 8pm

At Hulme High Street Library

Nollywood's vibrant storytelling and iconic hairstyles have not only reflected Nigerian culture but also inspired hair fashions in Nigeria, across Africa and beyond.

Afros, braids, threading, weaves, cornrows, pink wigs, locs... The hairstyles of Nollywood stars have become famous in their own right. Fans of Nollywood - or just amazing hair - will enjoy the insights of writer and producer Oghomwen Adeyinka-Edward, who has turned fandom of Nollywood hair into a serious topic of research. Join Oghomwen as she follows the threads (and braids!) of culture that tell us how belonging, identity, politics, and gender can be expressed in something as simple (and sometimes very complex) as a hairstyle.



What Do Animals Know About Your Health?

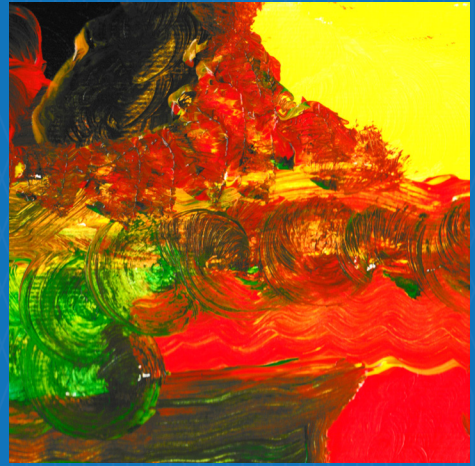
Thursday 11th June
5:30pm – 6:30pm

At Manchester Rd

This workshop will change the way you think about your health!

One of the big ideas in the world of healthcare today is One Health – it proposes that your health, the health of the animals around you, and even our eco-system, are all connected.

Changes to the ecosystem affect our health too. In this enlightening workshop of quizzes and interactive games, you will learn about One Health with researchers and students of Public Health, and discover how we are all more connected, and in more ways, than we might think.



ImageWork Visioning Workshop

Friday 12th June
1pm – 3pm

At Atherton Library

£7.22

Is Your Imagination, Your Worst Enemy or Your Best Friend? You Can Choose. This 2-hour introductory workshop will involve activating the Transformative Power of Your Imagination.

The session will draw upon the work of Zohar Dina Glouberman, who coined the name 'ImageWork' to define the essence of how we can use our Active Imagination for our own good.

Haunted Homes: A Horror Writing Workshop

Friday 12th June
4pm – 6pm

At Swinton Library

Where do you feel a sense of belonging? For many, spaces of belonging centre on the home: a physical location which—through its sturdy walls and locked doors—protects us from the dangers of the outside world.

However, in the modern world, technology and devices can open new doors into our homes. The spectres of history and society can enter whether they are invited or not.

In this chilling workshop we will look at horror fiction on the page and screen, questioning who and what belongs in the home. We will then put pen to paper and reclaim what belonging means to us, as we explore how horror can help us to confront and understand our anxieties in a creative way.



A Dance
for my
Foremothers

A TRIBUTE TO THE WOMEN THAT STARTED REVOLUTIONS AT KITCHEN TABLES

Dance has long brought people together and is a key part of the Baganda People of Uganda. This workshop explores how dance can challenge authoritarian rule, focusing on how Baganda dances strengthen community and empowerment. Led by Peninah Wampamba, a researcher of indigenous practices and women's health, the session connects dance with politics, health, and decolonisation. Participants will also take part in the dancing themselves.

A Dance for My Foremothers

Saturday 13th June
12pm – 1pm

At Manchester Central Library

A tribute to the women that started revolutions at kitchen tables. Dance has long brought people together, and is a key part of the Baganda People of Uganda. This workshop explores how dance can challenge authoritarian rule, focusing on how Baganda dances strengthen community and empowerment. Led by Peninah Wampamba, a researcher of indigenous practices and women's health, the session connects dance with politics, health and decolonisation. Participants will also take part in the dancing themselves.

A Non-Technical Introduction to Making Video Games

Saturday 13th June
12pm – 2pm

At Oldham Central Library

Have you ever wanted to make a videogame, but thought you didn't have technical chops, a powerful enough PC, or just didn't know where to start?

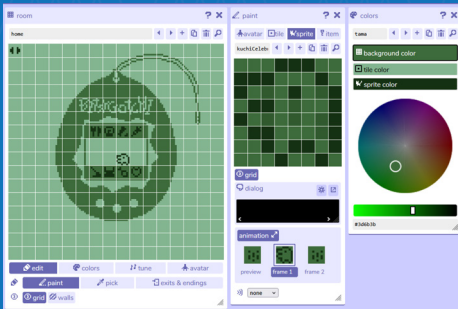
Led by BAFTA Breakthrough game developer and games researcher Stanley Baxton, you'll be introduced to the no-code Bitsy engine, allowing anyone to make a videogame straight from their web browser. DIY game communities have been growing online, encouraging everyone to join them in showing personal experiences, stories, and more through videogames. Bring your phone or a laptop to this session, and discover how to become part of this community yourself.

The Mind's Eye in Reading

Saturday 13th June
2:30pm – 3:30pm

At The Portico Library

Join Neesa Suncheuri Sunar for a workshop exploring the mind's eye, and the role of mental imagery evoked through reading. Beginning with the concept of Ekphrasis, an ancient Greek rhetorical device, participants will learn how mental imagery emerges from reading. Neesa will also introduce aphantasia, a lesser-known type of neurodiversity causing image-free thinking. This presentation emphasizes that mental imagery runs on a spectrum, from dark to highly vivid, and that all ways of mental imagery are equally valid.



Full schedule

Exhibitions

Event name	Event Location	Event time
Everything and Nothing: What makes a 220-year-old library?	The Portico Library	Friday 20th March – Saturday 3rd October
Once Upon A Time	Gallery Oldham	Saturday 21st March – Saturday 5th September
Elemental: Manchester Poetry Library Summer Exhibition by Jean Sprackland	Manchester Metropolitan University	Monday 20th April – Saturday 31st October
Deconstructing The Signature of All Things: The Books Behind the Story	The Portico Library	Thursday 30th April – Friday 31st July
Oldham Wakes! by Sophie Tyrrell	Gallery Oldham	Saturday 23rd May – Saturday 5th September
Green Libraries Flag Exhibition	Ashton Library	Monday 25th May – Sunday 21st June
Elias Canetti, a Jewish Emigré in Britain: People, Places, Impressions 1939-1988	Didsbury Library	Monday 1st June – Tuesday 30th June
Exhibition: KFOR and Kosovo +25	Sale Library	Monday 1st June – Tuesday 30th June
Manc Holes and Beyond	Urmston Library	Monday 1st June – Tuesday 30th June
Between Life and Death: Stories of Rescue During the Holocaust	Eccles Library	Tuesday 2nd June – Tuesday 30th June
Into The Light: Pioneers of Black British Ballet Exhibition	Stretford Library	Monday 1st June – Tuesday 30th June
Fanzeen Jordanian Comic Exhibition	Bolton Library	Monday 1st June – Tuesday 30th June
Art Bubble Danish Comics Exhibition	Forum Library	Monday 1st June – Tuesday 30th June
The Comics Lab	Oldham Libraries and Lifelong Learning Centre	Monday 1st June – Friday 31st July
Barcelona Scenes	Manchester Central Library	Monday 1st June – Friday 31st July
Joan Brossa: The Mental Feeling of Complete Happiness	Instituto Cervantes	Monday 1st June – Friday 31st July

We Should be Friends Forever: Manchester x Odesa Pop-up Exhibition	Manchester Poetry Library	Monday 1st June – Sunday 30th August
I've Never Read Elizabeth Gaskell	Rochdale Central Library	Friday 5th June – Tuesday 30th June
Exhibition launch: Elias Canetti, a Jewish Emigré in Britain	Didsbury Library	Wednesday 10th June
Storytelling & Moving Image Showcase: A Schools Takeover	Manchester Central Library	Thursday 11th June
Critical AI Literacies: Roundtable Discussion & Exhibition	Chorlton Library	Thursday 11th June
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	Thursday 11th June – Friday 30th October
Heartstone: KFOR and Kosovo +25	Manchester Central Library	Friday 12th June

Wednesday 10th June

Event name	Event Location	Event time
The Storygarden	Irlam Library	9am – 5pm
Storynook	Little Hulton Library	9:15am – 4:15pm
Inspired by Libraries in Schools with Mollie Ray	Closed audience for schools in Oldham	10am – 12pm
Poetry and Planting for Children: Growing Words, Growing Worlds	Dukinfield Library	10am – 12pm
Transition Reads	Ramsbottom Library	10am – 3:30pm
Build A Business	Greater Manchester Libraries	10am – 5pm
New Storytelling Zone	People's History Museum	10am – 5pm
Olive Branch by Vanhulle Dance Theatre	Adswood and Bridgehall Library	10:30am – 11:30am
Chair mat yoga	Urmston Library	10:30am – 12pm
Knitting and crochet group	Altrincham Library	10:30am – 12:30pm
Comic Creativity Galore!	Tyldesley Library	1:30pm – 2:30pm
Great Big Green Event	Bolton Library	12pm – 3pm
Bookish Family Crafts	Rochdale Libraries	3pm
LEGO Club	Height Library	3pm – 5pm

Eccles Library Art Club	Eccles Library	4pm – 5pm
Jewellery Making Group	Urmston Library	4pm – 5pm
Jamaican Patois/Patwah (Creole) On the Map	Old Trafford Library at Limmelight	5:30pm – 7pm
Getting Published: What No One Tells You	Altrincham Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Chris Norris – Crime Author Talk at Festival of Libraries	Reddish Library	6:30pm – 7:30pm

Thursday 11th June

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The Storygarden	Irlam Library	All day
Storynook	Little Hulton Library	All day
New Storytelling Zone	People's History Museum	All day
Build A Business	Greater Manchester Libraries	All day
Bookish Family Crafts	Rochdale Libraries	All day
Storynook	Swinton Library	9am – 4:15pm
Tasting Children's Literature – An Edible Readathon	Z-Arts	10am – 11am
The Quest for Planet P	Bolton Library	10am – 12pm
Join author Ashley Thorpe as part of the 'See Myself in Books Festival' tour	Pendleton Library	10am – 3pm
Join author Farhana Islam as part of the 'See Myself in Books Festival' on tour	Leigh Library	10am – 3pm
Transition Reads	Brightmet Library	10am – 3:30pm
GO! Baby 2026	Gallery Oldham	10:30am – 12pm
Inspiring New Writing with Europeana.eu	Online	11am – 12pm
Cinema Club Workshop	Wigan Libraries	11am – 12pm
Hale Library Readers' Group	Hale Library	11am – 2pm
Manchester City of Learning: Grow Your Future	Manchester Central Library	11am – 2pm
Manchester City of Learning: DJ Workshop	Forum Library	12pm – 4pm
Walkden Library Knit and Natter	Salford Community Leisure	1:30pm – 2:30pm

Height Library Creative Writing Group	Height Library	1:30pm – 3pm
Unlimited Artist in Residence Sophie Woolley	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	2pm – 3:30pm
Manchester City of Learning: Ask Me Anything Careers Event	Avenue Library and Learning Centre	2pm – 4pm
Writing for Wellbeing	Cheadle Library	3pm – 4pm
Irlam Library Arts and Crafts Club	Irlam Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Children's Craft Club	Platt Bridge Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Jewellery Making Group	Coppice Library	4pm – 5pm
Children's Creative Writing Club	Stretford Library	4pm – 5:30pm
Kids Creative Writing Club	Stretford Library	4pm – 5:30pm
Comic Creativity Galore!	Walkden Library	4:15pm – 5:15pm
What Do Animals Know About Your Health?	Manchester Rd	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Inspired by Libraries with DJ Paulette	Manchester Poetry Library	6pm – 7pm
Maggie Grant – Author of Messy Heartfelt Love Stories	High Lane Library	6pm – 7pm
Amplify Wythenshawe Live	Forum Library	6pm – 7:30pm
Names Tell Stories: What do yours say?	Ashton Library	6pm – 7:30pm
Book Fest	Leigh Library	6pm – 8pm
Census by Malandra Jacks	Urmston Library	6:30pm – 7:45pm
Nollywood Hair!	Hulme High Street Library	7pm – 8pm

Friday 12th June

Event name	Event Location	Event time
New Storytelling Zone	People's History Museum	All day
Build A Business	Greater Manchester Libraries	All day
Bookish Family Crafts	Rochdale Libraries	All day
Transition Reads	Rochdale Libraries	9am – 3:30pm
Eccles Library Little Builders	Eccles Library	10am – 11am
Sashiko Visible Mending Workshop	Timperley Library	10:30am – 12:30pm

Manchester City of Learning: Lifelong Learning Summer Roadshow	Manchester Central Library	10am – 2:30pm
Join author Farhana Islam as part of the 'See Myself in Books Festival' on tour	Pendleton Library	10am – 3:00pm
Book Exchange	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	10am – 5pm
Olive Branch by Vanhulle Dance Theatre	Droylsden Library	11am – 12pm
ImageWork Visioning Workshop	Wigan Libraries	1pm – 3pm
Community Takeover: 42nd Street	Manchester Poetry Library	1pm – 4pm
Table Talk FM	Wigan Libraries	1:30pm – 3pm
Manchester City of Learning: Band Session	Forum Library	1:30pm – 4:30pm
Height Library Knit and Natter	Height Library	2pm – 4pm
Eccles Library Comic Club	Eccles Library	4pm – 5pm
Haunted Homes: A Horror Writing Workshop	Swinton Library	4pm – 6pm
Storynook	Little Hulton Library	Until 4:15pm
The Storygarden	Irlam Library	Until 5pm
Inspired by Libraries with Divina De Campo	Oldham Library and Lifelong Learning Centre Cultural Quarter	5pm – 6pm
Muslims in the Medieval European Imagination: With Saaleha Iqbal	Chetham's Library	6pm – 7pm
Six Strikes: Crime Book Talk by Antonia Grave	Great Moor Library	6pm – 7:30pm
Christopher Isherwood: An Illustrated Talk by Andrew Biswell	The Portico Library	6pm – 7:30pm
Community Takeover: Muslim Social Justice Initiative	Levenshulme Old Library	6pm – 9:30pm

Saturday 13th June

Event name	Event Location	Event time
New Storytelling Zone	People's History Museum	All day
Build A Business	Greater Manchester Libraries	All day
Dads and Diddies	Lamberhead Green Library	10am – 11:15am

Lego Club	Trafford Libraries	10am – 11:30am
Manchester City of Learning: Music Session	Chorlton Library	10am – 2pm
Printed Cinema – Jordanian Comics Workshop	Bolton Library	10:30am – 12:30pm
Buzz	Urmston Library	11am – 11:30am
Comic Creativity Galore!	Droylsden Library	11am – 12pm
Rewriting the Waterways	Sale Library	11am – 12pm
Olive Branch by Vanhulle Dance Theatre	Bolton Library	11am – 12pm, 2pm – 3pm
The Quest for Planet P	Levenshulme Old Library	11am – 12:30pm
Children's Creative Writing Club	Leigh Library	11am – 12:30pm
Family Fun Day	Avenue Library and Learning Centre	11am – 1pm
Roundview: Sustainable Words (and Actions) for a Better World	Heald Green Library	11:30pm – 1:00pm
Children's Crafty Club	Lamberhead Green Library	11:30am – 1:30pm
Storytelling: Los sueños de llán	Instituto Cervantes	12pm – 12:45pm
A Dance for My Foremothers	Manchester Central Library	12pm – 1pm
A Non-Technical Introduction to Making Video Games	Oldham Libraries	12pm – 2pm
Buzz	Sale Library	2pm – 2:30pm
Gorton Library Funday	Gorton Library	2pm – 4pm
Family Fun Day	Forum Library	2pm – 4pm
Inspired by Libraries with Bobby Seagull	Altrincham Library	2:30pm – 3:30pm
The Mind's Eye in Reading	The Portico Library	2:30pm – 3:30pm
Books Left Behind	The Portico Library	3pm – 6pm
Bookish Family Crafts	Rochdale Libraries	Until 3pm
Census by Malandra Jacks	Forum Library	3:30pm – 4:30pm, 6pm – 8:30pm
Rising Sun Film Screening	Levenshulme Old Library	5pm – 7pm

Sunday 14th June

Event name	Event Location	Event time
New Storytelling Zone	People's History Museum	All day
Build A Business	Greater Manchester Libraries	All day
Comic Creativity Galore!	Stockport Libraries	11:30am – 12:30pm
Manchester Central Library Sunday Fun Day	Manchester Central Library	12pm – 4pm
Author Talk with Matt Cain	Bolton Library	2pm – 3pm

Monday 15th June

Event name	Event Location	Event time
New Storytelling Zone	People's History Museum	All day
Manchester City of Learning: Lifelong Learning Summer Roadshow	Cheadle Library	10am – 2:30pm
Build A Business	Greater Manchester Libraries	Until 5pm
Lines of Love and Resistance – An Evening of Ukrainian Poetry	Manchester Cathedral	7pm – 9pm



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