Manchester City of Literature

Thu 5 November

Holding Space: Poetry Workshop Series	Online	All day
Worldbuilding Short Story Course	Levenshulme Old Library	All day
HEX HOUSE: Amy Jane Stewart in conversation with Heidi Hinda Chadwick	Blackwell's Bookshop	6.30pm - 8.00pm
Laura Kuenssberg: Pay Attention	Stoller Hall	7.00pm - 9.00pm
An Evening with Jodi Picoult	St Michael and All Angels Bramhall Parish Church	7.30pm - 8.30pm

Fri 6 November

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Manchester Festival of Philosophy, Arts and Culture: The Poetry of the Embodied Mind	Manchester Buddhist Centre	10.00am - 1.00pm
An Afternoon with Harry Whittaker – Orlando (From the World of Lucinda Riley's Seven Sisters)	Serenity Booksellers	1.00pm - 2.30pm
John Gwynne in conversation with Hannah Kaner	Waterstones Deansgate	6.30pm - 8.00pm

Sat 7 November

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Manchester Festival of Philosophy, Arts and Culture: Met Amongst Strangers	Kontrast	10.00am - 11.30am
Manchester Festival of Philosophy, Arts and Culture: Come see me in a good light	Cultplex	12.30pm - 3.00pm
Manchester Festival of Philosophy, Arts and Culture: Wisdom Through Tales	Hinterland	7.30pm - 10.00pm

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Voices of Resistance at CULTPLEX	Cultplex	12.30pm - 3.00pm
Manchester Festival of Philosophy, Arts and Culture: The Imagination and the World We'll Create	Hinterland	4.00pm - 6.00pm

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Tue 10 November

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Lunchtime Lecture: Sophie Oliver ‘What the Dresses Know’	House of Books and Friends	1.00pm - 2.00pm
Close Writing: Alice Butler in conversation	Blackwell's Bookshop	6.30pm - 8.00pm
An Evening with Ella Risbridger	Simply Books	7.30pm - 8.30pm

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Thu 12 November

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How NOT to Flee a War	Samuel Alexander Building	4.30pm - 6.00pm
How to Get Your Poetry Published	Manchester Cathedral	6.00pm - 8.00pm
Ice Flower Herbarium: Dzena Andersone in conversation	Blackwell's Bookshop	6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Sat 14 November

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Northern Publishers’ Fair	Manchester Central Library	11.00am - 3.30pm

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Mon 16 November

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From Aspiration to Implementation: Rethinking Reading for a New Generation	House of Books and Friends	1.00pm - 3.00pm

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An Evening with Danielle L. Jensen	St. Ann's Church	7.00pm - 8.30pm

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Work In Publishing Week – Sales and Marketing Q & A	Online	1.00pm - 2.00pm
Book Launch: ‘Something Black in the Lentil Soup’ by Reshma Ruia	Blackwell's Bookshop	6.30pm - 8.00pm
Online Event: Elizabeth Gaskell V George Eliot – The Moorland Cottage V The Mill on the Floss	Online	7.00pm - 8.00pm

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“I Hate Chocolate” by Jonny Rodgers – Book Launch	Chorlton Library	5.30pm - 7.30pm
Online Reading: “Seeing the Other Side” by Allison Symes	Online	7.00pm - 9.00pm
An Evening with Tahmina Begum	Prologue	7.30pm - 9.00pm

Fri 20 November

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An Evening With Dr Tom Crawford	Blackwell's Bookshop	6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Sat 21 November

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Sun 22 November

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Mon 23 November

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An Evening with Jonathan Coe	Waterstones Deansgate	6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Tue 24 November

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The Future of Jokes – An Evening with Robin Ince	Serenity Booksellers	6.30pm - 8.00pm
John McGahern: A Writing Life – Frank Shovlin in conversation	Blackwell's Bookshop	6.30pm - 8.00pm
Red River Valley by Ian McMillan: Carcanet Online Launch	Online	7.00pm - 8.00pm
A Pair of Bookends: On Air at Simply Books	Simply Books	7.30pm - 8.30pm

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Wed 25 November

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Thu 26 November

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The Age of Hitler – Alec Ryrie in conversation	Blackwell's Bookshop	6.30pm - 8.00pm
An Evening with Richard Coles	St Michael and All Angels Bramhall Parish Church	7.00pm - 8.00pm
An Evening with Jamie Bartlett	Prologue	8.00pm - 9.30pm

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Sat 28 November

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Sun 29 November

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Mon 30 November

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Tue 1 December

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Dave Haslam – Creative Journeys: Intimate conversations with artists, actors, writers and musicians	Serenity Booksellers	6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Wed 2 December

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The Battles to Save the NHS – Piyush Pushkar in conversation	Blackwell's Bookshop	6.30pm - 8.00pm
Online Event: A Victorian Christmas with Lucinda Dickens Hawksley	Online	7.00pm - 8.00pm
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Thu 3 December

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Worldbuilding Short Story Course	Levenshulme Old Library	All day
The Christmas Clue – An Evening with Nicola Upson	Serenity Booksellers	6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Fri 4 December

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Sat 5 December

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National Creative Writing Industry Day 2026	Grosvenor East	9.00am - 5.00pm

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Mon 7 December

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The White North Has Thy Bones: Dorian Ravenscroft in conversation	Blackwell's Bookshop	6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Tue 8 December

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Worldbuilding Short Story Course	Levenshulme Old Library	All day
An Evening with Dan Keeling	Prologue	7.00pm - 8.30pm
A Festive Evening with Cathy Bramley and Suzan Holder	Simply Books	7.30pm - 8.30pm

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A Victorian Christmas Literary Salon: Dickens, Gaskell & Mulled Wine	The Woodstock	4.30pm - 6.30pm

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Tue 29 December

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Wed 30 December

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Thu 31 December

Holding Space: Poetry Workshop Series	Online	Until 12.00am
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Fri 1 January

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Sat 2 January

Worldbuilding Short Story Course — Levenshulme Old Library — All day

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Sun 3 January

Worldbuilding Short Story Course — Levenshulme Old Library — All day

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Mon 4 January

Worldbuilding Short Story Course — Levenshulme Old Library — All day

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Tue 5 January

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Wed 6 January

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Thu 7 January

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Fri 8 January

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Thu 14 January

Worldbuilding Short Story Course — Levenshulme Old Library — All day

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Fri 15 January

Worldbuilding Short Story Course — Levenshulme Old Library — Until 8.00pm

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Tue 19 January		
An Evening With J.M. Dalgliesh	Simply Books	7.00pm - 9.00pm
Fri 29 January		
Milk, Bread, Teeth: Amy Twigg in conversation with Lara Williams	Blackwell's Bookshop	6.45pm - 8.00pm
Tue 2 February		
An Evening with Eloise Rodger	Prologue	7.30pm - 9.00pm
Thu 11 March		
An Evening with Alice Feeney	Prologue	7.30pm - 9.00pm