Manchester City of Literature

Sat 3 October

Everything and Nothing: What makes a 220-year-old library?	The Portico Library	Until 4.00pm
Elemental: Manchester Poetry Library Summer Exhibition by Jean Sprackland	Manchester Metropolitan University	All day
New Storytelling Zone at People's History Museum	People's History Museum	All day
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
European Poetry Festival	Manchester Poetry Library	3.00pm - 5.00pm

Sun 4 October

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The Cultural Welcome 2026	Oxford Road Corridor	5.00pm - 10.00pm

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The Cultural Welcome 2026	Oxford Road Corridor	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Maggie O'Farrell	RNCM	7.00pm - 8.15pm

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The Cultural Welcome 2026	Oxford Road Corridor	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Ben Nuttall's Footy Factory	Stockroom	11.00am - 12.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Akane Araki	Waterstones Deansgate	2.00pm - 3.15pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents An Afternoon with Kate Atkinson	Lowry	2.00pm - 3.15pm

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The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
The Cultural Welcome 2026	Oxford Road Corridor	Until 10.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Gruffalo Granny Celebration	HOME	12.00pm - 2.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Paul Mason: Reds	Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama	2.00pm - 3.15pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents The Observer Book Club with Deborah Frances-White	Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama	4.30pm - 5.45pm

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The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Brave Bold Women History Forgot: A Writing & Walking Tour	Manchester Victoria Station	1.00pm - 4.30pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Ian McMillan	Manchester Central Library	6.30pm - 7.45pm

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The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Frank Cottrell-Boyce: The Blockbusters!	Manchester Central Library	11.00am - 12.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Frank Cottrell-Boyce	Manchester Central Library	7.00pm - 8.15pm

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New Storytelling Zone at People's History Museum	People's History Museum	All day
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Owen Jones	HOME	7.00pm - 8.15pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents The Observer Book Club with Yann Martel	Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama	7.30pm - 8.45pm

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Thu 15 October

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New Storytelling Zone at People's History Museum	People's History Museum	All day
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival presents: Manchester Multilingual City Poets: Jeremy Pak Nelson & Nóra Blascsók	Manchester Poetry Library	6.00pm - 8.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Louise Kennedy & Wendy Erskine	Manchester Central Library	7.00pm - 8.15pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents The Brown Sugar RAP Party	Contact Theatre	8.00pm - 9.15pm

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Fri 16 October

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New Storytelling Zone at People's History Museum	People's History Museum	All day
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Carolyn Forché & Kwame Dawes	Manchester Central Library	6.30pm - 7.45pm

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Sat 17 October

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New Storytelling Zone at People's History Museum	People's History Museum	All day
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Hugh Bonneville: Rory Sparkes and the Spy Who Loved Tea	HOME	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Brutalist Ghost Stories: Jenn Ashworth, David Gaffney, Beth Barker & Nicholas Royle	HOME	2.00pm - 3.15pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents An Evening with Hugh Bonneville	HOME	7.30pm - 8.45pm

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Sun 18 October

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New Storytelling Zone at People's History Museum	People's History Museum	All day
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Natasha Walter: Feminism for a World on Fire	Manchester Central Library	2.00pm - 3.15pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Simon Armitage: Gilgamesh	Manchester Central Library	4.30pm - 5.15pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Sufiyaan Salam & Monika Radojevic	Manchester Museum	5.00pm - 6.15pm

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New Storytelling Zone at People's History Museum	People's History Museum	All day
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Nao-Cola Yamazaki	Waterstones Deansgate	6.30pm - 7.45pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Willy Vlautin	Manchester Central Library	7.00pm - 8.15pm

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Tue 20 October

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New Storytelling Zone at People's History Museum	People's History Museum	All day
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents M. John Harrison	Manchester Central Library	7.00pm - 8.15pm

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New Storytelling Zone at People's History Museum	People's History Museum	All day
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Lady Hale & Lara Feigel	Manchester Central Library	7.00pm - 8.15pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents The Observer Book Club with Min Jin Lee	Contact Theatre	7.30pm - 8.45pm

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Thu 22 October

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New Storytelling Zone at People's History Museum	People's History Museum	All day
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Hernan Diaz	Manchester Central Library	7.00pm - 8.15pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Karen Solie: Rylands Poetry Reading	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	7.00pm - 8.15pm

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Fri 23 October

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Manchester Literature Festival Presents Brave Bold Women History Forgot: A Writing & Walking Tour	Manchester Victoria Station	1.00pm - 4.30pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Writing Creative Non-Fiction with Dave Haslam	Manchester Central Library	1.00pm - 3.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Creative Connection – Go All In	Manchester Central Library	1.00pm - 2.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Claire Lynch & Claire Adam	Waterstones Deansgate	6.03pm - 7.45pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Lee Child: My Life in Books	HOME	7.00pm - 8.15pm

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The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents The Elves and the Shoemaker	Manchester Central Library	10.30am - 11.15am
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Dylan, Daisy and the Disco Ball with Robert Tregoning (Oldham)	Oldham Library and Lifelong Learning Centre	10.30am - 11.15am
Manchester Literature Festival Presents The Enormous Turnip	Z-Arts	11.00am - 12.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Dance with Magdalen Bartlett	Manchester Central Library	12.00pm - 12.40pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Little Reads Storytime with Adam Perrot (Oldham)	Oldham Library and Lifelong Learning Centre	12.30pm - 1.30pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Dylan, Daisy and the Disco Ball with Robert Tregoning	Manchester Central Library	1.30pm - 2.15pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents The Enormous Turnip	Z-Arts	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents The Elves and the Shoemaker (Oldham)	Oldham Library and Lifelong Learning Centre	2.15pm - 3.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Eliza Chan & Sunyi Dean: Hong Kong Ghost Stories	Waterstones Deansgate	6.00pm - 7.15pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Dave Haslam & Special Guests	HOME	7.30pm - 8.45pm

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The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents The Enormous Turnip	Z-Arts	11.00am - 12.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents The Enormous Turnip	Z-Arts	2.00pm - 3.00pm
Manchester Literature Festival Presents An Evening with Jackie Kay	HOME	7.30pm - 8.45pm

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Mon 26 October

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The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day

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Tue 27 October

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New Storytelling Zone at People's History Museum	People's History Museum	All day
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day

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Wed 28 October

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New Storytelling Zone at People's History Museum	People's History Museum	All day
The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day
Manchester Literature Festival Presents Beano Presents Dennis the Menace's Year of Mischief!	Z-Arts	11.00am - 12.00pm

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Thu 29 October

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The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	All day

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Fri 30 October

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The Forgotten Library: Enriqueta Rylands and her books	John Rylands Research Institute and Library	Until 5.00pm

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Sat 31 October

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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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Sun 8 November

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Hinterland Festival: Caitlin O’Ryan, Griot Gabriel and Skye Lilly	Band On The Wall	12.30pm - 2.00pm

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