

## September



**Heritage Open Days 2017** (Adults)  
Wednesday 7th – Sunday 10th  
September

Various venues – free  
See <http://haltonheritage.co.uk/> for  
full details

Once again, a range of events is  
being planned across Halton as we  
take part in the national Heritage  
Open Days festival. It's your  
chance to see hidden places and try  
out new experiences – all of which  
are FREE to explore.

**Family History Information Day**  
(Children and Families)  
Saturday 9th September –  
10-2.30pm  
Widnes Library and Halton Lea  
Library – drop in, free event

Discover more about your family  
history. A hands-on day, you can  
take the first steps in tracing your  
family tree. A great event for  
families – children can complete  
their own 'family tree' craft.

**Roald Dahl Day: George's  
Marvellous Experiments** (Children  
and Families)  
Wednesday 13th September –  
3.45-5pm  
Widnes Library and Halton Lea  
Library – drop in, free event

Calling all young human beans and  
chiddlers! To celebrate Roald Dahl's  
birthday we will be hosting exciting  
and fizz-whizzing experimentations  
that will leave you amazed and in  
awe.



**Dementia Friends Information  
Session** (Adults)  
Tuesday 19th September –  
10-11.30am  
Halton Lea Library – free, book  
online via the library website or at  
Halton Lea Library  
Our Dementia Friends Information  
Sessions are run by trained  
Dementia Friends Champions. Each  
information session lasts around one  
hour. You will learn more about  
dementia and how you can help to  
create dementia friendly  
communities.

To find out more about Dementia  
Friends visit  
[www.dementiafriends.org.uk/](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk/)



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Reading Group  
Launch** (children and  
families) Monday  
25th September  
4-5pm  
Widnes Library – free

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Widnes Library –drop in, free event

Our successful kids' reading group  
is launching today at Widnes  
Library. If you're aged 7-12 years old  
and you love reading then come  
along to this fun group to meet new  
friends and to talk about the  
greatest things on earth – books!

**Widnes Library Chatterbooks**  
last Monday of every month, 4-5pm  
Halton Lea Library Chatterbooks –  
last Thursday of every month,  
4-5pm

## October



**Get Online Week:  
IT Clinics  
(Digital)**  
Wednesday 4th  
October 10.30-12pm

– Widnes Library  
Thursday 5th October 2-3.30pm –  
Runcorn Library and Ditton Library  
Friday 6th October – 10.30-12pm –  
Halton Lea Library - Free, drop in  
Pop in to one of our IT clinics where  
our friendly staff will help you to get  
online and to develop digital skills;  
use a library PC or bring along your  
tablet, laptop or smart phone.



**Fun Palace** (Children and Families)  
Saturday 7th October – 10.30-1pm  
Didnes Library and Halton Lea  
Library – drop in, free

Halton Libraries will join 300+ Fun  
Palaces across the UK and globally  
set to erupt with free and fun  
activities, celebrating culture in our  
community. Immerse yourself in  
music, digital fun and hands-on art.

Twitter/Instagram: #FunPalaces |  
@FunPalaces  
<Fun Palace image and logo>



**National Libraries Week** (Adults)  
Monday 9th– Saturday 14th October  
All Libraries

Join us for National Libraries Week:  
the annual showcase of all the  
creative, innovative and diverse  
activities that UK libraries have to  
offer.  
Tweet us your favourite thing about  
Halton Libraries using  
**@HaltonLibraries #librariesweek**  
and we will enter you into a draw to  
win a fantastic bookbag.

**Jane Austen 200: Travelling Letter  
Bureau** (Adults)  
Monday 20th – Friday 24th  
November  
Halton Lea Library  
Free, drop in

Halton Lea Library is playing host to  
the Jane Austen travelling letter  
bureau that is on tour around the  
North West. Pop into Halton Lea  
Library to take a look at Jane's  
letters and write your own letter  
which will act as a social  
commentary for our lives in 2017 in  
this fascinating visual art  
installation.



**Stand Up Comedy Workshop**  
Thursday 23rd November 4-5pm  
Halton Lea Library  
Free – book online via the library  
website or at Halton Lea Library  
Recommended for ages 13-19

Have you ever been told you're  
funny? Or if not, dreamed that you  
were? Well it's time to 'stand up'  
and give it a go in a comfortable  
friendly setting! Our introduction to  
Stand Up Comedy workshop will  
help you develop your comedic  
skills and stage presence, generate  
material and find your own unique  
comedy style.



**EU Code Week: Coding Sessions  
(Digital)**  
Monday 9th October 3.30-5pm –  
Widnes Library  
Wednesday 11th October 3.30-5pm  
– Halton Lea Library  
Free, drop in

Come along to our coding sessions  
to try something new and discover  
the fun of coding. Have a go at  
programming a Micro:Bit, playing  
Minecraft on a  
Raspberry Pi and coding fun on  
Scratch.



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Thursday 12th October – 10-11.30am  
Widnes Library.  
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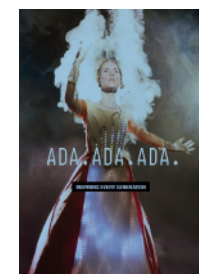
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## December



**Computer Science  
Education Week: An  
Hour of Code (Digital)**  
Monday 4th – Friday 8th  
December 4-5pm  
All Libraries. Free, drop in

Visit any of our libraries this week at  
4pm and have a go at An Hour of  
Code. These sessions are a  
one-hour introduction to computer  
science, designed to demystify  
"code", to show that anybody can  
learn the basics. Upon completion,  
you will be awarded with An Hour of  
Code certificate.



**Ada.Ada.Ada  
Performance  
(Digital)**  
Wednesday 13th  
December 11-12pm  
Widnes Library  
Thursday 14th  
December 11-12pm  
Halton Lea Library  
Performances are invite only for  
schools

Ada.Ada.Ada is a one woman  
interactive performance about the  
brilliant Ada Lovelace. In 1843 Ada  
Lovelace applied her imagination to  
mathematical genius to develop the  
world's first complex computer  
program. Using Ada's own words,  
an LED dress and half a kilometre of  
string, Ada.Ada.Ada is performed  
internationally, inspiring people to  
be more 'Ada' and get creative with  
science, technology, engineering  
and maths.



**Chester Zoo Safari Ranger  
Workshops** (Children and Families)  
Tuesday 24th October  
Halton Lea Library 10-10.45am  
**Mini beasts workshop** for ages 3-7  
years

Halton Lea Library 11-11.45am  
**Rainforests workshop** for ages 7-11  
years

Widnes Library 3-3.45pm  
**Mini beasts workshop** for ages 3-7  
years

Widnes Library 4-4.45pm  
**Rainforests workshop** for ages 7-11  
years. Free, drop in

Chester Zoo's Safari Ranger is  
coming to Halton Libraries this  
half-term and will bring along  
brilliant biofacts for use in our  
workshops. The Ranger's artefacts  
really will bring a little bit of the  
Chester Zoo to you!



**Family Learning Week: Science  
Fest** (Children and Families)  
Wednesday 25th October  
10.30-12pm  
Widnes Library and Halton Lea  
Library. Free, drop in

Challenge your family and friends in  
our Science Fest to see who can

**Ada.Ada.Ada Digital Maker  
Workshops (Digital)**  
Recommended age 12+  
Wednesday 13th December 4-5pm  
Widnes Library

Thursday 14th December 4-5pm  
Halton Lea Library

Free, book online via the library  
website or at any Halton Library

Come along to our fascinating and  
immersive tech-workshops which  
celebrate the work of Ada Lovelace,  
the world's first computer  
programmer. Participants will learn  
about circuitry and wearable tech  
by making masks using LED lights,  
felt and conductive thread. These  
workshops are an absolute must for  
anyone interested in tech, coding  
and computers.

**Halton Libraries' Christmas Cracker**  
Tuesday 19th December 10.30-12pm  
Widnes Library

Wednesday 20th December  
10.30-12pm Halton Lea Library  
Free, drop in

Celebrate Christmas at Halton  
Libraries with festive fun, craft and  
storytimes for all the family to enjoy.

design and launch the fastest rocket  
balloon. Or fancy yourself as an  
engineer? Try to build the tallest  
tower using only 5 sheets of paper.  
You and your family can also have a  
go at using Micro:bits and  
Codebugs – fun for all budding  
scientists!

**Reading Riot** (Children and  
Families)  
Thursday 26th October 10.30-12pm –  
Widnes Library

Friday 27th October 10.30-12pm  
Halton Lea Library  
Free, drop in

Join us for fun and games this half  
term with our fabulous Reading  
Riot. Games, crafts, quizzes –  
everything young reading  
enthusiasts would want!

## November



**International Games Week**  
Tuesday 1st November  
Halton Lea Library and Widnes  
Library 3.45-5pm – Code Club  
Wednesday 2nd November  
Halton Lea Library and Widnes  
Library 2-4pm – Wellbeing  
Wednesday

Calling all gamers! Visit Halton Lea  
and Widnes Libraries' Code Clubs to  
show off your gaming skills. Or  
fancy something a little more  
relaxing? Come along to our  
Wellbeing Wednesdays and take  
part in a soothing game of Scrabble.



**Jane Austen 200: Thrills and Quills**  
(Children and Families)  
Wednesday 1st November –  
10.30-12pm  
Widnes Library  
Available to High Schools – invite  
only

Halton Libraries have invited  
LipService Theatre to take a comic  
look at Jane Austen's letters,  
examine the vagaries of the  
Georgian postal system and wonder  
what witty words Jane could have  
conjured up with a Twitter account.

With extracts from Jane Austen's  
novels, letters to family members  
and wickedly funny observations of  
her neighbors', we look at the vivid  
account Jane conjures of everyday  
life.

"LipService, Britain's favourite  
literary lunatics" The Guardian



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## Information

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0151 511 7744  
Widnes Library  
0151 907 8383  
[www.halton.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.halton.gov.uk/libraries)

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## Halton Library service

### Events September-December 2017







## Lego Club

Monday - Halton Lea Library 3.30-5pm | Thursday - Widnes Library 3.30-5pm

## Late Night Lego

Tuesday - Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library 5-7pm  
Create amazing Lego creations every week.

## Code Club

Tuesday - Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library 3.45-5pm  
Be inspired and learn how to program your own interactive stories, games and animations.

## Homework Club

Wednesday - Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library - 3.45-5pm  
Help is on hand to find all the information for your homework needs!  
Search through our books and online resources.  
Free printing and photocopying (5 copies per session)

## Reading Hack: Teenage Reading Group

First Wednesday of the month - Widnes Library 5-6pm  
First Thursday of the month - Halton Lea Library 5-6pm  
Are you aged 13-19? Do you love reading? Do you enjoy discussing books and sharing ideas? Then why not come to one of Halton Libraries teenage reading groups.

## Saturday Stories

Saturday - Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library 11-11.45am  
Bring your little ones along to our Saturday Stories sessions.  
There will be lots of stories, singing, instruments and colouring in.  
Oodles of fun guaranteed! Suitable for under 5s

## Wellbeing Wednesdays

Wednesday - Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library 2-4pm  
Unwind with some colouring in, have a game of scrabble and use the library resources to improve your wellbeing.  
A relaxing antidote to a busy lifestyle!

## Rhymetime

Tuesday - Runcorn Library and Ditton Library 11-11.45am  
Thursday - Halton Lea Library 11-11.45am  
Friday - Widnes Library 11-11.45am  
Do you love stories, songs and rhymes?  
Join us for our weekly rhymetime session.  
All under 5s welcome.

## K'Nex Club

Tuesday - Ditton Library 3.30-5pm  
Thursday - Runcorn Library 3.30-5pm  
Test your creative engineering skills at our weekly Knex Club.

## Reading Hacks

Wednesday - Widnes Library 5-6pm  
Thursday - Halton Lea Library 5-6pm  
Reading Hack turns reading on its head. Create your own hacks, meet new people, get skills and inspire others to read.  
If you're aged 13 to 24 get involved, make hacks and do some volunteering.

## Chatterbooks

Last Thursday of the month - Halton Lea Library 4-5pm  
Last Monday of the month - Widnes Library 4-5pm  
Fun and creative reading groups for children aged between 8 and 12.

## IT Clinic

Wednesday - Widnes Library, 10.30-12pm  
Thursday - Runcorn Library and Ditton Library 2-3.30pm  
Friday - Halton Lea Library 10.30-12pm  
IT support with our friendly library staff.  
Bring along your own device or use a Library PC.

## Adult Reading Groups

Last Monday of the month - Runcorn Library 10.30-11.30am  
Second Tuesday of the month - Widnes Library 5.45-6.45pm  
Last Tuesday of the month - Widnes Library 5.45-6.45pm  
First Thursday of the month - Halton Lea Library 5.45-6.45pm  
Last Saturday of the month - Halton Lea Library 10.30-11.30am

## Classics Reading Group

Third Tuesday of the month - Widnes Library 5.45-6.45pm  
Friendly, relaxed groups, discussing books and reading. All books supplied

