

Halton Libraries Present

June, July, August 2017



# Summer Programme



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# Information

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Children & families event



Digital event



Adults event



# June

## **1984 Live (adults)**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – 9-7pm**

**Halton Lea Library & Widnes Library Free – drop in**

As part of the Orwell Prize for political writing, Halton Libraries will be live streaming a live reading of George Orwell's 1984 from Senate House, University College London. Read by a host of actors, journalists and members of the public, this is a unique opportunity to get involved with the UCL Festival of Culture.

<https://www.theorwellprize.co.uk/events/1984-live/>

## **Bookstart week (children & families)**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 11-11.45am**

**Runcorn Library and Ditton Library**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 11-11.45am Halton Lea Library**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 11-11.45am Widnes Library**

**Free—drop in**

Themed storytimes for 0-4 year olds to celebrate Bookstart Week. 'Let's explore outdoors' is the theme for this year so bring your little ones along to enjoy stories, rhymes and singing, all with an outdoor twist.



# June

**How to Promote  
Your Book with  
Diane Hinds  
(adults)**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
7pm,  
Widnes Library,  
Free, booking  
required via the  
library website or  
in person at  
Widnes Library**



“How to Promote Your Book” is a talk aimed at empowering the aspiring, small or self-published writer and shows them how to put together a basic campaign. The talk guides writers through the process of devising their personalised campaigns, with comprehensive information regarding research, targeting the audience, creating the key message, as well as writing a press release and learning about distribution. Writers will learn how to achieve these elements in an affordable way, delivering to the public sound public relations through a well-thought-out campaign.



# June



**19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June – Festival of Learning (adults)**

## **Various events**

Each year the national Festival of Learning celebrates adult learning opportunities in the community. It's never too late to learn new skills! Halton Libraries will be promoting digital skills in the community

## **Community Roadshows**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 10.30-12pm - Castlefields Community Centre**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 10.30-12pm – Upton Community Centre**

**Free – drop in**

Library staff will be demonstrating the variety of IT skills you can develop at Halton libraries – learn how to set up social media accounts, download free ebooks, search the web and much more.

## **Coding Tasters for Parents**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 10.– 11.30am Halton Lea Library**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10-11.30am Widnes Library**

**Free—drop in**

A practical session to find out how your children are learning code.



# June

## Digital Day

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10.30-1pm**

**Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library, Free—drop in**

An opportunity for adults and children to develop new digital skills and to try out:

Coding with Scratch

BBC Micro:bits

Minecraft coding with Raspberry Pi

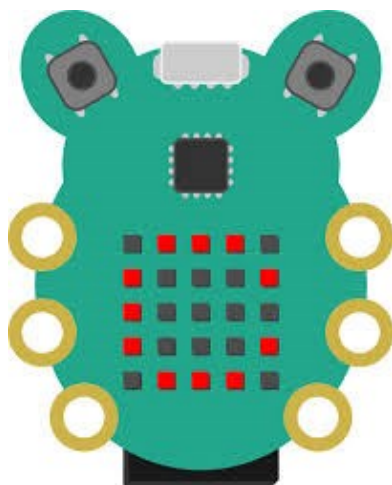
IT drop in help

Micro:bots

Electro Dough

CodeBugs

*Festival of Learning*  
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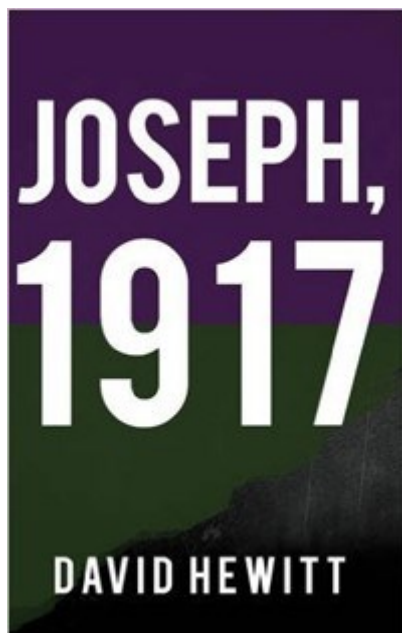


**Joseph, 1917: A talk by author  
David Hewitt, (adults)  
Thursday 29th June 6.30-7.30pm  
Halton Lea Library, £2 including  
refreshments  
Book online via the library  
website or in person at Halton  
Lea Library**

David's book is the 'secret history' of Joseph Blackburn, a man who didn't want to go to war – but was forced to by a Westminster tribunal and who died on the

Western Front. Set in Thornton Cleveleys, this compelling read explores the moral and legal complexities of Joseph's story. Using the original source material of newspaper articles and legal records, David has written a thrilling and thought provoking account of Joseph's forgotten story and raises an interesting question – if you put a man in harm's way then realise you made a mistake, shouldn't you at least try to make amends?

Copies of Joseph, 1917 will be available to purchase on the evening.



# July

## **Reading Well Books on Prescription Launch**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – 2-4pm (adults)**

**Widnes Library , free—drop in**

Reading Well Books on Prescription helps you to understand and manage your health and wellbeing through helpful reading. Come along to our event to learn more about the new Books on Prescription series aimed at those with long-term conditions and their carers. Local charities and organisations will also be available to learn more about how to live a healthy lifestyle and get the most out of the library health resources.

Find out more about Reading Well -

<http://reading-well.org.uk/>

# READING WELL





# July

**Summer Reading  
Challenge Launch  
(children & families)  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

The Reading Agency and libraries are delighted to present the 2017 Summer Reading Challenge, Animal Agents - a whole host of clever creatures, ready to solve all kinds of crimes! This band of furry,

slippery and feathered friends is specially trained to use their skills and natural instincts to unravel mysteries – with a huge helping of fun along the way.

Read six books over the summer and receive fun prizes and stickers along the way. If you complete the challenge a special medal and certificate will be sent to your school!

Come and sign up at Halton Libraries for the most exciting children's reading event of the year!

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

# ANIMAL AGENTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

[animal-agents.org.uk](http://animal-agents.org.uk)



# July

## **Summer Reading Challenge**

### **Book Hunt**

**All libraries**

**Ongoing throughout the summer– ask a member of staff for details to take part**

Visit our libraries each week to test your detective skills on a different book hunt throughout the library.



## **Summer Reading Challenge**

### **Staff Spy Quest**

**Halton Lea Library and  
Widnes Library**

**Ongoing throughout the summer– ask a member of staff for details to take part**

Can you identify the secret agents amongst our staff?  
Don't let their disguise fool you!



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# August

## Summer Reading

**Challenge: Reading Riot  
(children & families)**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August,  
10.30-12pm, Halton Lea  
Library**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 10.30-12pm, Widnes library**

**Free—drop in**

A host of games, activities and crafts that celebrate your love of reading and books



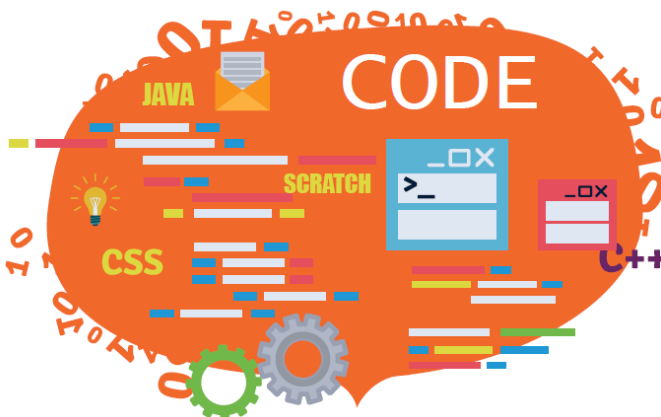
## Summer Reading Challenge: Tech Fest (children & families)

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30-12pm, Halton Lea library**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30-12pm, Widnes library**

**Free—drop in**

Get creative with technology and Lego in this bonanza of Summer Reading Challenge fun.



# August

## **Summer Reading Challenge: Family Health and Wellbeing Day (children & families)**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30-12pm, Halton Lea library**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30-12pm, Widnes library**

**Free—drop in**

Explore our marketplace of fun games and ideas for keeping your family fit and healthy. Sport, music and much more for all the family to enjoy.

## **Summer Reading Challenge: Halton Libraries' Spy School (children & families)**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 10.30-12pm, Halton Lea library**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30-12pm, Widnes library**

**Free—drop in**

The holiday might nearly be over but the fun continues at Halton Lea and Widnes libraries! We are hosting our Library Spy School come along and join in the fun and games. Why not come dressed as a spy?



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# Weekly clubs and activities

## Monday

### **Work club (adults)**

Halton Lea Library, 10-4pm, free—drop in

Widnes Library, 1-3pm, free—drop in

### **Lego club (children and families)**

Halton Lea Library 3.30-5pm, free drop-in

## Tuesday

### **Rhymetime (children and families)**

Runcorn Library and Ditton Library, 11-11.45am, free—drop in

### **Code club (children and families)**

Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library, 3.45-5pm, free—drop in

### **K'Nex Club (children and families)**

Ditton Library, 3.30-5pm, free—drop in

### **Late night Lego (children and families)**

Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library, 5-7pm, free—drop in

## Wednesday

### **IT clinic (adults)**

Widnes Library, 10.30-12pm, free drop in

### **Wellbeing Wednesdays (adults)**

Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library, 2-4pm, free—drop in

### **Homework club (children and families)**

Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library, 3.45-5pm, free—drop in

### **Reading Hacks (children and families)**

Widnes Library, 5-6pm, free—drop in



# Weekly clubs and activities

## Thursday

### **Rhymetime (children and families)**

Halton Lea Library, 11-11.45am, free - drop in

### **IT clinic (adults)**

Runcorn Library and Ditton Library, 2-3.30pm, free—drop in

### **K'Nex club (children and families)**

Runcorn Library, 3.30-5pm, free—drop in

### **Lego club (children and families)**

Widnes Library, 3.30-5pm, free—drop in

### **Chatterbooks (children and families)**

Halton Lea Library, 4-5pm (last Thursday of every month), free—drop in

### **Reading Hacks (children and families)**

Halton Lea Library, 5-6pm, free— drop in

## Friday

### **IT clinic (adults)**

Halton Lea Library, 10.30-12pm, free—drop in

### **Rhymetime (children and families)**

Widnes Library, 11-11.45am, free—drop in

## Saturday

### **Saturday Stories (children and families)**

Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library, 11-11.45am, free—drop in



# At a glance

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Thursday 17th August, 10.30-12pm	Summer Reading Challenge: Family health and wellbeing day	Widnes Library
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