

Halton Libraries Present

June, July, August 2017



# Summer Programme

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# Information

Please visit our website for our opening times, how to find us, and telephone numbers.

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## Children & families event



## Digital event



## Adults event



# June

Tuesday 6th June

## 1984 Live

9-7pm (adults)

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 6th June Runcorn Library  
and Ditton Library, 11-11.45am

Thursday 8th June Halton Lea Library,  
11-11.45am

Friday 9th June Widnes Library,  
11-11.45am

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.



**Bookstart**  
BookTrust



# June

Thursday 15th June

## How to Promote Your Book with Diane Hinds

7pm Widnes Library,  
Free, booking required  
via the library website  
or in person at Widnes  
Library  
(adults)



“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

19th-25th 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 Roadshow**

Tuesday 20th June - Castlefields Community Centre  
10.30-12pm. Free drop in

Thursday 22nd June – Upton Community Centre  
10.30-12 pm. 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 Taster for Parents**

Wednesday 21st June 10.00 – 11.30am Halton Lea Library

Friday 23rd June 10.00-11.30am Widnes Library

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



Saturday 24th June

## Digital Day

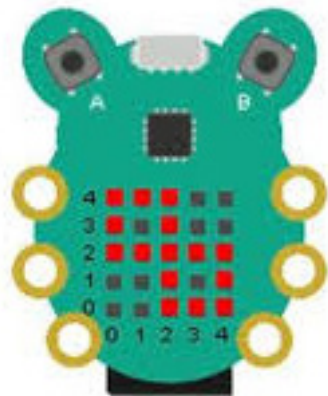
Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library 10.30-1pm

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  
#lovetolearn



# June

Thursday 29th June

## 'Joseph, 1917'

A talk by author

David Hewitt

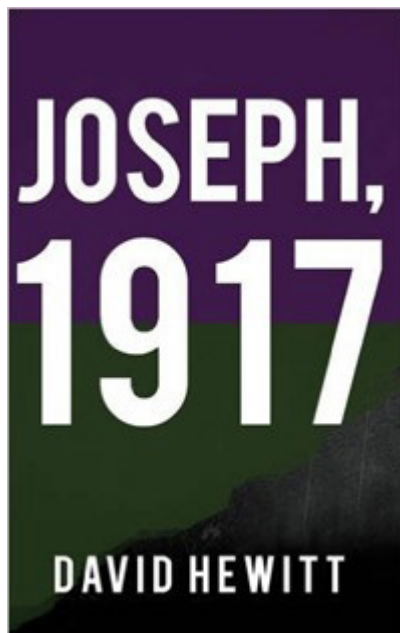
6.30-7.30pm (adults)

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

Wednesday 5th July

## Reading Well Books on Prescription Launch

2-4pm (adults)

Widnes Library

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/>





July

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT

# ANIMAL AGENTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

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

Monday 17th July

## Summer Reading Challenge Launch (children & families)

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!



# 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) Free Drop in  
Wednesday 2nd August, 10.30-12pm, Halton Lea library  
Thursday 3rd August, 10.30-12pm, Widnes library

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

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# ANIMAL AGENTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

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

## Summer Reading Challenge:

### Tech Fest

(children & families) Free Drop in  
Wednesday 9th August, 10.30-12pm, Halton Lea library  
Thursday 10th August, 10.30-12pm, Widnes library  
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) Free Drop in

Wednesday 16th August, 10.30-12pm, Halton Lea library

Thursday 17th August, 10.30-12pm, Widnes library

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)

Free Drop in

Wednesday 23rd

August, 10.30-12pm,

Halton Lea library

Thursday 24th August,

10.30-12pm, Widnes library.

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?



# Weekly clubs and activities

## Monday

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

Halton Lea Library, 10-4pm, drop in

Widnes Library, 1-3pm, drop in

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

Halton Lea Library 3.30-5pm

## Tuesday

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

Runcorn Library and Ditton Library, 11-11.45am

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

Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library, 3.45-5pm

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

Ditton Library, 3.30-5pm

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

Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library, 5-7pm

## Wednesday

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

Widnes Library, 10.30-12pm

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

Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library, 2-4pm

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

Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library, 3.45-5pm

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

Widnes Library, 5-6pm



# Weekly clubs and activities

## Thursday

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

Halton Lea Library, 11-11.45am

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

Runcorn Library and Ditton Library, 2-3.30pm

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

Runcorn Library 3.30-5pm

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

Widnes Library, 3.30-5pm

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

Halton Lea Library, 4-5pm

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

Halton Lea Library, 5-6pm

## Friday

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

Halton Lea Library, 10.30-12pm

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

Widnes Library, 11-11.45am

## Saturday

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

Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library, 11-11.45am



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