

# Halton Library Service

Events September - December 2018



# September

## **Author Talk and Signing:**

**Melvin Burgess**

**Friday 7th September - 10.30-12pm,  
Halton Stadium**

FREE, book online via the library website or at any Halton Library  
Known for one of the best children's books of the 90s, Junk, acclaimed author Melvin Burgess will be visiting Halton Stadium to talk to pupils from Halton secondary schools about his new book 'The Lost Witch'. A limited number of free tickets are also available for the



public. A range of his books will also be available for purchase and signing afterwards.

## **Heritage Open Days**

**Widnes Library Presents:**

**Extraordinary Women of**

**Widnes**

**Thursday 6th September**

**6-7.30pm, Widnes Library**

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

**Runcorn Historical Society**

**Present: Extraordinary**

**Women of Runcorn**

**Saturday 8th September - 12-2pm,**

**Halton Lea Library**

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

To celebrate Heritage Open Days and the 100th anniversary of the Representation of the People Act, Halton Libraries are hosting talks on the extraordinary women of Widnes and Runcorn that you may never have even heard of. Come along to learn about the unsung heroines of Halton.



**North West Learn Fest:**

Tech Meet Up

**Saturday 15th September -**

**10.30-12.30pm, Halton Lea and  
Widnes Libraries**

**Saturday 22nd September -**

**10.30-12.30pm, Runcorn and Ditton  
Libraries**

**FREE, drop-in**

Part of the first annual North-West Learn Fest that is taking part in all libraries across the North West, come along to our Tech Meet Ups to learn creative code, make and create with digital equipment and discover augmented reality with our fantastic collection of AR resources. Learning and fun are guaranteed!

## **North West Learn Fest:** Tech Meet Up for adults with learning disabilities

**Wednesday 12th September -**  
**1.30-3pm, Widnes Library**

**Wednesday 19th September -**  
**1.30-3pm, Halton Lea Library**

**Free, book via**  
**trudy.jones@halton.gov.uk**

As part of our 'Library Learners' course, we will be hosting special Tech Meet Ups for adults with additional needs. Discover augmented reality in the library and learn what a code bug is. Please contact [trudy.jones@halton.gov.uk](mailto:trudy.jones@halton.gov.uk) for more information and to book onto the workshop.



# October



## **Bump Booster Baby Shower**

**Thursday 4th October -**

**3.30-6.30pm, Widnes Library**

**FREE, drop-in**

We are hosting a baby shower for all expectant mums, dads and grandparents! Come along to our marketplace where there will be stalls offering all sorts of baby information, advice and practical sessions. Everything you need to boost your bump!



## **Fun Palaces**

**Saturday 6th October - 10.30-2pm,**

**Widnes and Halton Lea Libraries**

**FREE, drop-in**

Halton Libraries will join 300+ Fun Palaces across the UK and globally and is set to erupt with free and fun activities, celebrating culture in our community - and you're invited! Join us for our third annual Fun Palace event - guaranteed to be a fun packed day for all the family!

During the weekend, check out what's happening across the globe:

Twitter/Instagram: [#FunPalaces](https://twitter.com/FunPalaces) | [@FunPalaces](https://www.instagram.com/FunPalaces)



## National Libraries Week

8th-14th October

All libraries

Join in the national celebrations and let us know what makes Halton Libraries so wonderful! Tweet #HaltonReads or leave a comment form in any library. We will also be hosting a book bag giveaway on Facebook.



## World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 10th October - 2-4pm,  
Widnes Library and Halton Lea Library

FREE, drop-in

We are raising awareness of mental health services across Halton and re-launching our new collection of Books on Prescription. Come along to learn more about our mood boosting books, try out some shared reading or just have a cuppa and a chat with a friendly face.



## EU Code week

Monday 8th October - 3.45-5pm,

Runcorn and Ditton Libraries

Tuesday 9th October - 3.45-5pm,

Halton and Widnes Libraries

Saturday 13th October - 12-1pm,

all libraries

FREE, drop-in

To celebrate EU Code Week, come along to Halton Libraries and take part in an Hour of Code. Code with Star Wars, Flappy Bird or Minecraft and have lots of fun whilst learning creative digital skills. All ages welcome.

## Get Online Week

Wednesday 17th October -

10.30-12pm, Widnes Library

Thursday 18th October - 2-3.30pm,

Ditton and Runcorn Libraries

Friday 19th October - 10.30-12pm,

Halton Lea Library

FREE, drop-in

Do you want to take your first steps onto the internet or already know the basics but want some help with social media or online shopping? Come along to our IT Clinics during Get Online Week and our friendly staff will assist.



## **Family Learning Festival: Make and Create Circuit Bugs**

**Monday 22nd October -**

**10.30-12pm, Halton Lea Library**

**Wednesday 24th October -**

**10.30-12pm, Widnes Library**

**FREE, drop-in**

Celebrate the Family Learning Festival with Halton Libraries. Make your own circuit bug using LEDs and copper tape, a fun way to introduce electricity and circuitry to children. Perfect for 7-12 year olds.

## **Horrible Reading Riot**

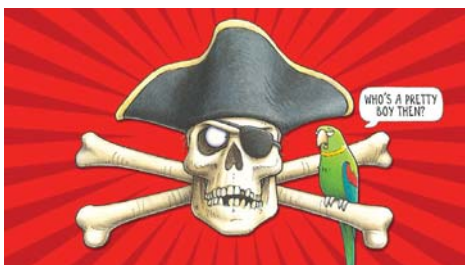
**Wednesday 24th October**

**-10.30-12pm, Halton Lea Library**

**Thursday 25th October -**

**10.30-12pm, Widnes Library**

**FREE, drop-in**



There will be gruesome games, creepy crafts and atrocious

activities at our Horrible Reading Riot which will delve into the murky world of all things horrible. Join in with our Horrible Histories, Horrible Science and Horrible Geography shenanigans and have a truly beastly time!

## **November**

### **Great North West Read Throughout November**



We will be joining with libraries across the North-West in celebrating The

Craftsman by Lancashire born writer Sharon Bolton throughout this month. Borrow the book from our libraries, join in with online discussions and enter our Facebook competition to win a copy of the book. Follow the Great North West Read on social media for other exciting events happening throughout the North West.

Twitter: @haltonlibraries

#HaltonReads #GNWR

Facebook: Halton Libraries



## World War I Exhibition

**Monday 5th- Friday 16th November  
- Halton Lea Library and Widnes  
Library**

**FREE, drop-in**

To mark the centenary of the end of World War I, we will be displaying articles from our newspaper archives along with photographs from our Picture Halton website, chronicling Halton's involvement in the First World War and highlighting local heroes.

## Death at the Dig: Murder Mystery with author Kate Ellis

**Wednesday 14th November-  
6-7.30pm, Halton Lea Library  
Tickets £3 including refreshments,  
book online via the library website  
or in person at any Halton Library**

Crime writer Kate Ellis presents DEATH AT THE DIG, a 1920s murder mystery in which the audience must play detective to discover who murdered distinguished archaeologist Professor Digson. The professor has been killed with a statue of an ancient Egyptian god but did landowner Lady Bramley want him dead? Or did her young niece, Letty Sweeting have a



motive? Digson was unpopular with his colleagues Alban Twist and Mabel Setwell but did either of them hate him enough to kill him? Inspired by crime fiction's Golden Age, DEATH AT THE DIG is an absolute must for all budding Poirots. Guaranteed fun!

## December

### Computer Science Education Week

**Monday 3rd December - 3.45-5pm,  
Runcorn and Ditton Libraries  
Tuesday 4th December - 3.45-5pm,  
Halton Lea and Widnes Libraries  
FREE, drop-in**

Learn some new computer science skills at Halton Libraries and discover how to create a game of 'Frustration' using Micro:bits and coding. Then challenge our staff and see who can hold their nerve to win!





### **Mince Pie Morning**

**Tuesday 11th December -  
10.30-12.30pm, Halton Lea  
and Widnes Libraries**

#### **FREE, drop in**

Pop into the library, pull up a chair and have a natter over a cup of tea and a mince pie. Our friendly library staff will be serving up festive sweet treats, lots of conversation and there may even be the odd carol or two! Forget about the stresses of the festive period for a few hours and relax in the library with friends.

### **Christmas Saturday Stories**

**Saturday 15th December -  
11-11.45am, Halton Lea and  
Widnes Libraries**

#### **FREE, drop in**

Our final Saturday Stories session of the year – come along in your Christmas jumpers for some festive stories and songs.



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