

Halton Libraries

# EVENTS

January – April 2019



fun school holiday activities | first class writers | local history | science talks | tech activities



## to Halton Libraries' new season of events.

We have a jam packed calendar full of events for all ages between January and April 2019. Be inspired with our books and reading events; learn something new at our local history and science talks; get digital with our innovative tech activities; and let's not forget the kids with our fun and fantastic school holiday activities.

Meet first class writers, have a go at making, get creative with digital – we have something for everyone this season.

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**FREE  
DROP IN!**

## Plastic Holograms

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
10.30-12.00pm, Halton Lea Library

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
10.30-12.00pm, Widnes Library

**Suitable for ages 7 – 12 years**

Wondering what to do with all those left over plastic bottles? Why not join us and find out! We'll be showing you how to create an amazing hologram to impress your friends and family with.

**Plastic bottles provided**

**FREE  
DROP IN!**

## eBook & eAudio Drop-in


Wednesday 9th January -  
10-4pm, Halton Lea library

Thursday 10th January  
10 -12pm, Widnes library



Halton Libraries Present


### audiobooks

Have you heard a good book lately?



Download FREE Audiobooks now from our library website [www.halton.gov.uk/e-audio](http://www.halton.gov.uk/e-audio)

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Halton libraries have thousands of eBook and eAudiobooks available through your smartphone or tablet completely free of charge. If you've always wanted to know how to use our apps but don't know where to start, come along to our eBook and eAudio drop-ins. Our friendly staff will be on hand to help beginners learn how to download eBooks, eAudiobooks and magazines. Bring along your own device if you have one or use one of our PCs to discover a whole world of reading in the palm of your hand!

## Local History Talk – Two fisted gentlemen: a history of boxing in Widnes and Runcorn – John Sinnott

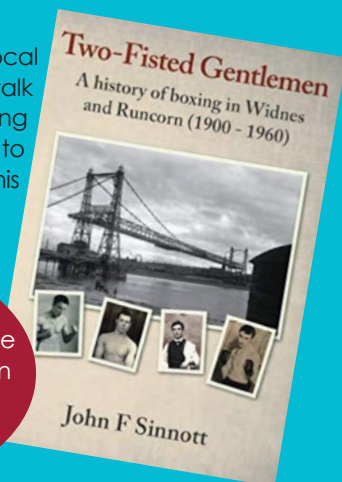
**FREE**  
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Tuesday 22nd January – 6pm, Widnes library

**Booking necessary via library website or at your local library**

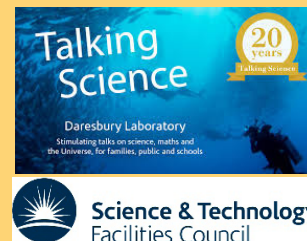
Join us for an evening with local historian John Sinnott to talk about the history of boxing in Widnes and Runcorn, to celebrate the re-print of his popular book.

Copies of the book will be available to purchase on the evening.



## Talking Science at Daresbury Laboratory - On You, Inside You: The Amazing and Horrible World of Parasites

A talk by Professor Cruikshank,  
University of Manchester



Wednesday 30th January 7pm, Halton Stadium

**FREE**  
BOOK ONLINE

**Book online via the library website or at your local library Suitable for audience 6+**

Halton Libraries are proud to host, in partnership with Daresbury Laboratory, a Talking Science event at Halton Stadium. This is guaranteed to be a fascinating talk by a leading scientist on the subject of parasites.

Parasites are the most common form of cellular life on our planet and can be defined as organisms that live in or on us, taking from us without giving anything back. Everything from mammals, insects to plants

can be infected by parasites- so parasites are incredibly successful. They can hide from our body's defences and may even change the behaviour of some of the animals they infect. They are also important as not only can they cause terrible diseases but they can be critical elements of food webs and contribute to biodiversity. Find out how parasites are so successful and how new scientific methods, that help us visualise parasites, are helping us unlock even more of their secrets.



## Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

10.30-11.30am, Halton Lea Library

Join us in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2019 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. To support this year's campaign all Halton Libraries will be showing a special online safety video for children and young people and showcasing a range of Internet safety books and information.

At Halton Lea Library there will be a special presentation on Digital Safety by NatWest Bank. Come along and find out how you can stay safe online.



**SAVE the DATE**  
**Safer Internet Day**  
**2019 | Tuesday**  
5 February  
[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)



**FREE**  
DROP IN!

**time to change**  
**time to talk**  
**day 2018**

**let's end mental health discrimination**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February

10-12pm, Widnes and Halton Lea Libraries

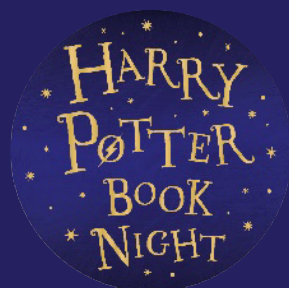
Time to Talk Day brings the nation together to get talking and break the silence around mental health problems. Come along to Halton Lea and Widnes Libraries, have a cuppa, look at our Reading Well books and talk to mental health advisors.

**Let's change the way we all think**  
**and act about mental health**



**proud to support**  
**time to change**  
let's end mental health discrimination

**FREE**  
DROP IN!



## Harry Potter Night Chatterbooks

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February – 4-6pm, Halton Lea Library

Come along to our Chatterbooks group to celebrate Harry Potter Night. The theme this year is Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and we will have lots of Harry Potter themed activities for everyone to join in with.

Chatterbooks is our regular reading group for 7-11 year olds and we are always looking for new members so join us for this exciting session of wizarding wonders!

**FREE**  
DROP IN!

## CSI Evening with Ashley Dyer

Friday 8th February –  
7-8.30pm, Widnes Library

Tickets £3 / £2 library members,

**Book online via the library website or at your local library**

This event is a must for all crime fans, an absolutely fascinating evening looking at how the real forensic experts deal with a crime scene and how crime writers make sure they get the facts right.

Examine the evidence at our 'crime scene' and chat with the writer and the forensic expert, who together form Ashley Dyer. Pit your wits against the experts in this fun, friendly event and see if you can find clues that could help to solve a major crime.

Ashley Dyer is the pseudonym for novelist Margaret Murphy working in consultation with policing and forensics expert, Helen Pepper. Margaret Murphy is a past Chair of

**BOOK**  
YOUR TICKETS

the Crime Writers Association (CWA), and founder of Murder Squad. A CWA Short Story Dagger winner, she has been shortlisted for the CWA Dagger in the Library. She has written novels under her own name, and as A.D. Garrett.

Helen Pepper is a Senior Lecturer in Policing. She has been an analyst, Forensic Scientist, Scene of Crime Officer, CSI and Crime Scene Manager. Her expertise is in great demand with crime writers. Helen is also a judge for the CWA's Non-Fiction Dagger award, and is Forensic Consultant on both the Vera and Shetland television series.

Copies of Ashley Dyer's *Splinter in the Blood* will be sold on the evening.

**"One of the boldest, most inventive serial-killer thrillers since *The Silence of the Lambs*. Perfect for fans of Jeffery Deaver and Lisa Gardner."**

—AJ Finn  
#1 New York Times Bestselling author



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# North West Learn Fest half-term activities

Throughout half-term we have lots of activities to keep children busy. Activities are free for all library members and they make for a fun day out for all the family.

## Monday 11th February

**FREE**  
DROP IN!

**Code club – 10.30-12pm,  
Widnes library**

The possibilities are endless at code club! Come along to learn the basics of coding with Scratch, code a Micro:bit and Codebug or play with the Code-a-pillar.

**FREE**  
DROP IN!

**Lego club – 10.30-12pm,  
Halton Lea library**

Get creative with our Lego and practice becoming a master builder.

## Tuesday 12th February



**FREE**

BOOK YOUR PLACE

**Read2Dogs – 10.30-12.30pm, Widnes library**

**Book online via the library website or at your local library**

Halton libraries is proud to welcome a special visitor, a reading dog. Research shows that young people can become nervous when reading in a group. Read2Dogs gives children who lack confidence or are reluctant readers the opportunity to read to a dog in a relaxed, informal setting in the children's library. Choose a book from the library and spend 10 minutes reading to the dog.

This event is expected to be very popular so booking is essential as places are limited.





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**Code club – 10.30-12pm**  
**Halton Lea library**

The possibilities are endless at code club! Come along to learn the basics of coding with Scratch, code a Micro: bit and Codebug or play with the Code-a-pillar.

## Wednesday 13th February

**FREE**  
DROP IN!

**Board games – 10.30-12pm, Widnes and Halton Lea library**

Get together all your friends and family to have fun with our board game selection – we have a wide variety including Articulate, Scrabble, Cluedo, the Game of Life and more.

## Thursday 14th February

**FREE**  
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**Lego club – 10.30-12pm,**  
**Widnes library**

Get creative with our Lego and practice becoming a master builder.

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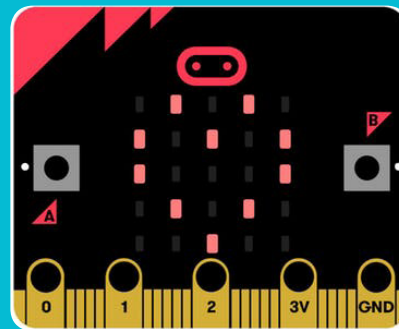
**K'Nex club – 10.30-12pm, Runcorn and Ditton library**

Stimulate curiosity and imagination at our K'Nex club – what will you create?

## Friday 15th February

**FREE**  
DROP IN!

**Love Your Micro:bit**  
**10.30-12pm**  
**Halton Lea library**



Join us in celebrating Valentine's Day by programming Micro:bits with a flashing heart or code your own message or animation. Suitable for beginners to coding aged 7 – 14 years.



# Local History Talk by Runcorn Historical Society: Runcorn's Shipbuilders

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

6-7.30pm, Halton Lea Library

**Book online via the library website or  
at your local library**

**FREE**

BOOK YOUR PLACE

For many years, Runcorn was well-known for its shipyards and shipbuilders. Join us for this captivating talk by Runcorn Historical Society that will delve deep into the past of Runcorn's maritime history, its waterways, the vessels that sailed on them and the people that built them.

Runcorn Historical Society was founded in 2000 and hold meetings at St John's (Weston) Church Hall. They meet once a month for talks and events which relate to both the history of Runcorn and to that of the surrounding area. They also keep an archive which holds a growing number of documents, photographs and historical material.



***RUNCORN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY***



FEB  
26

**Local History Talk:  
Runcorn's Shipbuilders**

by Halton Library Service

Free

## World Book Day: Rhymetime

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

11-11.45am,

Halton Lea Library

**FREE**  
DROP IN!

WORLD  
**BOOK**  
DAY

## World Book Day is a celebration!

It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. So come along to our special World Book Day rhymetime where we will share stories, have a sing-a-long and have fun! Go the extra mile and dress up as your favourite book character!

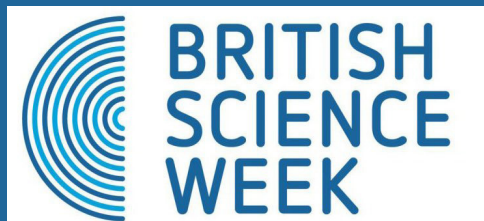
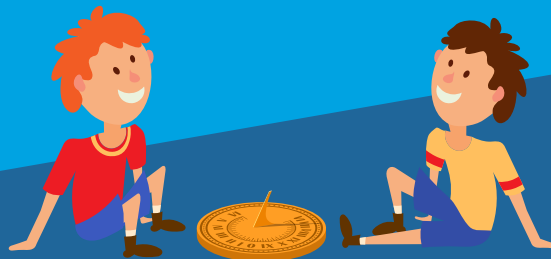
## British Science Week

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
10.30-11.45am, Halton Lea Library

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
10.30-11.45am, Widnes Library

**FREE**  
DROP IN!

Drop in to our free and fun science activities and join us in celebrating British Science Week. Learn how to make a sundial and we'll be flipping fish by bending light.



# Sonic Art

Digital music workshops



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ENGLAND**

## Supersonic Sounds: Sonic Art Workshops

Tuesday 12th March  
4-5.30pm, Runcorn Library

Thursday 14th March  
4.30-6pm, Halton Lea Library

Tuesday 19th March  
4-5.30pm, Ditton Library

Thursday 21st March  
4.30-6pm, Widnes Library

**FREE**  
DROP IN!

Supersonic Sounds in the Library! Halton Libraries, in collaboration with local digital music artist, Wendy Smith, are delivering a programme of interactive sonic art workshops aimed at engaging children and young people with creative coding and sound art. Join us to have hands-on experience of this cutting edge and rapidly evolving area of music.

Participants will produce a piece of digital music of their own composition and will have access to expert knowledge in this new artistic context. Our Supersonic Sounds workshops will be full of creative energy, a must for those wanting to experience interactive creative coding!



## Supersonic Sounds:

### Library Learners Workshops

Wednesday 13th March  
1.30-3pm, Halton Lea Library

Wednesday 20th March  
10.30-12pm, Widnes Library

**FREE**  
BOOK YOUR PLACE

**Contact [trudy.jones@halton.gov.uk](mailto:trudy.jones@halton.gov.uk) to book onto the workshop.**

As part of our 'Library Learners' course, we will be hosting special Supersonic Sounds Workshops for adults with additional needs. Discover how to sculpt with sound and create your own piece of sonic art. You do not need any musical training to become a musician, you just have to make a noise!





## Women of the World Festival: Author Panel

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March –  
6-7.30pm, Halton Lea Library

**Tickets £4 / £3 library members,  
book online via the library website  
or at your local library**



**Women of the World Festival (WOW)** is a UK-based festival that celebrates the achievements of women and girls, as well as looking at the obstacles they face across the world. It seeks to inspire new generations of young women and girls.

Join us for an evening of conversation with three top selling female authors – S.E.Lynes, Naomi Kruger and Martine McDonagh. We will explore what has inspired them as writers, the obstacles they have faced and how they have overcome them in order to be successful in their field.

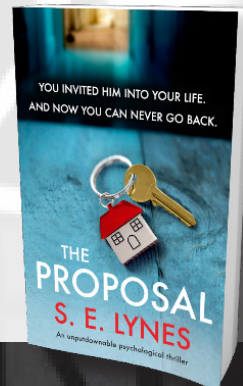
Audience members can ask the panel questions and hear their inspiring stories. This event is a must for book lovers!

### S.E.Lynes



S.E.Lynes is the bestselling author of 'intelligent and haunting' psychological thrillers *Valentina*, *Mother* and *The Pact*. Her latest book is *The Proposal* which has received 5\* reviews on Amazon and Good Reads.

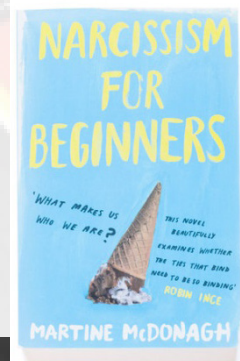
Originally from Runcorn, Susie now lives in Middlesex with her husband, three kids and her dog, Lola. A former BBC producer, creative writing tutor for ten years, Susie now writes full time and does occasional mentoring.



## Martine McDonagh

Martine McDonagh's latest novel, *Narcissism for Beginners*, was shortlisted for the 2018 People's Book Prize and was longlisted in 2017 for the Guardian Not The Booker Prize.

Her first novel, *I Have Waited and You Have Come*, was longlisted for the Authors' Club First Novel Award. Author Elizabeth Haynes described it as 'cataclysmically brilliant' and it was praised in the *Guardian* and *Red* magazine. Martine had a successful career in the music industry as an artist manager and devised and ran the MA Creative Writing & Publishing at West Dean College in Sussex.



## Naomi Kruger

Naomi Kruger's fiction has been published in various literary journals and her first novel (set in Preston and partly narrated by a character with dementia) was published by Seren in 2018. She has an MA and PhD from Lancaster University and is currently a Lecturer in Literature and Creative Writing at the University of Central Lancashire. She is also the creative co-director of several literary and community projects in Lancashire including the North West Literary Salon and Stories at the Storey (a monthly true story open mic night). She lives in Preston with her husband and daughter.



## Shakespeare Week: Make and Take session

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 12-1pm,  
Widnes and Halton Lea library

Join us to celebrate the life of the bard  
and get crafty, creating a hand puppet.



**FREE**  
DROP IN!

## Arty Party with Digital and Paint

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
10.30-12.00pm, Halton Lea Library  
and Widnes Library

**Suitable for ages 5 – 14 years**

We are getting all artistic at Halton Libraries!  
Join us in getting creative with digital and have a go at Pop Art  
or graffiti with graphics. For the more traditional artists among  
you, we will be making a splash with paints and brushes.

**FREE**  
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# SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

## Easter Lego Club



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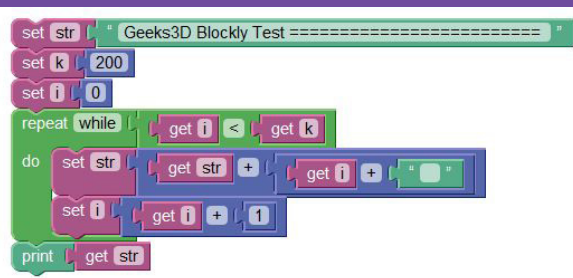
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April & Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30-12pm, Halton Lea Library

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April & Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30-12pm, Widnes Library

## Half-term Code Club

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April & Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30-12pm, Halton Lea and Widnes Library

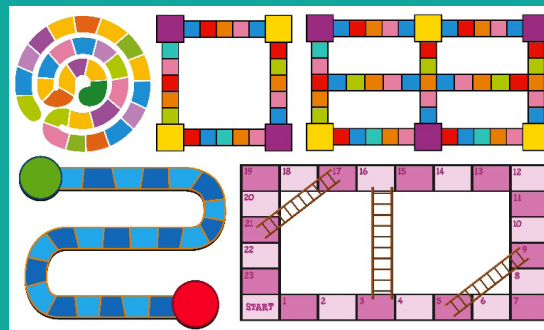
**FREE**  
DROP IN!



## Board Game Club

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30-12pm, Halton Lea and Widnes Library

**FREE**  
DROP IN!



# SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

## Half-term Knex Club

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April & Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30-12pm, Ditton & Runcorn Library

**FREE**  
DROP IN!



## Chatterbooks

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April & Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
10.30-12pm, Widnes Library

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April & Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
1.30-3pm Halton Lea Library

**FREE**  
DROP IN!





# EVENTS AT A GLANCE

DATE	VENUE	EVENT
Weds 2nd January, 10.30-12pm	Halton Lea	Plastic holograms
Thurs 3rd January, 10.30-12pm	Widnes	Plastic holograms
Wed 9th January, 10-4pm	Halton Lea	eBook & eAudio drop-in
Thurs 10th January, 10-12pm	Widnes	eBook & eAudio drop-in
Tues 22nd January, 6-7.30pm	Widnes	Local history talk: A history of boxing
Wed 30th January, 7-8.30pm	Halton Stadium	Talking Science: The amazing world of parasites
Tues 5th February, 10.30-11.30am	Halton Lea	Digital safety presentation by NatWest Bank
Thurs 7th February, 10-12pm	Halton Lea & Widnes	Time to Talk: Coffee morning
Thurs 7th February, 4-6pm	Halton Lea	Harry Potter Night Chatterbooks
Friday 8th February, 7-8.30pm	Widnes	CSI Evening
Mon 11th – Fri 15th February	All libraries	Half term activities
Thurs 12th February, 10.30-12.30pm	Widnes	Read2Dogs
Fri 15th February, 10.30-12pm	Halton Lea	Love your Micro:bit
Tues 26th February, 6-7.30pm	Halton Lea	Local history talk: Runcorn's shipbuilders
Thurs 7th March, 11-11.45am	Halton Lea	World Book Day: rhymetime
Sat 10th March, 10.30-11.45am	Halton Lea	British Science Week activities
Sat 16th March, 10.30-12.30pm	Widnes	British Science Week activities
Tues 12th – Thurs 21st March	All libraries	Supersonic Sounds: Sonic art workshops
Wed 20th March, 6-7.30pm	Halton Lea	Women of the World: Author panel
Sat 23rd March, 12-1pm	Halton Lea & Widnes	Shakespeare Week: Make and take
Wed 3rd April, 10.30-12pm	Halton Lea & Widnes	Arty Party with Digital and Paint

# INFORMATION



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0151 907 8383



Ditton Library  
0151 424 2459



Runcorn Library  
0151 511 7666



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