

EVENTS



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BOROUGH COUNCIL



ENJOY Summer at Halton Libraries

As we head into summer, why not join us at one of our varied and fascinating events.

We have something for all ages and all interests – local history talks, make and take craft sessions, coding, author talks, healthy eating workshops, Chester Zoo rangers and much, much more!

Don't forget, it's free to join the library, just pop in to one of our four libraries or join online. Whatever you are into we have the perfect book for you. Too busy to visit the library? Download our books, audio, newspapers and magazines for free. Studying, researching your family tree, looking for a new hobby – we can help with it all. Libraries are here for you with a wealth of resources, spaces and friendly activities.

Uncover more at www.halton.gov.uk/libraries

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MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

Lego Art: May the Fourth Be With You!

Saturday 4th May – 10.30-12.30pm,
Halton Lea and Widnes Libraries

FREE
DROP IN!

Create some Star Wars inspired masterpieces! Using Lego bricks as your stamp, colour in new designs for the Millennium Falcon and other Star Wars favourites.

FREE
DROP IN!

Stroke Awareness Week: Stroke Association Drop In

Tuesday 7th May
10.30-12.30pm,
Widnes Library

Stroke
association

The Stroke Association will be at Widnes Library to test your blood pressure as part of Stroke Awareness Month. This is an annual event to raise awareness of strokes and their impact on sufferers and their friends and families as well as educating the people on the signs and symptoms of strokes, what causes strokes, what happens during a stroke and what to do in the event of someone suffering a stroke.

Time Traveller:

**Author Talk with
Liz Howard**

Wednesday 8th May

6 - 7.30pm,

Halton Lea Library



Book online via the
library website or at your
local library

Tickets £3

£2 for library members

BOOK
YOUR TICKETS

Join us to hear Runcorn author Liz Howard talk about her incredible experience of hypnotic regression, how it allowed her to travel through time and unearth memories of a previous lifetime that she lived in Tudor England as Elizabeth Fytton of Gawsworth Hall and how this inspired her writing. This is a truly fascinating story and should not be missed by history enthusiasts, book lovers and those interested in past life regression.



Get Creative Festival

11 - 19 May 2019

BBC Get Creative Festival: Art Workshop with City Arts Hub

Saturday 11th May
11-12.30pm,
Halton Lea Library

Get crafty with us and join in with our interactive art workshop hosted by local arts organisation, City Arts Hub. Discover your inner Picasso! Suitable for children and families.

FREE
DROP IN!

BBC Get Creative Festival: Cardboard Capers

FREE
DROP IN!

Saturday 11th May
11-12.30pm, Widnes Library

Join Halton Libraries in building a rocket to the moon or try out something of your own design with our crazy, crafty and creative Cardboard Capers! Suitable for children and families.





Mental Health Awareness Week

Midweek Meetup

Wednesday 15th May

2-4pm

Halton Lea and Widnes Libraries

Our friendly and welcoming Midweek meet-up groups are the perfect opportunity to sit back, relax and have a natter. Meet new friends whilst playing board games, colouring in or having a go at paper crafts. The perfect oasis of calm in our busy lives.



Dementia Action Week

Music and Memories Vinyl Morning

Wednesday 22nd May

10.30-1pm, Halton Lea Library

FREE
DROP IN!

Bring along your LPs and join in with our morning where we will sit and relax, with a cup of tea, whilst reminiscing about Elvis Presley, Andy Williams, Roy Orbison and all the greats from times gone by. Whether you like big band music or something a little more classical, come along! We will be playing records, looking at memorabilia from our Memory Boxes and sharing memories.



Dementia Action Week

Runcorn Historical Society Presents:
**The Good Old Days – Leisure and
Pleasure**

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Thursday 23rd May

6-7.30pm, Halton Lea Library

**FREE, book online at the library website or at
your local library**

As part of our Dementia Awareness week, Runcorn Historical Society will take us on a journey of reminiscence about Runcorn in the good old days as they talk about the leisure and pleasure activities that Runcornians participated in throughout history.



Weekly clubs and activities

at Halton Libraries

FREE
DROP IN!

All our clubs are drop-in, no need to book and free.

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.

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.

Code Club

Monday – Runcorn Library and Ditton Library 3.45-5pm

Tuesday - Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library 3.45-5pm

Be inspired and learn how to program your own interactive stories, games and animations.

K'Nex Club

Tuesday - Ditton Library 3.30-5pm

Thursday – Runcorn Library 3.30-5pm

Test your creative engineering skills at our weekly K'nex Club.

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 Hacks



Tuesday - 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.

Reading Hack: Teenage Reading Group

First Tuesday 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.

Chatterbooks

Every Thursday - Halton Lea Library 4-5pm

Every Monday - Widnes Library 4-5pm



A fun and creative reading group for children aged between 7 and 11.

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 a long your own device or use a Library PC.

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.



Midweek Meet-up (Adults)

Wednesday - Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library 2-4pm

Unwind with some colouring in, have a go at a board game and meet new people in a relaxed and friendly environment. The perfect antidote to a busy lifestyle!

Saturday Meet-up (Children, recommended age 8-13)

Saturday - Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library 12-2pm

Come into the library to play board games and make new friends!

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.

*Please note, children attending our groups need a parent or guardian present in the library.

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HALF TERM HOLIDAY EVENTS

Tuesday 28th May

Code club – 10.30-12pm, Halton Lea and Widnes libraries

FREE – drop in

Our code clubs are a great way to have fun and to learn coding skills! In this session, you will make an assault course for our code-a-pillar and also use our CodeBugs to make a fortune teller. Will you be brave enough to let the CodeBug make your decisions for the morning?



Lego club – 2-4pm, Halton Lea Library

FREE – drop in

Can you build the ultimate Lego maze?

Come along to our a'maze'ing Lego club!



Chatterbooks – 2-3pm, Widnes Library

FREE – drop in

'A Giggle or a Scare' - come and join in our activities based on funny and scary children's books. Which do you prefer?



Wednesday 29th May

STEAM Make and Take: Balancing Robots– 10.30-12pm, Halton Lea and Widnes libraries

FREE – drop in

Decorate a robot and then discover if you can make it balance! Science really is fun!



FREE
DROP IN!

Board game drop in – 2-4pm, Halton Lea and Widnes Libraries

FREE – drop in

Connect 4, Boggle, Cleudo, Game of Life and many more.



FREE
DROP IN!

Thursday 30th May

Lego Club - 10.30-12pm, Widnes library

FREE – drop in

Let's see who can build the tallest Lego structure!



FREE
DROP IN!

Chatterbooks - 1.30-3pm, Halton Lea library

FREE – drop in

'A Giggle and a Scare' – do you prefer funny stories or spooky ghost tales?



FREE
DROP IN!

Friday 31st May

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Chester Zoo Workshops: Sing for Songbirds

10.30-11.20pm – Halton Lea Library, suitable for 4-7 year olds

11.30-12.20pm – Halton Lea Library, suitable for 7-11 year olds

2-2.50pm – Widnes Library, suitable for 4-7 year olds

FREE, book online via the library website or at your local library

The amazing Chester Zoo rangers will take children on a journey through the Indonesian forests as they learn about the song birds that once thrived there and are now threatened with extinction. This is a great workshop for all budding zoologists. The rangers will also be returning in the summer holidays for more interactive animal fun!



Rhymetimes

Tuesday 4th June – 11-11.45am, Runcorn and Ditton libraries

Thursday 6th June – 11-11.45am, Halton Lea library

Friday 7th June – 11-11.45am, Widnes library

FREE – drop in

Visit our rhymetimes this week for a special Bookstart themed session! Every year, Bookstart week celebrates the wonder of sharing books, stories and rhymes with babies and toddlers. Book sharing encourages a curiosity about life and an eagerness to learn. The pleasure of reading a variety of books with children draws them towards literacy through the love of stories, songs and rhymes and encourages parents to see themselves as their baby's most enduring teacher, with the potential to increase their child's life chances. It also helps to develop a child's innate ability as a lifelong learner.

All children attending our Bookstart week rhymetimes will receive a FREE book from Booktrust.

JUNE



National Nutrition Week: Healthy Eating Workshops

Monday 10th June – 11-1pm, Halton Lea Library

Tuesday 11th June – 11-1pm, Widnes Library

FREE
DROP IN!

FREE – drop in

If you are thinking of turning over a new leaf and would like to live a healthier lifestyle but don't know where to start then drop in to one of our healthy eating sessions. Learn why it's important to have a healthy/balanced diet and find out about Fresh Start weight management sessions. The health specialists taking the sessions will be on hand to answer all of your questions.

Festival of Learning

#lovetolearn

Saturday 22nd June

**10.30-2pm, Halton Lea Library
and Widnes Library**

FREE
DROP IN!

Do you #lovetolearn? Now is the perfect time to try something new. How about watching a volcano erupt or seeing how the planets align with our augmented reality books! Want to learn how to drive or find out about your family history? We have some great resources that can help. Maybe you'd like to find out how to access thousands of newspapers and magazines for free? We have lots to show you!



#lovetolearn

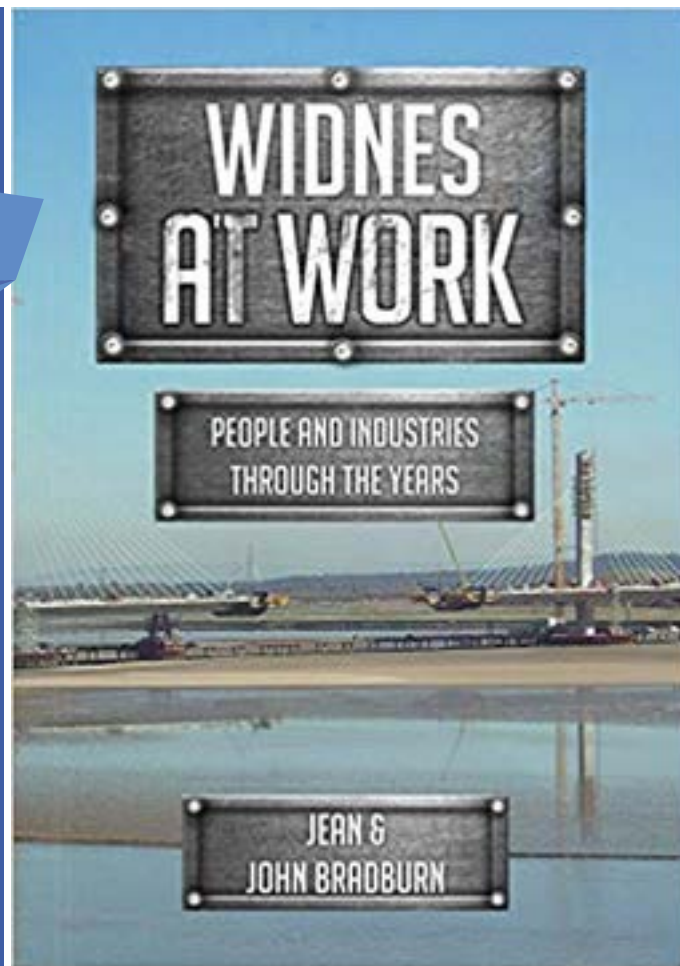
Local History Talk: Widnes at Work with Jean Bradburn

Tuesday 18th June – 6-7.30pm,
Widnes Library

FREE, book online or in person at
any library

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Join us at Widnes library for a fascinating evening with local historian Jean Bradburn. Jean worked as the local studies librarian in Halton libraries and following her retirement has pursued this interest and published books about Widnes and Runcorn. This talk will focus on her book 'Widnes at Work' which covers the varied industries in Widnes throughout the years with stories from those who worked in the varied factories. Jean researched her book by talking to Widnesians about their jobs across the years and collected oral histories which she will be sharing on the evening. A great evening for anyone who has fond memories of the ICI, the Crispy and the Gus!



The Great Get Together Quiz Night

Friday 21st June

7-8.30pm,

Halton Lea Library

£1 per person, minimum teams of 2 and maximum teams of 5.

Book via library website or in person at a library

Join us for an evening of fun to bring together the community and celebrate the life of Jo Cox MP. Our quiz will have rounds for everyone, from testing your local knowledge to your book-related wisdom and everything in between. Small prizes for the winning teams – but it's the taking part that counts! Refreshments included.

BOOK
YOUR TICKETS

**THE
GREAT
GET
TOGETHER**

INSPIRED BY JO COX

Halton Readathon 2019

Monday 1st – Saturday 6th July

All Libraries

FREE – drop in

FREE
DROP IN!

Calling the great people of Halton! We need your help to reach our Halton Readathon target!

We want to find out just exactly how many minutes we all read for over the course of a week in Runcorn and Widnes. Our target is to get the people of Halton to read for 60,000 minutes in 6 days.

We'll be inviting schools into our libraries to take part in reading sessions and asking our reading groups to stack up some minutes on the clock too. If you would like to add your reading minutes to our target then pop in to one of our libraries and curl up with a good book.

If you can't make it to the library then you can read anywhere you like: home, work, in a café, at the gym, you just have to take a photo of yourself reading and tweet it with your minutes to us at #haltonreadathon.



Why not drop in to one of our 'Read in the Park' events

(weather permitting):

2nd July – 10-1pm, Victoria Park, Widnes

3rd July -10-1pm, Hough Green Park, Widnes

4th July – 10-1pm, Phoenix Park, Runcorn

Summer Reading Challenge Launch: Space Chase

Out of this World Make and Take session
Saturday 27th July

10.30-12pm

all libraries

FREE – drop in

The Summer Reading Challenge 2019 theme is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children taking part in the Challenge will join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!

Sign up to the challenge and launch yourself into our space themed make and take craft session.



FREE
DROP IN!



INFORMATION



Halton Lea Library

0151 511 7744



Widnes Library

0151 907 8383



Ditton Library

0151 424 2459



Runcorn Library

0151 511 7666



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Tues 28th – Fri 31st May	Halton Lea & Widnes	Half Term Holiday Events
Fri 31st May	Halton Lea & Widnes	Chester Zoo Workshops
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Look out for our Summer Family Activities brochure – coming soon!