

Halton Libraries

EVENTS

January – April 2020



local history | storywalks | digital making | author talks | live music



Happy New Year from Halton Libraries! We have lots of fantastic events to bring to you in 2020!

Join us for local history talks or come on a fabulous storywalk this spring both indoors and outdoors and have a go at some zoomy microscopes for British Science Week.

We also have lots of school holiday fun and an evening tea with author Kathryn Hughes. We are hosting the first ever Halton MakeFest which will see workshops and exhibits from makers all around and we have the sensational Get It Loud In Libraries folk bringing us live music.

March sees the libraries being taken over by Norton Priory Museum and Catalyst Science Discovery Centre who will be hosting talks and workshops during our Museums Month.

Don't forget, if you can't make it to one of our libraries, then you can still access a fantastic range of eaudio and ebooks on your phone or tablet in the comfort of your own home via our BorrowBox service.

If you'd like to receive monthly updates on events and news from the libraries then sign up to our newsletter via our website -

www.halton.gov.uk/libraries

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JANUARY

FREE
DROP IN!

Paint a Picture

Thursday 2nd January - 10.30-12pm, Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library

FREE - drop in

Recommended age: all ages

Come along and share some of the fun things you have been doing over the holidays or some of the great presents you received for Christmas by painting a picture of them. Halton Libraries will then share them with residents in local care homes or you can take the paintings home if you prefer.



FEBRUARY

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Runcorn & District Historical Society present: How We Kept the Vikings Out

Tuesday 4th February – 6-7.30pm, Halton Lea Library

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

Recommended age: adults

Join us for the evening to hear from Runcorn & District Historical Society as they take us on an historical journey following Ethelfleda's efforts to protect the northern frontier of her kingdom of Mercia from Viking invasion in 915. Learn how she did this by building a fort on Castle Rock overlooking the River Mersey at Runcorn Gap. A truly fascinating talk.

Reading Well: activities and collection launch

Saturday 8th February – 11-1pm,

Halton Lea and Widnes Libraries

FREE, drop in

Recommended age: under 11

Building on the successful schemes for adult and young people's mental health, dementia and long term conditions, a new booklist to support the mental health and wellbeing of children has been developed. The titles provide children and their families and carers with information, advice and support for coping with feelings and worries, daily life and getting through a tough time. Join us for the Reading Well launch where we will be hosting a number of fun activities for children.

**READING
WELL**

FREE
DROP IN!

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February – 10.30-12pm, Widnes Library

FREE, drop in

Recommended age: adults

Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally today with the theme: Together for a Better Internet. NatWest Bank will be sharing information and resources about Internet safety and will be on hand to offer advice about how to keep safe online.

FREE
DROP IN!



Half Term Fun

Monday 17th February

FREE
DROP IN!

Code club

10.30-12pm, Widnes and Halton Lea Libraries

FREE, drop in

Recommended age: 7-11 years

Come along and try out coding a high speed chase game with Scratch, see your name in lights with our Micro:bits and Codebugs or play with our Code-a-pillar and help us guide it round the library.

Tuesday 18th February

Lego club

10.30-12pm, Widnes and Halton Lea Libraries

FREE, drop in

Recommended age: all ages

Come along to our popular Lego club and let your imagination run wild!

Science Club

2-3.30pm, Widnes and Halton Lea Libraries

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

Recommended age: 5+

Calling all budding scientists! Are you ready to try out some simply spectacular science experiments to wow your friends and family with? Join us for some hair raising fun.

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Wednesday 19th February

Inside Storywalk

10.30-12pm, Halton Lea Library

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

Recommended age: under 7

We're bringing our Storywalk indoors this week into the warm and dry of Halton Lea Library. Join us for 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. We'll share the story, go on the hunt maybe finish by making our own bear masks.

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE



Elmer the Elephant

10.30-12pm, Widnes Library

Free - drop-in event

Recommended age: all ages

Join us at Widnes Library as we have a go at making our very own Elmer the Elephant. Make sure you wear old clothes because it might get messy!

FREE
DROP IN!

Thursday 20th February

Rhymetime

11-11.45am, Halton Lea Library

FREE, drop in

Recommended age: under 4s

Stories, rhymes, songs and colouring – come along to make new friends and join in the fun!

FREE
DROP IN!

Board games

10.30-12pm, Widnes Library

Free, drop in

Recommended age: all ages

Whether you like a game of Guess Who? Or you prefer Cluedo, drop in to the library to have some fun.

FREE
DROP IN!

Friday 21st February

Rhymetime

11-11.45am, Widnes Library

FREE, drop in

Recommended age: under 4s

Is your favourite rhyme Twinkle Little Star? Or how about, Old Macdonald? Come to our rhymetime session to sing with us and listen to stories.

FREE
DROP IN!

Board games

10.30-12pm, Halton Lea Library

Free, drop in

Recommended age: all ages

We've got all the best board games you could want. Games of Life, Jenga, Guess Who, Top Trumps!



FREE
DROP IN!

Halton MakeFest

Saturday 22nd February – 10 – 4pm, Halton Lea Library

FREE, drop in

Recommended age: all ages

Halton Lea Library is being taken over by Halton MakeFest – the first ever family-friendly festival of STEAM, digital and creative activities in Halton! The library will be filled with dozens of activities that will be fun, hands-on and will encourage learning and play. It will include lots of digital making and creating with some techy gadgets on top! Try something new during this unforgettable day.

This is a free, drop-in event (you don't need tickets). Just come along and get involved!

Keep up to date with announcements and what will be happening during this amazing day by following **#HaltonMakeFest on Twitter.**

FREE
DROP IN!

Get It Loud In Libraries: Liz Lawrence

Sunday 23rd February – 2.30pm, Widnes Library

Tickets £7 book online at
getitloudinlibraries.com

Recommended age: all ages

Get It Loud In Libraries is hosting a live music gig at Widnes Library! Liz Lawrence will be performing in this special matinee show as part of her UK tour. Liz Lawrence is an English singer-songwriter and guitarist, known for her solo work and for being half of electro-pop duo Cash+David. She has toured with Bombay Bicycle Club, and supported Black, Scouting for Girls, and Ani DiFranco, amongst others.

Get It Loud In Libraries is a unique award-winning project designed to give people who love music, the chance to see top-notch artists in their local library. Since 2005, it has delivered high quality gigs in libraries in towns and cities all over the UK, featuring breakthrough and established music acts such as Adele, Jessie J, Plan B, Idles and many more.

This matinee performance is suitable for all ages. The perfect opportunity to introduce live high quality music to children and families!

BOOK
YOUR TICKETS



March

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Museums Month

Join us for a month of fascinating talks and fun workshops in our libraries delivered by our friends at Norton Priory Museum and Catalyst Science Discovery Centre. Explore our local museums and discover a world of interesting facts and interactive fun.

Discover 900 Years of History:

A talk by Norton Priory

Thursday 5th March - 6-7.30pm, Halton Lea Library

Thursday 26th March - 6-7.30pm, Widnes Library

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

Recommended age: adult

Norton Priory Museum will take us on a journey spanning 900 years as they talk about the history of the most excavated monastic site in Europe including the 12th century Augustinian abbey, the Tudor dissolution of the abbey in the 16th century and the subsequent building of an 18th century Georgian manor house on the site. This talk will fascinate history lovers and will reveal just how rich the history of Halton really is.



Sir John Brunner, His Life and Legacy: A talk by Catalyst Museum

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Wednesday 11th March - 6-7.30pm, Widnes Library

Tuesday 24th March - 6-7.30pm, Halton Lea Library

FREE - book online via the library website or at any Halton

Recommended age: adults

Halton-born chemist and historian, Dr Diana Leitch MBE, Chair of Trustees at Catalyst, will describe the early life of Sir John Brunner, his family life in Widnes when he worked with Gossages soap works in the 1860s in the building which is now the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre, his funding and opening of the Runcorn-Widnes Transporter Bridge in 1905, the establishment of the great chemical firm of Brunner Mond at Northwich and his many philanthropic legacies which include buildings in Runcorn and other parts of Cheshire. Audience members will also be able to handle a collection of fascinating objects from the Catalyst Museum.



The Science of Slime: fun, interactive workshop

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Saturday 7th March - 10.30-12.30pm, Halton Lea Library

Saturday 21st March - 10.30-12.30pm, Widnes Library

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

Recommended age: all ages

Join Catalyst Science Discovery Centre to make and take home your very own slime. Learn about molecules and viscosity! These workshops celebrate British Science Week!



Norton Priory Craft Make and Take Workshop

Saturday 14th March – 10.30-12.30pm, Halton Lea Library

Saturday 28th March – 10.30-12.30pm, Widnes Library

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

Recommended age: all ages

Get crafty and join the volunteers from Norton Priory Museum for this hands on, interactive craft session.

ARTS & CRAFTS

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

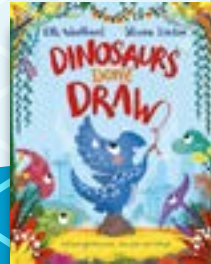
Norton Priory Museum and Gardens

Wednesday 18th March – 10.30-12pm, Norton Priory Museum

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

Recommended age: 0-4 years

Come along on a storywalk with us around the beautiful grounds of Norton Priory Museum as we follow the adventures of Picassaur in 'Dinosaurs Don't Draw' by Elli Woolard. Your little ones will get to experience a fun story and activities as we explore the historic grounds of Norton Priory together. There is free parking at the museum and we will meet in the reception area.



FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

The Great Library and Museum Treasure Hunt

Monday 2nd March – Saturday 30th March.

Do you like a challenge? Then have a go at our Great Library and Museum Treasure Hunt which will take you on a journey across our fabulous libraries and museums! Collect clues along the way which will reveal the next location you must visit in order to complete the trail.

Your first clue can be found at Halton Lea Library. Good Luck!

This will be a fun activity to complete across the month of March. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

All completed treasure hunt cards will be entered into a prize draw.

All of Halton Libraries will also have fun museum inspired trails in each library building for children to complete throughout our Museums Month.

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MUSEUM & GARDENS



British Science Week: Zoomy Digital Microscopes

Tuesday 10th March – 4-5pm Widnes Library

Thursday 12th March – 4-5pm, Halton Lea Library

FREE, drop in

Recommended age: all ages

It's British Science Week 2020! And this year's theme is 'Our Diverse Planet'. To celebrate, we will be getting up close with a variety of nature's wonders using our Zoomy Digital Microscopes. Photograph or even film your favourites.



FREE
DROP IN!

April

Author Talk: Evening Tea with Kathryn Hughes

Wednesday 1st April – 6-7.30pm, Halton Lea Library

Tickets Early bird £6 (book before 22nd March) / full price £8 (Evening tea of scones and a hot drink included in ticket price)

Book online via the library website or at any Halton Library

Recommended age: adults

We are excited to host bestselling author Kathryn Hughes for an evening tea and talk. Kathryn has written hugely popular novels such as The Letter, The Secret, The Key and her latest book, Her Last Promise. She has sold over a million copies, is a no.1 ebook bestseller and her books have been translated into 25 languages. Join us for this evening where we will serve cream tea and listen to Kathryn talk about her poignant and wonderfully uplifting novels. You will get the chance to ask Kathryn questions and to buy signed copies of her books This will be a highly entertaining evening for all book (and cake!) lovers.

BOOK
YOUR TICKETS



Spring School Holidays

Monday 6th April

FREE
DROP IN!

Code club

10.30-12pm, Widnes and Halton Lea Libraries

FREE, drop in

Recommended age: 7-11 years

Join us for an Easter special! Code your own egg design or create a cracking game using Scratch. We'll also be putting our Code-a-pillar to the test with an Easter obstacle course.

Tuesday 7th April

Mixed Reality Workshop

10.30-12pm, Halton Lea Library

FREE/booking required

Recommended age: 7-12 years

We'll be merging the real world and the virtual world in this Mixed Reality workshop. We will be showing you can create your own digital character to interact with the real world. No experience necessary, just bring your imagination!

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Lego club

10.30-12pm, Widnes Library

FREE, drop in

Recommended age: all ages

FREE
DROP IN!

Wednesday 8th April

Storywalk

10.30-12pm, Victoria Park

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

Recommended age: under 7

Join us as we share the fun of trying something new with Kevin the Koala in 'The Koala Who Could' by Rachel Bright and Jim Field. We will meet outside Esposito's café in the park.

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Thursday 9th April

Rhymetime

11-11.45am, Halton Lea Library

FREE, drop in

Recommended age: under 4s

Stories, rhymes, songs and colouring – come along to make new friends and join in the fun!

FREE
DROP IN!

Science Club

10.30-12pm, Halton Lea Library

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

Recommended age: 5+

Calling all budding scientists! Are you ready to try out some simply spectacular science experiments to wow your friends and family with? We'll be seeing who can make the tallest spaghetti structure plus a variety of sizzling science activities

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Board games

10.30-12pm, Widnes Library

Free, drop in

Recommended age: all ages

FREE
DROP IN!

Tuesday 14th April

Code club

10.30-12pm, Widnes and Halton Lea Libraries

FREE, drop in

Recommended age: 7-11 years

We'll be showcasing a whole host of amazing things you can code with our Micro:bits - step counters, thermometers and more! Challenge library staff to a game of Rock, Paper, Scissors and see who the champion is.

FREE
DROP IN!

Wednesday 15th April

Storywalk

10.30-12pm, Runcorn Hill Park

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

Recommended age: under 7

We're going on an adventure with Kevin the Koala – join us for this fun exploration around the park!

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Science Club

10.30-12pm, Widnes Library

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

Recommended age: 5+

Calling all budding scientists! Are you ready to try out some simply stunning science to wow your friends and family with? We'll be getting experimental with our water, milk and washing up liquid!

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE



Thursday 16th April

FREE
BOOK YOUR PLACE

Mixed Reality Workshop

10.30-12pm, Widnes Library

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

Recommended age: 7-12 years

We'll be merging the real world and the virtual world in this Mixed Reality workshop! Let us show you how to create your own digital character to interact with the real world. No experience necessary, just bring your imagination!

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DROP IN!

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Recommended age: under 4s

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Events at a glance

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Monday 17 th February, 10.30-12pm	Halton Lea & Widnes Libraries	Code club
Tuesday 18 th February, 10.30-12pm	Halton Lea & Widnes Libraries	Lego club
Tuesday 18 th February, 10.30-12pm	Halton Lea & Widnes Libraries	Science club
Wednesday 19 th February, 10.30-12pm	Halton Lea Library	Inside Storywalk
Wednesday 19 th February, 10.30-12pm	Widnes Library	Elmer the Elephant craft
Thursday 20 th February, 11-11.45am	Halton Lea Library	Rhymetime
Thursday 20 th February, 10.30-12pm	Widnes Library	Board games
Friday 21 st February, 11-11.45am	Widnes Library	Rhymetime
Friday 21 st February, 10.30-12pm	Halton Lea Library	Board games
Saturday 22 nd February, 10-4pm	Halton Lea Library	Halton MakeFest

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Tuesday 7 th April, 10.30-12pm	Widnes Library	Lego club
Wednesday 8 th April, 10.30-12pm	Victoria Park	Storywalk
Wednesday 8 th April, 10.30-12pm	Halton Lea Library	Science club

Thursday 9th April, 10.30-12pm	Widnes Library	Board games
Tuesday 14th April, 10.30-12pm	Widnes & Halton Lea Libraries	Code club
Wednesday 15th April, 10.30-12pm	Runcorn Hill Park	Storywalk
Wednesday 15th April, 10.30-12pm	Widnes Library	Science club
Thursday 16th April, 10.30-12pm	Widnes Library	Mixed reality workshop
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Thank you for supporting our events – all ticket sales go towards funding future events in our libraries.



Halton Libraries has been accredited with the Family Arts Standards badge - a sign of quality and reassurance of an excellent family welcome! We offer accessible, affordable and relevant family events. We have friendly and helpful staff and we reach out to and welcome all families to enjoy the arts and try new experiences.



INFORMATION



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Widnes Library
0151 907 8383



Ditton Library
0151 424 2459



Runcorn Library
0151 511 7666



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