

Halton Libraries

Let's Tell Our Stories Festival

Tuesday 5th October - Thursday 2nd December 2021



Part of *Celebrate Halton 2021*

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A year of arts and culture in our libraries

The nights are drawing in but our year of culture is still going strong. Halton Libraries' third festival of the year is all about stories. Our Let's Tell Our Stories festival celebrates all our stories and hears our voices through storytelling, art, reminiscence, performance and talks. It will highlight traditional stories, contemporary stories and will shine a light on tales from the local area and from much further afield.

We have local history talks and screenings exploring the stories of Runcorn and Widnes; storytelling for both grown-ups and children that will weave magical and fantastical stories from places and times far away; we have artist led workshops that will delve into theatrical storytelling, poetry and the new art form of creating digital sound stories. There is amazing Brazilian drumming that will explore the heritage and stories of Brazil passed down through rhythmic and energetic beats; dance and walkabout theatre performance where the audience will experience visual storytelling; and let's not forget the ultimate festive story of A Christmas Carol, a fantastic theatre production to end our year of culture. Plus, you can visually share your very own stories with us in our Paint Your Story sessions!

Don't forget, there are weekly story time sessions in all of our libraries and keep a regular look out on our website for pop up storytelling events.

Booking Information

All tickets can be booked via the library website
www.halton.gov.uk/libraries

For more information about any of our events and activities please contact your local library:

Halton Lea Library 0151 511 7744

Widnes Library 0151 907 8383

Runcorn Library 0151 511 7666

Ditton Library 0151 424 2459

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Thank you for supporting our events – all ticket sales go towards funding future events in our libraries.



Your Safety

Your safety in library buildings is our priority and we have planned all our events and activities with this in mind. We work towards the most up to date national safety guidance.

We will endeavour to ensure that all events go ahead. However, in the event of any cancellations we will try to rearrange events for a later date or offer refunds to paid tickets where a later date is not possible.

All library staff are fully updated on safety procedures and will be on hand at all events to offer help and guidance.

Thank you for helping us to keep our libraries safe.



What's On



Cloch: A 19th century tall ship voyage - A talk by Ian Bellard

Widnes Library

Tuesday 2nd October – 6-7.30pm

Tickets £2, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library.

Suitable for all adults

Local speaker and author, Ian Bellard, will fascinate and intrigue us by telling us his true story based on his great-grandfather's first-hand account of a 19th-century two-year voyage aboard the tall ship, Cloch.

In 1897 Ian's great-grandfather Joseph T. Rowland embarked upon a two year voyage aboard the Glasgow built barque Cloch. From Liverpool he sailed to San Francisco, South Africa and Chile rounding Cape Horn four times and along the way being inducted into the court of King Neptune as he crossed the equator. In later years, he wrote an account of his voyage, the document of which provides the inspiration for this fascinating talk.

Ian will read extracts from Joseph's log, and use photographs and background information on 19th century sailing life to enhance and bring to life this fascinating story. "An absorbing and graphic account."
Runcorn Weekly News



Our town on film: a screening of films of Runcorn & Liverpool from the North West Film Archive

Halton Lea Library

Wednesday 13th October – 6-7pm

Tickets £2, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library.

Suitable for all ages

Archivists from the North West Film Archive have specially curated films of Runcorn and Liverpool to visually tell the stories of our local area through the years. This will be a truly fascinating evening, bringing our towns to life on the big screen.

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An evening of stories for grown-ups: The king, the storyteller, and the thieves' baby

Halton Lea Library

Thursday 14th October – 6-7pm

Tickets £2, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library.

Suitable for adults.

Cheshire-based storyteller, Helen Stewart, will take us on an absorbing journey as she weaves her magic through storytelling and imagination. These stories are especially aimed at adults to introduce them to the ancient art of telling stories aloud. Helen will recount the traditional tales of The King, The Storyteller, and The Thieves' Baby and will undoubtedly take the audience on a mesmerizing odyssey.

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Teeny Tiny Tales workshop

Widnes Library

Saturday 16th October – 11-12pm

Tickets £2, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library. One ticket is for one child and one accompanying adult only.

Suitable for ages 5-11 years.

Calling all young drama enthusiasts! Come and join us for this interactive, storytelling workshop experience for children aged 5-11. In this session, you will become explorers and be immersed in a fictional world led

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by the fabulous Chantal and Laura. Try your hand at creating and bringing to life an adventure story using drama techniques. Every Teeny Tiny Theatre workshop is unique, drawing upon children's ideas and imagination!

Teeny Tiny Theatre is a pop-up venue and children's theatre company based in South Liverpool, hosting the best of small-scale theatre for family audiences and offering their own exciting programme of interactive Drama & creative play workshops.

Our town on film: a screening of films of Widnes from the North West Film Archive

Widnes Library

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Wednesday 20th October – 6-7pm

Tickets £2, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library

Suitable for all ages.

During this entertaining evening, we will be showcasing the films of Widnes from years gone by. Expertly chosen from the archives of the North West Film Archive, these films will tell some of the many stories of Widnes and of our ancestors.



Monstrous Stories with Eden Ballentyne

Halton Lea Library

Saturday 23rd October – 12-1pm

Tickets £2, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library.

Suitable for children of all ages.

For a story time of monstrously magical mythical beasts, join Eden from Stories Alive to hear the tales of the hideous Hydra, beastly Baba Yaga, and The Loathsome Worm of Spindlestone Hueg.

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Telling Tales: A poetry workshop with Paul Delaney

Widnes Library

Monday 25th October – 10.30-12pm

Tickets £2, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library.

Suitable for children aged 6+

This is your opportunity to work with the amazing poet, Paul Delaney! Come to this workshop to try your hand at weaving stories into poetry and rhymes, with the expert help of Paul. You will have lots of fun, hear Paul read his own poems and you might even become a master poet yourself!

Paul is a freelance poet and writer, working with children in schools all over the UK. His aim is to develop children's love and enjoyment of creative writing, developing their reading and writing skills, primarily using modern poetry and narrative. His books include Sparrowlegs, Justin Case, and I'm Fed Up!

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Walk Your Story: Sound art workshops

Halton Lea Library - Monday 25th October – 10.30-1pm

Widnes Library - Wednesday 27th October – 10.30-1pm

Tickets £2 per group of up to 3 attendees, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library.

Suitable for families – smart phone and headphones required.

In these workshops, sound artist, Tom Rea Smith, will help you to create your very own digital sound walk using the Echoes app. You will explore the world of technology and produce a geo-located story walk to share with all of your friends and family. You really will get to walk your story!

Participants on these workshops will need their own smartphone and headphones.

Tom Rea Smith studied Sound Art at the Royal College of Art and holds an MMus and PhD in music composition from the University of Liverpool. He teaches on the MA in Popular Music at BIMM in Manchester. Working with Sam Meech and Raz Ullah, he was shortlisted for the Lumen Prize for Art and Technology in 2019 for Portal, an interactive sound and video installation presented at Liverpool Central Library as part of Liverpool Light Night 2019 and in Manchester, London and Montreal subsequently.

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Brazilian drumming

Halton Lea Library

Tuesday 26th October - 10.30-11.30am

Tickets £2, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library.

Suitable for children of all ages.

The drums and the percussion instruments of Brazil are deeply ingrained in the history of African and South American cultures, and the customs, traditions and heritage brought to Brazil by African slaves can be heard in the infectious rhythms and beats. Come along to this energetic hands on session to experience the sounds, play the drums and hear the stories of Brazilian heritage through the music!



Bring stories alive: puppet theatre workshop

Halton Lea Library

Wednesday 27th October - 10.30-12pm

Tickets £2, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library.

Suitable for children of all ages.

This workshop is perfect for those who like creating stories and bringing them to life! With fabulous local artist Louise Nulty, you will make your very own puppet theatre to conjure up stories, kick start imagination and delve into the fantastical.

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From A to B: Dance among the book shelves

Widnes Library

Thursday 28th October – 11am and 2pm

Free, drop in

Suitable for families.



Hawk Dance Theatre presents 'Getting from A to B' - an immersive promenade performance around your Library! Join 2 captivating performers as audiences are taken on an entertaining adventure around library spaces. Looking at choices and decisions we face in our lives, the highs, the lows and everything in between, this show is suitable for all the family! Performed to original poetry by Louise Fazackerley, performers lead audiences between bookcases, weaving our unique stories into one volume.

Hawk Dance Theatre is a dance company based in Manchester that creates, explores and inspires audiences by offering work that is engaging & accessible. Directed by Josh Hawkins, the company develops visually dynamic and powerful productions for various platforms – theatres, festivals and digitally. Commissioned & produced by Dance Manchester in 2018, since its premiere in July 2018 Getting From A to B has toured in over 20 libraries across the UK.

The Lost Luggage Porters: Walkabout theatre

Halton Lea Library

Saturday 6th November – 11am and 1pm

Free, drop in

Suitable for families.



Travel back in time with the Lost Luggage Porters to a world of monochrome, wonderment and curiosity. Join these silent movie characters in their quest to find the railway station, and experience their puzzlement and predicaments as they try to navigate their way through our modern-day metropolis. Accompanied by a soundscape of steam trains, watch as they explore the bizarre contents of their cargo weird and wonderful tales unfold. Expect the unexpected!

Join us to experience the fun and spontaneity of walkabout theatre! This pop up theatre experience will have all the family laughing when you visit the library. There's no need to book to see what tales these two will silently perform, just come to the library to choose some story books and to see some rollicking good fun!

Curious Cargo creates unique & interactive street theatre & visual theatre pieces for unconventional settings. It has entertained the public at festivals & events across the country including Glastonbury Festival, RHS Shows, Cardiff International Street Theatre Festival, Manchester Art Gallery and Liverpool Maritime Museum.

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Crankie making workshop

Widnes Library

Saturday 20th November – 10.30-12.30pm

Tickets £2, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library

Suitable for children of all ages.

Tell the story of your family in this family timeline crankie making workshop with creative practitioner Laura Hennessey. Crankies date back to the 19th century and are moving panoramas or scrolls of paper or fabric. The moving images reveal fascinating visual stories. There is something so simple and yet magical in this form of storytelling. The possibilities are endless!

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Stories of Victorian Runcorn: A local history talk

Halton Lea Library

Tuesday 9th November – 6-7.30pm

Tickets £2, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library

Suitable for adults.

Runcorn Historical Society will be delving into the stories of Victorian Runcorn in this evening of enthralling talk and discussion. See archive photographs and discover facts about the local area from the nineteenth century.

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Paint Your Story

All libraries

Monday 8th – Saturday 13th November

Free, drop in

Suitable for all ages

Pop into our libraries during this week and paint your very own story. We want you, the people of Halton, to share your creative, imaginative and out of this world stories with us on canvas. We will then display the colourful creations amongst the book shelves for all of Halton to see.

FREE
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Theatre: A Christmas Carol presented by A Place For Us

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Runcorn Library – Wednesday 1st December, 4.30pm

Widnes Library – Thursday 2nd December, 4.30pm

Tickets £2, please book online via the library website or at any Halton library

Suitable for all ages.

Local theatre company, A Place For Us, presents A Christmas Carol, the ultimate story during this festive season. Join us for this telling of the classic Dickens tale as we encounter Ebenezer Scrooge on a cold winter's evening as he is visited by ghostly spirits. This is storytelling at its best.

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INFORMATION

Halton Libraries are an accredited
Family Arts Standards organisation



Our libraries – visit

Don't forget to drop in and visit us at all 4 Halton Libraries.
You can currently return and choose more amazing
books or use a computer.

Halton Lea Library and Widnes Library

Monday: 10.30-4.30pm

Tuesday: 10-6pm

Wednesday: 10.30-4.30pm

Thursday: 10-6pm

Friday: 10.30-4.30pm

Saturday: 10.30-2pm



Runcorn Library and Ditton Library

Monday: 10.30-4.30pm

Tuesday: 10.30-5.30pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 10-4.30pm

Friday: 10.30-4.30pm (Runcorn) / 10.30-1.30pm (Ditton)

Saturday: 10.30-2pm



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