

Skateboard Drawing Club with Ed Syder

Saturday 5 October 2024, 1–2.30pm & 3–4.30pm Projekts MCR Skatepark, 97 London Road, Manchester, M1 2JP

Develop and design your own comic book character with illustrator and zine maker, Ed Syder (Thrasher Magazine, Santa Cruz, Emerica, Secret Curb Club) and then paint them onto your own recycled skate deck which you get to take home. The sessions take place at Manchester's unique skatepark, Projekts, so you'll be able to take inspiration from the action below. Suitable for 7+

£12 per ticket includes a skate deck



Musical Storyland LIVE!

Monday 7 October 2024, 10am & 11am Rochdale Central Library, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, OL16 1X Monday 7 October 2024, 1.15pm & 2.15pm Oldham Library, Greaves Street, OL1 1AL

Join international storyteller Jan Blake, djembe player Yahael Onono and musicians from the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra for an interactive performance of *Ananse and the Monkeys* followed by free craft activities. Jan Blake specialises in folktales from the Caribbean, West Africa, North Africa, and the Arab regions. Suitable for ages 3 – 7

Tickets FREE - booking essential





My Beautiful Voice with Joseph Coelho

Saturday 12 October 2024, 10.30 – 11.15am Central Library, St Peter's Sq, Manchester, M2 5PD

Enjoy a delightful journey into the world of Waterstones Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho's wonderful picture book, *My Beautiful Voice*. This story follows a little girl who discovers her courage through the magic of poetry. Together, we'll have fun guessing poetic riddles and learning how to find our own bravery through poetry. Joseph will also treat us to lively readings from his collection *Smile Out Loud: 25 Happy Poems*. Presented in partnership with Manchester Poetry Library. Suitable for ages 3 – 5

Tickets £5





Spooky Poems Aloud with Joseph Coelho

Saturday 12 October 2024, 1 – 1.45pm Central Library, St Peter's Sq, Manchester, M2 5PD

Come and be thrilled (and maybe even a litttttle scared) as Joseph Coelho performs some of his Spooky Poems Aloud. Get ready to have your funny bones tickled as we create poetry together and learn how to recite it loudly, softly, and even in ghostly whispers. Then join us on the Spooky Poems Aloud Activity Trail and craft activity created by community artist Emma Martin. Presented in partnership with Manchester Poetry Library. Suitable for ages 5 – 10

Tickets £5



creative:connection

Friday 18 October 2024, 1 – 1.45pm Central Library, St Peter's Sq, Manchester, M2 5PD

In partnership with Create, disabled and non-disabled students from Manchester and Salford schools come together to create, build connections and break down barriers. Working with top class musicians they will write and perform original songs on the theme of JOY at this celebratory event.

Tickets FREE - booking advised





A Morning with Rob Biddulph: I Follow the Fox

Saturday 19 October 2024, 11am Z-arts, 335 Stretford Road, M15 5ZA

Join award-winning author and illustrator Rob Biddulph in this fun-packed family event. In a session fizzing with laughs, creativity and drawing, Rob will bring to life his award-winning picture books and introduce his new book *I Follow the Fox*. Have your pencils at the ready to join in with one of Rob's famous Draw-alongs! Presented in partnership with Z-arts.

Tickets £7





Greg Jenner – Totally Chaotic History: Roman Britain Gets Rowdy

Sunday 3 November 2024, 3 – 4pm Lowry Theatre (Quays Theatre), Salford Quays, M50 3AZ

Join ex-Horrible Histories historian and charttopping You're Dead to Me podcaster Greg Jenner, as he goes back in time to explore Roman Britain! Expect myth-busting, quick-fire quizzes and to discover mind-boggling truths about everything from Roman gods and emperors to invasions and life in a fort! Presented in partnership with Manchester Histories.

Tickets £10/£7



The 100 Story Hotel

Various dates throughout the year Z-arts, 335 Stretford Road, M15 5ZA

Visit this interactive world of play and storytelling for 1 – 8-year-olds and their grown-ups, created with award-winning author and illustrator Rob Biddulph. At The 100 Story Hotel there are all sorts of guests: lions and tigers, dinosaurs and bears. Although the hotel is usually full of 100 amazing stories, one story has just gone missing! We desperately need your help to find the naughty culprit. Can you follow the clues and track them down?

Tickets £9.50

Events for Children and Families

Storytelling, fun and adventure are at the heart of Manchester Literature Festival. Our special programme for children and families features inspiring authors, brilliant illustrators and acclaimed performers bringing books to life through immersive stories, crafts, drama and music.

Visit the website to see the full Festival programme: manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk and follow us on social media @McrLitFest #MLF24

Booking Key











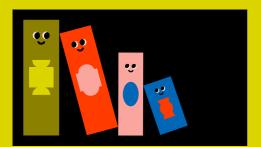












Little Reads

Bring your little ones down to a lively interactive story time at your local library. Together you will hear stories, sing fun rhymes, dance and play. We also give away free books! The sessions are most suitable for children aged under 5 but all family members are welcome. It's FREE to attend, just turn up.

Our Little Reads story times run once a month at Broughton, Manchester Central, Hazel Grove, Levenshulme, Oldham, Rochdale, Stockport, Stretford and Z-arts Children's Library.

For more information visit: manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk/families



MLF Media Cubs Roving Reporters

Look out for our roving reporters. After attending one of the Media Cubs clubs to get in training, our mini reporters will be broadcasting live from a pop-up TV studio, sharing behind-the-scenes content and interviews from our Children and Families events.

For more information and to find your nearest Media Cubs club visit: www.mediacubs.co.uk

