



# October 2025

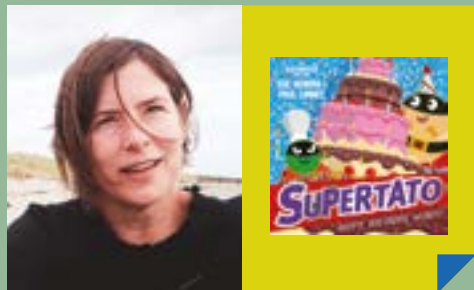


# Manchester Literature Festival's Family Birthday Bash

Saturday 18 October | Central Library

Come party with Supertato, Katy Ashworth, Pia's Pet Party & Wild Science Animal Encounter. Plus make a party badge and Party Animal mask with Hya Arts!

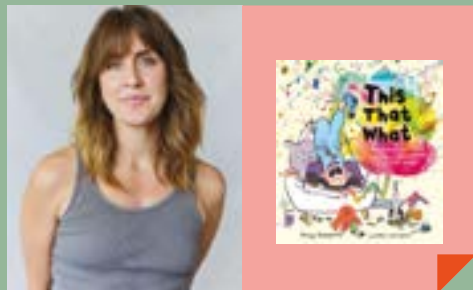
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## Supertato Party! with Sue Hendra

There's a birthday bash at the supermarket, and you're invited! Join Supertato creator Sue Hendra for silly stories, veggie fun and make your very own veggie superhero to take home. Perfect for ages 3–5 (older siblings welcome!)

10.30–11.15am | Tickets £6



## This, That, What? Storytime with Katy Ashworth

Meet Kiki – her brain is full of brilliant ideas that just won't stop! Katy from CBBC reads her joyful rhyming story and uses playful activities to help children explore big feelings and wild imaginations. Great for ages 4–7, but everyone's welcome!

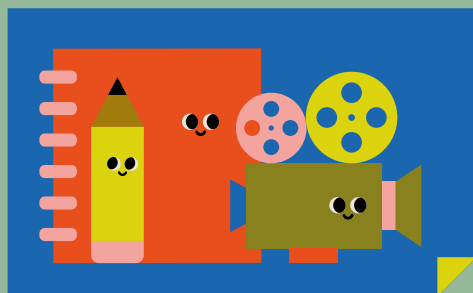
11.45–12.15pm | Free – booking advised



## Pia's Pet Party! with Serena Patel & Wild Science Animal Encounter

Join Serena Patel for a party full of animal fun, stories, a pet quiz and even make your own pet character. Then meet amazing real-life animals in a Wild Science show – maybe even a giant spider! Best for ages 5+.

1–2.45pm | Tickets £8 (includes both activities)



## Media Cubs Roving Reporters

Look out! Our mini reporters are on the move, reporting live from the MLF Family Birthday Bash. They've trained with Media Cubs and are ready to broadcast the fun!

Visit [mediacubs.co.uk](http://mediacubs.co.uk) to learn more.



## Kimberly Whittam: Quiet Storm

Friday 17 October, 10–11am & 1–2pm  
Central Library

Author Kimberly shares her journey writing *Quiet Storm* and how she found her voice. A powerful event about confidence, friendship and being yourself. For Year 7 students.

**Tickets Free – teachers email to book**  
[miriam@manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk](mailto:miriam@manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk)



## Creative Connection

Friday 24 October, 1–2pm  
Central Library

A brilliant celebration of creativity and inclusion bringing disabled and non-disabled students from Manchester and Salford together to create, build connection and celebrate the songs they have developed with professional musicians over the week. Come and join us for this joyous day presented in partnership with Create.

**Tickets Free – email to book**  
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## Jim Smith: Genius Kid Goes Viral

Saturday 25 October, 11am & 2pm  
Oldham Library

GK and Flea are back to take on every kind of virus – the techy kind, the fame kind, and the snotty cold kind! Join bestselling author Jim Smith for a hilarious draw-along, plus storytelling and comic tips. Perfect for ages 7+.

**Tickets Free – booking advised**  
Book on [manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk](http://manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk)



## Create Comics with Bobby Joseph

Tuesday 28 October, 11.30–1pm & 2–3.30pm  
Z-arts

Learn to make your own comics with the UK's Comics Laureate, Bobby Joseph! Draw your own characters, think up wild adventures and hear how Bobby tells his stories. For ages 7–11.

**Tickets £8 – book on 0161 876 2015 /**  
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## Cinderella Ice Cream Seller – A Magical Musical

Wednesday 29 October, 11am & 2pm  
Z-arts

What if Cinderella didn't just go to the ball... but also built a giant ice cream empire? Enjoy this funny, magical show packed with music, storytelling, and sprinkles of sweet surprise! In partnership with Z-arts. Great for ages 5 and up.

**Tickets £10**

**Book on 0161 226 1912 / [z-arts.org](http://z-arts.org)**

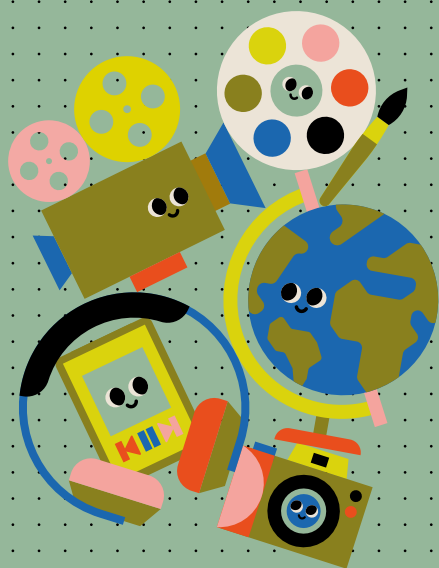


## Chris Riddell: Alice in Wonderland – A Magical Film

From Saturday 11 October  
Online

Join award-winning illustrator Chris Riddell for a new film to celebrate 160 years of Alice in Wonderland. Includes fun drawing activities, and resources for schools and families! The film will be available on our website for free from 11 October 2025.

Check here for more details:  
[manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk/  
children-and-young-people](http://manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk/children-and-young-people)



## 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 and brilliant illustrators bringing books to life through immersive stories, crafts and music.

Visit the website to see the full Festival programme:  
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