





to the city **Bringing BookBenches**

Stoke Reads BookBench Project

TRAIL AND ACTIVITIES MAP

12 April – 30 June 2019

Produced by

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politicians and parents. to make literacy a priority for to transform teaching and campaigns deprived communities, helps schools The charity runs literacy projects in raising literacy levels in the UK. independent charity dedicated to The National Literacy Trust is an

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change lives. The BookBench sculpture

in the power of the arts to shape and

innovation, it passionately believes

through the power of creativity and

businesses, artists and communities

appeal pubic art events. Connecting

producer of spectacular mass-

Wild in Art is a leading creative

Jake a seat



Melcome from the

<u>Να</u>τίοπαί *Literacy* Trust



Can you find all 20 BookBench sculptures across the city?



by their favourite books.

of them for free.

Leaflet design by Four9Design Ltd. Front cover BookBench by Haywood Academy

Illustrations by Richard Shields.



details of these events in the What's On listings. Enjoy the BookBench trail, and

there will be plenty of exciting events to celebrate the project. You can find more

The benches are being displayed at some fantastic places across the city where

difference to a child's future, and we hope that seeing the benches will inspire

and talk about books. Reading for just 10 minutes a day is enough to make a huge

Following a BookBench trail is a brilliant way for families to spend time together

demonstrating how they've been influenced by a wide range of books.

showcase the creativity of children and communities across the city,

the Stoke Reads campaign! The colourful, imaginative designs really



They have been decorated by schools and

The sculptures are displayed in libraries,

these amazing buildings on the trail and

celebrate the incredible history of the city.

museums, universities, theatres and visitor

attractions throughout Stoke-on-Trent. Discover

Display venues have put on a range of events and

Please visit www.stokereads.org.uk for more details.

Don't forget to share your photos from

on social media and use the hashtags

the Stoke Reads BookBench Project

#StokeReads #BookBench

activities to get you excited about reading, many

community groups and feature designs inspired







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stoke.gov.uk/libraries Find your nearest library at

a world of stories, ideas and

It is free to join and opens

opportunities.

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your local

Are you a

member of

Community Engagement Manager, Stoke

project coming to Stoke very soon..."

up to date on a very exciting story trail

Visit the Stoke Reads website to keep

Stoke Reads campaign plans to only

is really exciting, and something the reading across the city already. This

an enormous appreciation and love of

BookBench designs has demonstrated

reading. The fantastic creativity of the

let's make Stoke fall in love with reading!"

you to go home and share stories together.

inspire parents and children to enjoy

Stoke Reads is a campaign to

Jonathan Douglas

Director, National Literacy Trust

build on in the future.

Yillside Primary

WHAT'S ON AT BOOKBENCH DISPLAY VENUES

Visit www.stokereads.org.uk for even more events and further details on those listed.

DAILY EVENTS

COLOUR AND DRAW 10.00 - 16.00 MIDDLEPORT POTTERY Have some colourful fun and join us for drawing and colouring. Choose a printed

ΕD PLAY WITH CLAY 10.00 - 16.00

design or create your own.

MIDDLEPORT POTTERY Join us for clay fun at Middleport Pottery and take home your works of art at the end of the day! This is a self-led activity that includes tools and aprons. Suitable for for all ages, including adults! Don't forget your Middleport Pottery membership as Family Members get x10 free Play-with-Clay sessions. £3 D



EVERY MONDAY

SINGING BEARS 10.30 - 11.00 STOKE LIBRARY A gentle mix of rhymes and songs; our weekly Singing Bears sessions are perfect for our youngest library users.

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BOUNCING BEARS 10.30 - 11.15

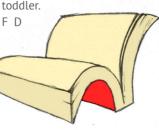
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FD **BOOGIE BEATS**

10.30 - 11.15 (except for 23 April) STOKE LIBRARY Boogie Beats combines traditional fairy tales and nursery rhymes with a lively, active movement theme and a fun mix of singing, dancing and role play. With lots of sensory props, from scarves to shakers and puppets to parachutes, each class is packed full of early years learning, fun and smiles! FD

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APRIL EVENTS

30 MARCH - 2 JUNE DAILY

ANIMALS IN LITERATURE

10.00 - 16.00 POTTERIES MUSEUM & ART GALLERY Featuring animals from our Natural Science Collection, this display showcases some of the wildlife which inspired the stories written and illustrated by Beatrix Potter FD

12 APRIL - 30 JUNE SELECTED DAYS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

BOAT STORIES 10.00 - 16.00 MIDDLEPORT POTTERY



Jump aboard narrowboat 'Dane' for a magical storytelling experience. Please note, the boat will remain stationary throughout this event. £2 D

13 APRIL **EGGTASTIC! STORIES AND CRAFTS**

11.00 - 12.00 CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY Mr Bunny is very greedy and little chick just wants to be noticed. We will be sharing hilarious stories and making bookmarks and eggs to take home



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16 APRIL HUGLESS DOUGLAS

£1 D

10.30 - 11.30 TUNSTALL LIBRARY Come and meet Douglas - the bear who just loves hugs! Bring your camera and snap a photo of your family with Hugless Douglas. FD

16 APRIL & 23 APRIL **STORYTIME AND ACTIVITIES WITH CHRISTINE JOHNSON**

10.30 - 11.30 STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY, Cadman Building Foyer Join Christine for this free event at Staffordshire University. Christine is a locally based children's author and has published a number of books about a little boy called Max. Christine will read from some of her books. Children will be invited to take part in mask making and other activities. FD

16 APRIL - 24 APRIL VEDNESDAYS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS **CREATIVE CLAY**



10.00 - 16.00 MIDDLEPORT POTTERY Stick, Weave, Mould and Make... Join our popular Creative Clay sessions during school holidays. Take home your works of art at the end of the day! Please arrive by 3pm to make the most of this activity. Suitable for all ages.

£4 D

17 APRIL & 24 APRII

EASTER ANIMALS STORYTELLING 11.00-13.00 & 13.30-15.00 **GLADSTONE POTTERY** MUSEUM Join our storyteller and listen to Easter Animal tales. Activities are included with museum admission From £5.40 (children 4-16 years old) to £23 (family ticket, 2 adults, 2 children)

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20 APRIL SOME DOGS DO -**STORIES AND CRAFTS**

11.00 - 12.00 CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY All dogs walk and jump and

run, but dogs don't fly - it can't be done...can it? Find out today and make a flying dog. FD

25 APRI **STORYTIME WITH** BARBARA MITCHELHILL

14.00 - 15.00 STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY, Cadman Building Foyer Join Barbara Mitchelhill for this free event at Staffordshire University. Barbara is a local children's author and has published a number of books including the No. 1 Boys Detective series and Secret Suffragette. Barbara will be reading from a selection of these books. Recommended for children aged 7-9 years old.

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МАУ **EVENTS**

4 MAY LADYBIRD -**STORIES AND CRAFTS**

11.00 - 12.00 TUNSTALL LIBRARY Watch out if you have any crafty plans, especially if there's a ladybird about. Join us today for fun ladybirdthemed stories and crafts. FD

8 MAY **READING FOR** WELLBEING 10.00 - 12.00

HAYWOOD HOSPITAL



The pleasure of being read to is often forgotten but now you can enjoy a short story and poem in a relaxed sociable session at the Haywood Hospital. This event launches Arts for Health's 'Reading for Wellbeing' programme at the Haywood Hospital, which involves our trained volunteers reading aloud to patients on the wards. Please visit the artsforhealth.sssft. nhs.uk website for more information. FD

11 MAY **SUPERTATO: STORIES AND CRAFTS**

11.00 - 12.00 CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY The one and only Supertato will be landing in the library for his latest adventure 'The Valley of Doom'. You will also make your own Supertato to take home. ΕD

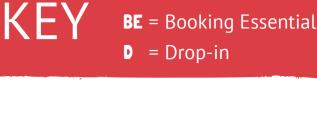
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15 MAY & 29 MAY SONGS, POEMS, DRAWING AND **STORYTIME WITH NICI PRESTON** 12.00 - 13.00

STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY, CADMAN BUILDING FOYER Join Nici for this free event at Staffordshire University. Nici writes children's books, poems and songs. Nici will

bring her guitar and other instruments to the event. where you can join in and learn some new songs. FD

17 MAY THE SPECIAL LINK BETWEEN **ART AND WORDS: BOOK READING** WITH CHARLOTTE **MIDDLETON AND A MUSEUM TOUR**

11.00-11.45 & 15.45-16.30 MOORCROFT VISITOR CENTRE

Children will listen to the amazing story, Christopher's Caterpillars, read by author Charlotte Middleton. This will be followed by a brief Q & A with Charlotte and a craft activity, where children will be able to take away their own butterfly. After this, Moorcroft will escort the children around the small Moorcroft Museum and show them works of art pottery, including some children's nursery rhyme designs, inspired by literature. We hope this will give children an understanding of the special link between art and words. Recommended for children under 7 years of age. £1 BE

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18 MAY **BUGS, BUGS, BUGS!** STORIES AND CRAFTS

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29 MAY MAKEFEST STOKE 10.00 - 16.00

CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY MakeFest returns this May for a fabulous day of making and creativity. We will be celebrating the creativity, culture and engineering



skills of the people that live, work and learn in Stoke-on-Trent. This will be a great opportunity for children and young people to get inspired and hands-on with a variety of tech, materials and skills. Visit makefeststoke.com #GetYourMakeOn @MakeFestStoke FD

JUNE **EVENTS**

1 JUNE DRAW A STORY STORIES AND CRAFTS

11.00 - 12.00 LONGTON LIBRARY If you had a magic paintbrush what would you draw? Join us on a storytime adventure and find out what Shen and her friends draw. FD

1 JUNE **#GOLDILOCKS:** STORIES AND CRAFTS 11.00 - 12.00

TUNSTALL LIBRARY Everyone loves Goldilocks hilarious online videos, but in her quest to get more likes, more laughs and more hits, she tries something a little more daring. Find out more in today's story session.

6-8 JUNE **FESTIVAL IN A** FACTORY 12.00 - 21.00

EMMA BRIDGEWATER FACTORY From Mercian history to Dior dresses, from spy thrillers to best-selling fiction, from battling plastic to exploring great lives and ideas to improve our own: Festival in a Factory 2019 promises thoughtprovoking encounters with award-winning writers, world-renowned experts, broadcasters and entertainers in the inspiring setting of the Emma Bridgewater Factory. Please visit the festivalinafactory. co.uk website for more

information. Price varies £0-£8 BE



6th - 8th June 2019

8 JUNE DRAGONS: STORIES AND CRAFTS 11.00 - 12.00

CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY Join us for some fabulously fiery stories about dragons and their adventures. You will also make a dragon to take home. FD

12 JUNE & 26 JUNE SONGS, POEMS. DRAWING AND **STORYTIME WITH NICI** PRESTON 12.00 - 13.00

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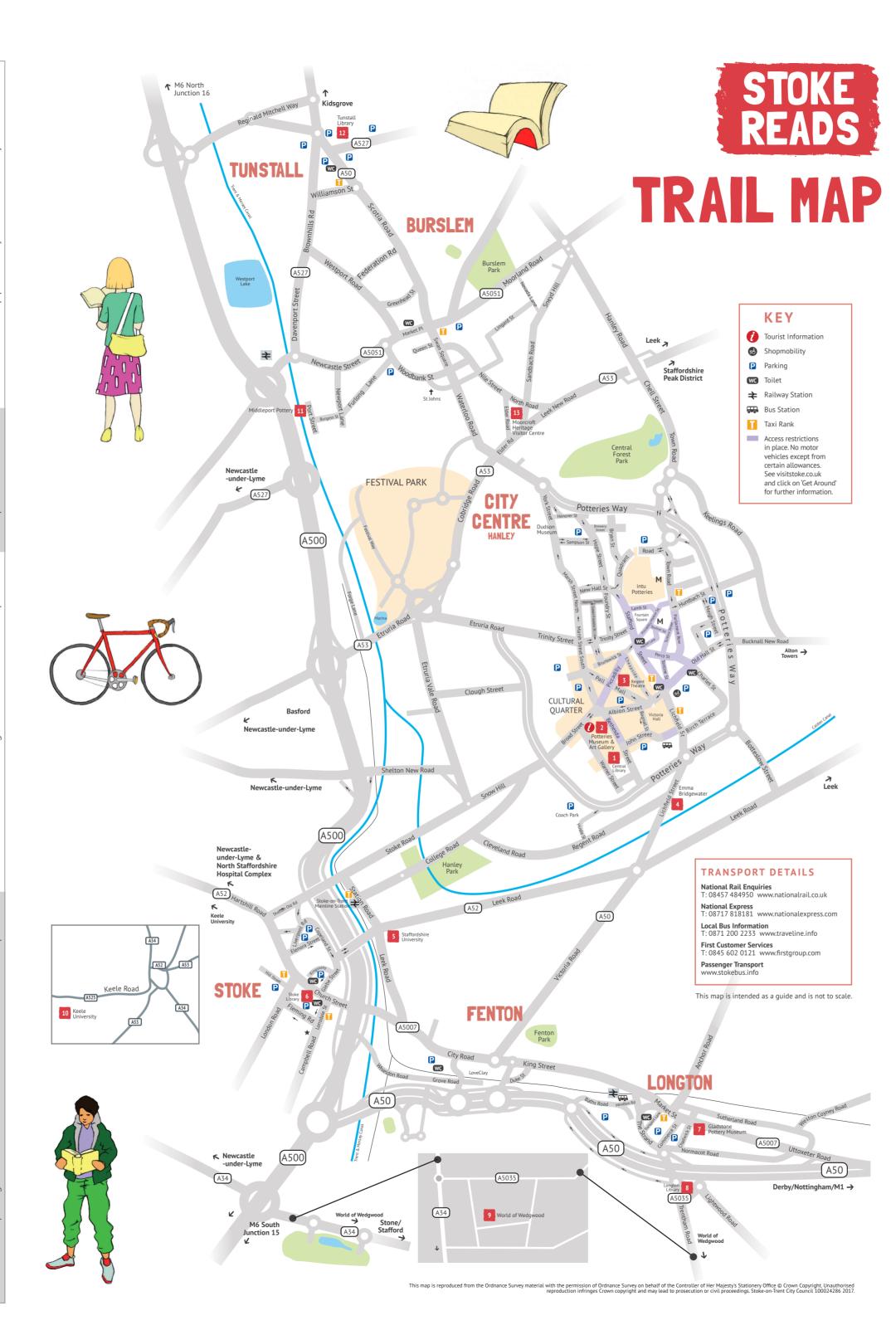
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City Central Library

Bethesda Street, Hanley ST1 3RS T. 01782 238455 W. stoke.gov.uk/libraries **1. HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX** The Discovery Academy 2. AN INSPECTOR CALLS Thistley Hough Academy 3. A GOOD BOOK HAS A THOUSAND FINGERPRINTS St Mark's CE (A) Primary School

2 The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

Bethesda Street, Hanley ST1 3DW T. 01782 232323 W. stokemuseums.org.uk/pmag 4. THE WONDERFUL WORKS OF **BEATRIX POTTER** Hillside Primary School

3 Regent Theatre

Piccadilly, Stoke-on-Trent ST1 1AP T. 0844 871 7615

5. EVERYONE IS DIFFERENT BUT SHOULD BE TREATED THE SAME Birches Head Academy 6. LOSE YOURSELF IN A BOOK

4 Emma Bridgewater

Eaton Park Academy

Eastwood Works, Lichfield Street, Hanley ST1 3EJ T. 01782 201328 W. emmabridgewater.co.uk festivalinafactory.co.uk 7. THE HUNGER GAMES The Excel Academy

5 Staffordshire University

Cadman Building Foyer, College Road, Stoke on Trent ST4 2DE T. 01782 29 4447 W. staffs.ac.uk 8. THE BIG FRIENDLY BENCH YMCA North Staffordshire 9. WINNIE-THE-POOH Trentham Academy

G Stoke Library

South Wolfe Street, Stoke on Trent ST4 4SZ T. 01782 238446 W. stoke.gov.uk/libraries **10.** STORIES LIVE WITH US FOREVER Stoke Minster C of E Primary Academy

7 Gladstone Pottery Museum

Uttoxeter Road, Longton ST3 1PQ T. 01782 237777 W. stokemuseums.org.uk/gpm

11. ONCE UPON A TIME AT CARMOUNTSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY Carmountside Primary Academy

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8 Longton Library

Sutherland Institute, Lightwood Road, Longton ST3 4HY T. 01782 238424 W. stoke.gov.uk/libraries

12. READING TOGETHER AT ABBEY HULTON Abbey Hulton Primary School

9 World of Wedgwood

Wedgwood Drive, Barlaston ST12 9ER T. 01782 282986 W. worldofwedgwood.com

13. PATHWAY TO YOUR DREAMS! Etruscan Primary School **14. ONCE UPON A TIME** Glebe Academy **15. WIND IN THE WILLOWS** The Willows Primary School

10 Keele University

Keele ST5 5BG T. 01782 733283 W. keele.ac.uk **16. CHARACTER COMIC CAPERS** St John's CE (C) Primary School

Middleport Pottery

Port Street, Burslem STG 3PE T. 01782 499766 W. middleportpottery.org **17. BELOVED BOOK CHARACTERS** Haywood Academy

12 Tunstall Library

Victoria Institute. The Boulevard. Tunstall STG GBD T. 01782 238471 W. stoke.gov.uk/libraries **18.** LIFE IS A JOURNEY* Mill Hill Primary Academy

19. SEAGULLS DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING...

St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy *Please note this BookBench will move and be displayed at Haywood Hospital for one day on 8 May as part of a Reading for Wellbeing event. It will then return to Tunstall Library.

13 Moorcroft **Visitor Centre**

Sandbach Road, Burslem STG 2DQ T. 01782 820500 W. moorcroft.com/Bookbench 20. WE'RE GOING ON A BOOK HUNT Saint Nathaniel's Academy

Please check the opening hours of venues before making a special journey to see the BookBenches.

Please note BookBenches may be moved in their venues and between locations. Venue opening restrictions will apply and you are advised to check in advance.

