



Read Manchester BookBench trail events

(Updated – 30 June)

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AUGUST

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Sat 9 September – Beeing Special at People's History Museum



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Sat 8 July & Sun 9 July
CBBC Summer Social

09.00 - 17.30

MediaCityUK, Salford Quays,
Salford, M50 2BH



Dig out your sunglasses, shorts and selfie-stick as summer has landed...CBBC's Summer Social, the ultimate festival of fun, is hitting Salford Quays. Join the coolest stars, play the most amazing games, have face-to-face talks with your favourite Awesome Authors, and enjoy exciting exclusives from all your favourite CBBC shows!

Free / Drop-in

Fri 7 July - Sun 3 September
Lowry Outlet's BookBench Trail

10.00 - 18.00

Daily during centre opening hours
Lowry Outlet

Enjoy a mini book-themed trail; take a seat on the BookBenches and answer questions to be in with a chance of winning a fabulous prize!



Free / Drop-in

Sat 8 July, Sat 5 August, Sat 26 August

Disney Store

11.00-17.00/15.00 -17.00

Manchester Arndale

Great stories change lives - join us in-store for our magical story telling event featuring *The Beauty and the Beast* tale.

Free / Drop-in

Wed 5 July - 16 August (every Wednesday)

Book Swap

12.00 - 16.00

Royal Exchange Theatre

Take part in a book swap focusing on the plays and stories that have been performed at the theatre over the past 40 years.

Free / Drop-in

Sat 15 July

The Little People's History Museum: Mr Ordinary's Prize

11.00 - 12.00noon

People's History Museum

Discover our story of Manchester's Coat of Arms. Someone has stolen Mr Ordinary's Thinking and Doing! What will he do without them? Join in the adventure as Mr Ordinary and his friends try to get them back. Fun interactive story session with puppets, song, dance and a craft activity.



Suitable for under 5s and their grown ups.

Booking required. Please book through: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-little-peoples-history-museum-mr-ordinarys-prize-tickets-30755678061>

In order to keep our events programme affordable to everyone, please make a donation. Suggested donation £3.

Free / Booking essential

Sat 15 July - Sun 10 September

Book Yourself into Manchester Cathedral

10.00 - 16.00 Mon - Sat

12.00 - 16.00 Sun

Manchester Cathedral

This Grade I listed building is the perfect setting to while away an hour or two reading. Find a spot under the 15th Century Hanging Bridge, in the medieval Quire stalls or in Proper Tea's charming tearoom.



Free / Drop-in



Sat 15 July & Sat 12 August

LEGO® Stories

11.00 – 13.00

Manchester Arndale



Build your LEGO® story - join us in-store for storytelling and creative hands-on building fun with LEGO®CITY Jungle Explorers.

Free / Drop-in

Tues 18 July, Tues 1/ 15/ 29 August

Baby Explorers

10.30 - 11.15 & 11.30 - 12.15

Manchester Museum

An interactive story and sensory play session including music, songs, props and real objects, supported by a range of playful sensory resources for babies to explore.

Free / Booking Essential

Sat 22 July - Sun 3 September

Read with a View

Every day in the summer holidays

Monday - Sunday (except Thursdays) 10:00 - 5:00

Thursdays 10:00 - 9:00

The Whitworth



The University of Manchester
The Whitworth

See some art, play in the park and relax on a BookBench. Sit back, enjoy the view and read some books inspired by art.

Free / Drop-in



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Fabulous and Funky Reading Logs and Scrapbooks to make and take home!

Manchester Libraries

Come and join our artists Fiona and Jo as they show us how to create arty and colourful book logs and reading scrapbooks for you to treasure forever. Using inspiration from the brilliant designs of the Read Manchester BookBench, we will incorporate photographs, collages, pull-outs and hidden pockets to keep your secrets and messages - all decorated with as much bling as we can fling!

List of libraries with BookBench events:

Monday 24 July: North City Library 14.00 - 16.00

Tuesday 25 July: Longsight Library 14.00 - 16.00

Wednesday 26 July: Withington Library 14.00 - 16.00

Thursday 27 July: Chorlton Library 14:30 – 16.30

Monday 31 July: Wythenshawe Forum Library 14.00 - 16.00

Tuesday 1 August: Gorton Library 14:30 - 16:30

Wednesday 2 August: Moss Side Power House Library 15.30 – 17.30

Thursday 3 August: Central Library 14.00 - 16.00

Monday 7 August: Newton Heath Library 14:30 – 16.30

Thursday 10 August: Beswick Library 14:30 – 16.30

Free / Drop-in





Mon 24 – Fri 28 July

Z-arts: Pop Up Play

10.00 - 15.00 daily

Z-arts

This is a week-long activity and booking for Monday guarantees your place for the full week. Using projected images, creative play and your imagination we make new pieces of immersive performance based on famous images from books we all recognise, creating new characters and stories around them.

Booking essential, membership required: £15 family for a year

Mon 24 July - Fri 1 September

Summer Holiday Activities: Storyland, Summer of Stories

11.00 - 16.00

Manchester Museum

With over 4 million objects from all over the world at Manchester Museum, stories surround us! Explore our storyland and delve into the story tent filled with books, perform stories in our puppet theatre and play in our story den.

Free / Drop-in

Mon 24 July - Fri 28 July

Lowry Outlet's Big Read

11.00 - 16.00

The Lowry Outlet

Visit Boris the Bookworm, the guardian of the books at Lowry Outlet's Big Read. Join Boris through this fun story adventure led by Wendy Wordsworth. On the way they will meet Sidney Syllable and discover stories, tales, games and more.

Free / Drop-in



Fri 28 July

Magic Carpet: The Porridge Pot

10.30 - 11.30 & 11.30 - 12.30

Manchester Museum

Enjoy an interactive, creative, story making and activity session that has been specially devised to enable our youngest visitors to explore our collections. They include songs, active rhymes and movement and opportunities to discover and handle real museum objects.

Free / Booking essential

Sat 29 July & Sun 30 July

Once Upon a Time

Sat 29: 11.00 - 18.00

Sun 30: 12 - 17.00

Manchester Arndale

Join a unique story telling experience that will engage both children and adults alike. Families will have the opportunity to join our Story Narrators as they are guided through the adventure of *The Gingerbread Man*.

Free / Drop in

Sun 30 July

Film - The Wizard of Oz

11.00 - 13.00

HOME

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A family screening of the classic musical *The Wizard of Oz*. Follow Dorothy and her dog, Toto, down the magical yellow brick road toward Emerald City with her faithful companions, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion.

Booking recommended £7 (£5 concession)

Thu 3 / Wed 9 / Wed 16 August

Children's Storytelling

13.00 – 14.00

Alexandra Park Café

An hour-long fun storytelling session in Alexandra Park that is ideal for children of primary school age.

Free / Drop-in



Wed 9 August

**Sing a Song with Songwriter
Quiet Loner**

13.00 - 15.00

People's History Museum



Throughout history people have used songs to help them with their struggles. Join singer-songwriter Matt Hill (Quiet Loner) for this fun workshop about how songs can help us express ourselves. Learn about rhymes, make some noise and sing some songs!

Free / Booking recommended

Thu 10 August

Playmaker: Creative Football Writing Workshop

11:30 - 14:30

The National Football Museum

Join a fun and creative football writing workshop led by Matt Oldfield, one of the men behind the *Football Heroes* series of books. Children will find out what they need to know about their footballing heroes, learn how to use words creatively, and share their accounts of spectacular, net-bursting goals. Participants will also have the chance to make their very own footballing posters to take home!

Free / Booking recommended

Tue 15/ Fri 18/ Sat 19 August

Children's Storytelling & Troll Trail

11.00 - 12.30

Manchester Cathedral

The Troll of Manchester Cathedral is being rather bossy about who can cross his bridge, but who's brave enough to tell him so? Local author Alice Sargent presents her first children's book at Manchester Cathedral amid a torrent of troll-themed trappings. The beguiling story will be read by Alice to eager, young listeners under the historic 15th Century Hanging Bridge, which features in the book as the mischievous troll's home.

Free / Booking recommended

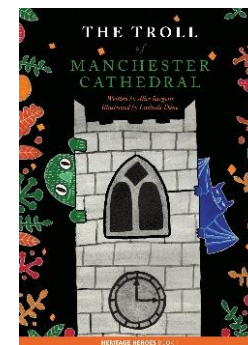
Tue 15 / Fri 18 August

**A Medieval Safari & Troll Mask Making
Trail**

14.00 - 15.30

Manchester Cathedral

To celebrate the release of new children's book *The Troll at Manchester Cathedral*, the author Alice Sargent will host a troll-themed arts and craft making session.



Free / Booking recommended

Tue 15 August

The Little People's History Museum: Under the Rainbow

11.00 - 12.00

People's History Museum

Meet Matilda, a little girl who is given a magic rainbow bag. Can you help Matilda solve clues to get to the end of the rainbow and find what she's looking for? This is a fun, interactive story session with puppets, song, dance and a craft activity. Why not tweet a photo of your finished creation to @PHMLearn.

Suitable for under 5s with grown-ups.

Suggested donation of £3 / Booking essential
([undertherainbowaugust2017.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/undertherainbowaugust2017))

Fri 25 August

Magic Carpet: Ancient Egypt

10.30 - 11.30 & 11.30 - 12.30

Manchester Museum

Magic Carpet is an interactive, creative, story making and activity session that forms connections to the Museum's collections. The stories are specially devised to enable the youngest visitors to explore the museum's collections. They include songs, active rhymes and movement and opportunities to discover and handle real museum objects. They are also supported by a range of tactile resources to promote sensory play and exploration. Come along, make new friends, play and explore.

Free / Booking essential



Wed 30 August

Storytelling with Olly Pike & Craft Activity

12.00 - 15.00

People's History Museum

Come on down to listen to the wonderful Olly Pike of *Pop'n'Olly* read three fantastic stories covering the themes of LGBT and Equality. After listening to the stories get creative and make your own shadow puppets so you can recreate the stories at home!

Free / Booking Recommended

Fri 1 September

A charm of Goldfinches: Bird Illustration and Collective Nouns with Matt Sewell

11.30 - 13.00 & 14.30 - 16.00

Alexandra Park Café

Artist, illustrator and author Matt Sewell is an avid ornithologist, regular contributor to the Caught by the River website and author of the bestselling books *Our Garden Birds*, *Our Songbirds*, *Our Woodland Birds*, *Owls*, *Penguins*, and *A Charm Of Goldfinch*.

He has illustrated for The Guardian, Barbour, the V&A, Levis, painted walls for Helly Hansen, Puma and the RSPB, and exhibited in London, New York, Tokyo and Paris.

Matt will lead illustration workshops inspired by the collective nouns of birds that live in Alexandra Park. Participants will help Matt paint the design onto a BookBench.

Free / Booking Recommended

Sat 9 September

The Little People's History Museum: Beeing Special

11.00 - 12.00

People's History Museum

Meet Little Bee, the bee who wants to be different. Join in the busy bee dance, search for flowers in the museum and follow Little Bee's adventure to find out how he becomes the hero of Victorian Manchester. This is a fun, interactive story session with puppets, song, dance and a craft activity. Why not tweet a photo of your finished creation to us at @PHMLearn. Suitable for u5s. Tickets go on sale one week before the event. Please book through: <https://beeingspecialautumn2017.eventbrite.co.uk>

Free / Booking essential