



literacytrust.org.uk

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

Dedicated to raising literacy levels



Wild in Art is a leading creative producer of spectacular mass-appeal public art events. Connecting businesses, artists and communities through the power of creativity and innovation, it passionately believes in the power of the arts to shape and change lives. The BookBench sculpture is designed as a fun and engaging 3D canvas to help promote literacy.

Take a seat



## Bringing BookBenches to the city



Welcome from the  
National Literacy Trust

**STOKE  
READS**

*"I am delighted that we've brought BookBenches to the city as part of the Stoke Reads campaign! The colourful, imaginative designs really showcase the creativity of children and communities across the city, demonstrating how they've been influenced by a wide range of books."*

Following a BookBench trail is a brilliant way for families to spend time together and talk about books. Reading for just 10 minutes a day is enough to make a huge difference to a child's future, and we hope that seeing the benches will inspire you to go home and share stories together. The benches are being displayed at some fantastic places across the city where there will be plenty of exciting events to celebrate the project. You can find more details of these events in the What's On listings. Enjoy the BookBench trail, and let's make Stoke fall in love with reading!"

Jonathan Douglas

Director, National Literacy Trust

"Stoke Reads is a campaign to inspire parents and children to enjoy reading. The fantastic creativity of the BookBench designs has demonstrated an enormous appreciation and love of reading across the city already. This is really exciting, and something the Stoke Reads campaign plans to only build on in the future. Visit the Stoke Reads website to keep up to date on a very exciting story trail project coming to Stoke very soon..."

Anne-Marie Cain

Community Engagement Manager, Stoke

It is free to join and opens a world of stories, ideas and opportunities. Find your nearest library at [stoke.gov.uk/libraries](http://stoke.gov.uk/libraries)

Are you a member of your local library?



## Can you find all 20 BookBench sculptures across the city?

They have been decorated by schools and community groups and feature designs inspired by their favourite books.

The sculptures are displayed in libraries, museums, universities, theatres and visitor attractions throughout Stoke-on-Trent. Discover these amazing buildings on the trail and celebrate the incredible history of the city.

Display venues have put on a range of events and activities to get you excited about reading, many of them for free.

Please visit [www.stokereads.org.uk](http://www.stokereads.org.uk) for more details.



Don't forget to share your photos from the Stoke Reads BookBench Project on social media and use the hashtags  
**#StokeReads #BookBench**



**STOKE  
READS**



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## Stoke Reads BookBench Project TRAIL AND ACTIVITIES MAP

12 April – 30 June 2019

# WHAT'S ON

## AT BOOKBENCH DISPLAY VENUES

Visit [www.stokereads.org.uk](http://www.stokereads.org.uk) for even more events and further details on those listed.

**KEY**  
**F** = Free  
**BE** = Booking Essential  
**D** = Drop-in

### 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 design or create your own.  
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#### PLAY WITH CLAY

10.00 - 16.00  
 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 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

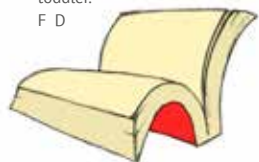
10.30 - 11.15  
 TUNSTALL LIBRARY  
 An interactive story and rhyme session, designed especially for your active toddler.  
 F D

#### STORY BEARS

11.00 - 11.30  
 LONGTON LIBRARY  
 Join us on an adventure as we step into the exciting world of books and stories at our weekly Story Bears sessions.  
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#### BOUNCING BEARS

11.00 - 11.45  
 CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY  
 An interactive story and rhyme session, designed especially for your active toddler.  
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### EVERY TUESDAY

#### SINGING BEARS

10.00 - 10.30  
 LONGTON LIBRARY  
 A gentle mix of rhymes and songs; our weekly Singing Bears sessions are perfect for our youngest library users.  
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#### 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!  
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#### STORY BEARS

11.00 - 11.30  
 CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY  
 Join us on an adventure as we step into the exciting world of books and stories at our weekly Story Bears sessions.  
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### EVERY WEDNESDAY

#### STORY BEARS

10.30 - 11.00  
 STOKE LIBRARY  
 Join us on an adventure as we step into the exciting world of books and stories at our weekly Story Bears sessions.  
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#### SINGING BEARS

11.00 - 11.30  
 TUNSTALL LIBRARY  
 A gentle mix of rhymes and songs; our weekly Singing Bears sessions are perfect for our youngest library users.  
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### EVERY THURSDAY

#### BOOGIE BEATS

10.30 - 11.15  
 LONGTON 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!  
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#### BOUNCING BEARS

11.00 - 11.45  
 CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY  
 An interactive story and rhyme session, designed especially for your active toddler.  
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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.  
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### 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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### 13 APRIL BEATRIX POTTER AND FRIENDS

11.30, 13.30 & 15.00  
 POTTERIES MUSEUM & ART GALLERY  
 Join Miss Potter as she remembers her friends from



Hill Top Farm and embarks on a brand-new adventure with them. A dapper foxy gentleman thinks nothing of helping himself to a new 'kerchief from his Hedgehog neighbour's washing line. When his stealing gets too much, she calls for help from the most famous Rabbit of all. Together they trick him and show him the error of his ways.  
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### 13 APRIL - 21 APRIL DAILY DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS THEMED TRAILS

10.00 - 16.00  
 MIDDLEPORT POTTERY  
 Join us on an exploration of the Middleport Pottery site. Search for characters and objects, follow the clues and discover new things around a Victorian Pottery site.  
 £1 D

### 16 APRIL HUGLESS DOUGLAS

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.  
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### 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.  
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### 16 APRIL - 24 APRIL TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS 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 APRIL 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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### 17 APRIL HUGLESS DOUGLAS

10.30 - 11.30  
 LONGTON LIBRARY  
 Come and meet Douglas - the bear who just loves hugs! Bring your camera and snap a photo of your family with Hugless Douglas.  
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### 18 APRIL HUGLESS DOUGLAS

10.30 - 11.30  
 STOKE LIBRARY  
 Come and meet Douglas - the bear who just loves hugs! Bring your camera and snap a photo of your family with Hugless Douglas.  
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### 18 APRIL HUGLESS DOUGLAS

14.00 - 15.00  
 CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY  
 Come and meet Douglas - the bear who just loves hugs! Bring your camera and snap a photo of your family with Hugless Douglas.  
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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.  
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### 25 APRIL STORYTIME WITH BARBARA MITCHELLHILL

14.00 - 15.00  
 STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY, Cadman Building Foyer  
 Join Barbara Mitchellhill 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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## MAY 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 ladybird-themed stories and crafts.  
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### 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](http://artsforhealth.sssft.nhs.uk) website for more information.  
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### 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.  
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### 11 MAY & 25 MAY 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.  
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MAY EVENTS  
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## MAY EVENTS CONTINUED

### 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.

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### 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.

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### 18 MAY LADYBIRD - STORIES AND CRAFTS

11.00 - 12.00

CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY

Watch out if you have any crafty plans, especially if there's a ladybird about. Join us themed for fun ladybird-themed stories and crafts.

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

11.00 - 12.00

STOKE LIBRARY

Bugs are going "boing" at our activity today! Join us for fun bug-themed stories and crafts.

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### 25 MAY SUPERTATO: STORIES AND CRAFTS

11.00 - 12.00

LONGTON LIBRARY

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### 25 MAY - 2 JUNE DAILY DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS THEMED TRAILS

10.00 - 16.00

MIDDLEPORT POTTERY

Join us on an exploration of the Middleport Pottery site. Search for characters and objects, follow the clues and discover new things around a Victorian Pottery site.

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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](http://makefeststoke.com) #GetYourMakeOn @MakeFestStoke

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## 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.

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### 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.

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### 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 thought-provoking 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](http://festivalinafactory.co.uk) website for more information.

Price varies £0-£8 BE



### 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.

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### 12 JUNE & 26 JUNE 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.

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### 15 JUNE #GOLDILOCKS: STORIES AND CRAFTS

11.00 - 12.00

CITY CENTRAL LIBRARY

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### 22 JUNE DRAGONS: STORIES AND CRAFTS

11.00 - 12.00

LONGTON LIBRARY

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

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### 1 City Central Library

Bethesda Street, Hanley ST1 3RS

T. 01782 238455

W. [stake.gov.uk/libraries](http://stake.gov.uk/libraries)

1. HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX  
The Discovery Academy

2. AN INSPECTOR CALLS  
Thistleby 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](http://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  
Eaton Park Academy

### 4 Emma Bridgewater

Eastwood Works, Lichfield Street,

Hanley ST1 3EJ

T. 01782 201328

W. [emmabridgewater.co.uk](http://emmabridgewater.co.uk)

[festivalinafactory.co.uk](http://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](http://staffs.ac.uk)

8. THE BIG FRIENDLY BENCH  
YMCA North Staffordshire

9. WINNIE-THE-POOH  
Trentham Academy

### 6 Stoke Library

South Wolfe Street,

Stoke on Trent ST4 4SZ

T. 01782 238446

W. [stake.gov.uk/libraries](http://stake.gov.uk/libraries)

10. STORIES LIVE WITH US FOREVER  
Stoke Minster C of E Primary Academy

### 7 Gladstone Pottery Museum

Uttaxeter Road, Longton ST3 1PD

T. 01782 237777

W. [stokemuseums.org.uk/gpm](http://stokemuseums.org.uk/gpm)

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

### 8 Longton Library

Sutherland Institute,

Lightwood Road, Longton ST3 4HY

T. 01782 238424

W. [stake.gov.uk/libraries](http://stake.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](http://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](http://keele.ac.uk)

16. CHARACTER COMIC CAPERS  
St John's CE (C) Primary School

### 11 Middleport Pottery

Port Street, Burslem ST6 3PE

T. 01782 499766

W. [middleportpottery.org](http://middleportpottery.org)

17. BELOVED BOOK CHARACTERS  
Haywood Academy

### 12 Tunstall Library

Victoria Institute, The Boulevard,

Tunstall ST6 6BD

T. 01782 238471

W. [stake.gov.uk/libraries](http://stake.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 ST6 2DD

T. 01782 820500

W. [moorcroft.com/Bookbench](http://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.

While every effort has been made to ensure that the information is correct and accurate, Wild in Art cannot accept any responsibility in respect of any errors, omissions or cancelled events.

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.

This project is kindly supported by:



# STOKE READS TRAIL MAP

## KEY

- Tourist Information
- Shopmobility
- Parking
- Toilet
- Railway Station
- Bus Station
- Taxi Rank
- Access restrictions in place. No motor vehicles except from certain allowances. See [visitsstoke.co.uk](http://visitsstoke.co.uk) and click on 'Get Around' for further information.

## TRANSPORT DETAILS

**National Rail Enquiries**  
T: 08457 484950 [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**National Express**  
T: 08717 818181 [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com)

**Local Bus Information**  
T: 0871 200 2233 [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

**First Customer Services**  
T: 0845 602 0121 [www.firstgroup.com](http://www.firstgroup.com)

**Passenger Transport**  
[www.stokebus.info](http://www.stokebus.info)

This map is intended as a guide and is not to scale.

