

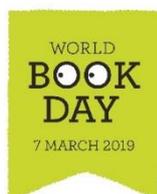


Manchester Partner update

This partner update shares the latest news and ways you can get involved in the [Read Manchester](#) campaign from Manchester City Council and the National Literacy Trust.

If you're planning a reading-focused event, please let us know by emailing [Cheryl Pridgeon](#) or [Margaret Duff](#).

World Book Day 2019



Manchester celebrated World Book Day in style this year with 700 children from 11 schools invited to an event at the Runway Visitor Park, underneath the wings of Concorde. We were joined by authors Cressida Cowell, Tom Fletcher, Rob Biddulph, Abi Elphinstone and Alex T Smith, with Steven Butler as compere. 7 out of 10 children attending the event (69%) said that they would start to read more as a result of meeting the authors!

[Click here to find out more about what happened on the day.](#)

Oracy within the curriculum in secondary schools – Oldham, 27 June



Improving speaking and listening skills is a key part of overcoming poor literacy, which often holds back pupils at secondary level. This one-day workshop is a great opportunity for secondary school teachers from across the curriculum to develop their understanding of speaking and listening in their subjects, and for literacy leads to build strategic approaches to embed oracy school-wide.

[Click here to find out more and register for the workshop.](#)

REACH Primary programme



Researchers at the University of Leeds are recruiting large primary schools in Manchester to take part in an EEF-funded randomised controlled trial of REACH Primary, an intervention programme designed to improve and transform the reading and language skills of pupils in Year 3. The programme will be delivered by Teaching Assistants trained in the REACH Primary approach.

[Click here to find out more information about the programme](#), or contact Paula Clarke at p.j.clarke@leeds.ac.uk.

Sign up to the city's first mass Readathon!

Manchester City Readathon

We want to get everyone in the city reading this June in Manchester's first ever city-wide Readathon! So far, almost 70 schools and nurseries have signed up to take part in Read for Good's Readathon taking place 17-28 June. [Don't miss out – sign up now!](#)

Schools who join will be offered the chance to win a visit from author/illustrator Thomas Taylor (for primaries) and poet Tony Walsh (of *This is the Place* fame) for secondary schools. Further sessions will also be offered to schools at Central Library. Sign up before 17 May to be automatically entered into the draw.

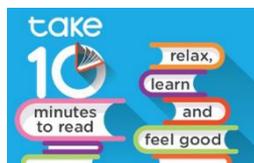
There will also be a city-wide **Drop Everything and Read (#DEARManchester)** at 2pm on Friday 28 June – so please add this date to your diary and start planning! You are welcome to do your DEAR activity at a time that suits you.

See attached and [click here](#) for more information on the Readathon and how to sign up.

Read Manchester School Champions

The 11 schools attending our World Book Day event plus two further schools who received author visits that afternoon have all signed up to become Read Manchester School Champions. We had an inspiring initial meeting on 25 April at William Hulme's Grammar School where we discussed how we can work more closely with those schools to promote reading for pleasure inside schools and with parents. Thank you to all those teachers and librarians who attended and we look forward to sharing further good practice.

Take 10 during Mental Health Awareness Week



Mental Health Awareness Week runs from 13-19 May, and we'd like all our partners to share the Take 10 message on social media with the #ReadMCR. This year the theme is body image so it's a great opportunity to promote our Reading Well and Shelf Help collections, as well as the general message about reading being good for our mental wellbeing.

Take 10 and MAES reading challenge

Manchester Adult Education

Manchester Adult Education Service is launching a new reading challenge linked to Take 10 to encourage learners, MAES staff and colleagues to read a little bit, or read some more! They've created their own reading diaries and posters to encourage reading for 10 minutes a day for pleasure to improve wellbeing, mental health and help de-stress.

Reading diaries will be available in every centre with the idea that everyone, even people passing through, can take a diary and start the Take 10 challenge - to read 6 texts (perhaps a story, a recipe, some song lyrics, or a poem), record them in a diary and attend a celebration event in their centre to get a certificate and share what they've read.

Radical Read



Radical Read will form part of the Peterloo 2019 activities led by Manchester Histories happening this summer to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Peterloo. Devised by Read Manchester, this is a collaborative project between Manchester City Council, The British Council and Manchester Histories.

The aim of Radical Read is to increase young people's (12-18-year olds) understanding of their democratic rights through reading books and other written materials that celebrate young people's engagement in peaceful protest and change over the last 200 years. It forms part of the Read Manchester campaign and aims to promote the enjoyment of reading. The resource pack be available soon on the [Manchester Histories website](#).

Summer Reading Challenge

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[Summer Reading Challenge](#) launches in Manchester this year with a visit from the ever-popular Nick Sharratt on 1 July! We will be offering this opportunity out to schools in the next few weeks. Following hard on the heels of Manchester's first Readathon, we hope that children across the city will be inspired to carry on reading over the summer, collect freebies, join in our activities and earn their medal for reading six books! The theme this year is Space Chase, and we will be in touch with schools to promote the Summer Reading Challenge to their pupils.