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Season Highlights

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Tickets

For some of our events booking is essential, when you see this symbol ^T, tickets can be found here: ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents

Toshocon ^T

Saturday 16 February,
 10.00am – 4.00pm
 Central Library, various locations

Toshocon is a one-day convention dedicated to Japanese Anime and Manga and after a sellout year in 2018 we are returning bigger and better. With a variety of panels and workshops, stage performances, retro games area, Nintendo Leeds and Cosplay Competition. The return of Meian Maid Café (Reservation through Meian strongly recommended) and stalls selling a range of items.

Entry to the stalls and retro games area is free however entry to the rest of the event is only open to those with a valid ticket, panels and workshops are limited entry and will be done on a first come first serve basis. Booking is essential, £5 per ticket.



The Full Bronte Literary Cabaret – An Evening of Wuthering Delights ^T

Wednesday 20 March, 7.00 – 9.00pm,
 bar available from 6.30pm
 Central Library, Room 700

Join hosts Maria (glamour puss, academic and thespian) and her assistant Brannie in their chaotic attempt to homage the Bronte family! Combining comedy, storytelling, music, and games, this show of wuthering delights was hailed by Three Weeks as 'the anarchic love child of French and Saunders and Hinge and Brackett!' This show is a delight for literature aficionados and theatre fans alike – and of course every devoted Brontëphile! Booking required, tickets are £7 per person.

Enhanced Film Screening: Macbeth (2015, CERT 15) ^T

Thursday 21 March, Film starts at 7.00pm,
 bar open from 5.30pm
 Central Library, Local and Family History

Join us in the original reference library for one of the bard's greatest tragedies, including a pre-screening exhibition of related items from our collections. Macbeth, the Thane of Glamis, receives a prophecy from a trio of witches that one day he will become King of Scotland. Consumed by ambition and spurred to action by his wife, Macbeth murders his king and takes the throne for himself. Booking essential, tickets are £5.

Billy Shakes: Wonderboy! ^T

Sunday 24 March, 11:30am – 12:30pm
 and 1:30 – 2:30pm
 Central Library, Room 700

This hands-on drama workshop is a fantastic introduction to the life, stories and characters of William Shakespeare for young people and their families. Brought to you by critically-acclaimed family theatre company Wrongsemble who famously toured the much-loved production 'Billy Shakes: Wonderboy!' to libraries across Leeds in 2017. Get your ruffs on and your quills sharpened for a whistle-stop tour into the big bad Bard's magical mind! This workshop is suitable for families with children aged 5-11. Tickets are £4 per child or £3 with a Leeds Library card.

Exhibition and Wellbeing Festival inspired by Body Image and Mind

Our Carnegie / Wellcome Trust funded Body Image and Mind project has enabled the participants to explore the theme of body image and its impact on self-confidence, health and wellbeing. We have worked with communities, groups and individuals and used the library's art collections to spark conversations about body image.

Body, Image and Mind Exhibition

5 – 31 January
Central Library, Room 700

A showcase and celebration of the artwork produced by the artists and participants of the Body, Image and Mind project.

Body, Image and Mind Celebration Event †

Monday 14 January, 4.00 – 7.00pm
Central Library, Drawing Room

A special evening to celebrate the project. We will examine the different ways that we have worked to explore the theme of body image and mind, see what has been achieved through the project, reflect on our experiences, get inspired and look ahead to what next. Booking required, tickets are free.



Film Screening: Song of the Sea, cert PG †

Tuesday 15 January, film starts at 6.30pm, bar open from 6.00pm
Central Library, Leodis Room

The enchanting Irish animation Song of the Sea tells the story of Ben and his little sister Saoirse who embark on a fantastic journey across a fading world of ancient legend and magic in an attempt to return to their home by the sea. Booking essential, tickets are £5.

Hulahoop Workshop †

Monday 14 January, 5.30 – 7.00pm
Central Library, Room 700

First make your bespoke size specific waist hoop and embellish to match your personality! Then learn fun easy and impressive tricks to take home and improve and impress your friends. Booking required, tickets are £8 or £7 if you have a Leeds library card.

Stitch your feelings †

Tuesday 15 January, 5.30 – 7.00pm
Central Library, Drawing Room

Explore textiles and stitch with our specialist collections as inspiration. Add a dash of your favourite well-being mantras and fragrant herbs for an evening of body positivity. Adults only, booking required.

Leeds Lit Fest

We are very proud to be a partner in the first ever Leeds Lit Fest 2019.

The first ever Leeds Literature Festival will take place from 6 – 10 March, with events to celebrate the literature and heritage of the city. Look out for other events across the city as well.



The Last Tribe

Wednesday 6 March, 1.00 – 3.00pm
Central Library, Room 700

Documentary screening followed by Q&A with director Simon Glass. This humorous and intimate account of the Jewish immigrants who arrived in England – thinking that they'd arrived in America – charts their rags to riches story from the ghettos of Eastern Europe to the self-made empires of Marks & Spencer, Burton's Clothing and countless more.

Manifesto in Verse †

Thursday 7 March, 5.00 – 7.00pm
Central Library, Room 700

A celebration of 100 years of some women getting the vote. Join us while we showcase a year-long project working with young women using spoken word/poetry as a form of activism. Booking required, tickets are free.

Rabbit Girl and the Search for Wonder †

Saturday 9 March, 12.30 – 1.30pm and 2.30 – 3.30pm
Central Library, Room 700

Playful, poignant and with a little sprinkling of magic, Rabbit Girl & The Search for Wonder is a new show inspired by stories from lots of families about the joy of storytelling, coping with loss and finding wonder in the world again. Perfect for under 8s and their grown-ups too. Booking essential, tickets are £6.50 per person or £4.50 with a Leeds library card.

LGBT History Month

Leeds Libraries are proud to support LGBT History Month with these events that celebrate the stories, history and voices of the LGBT community.

Queer Beyond London: Culture, Place and Home in Four English Cities since the 1960s

Wednesday 6 February, 12.30 – 1.30pm
Central Library, Leodis Room

This talk with Professor Alison Oram presenting research exploring LGBTQ life and community in four cities since 1965. This talk will show how the distinct character of LGBTQ politics in each city has shaped its queer domestic lives. Please book via Eventbrite; <https://bit.ly/2PEunhh>

Weirdo Zine Fest

Saturday 9 February, 12.00 – 5.00pm
Central Library, Room 700

Weirdo Zine Fest is a self-publishing fair celebrating cultural production by radical and marginalised communities. Discover zines create by women, queers, POC, disabled people, trans people and anyone who is otherwise marginalised. The event will include 20 stall holders along with workshops and talks. No need to book. Drop in.

Bona School of Polari †

Tuesday 19 February, 5.30 – 7.00pm
Central Library, Room 700

It's back to school as Prof. Nipper (one of the country's most fabulous etymological historians!) delivers a class on Polari, the secret language of gay men. Expect a unique insight into the socio-cultural influences of this parlance, once widely used by a persecuted minority. Tickets are free, but booking is essential. Pay as you feel after the event.



Wikipedia Workshop †

Wednesday 27 February, 5.30 – 7.00pm
Central Library, The Portal

To celebrate LGBT History Month, we're holding a friendly and practical workshop for people who want to help increase LGBTIQ+ representation within Wikipedia. We'll show you how to create an account and use it to update existing pages on LGBTIQ+ local history, as well as point you in the right direction for any new research you might want to do on the subject. Booking required, tickets are free.

A Rainbow of Stories †

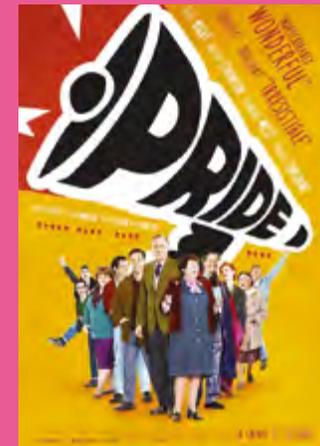
Saturday 23 February, 1.30 – 2.30pm
Central Library, Children's Library

Join our friends The Leeds Playhouse Youth Theatre Ensemble to see a collection of LGBT+ children's stories come to life through dramatic storytelling at this family friendly storytime. Booking required, tickets are free.

Film Screening: Pride, cert 15 †

Tuesday 12 February, film starts at 6.30pm,
bar open from 6.00pm
Central Library, Leodis Room

Pride is inspired by an extraordinary true story. It's the summer of 1984, Margaret Thatcher is in power and the National Union of Mineworkers is on strike, prompting a London-based group of gay and lesbian activists to raise money to support the strikers' families. Booking essential, tickets are £5.



Half Term

This is a small selection of the events that we have for children. To find out more please go to capitadiscovery.co.uk/leeds for a full calendar of library events.

The Mini Magic Flute [†]

Monday 18 February, 11.00am, 1.45pm, 3.15pm
Central Library, Room 700

This bitesize opera for ages 4+ packs fun, fantasy and enchanting music into just half an hour. A Prince is in search of a Princess, but will they ever find one other? What adventures lie in wait for them along the way? A trio of opera singers and an accordionist invite you to join them for a family-friendly, interactive retelling of Mozart's magical fairy tale where nothing is quite as it first appears...

Booking essential, tickets are £6.50 per person or £4.50 with a library card.

Please book through Opera North
0844 848 720 or operanorth.co.uk/minimagicflute



Protest Zines [†]

Wednesday 20 February, 10:30am — 12noon
Moor Allerton Community Hub and Library

An introduction to everyday resistance, zines and self-publishing with artist Cherry Styles whose work in the community explores the creative and political implications of self-publishing. Suitable for all ages and abilities, no experience necessary. All materials provided. Cherry will be bringing a selection of zines from Salford Zine Library along too – come and browse, get inspired and make a zine or comic to take away with you. Booking essential, tickets are free.

The Art Of Tinkering [†]

Various venues

Leonardo Da Vinci was an early pioneer of S.T.E.A.M* from painting, architecture, inventing, and the study of all things scientific. To celebrate his 500th anniversary, join us for a family tinkering workshop, where you'll be able to code, craft and construct your own Da Vinci-inspired inventions.

Free events, for locations, dates and times see www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents

*Science.Technology.Engineering.Art.Maths

Sphero Robotics [†]

Various venues

In 1495 artist and inventor Leonardo Da Vinci created the first armoured humanoid machine. Help us celebrate this and his many other achievements by taking part in some fun Da Vinci themed coding and robotics activities with Sphero.

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Drawing Room

Drawing Room is a creative art and craft studio ideally situated in the Art Library at Leeds Central Library. It actively promotes art and creativity by providing opportunities to explore, create, develop and learn.

For more information about our monthly programme and workshops, registering an artist proposal or hiring the space please contact email artlibrary@leeds.gov.uk

Visit our website:
www.leeds.gov.uk/musicandart

Outing the Past – LGBT+ Banner workshop ^T

Monday 21 January, 3.30 – 6.30pm
 Tuesday 22 January, 3.30 – 6.30pm
 Monday 28 January, 3.30 – 6.30pm
 Tuesday 29 January, 3.30 – 6.30pm
 Central Library, Drawing Room

Participants wanted for an arts project as part of Leeds' first ever 'Outing the Past – Festival of LGBT History' event. Do you identify as LGBT+ and/or are you interested in LGBT + history and have some interest and ability in crafts and/or performance?

To book a place email:
OTPArtsProject@leeds.gov.uk



Life drawing, 4 week course ^T

Monday 4, 11, 18, 25 February, 5.45 – 7.45pm
 Central Library, Drawing Room

Venture into the experience of life drawing with local artist Suman Kaur – winner of the BBC Big Painting Challenge 2017. In this relaxed supportive four week course, you'll have a chance to explore basics of figure drawing including line, gesture, shade to develop your own artistic interpretation of the model. Materials provided, or you can bring your own! This course is suitable for beginner artists aged 18 and over. Booking is essential, the four week course costs £50.



A Fashionable Valentine's Day with the Sanderson Collection ^T

Thursday 14 February, 10.00am – 4.00pm
 Central Library, Drawing Room

A one-day workshop that includes drawing fashion figures inspired by exquisite 18th century London and Paris fashion plates from the Sanderson Special Collection. The workshop will combine a Librarian talk and a hands-on drawing and painting workshop to create historical fashion-inspired Valentine's cards. The event is appropriate for ages 13+. Booking essential, workshop is £35 including all materials. Please bring your own lunch.

Drawing Room One Year Anniversary ^T

Tuesday 5th February, 4.00 – 7.00pm
 Central Library, Drawing Room

One year ago we developed a corner of the Art Library into a creative art space for the people of Leeds. Join us to find out more, see us showcase some of our achievements and highlights and discover the creative potential of our special collections. Booking required, tickets are free.

Treasures of Leeds Libraries

Leeds Libraries' beautiful Grade II* listed building holds over 17,000 items in its special collections, dating back to the 15th century, as well as many other fascinating items that are just waiting to be explored. Each season we will be taking our treasures on tour around libraries in Leeds and delivering workshops and talks that will bring our collections to life.

Tapestry Tours ^T

Tuesday 22 January, 2.00 – 3.00pm
Saturday 9 March, 2.00 – 3.00pm
Leeds Central Library, First Floor, Art Library

A fascinating exploration of the Leeds Tapestry, an iconic needlework display that celebrates Leeds history and culture. Experience the Tapestry's countless beautiful images and discover the stories behind their creation. We'll also show design sketches and memorabilia from the Tapestry project. Ticket price: £3 (includes a souvenir Tapestry catalogue).

Heritage Tours ^T

Wednesday 30 January, 10.30am – 12 noon
Thursday 28 February, 2.30 – 4.00pm
Friday 29 March, 10.30am – 12 noon
Central Library, meet in Atrium on ground floor

Join us for an entertaining trip behind the scenes of our magnificent Grade II* listed building in the historic heart of Leeds. Find out about the architecture, history and famous visitors, as well as visiting some secret corners! Tickets £5.



Treasures Handling Workshop: Yorkshire Battles ^T

Saturday 12 January, 2.00 – 4.00pm
Central Library, The Portal

Join our team of Librarians to get up-close and personal with a curated selection of treasures from the Central Library collections, focusing on the history and heritage of battles that have taken place in Yorkshire from the 7th to the 20th-centuries. There'll be the chance to handle rare books from our archive, as well as the opportunity to chat with like-minded people about the region's military past. Light refreshments will be provided during a scheduled break on the day. Booking essential, tickets are free.

Treasures on Tour: Shakespeare and the Supernatural

Monday 28 January, 10.30 – 11.30am, Moor Allerton Library
Monday 11 March, 2.00 – 3.00pm, Holt Park Library
Tuesday 12 March, 1.30 – 2.30pm, Morley Library

Monsters, fairies, witches and ghosts fill the pages of Shakespeare's plays but why were the Tudors and Stuarts so fascinated with the supernatural? Find out more in this hands on workshop which will explore items from our special collections dating back to the time of Shakespeare.

Speed Date a Library Treasure ^T

Wednesday 30 January, 7.30 – 9.00pm
Further North (upstairs), Chapel Allerton

Lonely library books seek passionate partners for adventurous nights in! We've dusted off the most unique and underrated items from Leeds Central Library and sent them down to the pub to charm some open-minded strangers. Join us in these cosy, romantic surroundings for some serious book-loving. Don't worry, our librarian gooseberries will be there to get you through any awkward silences. Booking essential, tickets are £3.

Talk: Witchcraft in the Library

Thursday 14 March, 1.00 – 2.00pm
Central Library, Leodis Room

Dr Catherine Batt explores the hidden histories of magic and witchcraft, through texts and manuscripts in Leeds University Library Special Collections.

Collections in Verse



Title inspired by Miss Lou's poem, 'Colonization in Reverse'

Poet photos, including cover photo by Jonathan Turner

"Colonizin in Reverse": Celebrating Caribbean Culture

Wednesday 27 March 6.00 – 9.30pm
Central Library

A vibrant evening of colour and creativity celebrating the explosive impact of Caribbean culture on Leeds and the UK brought to you by Poet in the City, the British Library and Leeds Libraries.

From carnival to fashion, dub poetry to sound system culture, the influence and creative gifts of Caribbean people have become a treasured part of modern British society. Throughout history, Caribbean people have turned to culture as a form of resistance and protest, using creative expression to pave the way towards freedom, citizenship and a sense of home.

There'll be no more quiet in the library as we fill the halls with music, poetry, stories and talks, including exciting new work created with poets and communities in response to the British Library's exhibition: Windrush: Songs in a Strange Land.

This event has been created as part of Collections in Verse, a collaboration between Poet in the City, the British Library and Leeds Libraries using poetry events and commissions to bring British Library exhibitions to life in five cities across the UK.

Poet in the City is a leading UK poetry organisation bringing poetry to life beyond books, producing a programme of classic and contemporary poetry performances, commissions and education work taking on major ideas, issues and people.



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Poetry Performances

Throughout the night experience live performances of new Windrush inspired poetry created by three Leeds-based poets of British Caribbean heritage: Khadijah Ibrahiim, Malika Booker and Vahni Capildeo. Expect guest appearances from renowned poets, plus impromptu performances from our wandering poetic buskers.

Live Music

For one evening only, we'll be turning the sound up to the frequency of carnival, hosting our very own sound system party and inviting you to get down to our DJ sets in Room 700 and share your own story of creative rebellion at an open mic.

Workshops and Talks

Join library curators and poets to explore the radical tradition of the Caribbean, contribute to a community patchwork tapestry, and learn how to investigate the hidden depths of the library's archives.



Events across Leeds

To take place February/March – for dates please see capitadiscovery.co.uk/leeds. In the run up to the event in Central Library, we'll be hosting a series of participatory events at community hubs and libraries, inviting you to get closer to the Collections in Verse project and add your own contributions to the mix.

Dewsbury Road Community Hub

Contribute to a community patchwork tapestry, share stories, and hear Malika Booker's new poem looking at the impact of Windrush women on the Yorkshire textiles industry.

The Compton Centre, Harehills

Help create a visual installation of locally collected 'Journey' stories, to be displayed alongside Vahni Capildeo's poem investigating internal migration within the British Empire.

Reginald Centre, Chapeltown

Celebrate and debate Caribbean music's contribution to UK culture and identity with Khadijah Ibrahiim, guest poets and live music from Christella Litras.

Other Events

The Future Of Social Care [†]

Wednesday 30 January, 4.00 – 5.30pm
Central Library, Sanderson Room

How far will BREXIT affect social care in the UK?

Led by leading researchers of the care economy, this talk will offer insights and themes to help us begin to talk about the options for social care after BREXIT. Please come ready to speak and ask questions. Booking essential, tickets are free.

Signs of My Times: A Life with Deaf People [†]

Saturday 2 February, 2.00 – 4.00pm
Central Library, The Portal

Join Martin Smith for a talk exploring his life working with the deaf community of Leeds, followed by a Question & Answer session. There will also be the opportunity to purchase signed copies of Martin's book and to browse relevant material from the collections at the Central Library. Booking essential, tickets are free.

Getting started with Caribbean Ancestry

Wednesday 6 February, 10.30am – 12noon
Reginald Centre, Chapeltown

Come and discover the best websites and resources to start researching your Caribbean family history. You must be able to use a computer and mouse for this session. To book a free place contact the Reginald Centre in person or on 0113 336 7683.

Getting started with Ancestry [†]

Monday 11 February, 10.00 – 11.30am,
Moor Allerton Community Hub
Thursday 14 February, 10.30am – 12noon,
Beeston Library

Discover how to use Ancestry.com in this online session. Explore the census and civil registration databases to uncover your family history and see what you can discover. You will need to be able to use a mouse and keyboard for this session. Booking essential, tickets are free.



From ancient rulers to e-petitions: what is the point of petitions? [†]

Monday 25 February, 12noon – 1.00pm
Central Library, Sanderson Room

Petitions have become very popular, but it is not always clear what their purpose is or what they achieve. In this talk, Professor Cristina Leston-Bandeira will explore how petitions have developed over time, to identify their different purposes across different systems. Booking required, tickets are free.

Lord of the Rings Quiz Night [†]

Friday 1 March, 7.30 – 10.00pm, bar open from 7.00pm
Central Library, Local & Family History

Do you know your Mirkwood from your Lothlórien? Could you pick Aragorn's sword out of a line-up? Join us at Leeds Central Library for a special late night quiz held in our very own Middle Earth where we will be armed with questions from the Third Age. The quiz is bookverse NOT movieverse. Booking essential, tickets are £3. Teams can be up to 6 people, all must have a ticket.



From Munitions to #MeToo: Women's History Workshop [†]

Saturday 2 March, 2.00 – 4.00pm
Central Library, The Portal

In this workshop, we will share and discuss the experiences of women's lives in Leeds. We'll look at how our lives are affected by history, and how, in our everyday lives, women now and in the recent past have affected change in their homes, in their communities, and in the wider world. Booking required, tickets are free.

Leeds Jewish Local and Family History Workshop

Tuesday 12 March, 1.30 – 2.30pm
Moor Allerton Community Hub and Library

Our team will be on hand to showcase relevant treasures from the collections at the Central Library, as well as offering advice and assistance about beginning – or continuing – your Jewish genealogy search. We're also keen to speak to anyone who can contribute materials or memories, as we seek to expand our Jewish archive at the Central Library. This event is in partnership with the MILIM Festival.

Other Events

The Sheepscar Triangle – with Irish Arts Foundation ^T

Wednesday 13 March, 1.00 – 2.00pm
Central Library, Sanderson Room

The dance halls and public houses around the Sheepscar and Leylands area were historically a focal point for the Irish community in the surrounding inner city areas. A principal role of these venues was to provide the opportunity to find out about available work, to hear Irish music and songs from 'home' or a place to meet up with old and new friends in their adopted city. Booking essential, tickets are free.

Shakespeare, Arabic Theatre and Arab Identity ^T

Thursday 21 March, 2.00 – 3.00pm
Central Library, Sanderson Room

What role did Shakespeare's drama play in the development of Arabic theatre? How did the early Arab theatre makers translate, adapt and stage Shakespeare's drama and for what effect? How was Shakespeare's drama politicised in Arabic to promote and contest a certain version of Arab national identity? This talk by Dr Sameh Hanna (University of Leeds) will look into the early translations/rewritings of Shakespeare's dramatic work into Arabic, showing examples of their cultural as well as political implications. Booking required, tickets are free.

The Last Days of the Spanish Republic ^T

Thursday 28 March, 6.15 – 8.00pm
Central Library, Room 700

As part of the University of Leeds conference commemorating the eightieth anniversary of the end of the Spanish Civil War, Professor Sir Paul Preston will deliver a public keynote lecture. This is an opportunity to hear from one of the greatest experts on twentieth-century Spanish history, as he tells the story of a conflict that cost many thousands of lives and ruined many thousands more. Booking required, tickets are free.



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It's free to join the library,
just pop in to one of our many
libraries across the city or
join online. Whatever you are
into we have the perfect book
for you. Too busy to visit the
library? Download our books,
audio or magazines for free.

Studying, researching your
family tree, setting up a
business, looking for a new
hobby. Libraries are here for
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