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A global love of books celebrated locally in Leicestershire

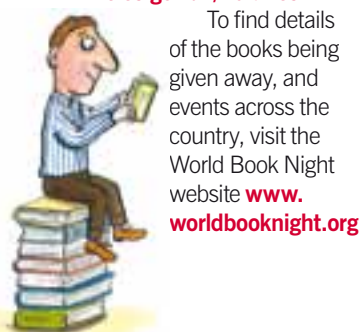
World Book Day, Thursday 1 March
Designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration

of books and reading, it is now marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The origins of the day we now celebrate in the UK and Ireland come from Catalonia, where roses and books were given as gifts to loved ones on St. George's Day – a tradition started over 90 years ago.

See the Leicestershire Libraries website for details of events taking place in support of this day, to include a coffee morning at Syston Library as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary and Bedtime Stories at Hinckley Library.

World Book Night, Monday 23 April

A celebration of the love of reading and books, with books being given away across Leicestershire. For details of Leicestershire Libraries participation please visit the Leicestershire Libraries website www.leics.gov.uk/libraries.



To find details of the books being given away, and events across the country, visit the World Book Night website www.worldbooknight.org



FREE **LIBRARY** **DAY**

SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

In celebration of **National Library Day**

Leicestershire Libraries celebrate National Library Day on Saturday 4 February by offering everything in the library for FREE¹.

Don't miss out on this one day opportunity to find out more about what your library can offer you. Hire a CD, DVD or talking book²; make a book request, loan or even return overdue books; use the computers, internet and information and even join - all for FREE!

For further information on the FREE library day check out the library website at www.leics.gov.uk/libraries.

¹ Excludes shop items and photocopies. ² Maximum one per person.

National Storytelling Week

Sat 28 January – Sat 4 February

Children's Readathon, Hinckley Library, Sat 3-3.30pm, Mon-Thu 3.30-4pm, repeated at 6-6.30pm.

Celebrate National Storytelling Week with our readathon! Come along everyday (apart from Sunday and Friday) for serialised readings from a popular children's book. The final reading will take place on National Library Day.

The Big Book Sale at Coalville Library

Wed 15 - Mon 20 February

Another chance to bag a great deal. Surplus books, CDs and DVDs will be on sale daily at discounted prices.

Wriggly Readers

FREE



Story and Rhyme Time for Under 5s

Book sharing is an enjoyable and important part of a child's development and is a lovely way for a child and their parents/carers to share time together.

Wriggly Readers sessions are stories, songs and rhymes for babies and children, and their mums, dads and carers. You can take part in these friendly and informal story and rhyme time sessions at least once a month in all of the libraries and weekly in the larger libraries.

Find out where your local Wriggly Reader sessions is at www.leics.gov.uk/WrigglyReaders or call 0116 305 6988.



Don't forget... Ask library staff about the **FREE Baby Bookstart Pack** (0-12 months) or **FREE Treasure Chest pre-school pack** (3-4 years)!

- **Families Welcome at Wriggly Readers** Ashby Library 17 February
- **Healthy Hearts and Minds Wriggly Readers Special** Loughborough Library 21 & 23 February
- **World Book Day Wrigglies** Coalville and Ibstock Library 1 March & Ashby Library 2 March
- **Fairtrade Fortnight: Special Wriggly Readers** Hinckley Library 6 March
- **Easter Egg-stravaganza Wrigglies** Ashby Library 30 March
- **Spring Time Wrigglies** Castle Donington Library 2 April, Measham Library 3 April, Coalville and Kegworth Library 5 April, and Markfield Library 12 April

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A series of expert-led talks, presentations and workshops

suitable for adults and students. Pre-booking essential. For details visit www.leics.gov.uk/mte

Half-term family fun

Sat 11 - Sun 19 February

All events are free except where stated:

Half-Term Family Fun at Blaby (13 Feb), Glenfield (14 Feb) and Melton Library (15 Feb).

Healthy Hearts and Minds at Anstey (16 Feb), Birstall (14 Feb), Charnwood Libraries (13-17 Feb) and Loughborough Library (15 Feb).

'Kick Up a Stink' Half-Term Events at Earl Shilton (14 Feb), Market Bosworth (15 Feb), Burbage, Groby, Hinckley and Raby Library (16 Feb).

Telling Tales: Family Drop-in Event at Oadby Library (14 Feb), 50p per person.

Goofy Geography at Coalville and Ibstock Library (15 Feb).

Silly Science at Castle Donington, Kegworth (16 Feb) and Measham Library (18 Feb).

Riotous Romans at Market Harborough Library and Museum (17 Feb).

Listen While You Lunch

Oadby Library, Thursdays, 8 March, 12 April and 10 May, 12noon-1pm. Various topics to include; tales from the Titanic with Jenny Moran. Light refreshments are provided but you are welcome to bring your own lunch. Pre-booking is essential. £2.50.



GARDENING

Get Gardening Talk

Ashby Library, Tue 20 March, 6.45-7.45pm. Share your expertise and find out more about successful gardening. Pre-booking essential. FREE.

Down to Earth

Wigston Library, Thu 26 April, 7.15-8.45pm. Be part of the audience for BBC Radio Leicester's Down to Earth programme where an expert panel will be offering entertaining and informative gardening advice. Pre-booking essential. FREE.

Have an egg-citing Easter

31 MARCH – 15 APRIL
Egg decorating competitions, crafts, activities and stories at Barrow-upon-Soar, Barwell, Desford, Earl Shilton, East Goscote, Hinckley, Loughborough, Mountsorrel, Newbold Verdon, Quorn, Rothley, Sileby, South Wigston, Syston, Thurmaston and Wigston Library!