

# Welcome to Warwickshire Libraries

# What's On Guide

## Spring/Summer 2024

Sign-up as a library member for **free**, and enjoy a great range of event and activities for all ages at our eighteen council-managed libraries across the county.



# Become a Library member



“ LOVE the library vibe and all it offers. Amazing! Love Borrowbox - I advocate for all the library has to offer. ”  
- Bedworth Library visitor

Joining Warwickshire Libraries is **free!**

With a library membership you can:

- use any library across the county
- borrow up to ten books free of charge
- read eBooks and listen to eAudiobooks using Borrowbox
- read eMagazines and eNewspapers online
- use the internet and computer services including scanning and printing

**And much more!**

To join, ask a member of staff at your local library, scan the QR code, or visit:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jointhelibrary](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jointhelibrary)

Scan for more information



# Digital Offer



## Warwickshire Libraries provide access to a great range of technology and online spaces:

- Use of **free Wi-Fi** and **public computers**.
- Access to printing and photocopying facilities (fees apply).
- Download **eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines** and **eNewspapers** to your personal digital devices.
- Listen to classical music in the **Naxos Music Library**.
- Attend free **IT Help and Support** and **Cyber Safe Warwickshire** sessions to learn how to use computers, the internet, and stay safe online.

- **Borrow a digital tablet** for up to six weeks through the **You Can Online** scheme.
- Search through online reference sources such as **Times Digital Archive** and **Encyclopaedia Britannica**.
- Gain access to business advisor tool **COBRA**.
- Practice for your **Driver Theory Test** and/or **UK Citizenship Test**.
- Carry out historical research using the **British Newspaper Archive**, **Ancestry**, and **Find My Past**.

**...access all of this with your free library membership card!**



# Spring Events

## May

**Half-term crafts** will be taking place at all our libraries throughout May.

### Local and Community History Month

Borrow a book about your town or find out what happened on your birthday using resources at select libraries.

Wed 1	<b>Author event: In conversation with poet Rory Waterman</b> Alcester Library, 6:30 – 7:30pm
Sat 4	<b>Star Wars and Free Comic Book Day</b> Rugby Library, 9am – 4pm. Suitable for all ages.
Wed 15- Tues 23	<b>Dementia Action Week</b> Explore our new Dementia collection and resources. Available at all libraries during usual opening hours.
Sat 27	<b>Author event: In conversation with G J Phelps</b> Coleshill Library, 7 – 8pm

## Local Studies and Family History Collection

Do you want to find out more about where you live? Warwickshire libraries have plenty of books to borrow in our Local Studies collections and free resources to help you research your family history. Select libraries also offer local history talks and drop-in sessions to help with family history research.

Find out more at  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries)  
and follow the links for Local Studies.



# Summer Events

## June

### Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month

Enjoy our touring interactive exhibition sharing the diverse perspectives of Warwickshire's Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities.

**Mon 3** **Author event: In conversation with Natalie Marlow**  
Nuneaton Library, 7:30 – 9pm

**Thurs 6** **Body in the Library: Murder Mystery nights\***  
Suitable for adults. Doors open from 7pm.  
Rugby Library  
**Fri 7** Nuneaton Library  
**Fri 14** Stratford-upon-Avon Library  
**Sat 15** Leamington Spa Library

This activity will also be available at selected libraries for young people. See our library events webpage for more details. *\*Fees apply*

**Fri 21** **Make Music Day**  
Nuneaton Library, 9am – 5pm

## July

### Cultural Beats programme

Enjoy a series of vibrant, culturally diverse dance workshops. Available at multiple libraries. Suitable for all ages.

### Summer Reading Challenge: Marvellous Makers

Get involved in our annual free summer holiday reading initiative for 4–11-year-olds. Available at all libraries.

## August

**Sat 10** **Park Life Reads**  
Enjoy our annual outdoor festival at Wembrook Community Centre in Nuneaton, 11am – 4pm, bringing together the worlds of libraries, art and culture whilst celebrating our green spaces.

Find out more about our events and activities for all ages at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraryevents](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraryevents)

# Child Friendly Warwickshire



## Warwickshire Libraries is a friend of Child Friendly Warwickshire.

Child Friendly Warwickshire is an exciting programme bringing the county together in a collective mission to create opportunities and lasting positive change for children and young people.

Find out more:

[www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk)

“ We, as a family, love coming here. The staff are so welcoming and helpful. ” - Lillington Library visitor



## Heritage and Culture Warwickshire

Heritage and Culture Warwickshire provide a range of services to help local communities and visitors to connect and engage with their heritage.

We aim to safeguard Warwickshire's archives, history and natural sciences, protect its historic and natural environment and provide high quality arts and cultural opportunities and lifelong learning for everyone in the county and beyond.

Visit Market Hall Museum and Warwickshire County Record Office, and enjoy taking part in events and workshops available for adults and children.

Find out more: [heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk)

# Mobile Libraries

“ **The Mobile Library coming was very good. My whole family went and got books... I can't wait to start my new book!** ”  
- Mobile Library visitor.

Our free mobile libraries service makes 250 stops across the county over a four-week schedule, travelling out to different communities to ensure everyone can enjoy what Warwickshire Libraries has to offer. This includes:

- A selection of books (including large print books)
- Spoken word
- Books for young children

Each mobile library is accessible with a low entrance of two small steps and a ramp at the rear for wheelchair users.

To discover our mobile library routes, visit:  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mobilelibraries)



## Home Library Service

If you can't get to the library due to ill health or disability, then we can come to you for free with the Home Library Service. Books can be provided in standard and large print and there is also a wide range of audiobooks available in different formats.

### For more information

✉ [mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk)

☎ 01926 851031

# Free Activities for Children and Young People



## **Rhyme Time**

Song and rhyme sessions for newborns and young babies, and 0 – 2-year-olds, with their parents and carers.



## **Story Stomp**

Fun interactive sessions with stories, songs, and rhymes for 2 – 4-year-olds with their parents and carers.



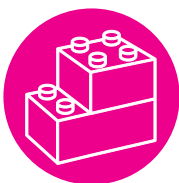
## **Dad and Me**

Every fourth Saturday of the month, join our sing-along session at Atherstone Library for babies and toddlers with their dads, grandads and male carers.



## **Stay and Play with Duplo**

Enjoy our playtime sessions with Duplo! Suitable for pre-school children and their families (the recommended age range for this activity varies per library).



## **Lego Club**

Imaginative, creative Lego building sessions for children aged 4-11 years with an accompanying adult.



## **Book Magic**

Enjoy family fun stories and crafts with a different theme each week. Suitable children aged 4-11 years with an accompanying adult.

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# Free Activities for Children and Young People



## **Movies and Films**

Enjoy watching U or PG-rated movies once a month at Rugby and Stratford libraries.



## **Sensory Sessions**

Enjoy sensory story time or play sessions in relaxed environments suitable for children and young people with additional needs.



## **Code Club**

We are part of a nationwide network of free after-school coding club for children aged 9-11 years.



## **Chatter Books Reading Group**

Visit Bedworth Library to get involved in a friendly and relaxed reading group suitable for young people aged 8-12 years.



## **Let's Make**

Get hands-on with the latest technologies at Nuneaton, Rugby, and Leamington libraries, from 3D printing and virtual reality to robotics. Users must be aged 16 years and over unless accompanied by a responsible adult.



## **Pageturners Reading Group**

Visit Warwick Library to get involved in a fun, free reading group for young people in senior school.



## **Drop-in Reading Group**

Become part of Wellesbourne Library's new reading group for children and young people. The group sets themes each month to discuss a variety of books, authors and genres.



# Free Activities for Adults



## **Family History**

Get help at selected libraries with researching your family or local area's history using library computers and resources. You can also enjoy a coffee and chat about all things history.



## **Mindfulness colouring**

Come and enjoy some mindful 'me' time at Bedworth or Leamington libraries. Be kind to your mind and engage in some colouring in.



## **Poetry**

Visit Coleshill Library and meet a friendly group who meet once a month to share their passion for poetry. Free refreshments are provided.



## **Reading Groups and Book Clubs**

Are you a keen reader? Join one of our friendly online or in-person reading groups to chat about what you have read in a warm and welcoming environment.



## **Shakespeare for All**

Come along to Stratford Library and read Shakespeare's plays aloud in a friendly, relaxed setting. No experience or performance skills required. Free refreshments are available.



## **Tamil Book Collection**

Visit Rugby and Leamington libraries to enjoy our collection of books available in Tamil, a Dravidian language natively spoken by the Tamil people of South Asia.



## **Yarn Craft, Knitting, and Crochet Groups**

Join one of our friendly groups of yarn crafters who get together weekly or fortnightly for a good knit and a natter. Suitable for all abilities.

# Free Activities for Adults



## Author events

Check out our library events webpage to see which authors are joining us in libraries across the county this spring and summer, and enjoy hearing them in conversation about their latest work.



## Board Games

At Rugby Library have a go at one or more tabletop games led by a library volunteer. The library has a varied board and card game collection that you can use for free anytime you visit, and there is also a monthly Dungeons and Dragons group.



## Chess Clubs

Do you want to learn how to play chess or fancy a challenge? If so, join our friendly and informal Chess Clubs at Atherstone, Bedworth, and Rugby libraries. All abilities welcome.



## Coffee Mornings / Tea and Chat

Join us at selected libraries for regular tea and coffee mornings. Come along to relax and hear short talks on a variety of topics and enjoy chatting with old friends and new.



## Living Room in the Library

Visit Wellesbourne and Stratford libraries to enjoy mindfulness colouring, jigsaws, board games, crafts and more. Free refreshments are available



## Crafternoon Tea

Come along to Kenilworth or Alcester libraries with your own art and craft projects and enjoy free refreshments and friendly chats with like-minded people.



# Feature Events

## Shakespeare's First Folio Facsimile Tour begins!

April - December 2024

Join us this year to learn about the First Folio Facsimile, the only contemporary source of eighteen of Shakespeare's plays. Full details available on our library events webpage.

## May Half-Term

May 2024

Visit us during May half-term to introduce your children and young people to our child-friendly library settings and discover the enjoyment of reading! We will have 'Go Green' crafts and regular children's activities including Rhyme Time, Story Stomp, Lego Club and more. Suitable for children aged 4-11 years.

## Body in the Library: Murder Mystery Nights\*

June 2024

Join us for the chance to turn detective and view interactive Body in the Library performances! With separate event nights that are suitable for young people and adults, come along to see if you can solve our library-themed murder mystery! *\*Entry fee applies*

## Windrush inspired ballet performance

19 June 2024

Visit Rugby Library to enjoy a short ballet performance inspired by Windrush. The ballet tells the story of Windrush and explores the impact of this generation's experiences on their families, communities, and society.



# Feature Events



## Can you be a bookmark champion?

July 2024

Do you like to get creative? Then look out for our competition to have your design featured on the next Warwickshire Libraries bookmark! More details coming soon.

## Summer Reading Challenge launch events

13 July 2024

Visit us in Stockingford and Lillington Libraries this summer as we launch the annual Summer Reading Challenge for 4-11 year olds!

## Park Life Reads

10 August 2024, 11am – 4pm

Enjoy our annual outdoor festival at Wembrook Community Centre in Nuneaton, bringing together the worlds of libraries, art and culture whilst celebrating our green spaces. Find out more on our library events webpage.

“The library staff here go out of their way to create a good atmosphere – excellent.”

- Stockingford Library visitor





# Summer Holidays



Warwickshire libraries are an exciting gateway to knowledge and imagination.

We encourage young people to visit us during the summer holidays to explore captivating books, participate in stimulating workshops, and foster curiosity and a new love for learning throughout the summer.

Find out about our summer activities by popping into your local library or visit our library events webpage for the latest information.

## Music and Drama Collection

Did you know Warwickshire Libraries has a Music and Drama Collection?

**The collection includes:**

- Play scripts
- Scores
- Vocal scores
- Chamber music parts
- Tutorial books
- Music for solo instruments



Groups such as choirs, orchestras and drama societies can also use the Music and Drama collection service for hiring multiple copies of vocal scores and play scripts, along with orchestral sets.

Find out more about the collection at  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries)

# Reading Challenge

## Summer Reading Challenge

This summer, children aged 4-11 years can visit us to meet a fictional group of characters, the Marvellous Makers, and get involved in our annual Summer Reading Challenge which celebrates children's creativity.

The challenge encourages children to borrow and read six books, which can include eBook and eAudio formats, over the course of the summer holidays.

By participating in the challenge young people can explore new reading material, develop their communication skills, and discover new interests.

Join our **Summer Reading Challenge launch events** on Saturday 13 July! Check our library events webpage for details.



“Love the library - long may it continue”  
- Wolston Library visitor

# Find out more

To find your local library and discover more about our services, scan the QR code, or visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries)



## Library Events

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You can also sign-up to the Warwickshire Libraries newsletter online at:

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/libraries>



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