

Welcome to Warwickshire Libraries

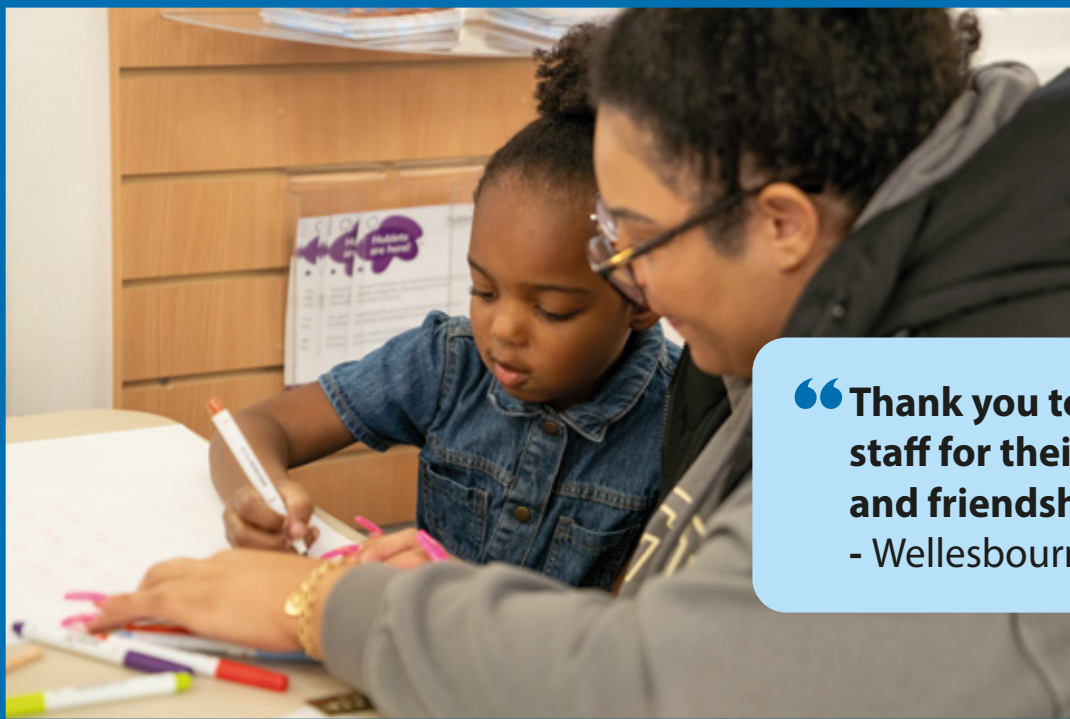
What's On Guide

Autumn/Winter 2024

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



Become a Library member



“Thank you to the library staff for their continual help and friendship.”
- Wellesbourne Library visitor

Watch our Welcome to Warwickshire Libraries video:



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, visit:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jointhelibrary

Warm Welcome

Libraries, museums, and other community venues across Warwickshire will once again be offering a warm welcome this winter.

Warm Welcome locations are established across the county for those who are struggling with energy costs or who are feeling vulnerable or isolated.



Residents are invited to attend libraries this winter on their own, or with their family or friends, to have a safe and warm place to spend some time.

Find out more at

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/librarieswarmwelcome



Christmas opening hours for all Warwickshire Libraries:

- **Christmas Eve** – libraries close at 4pm
- **Christmas Day** – closed
- **Boxing Day** – closed
- **27 December** – closed
- **28 - 30 December** – normal opening hours
- **31 December** – libraries close at 4pm
- **1 January** – closed
- **2 January** – normal opening hours



“ We attend Coffee and Chat which a group of us come to every week since last winter. The staff at Bedworth are always great! ”
- Bedworth Library visitor

Local Studies

Local Studies at Warwickshire Libraries

Do you want to find out more about where you live?

Our local history collections have:

- books to borrow
- local newspapers dating back to the 19th century
- parish registers and census returns
- local photographs
- access to Ancestry and Find My Past online

Look out for local history talks and family history sessions at **www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraryevents**. Selected libraries will also feature educational local history displays in September.

Find out more at **www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries-2/local-study-family-history-collection**.

“ Very much enjoyed this event. Thank you for making it available to parents as with the cost of living it's hard to find activities with low cost to entertain and educate children. ”

– visitor at Warwickshire Libraries' Park Life Reads event

Heritage and Culture Warwickshire



Heritage and Culture Warwickshire provide a range of services to help visitors to connect and engage with their heritage. 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: **<https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/>**

Mobile Libraries

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

Did you know?

In 2023, 94% of our event attendees said that they felt happier after engaging with their library. 70% said that they felt more empowered to access art and culture.



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: <https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/MobileLibraries/locations>

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

Email: mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk

Phone: 01926 851031

Feature Events

Diwali Town Trail

5-27 October 2024

Visit Rugby Library to enjoy completing challenges and collecting clues along our Diwali town trail.

Fun Palaces

5-6 October 2024

Visit selected libraries as they participate in the national Fun Palaces campaign! Each participating library will be running free community events such as knitting groups, gardening, or illustration sessions, to school and local choir performances.



Body in the Library: Murder Mystery Nights*

16-19 October 2024

Join us for the chance to turn detective and view interactive Body in the Library performances! Suitable for 18+ years, come along to see if you can solve our library- themed murder mystery!

**Entry fee applies*

Rugby Literary Festival

18 – 20 October 2024

Visit Rugby to enjoy free events in the library and across the town, suitable for all ages. Activities will range from Let's Make Music, Lego Club, and Story Smash sessions for children, Diwali storytelling and Book Magic for families, to author events, a poetry workshop with Warwickshire's Young Poet Laureate and more!

Feature Events



Harry Potter Quiz

1 November 2024

Do you know your wizards from your witchcraft? Then join in our Harry Potter Quiz, suitable for 10+ year olds. Tickets are £7 per person and can be booked on our library events webpage.

Young Poet Laureate – selection day

9 November 2024

Warwickshire's Young Poet Laureate is an annual competition open to 13-17 years olds in Warwickshire who would like to perform their own poetry to audiences at events and receive mentorship from a professional poet. Visit Rugby Library to enjoy public poetry performances by this year's shortlisted candidates.

To find out more about the competition, email libraryevents@warwickshire.gov.uk

Human Books

16 November and 12 February 2025

Enjoy a very different type of storytelling experience! Human Books are individuals who have volunteered to share their stories with others, speaking their narratives in just 20 minutes in ways that can inspire, enlighten, or sometimes challenge our own perspectives. Suitable for readers aged 18 and above.

“ Great event, well organised. ALL amazing people – inspiring! ”
Human Books event attendee

Autumn and Winter Events

October

Diwall Town Trall

Visit Rugby Library from 5 October – 2 November to enjoy completing challenges and collecting clues along our Diwali town trail.

Book Spine Potery

This month have a go at making poetry out of words on book spines, and share your creations with us on social media!

Tues 1	Author Event: In conversation with Marianne Cronin Rugby Library, 6 – 7pm
Wed 2	Author Event: In conversation with Monica Brown Stratford Library, 10 – 11am
Sat 5 Sat 5 Sat 5 Sun 6	Fun Palace events Bedworth Library, 9am – 4pm Rugby Library, 10am – 3pm Stratford Library, 10am – 3pm Nuneaton Library, 11am – 1:30pm
Mon 7	Get Dancing: cultural beats session for families Shipston Library, 10 – 11:30am
Tues 8	Author event: "You are never too old to write" with Suzanne Lissaman Southam Library, 7:30 – 9pm
Sat 12	Get Dancing: cultural beats session for 9-15 year olds Wellesbourne Library, 10:30am – 12pm
Tues 15	An evening of poetry Coleshill Library, 7 – 9:30pm
Wed 16 Thurs 17 Fri 18 Sat 19	Body in the Library: Murder Mystery nights* Southam Library, doors open from 7pm Kenilworth Library, doors open from 7pm Rugby Library, doors open from 7pm Leamington Library, doors open from 7pm
Thurs 17	Get Dancing: cultural beats session for families Polesworth Library, 10:30 – 11.30am
Thurs 17	Warwickshire's Virtual Library Service: An Introduction Online session via Microsoft Teams, 11am – 12pm



Fri 18 - Sun 20	Rugby Literary Festival A programme of exciting events across Rugby town for all ages. See our library events webpage for more details.
Sat 19	Diwali storytelling or 7-11 year olds Rugby Library, 2-3pm
Fri 25	Night at your museum Rugby Library, 7 – 8.30pm
Sat 26	Warwick Institute of Engagement celebrates Social Science The Royal Pump Rooms in Leamington Spa, including Leamington Library, 12 - 4pm
Tues 29	Spooky Let's Make (Lego Spike kit session) Rugby Library, 2:30 – 4pm
Thurs 31	Creepy crafts for families Rugby Library, 2:30 – 3:30pm

November

Fri 1	Harry Potter Quiz* Leamington Library, 7 – 9:30pm (£7 per person)
Fri 1	Monster movie stop-motion animation Rugby Library, 2:30 – 4pm
Mon 4	Free business advice Atherstone Library, 2 – 4pm on the first Monday of each month.
Sat 9	Young Poet Laureate 2024/25 selection day Enjoy public poetry performances by shortlisted candidates at Rugby Library.
Wed 13	Author Event: In conversation with Fran Hill Alcester Library, 6:30pm – 8 pm
Sat 16	Human Books: family storytelling Bedworth Library, 10am - 2pm

**Entry fees apply*

December

Christmas card making

Visit your local library this month to enjoy free Christmas card workshops for adults.

Christmas storytelling sessions with Jason Buck

Taking place at selected libraries. Visit our events webpage for more details.

Wed 4	Author Event: In conversation with Maria Waters Stratford Library, 10am – 11am
Wed 11	Author Event: In conversation with Caz Frear Stockingford Library, 11am – 12pm
Mon 23	Festive films stop-motion animation Rugby Library, 2:30 – 4pm
Tues 24	Christmas crafts for children Rugby Library, 2:30 – 3:30pm

January

Book Bingo 2025

Sign-up to Book Bingo, our new reading challenge in 2025 for adults!
Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/bookbingo

Fri 3	Let's Make Lego Spike kit session Rugby Library, 2:30 – 4pm.
Mon 27	Holocaust Memorial Day Visit your local library to view a themed display curated by library staff.
Wed 29	Lunar New Year Discover themed tales and enjoy crafts at your local library.

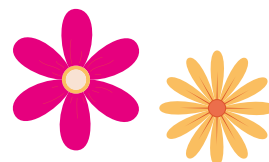
February

Valentine's Special – try a blind date with a book

Visit your local library this month to borrow a mystery book!

Wed 5	Get dancing: cultural beats session Coleshill Library, 10am – 11am
Mon 10	Author event: In conversation with Pip Landers-Letts Kenilworth Library, 7 – 8.30pm
Wed 12	Human Books: hear a stranger's story Kenilworth Library, 6 – 8:30pm
Mon 17 -Sat 22	Dinosaur Week! Enjoy free dinosaur-themed activities during half term at all libraries.
Tues 18	Spring crafts Rugby Library, 2:30 – 3:30pm
Thurs 20	Nature films stop-motion animation Rugby Library, 2:30 – 4pm
Fri 21	Let's Make (Lego Spike kit session) Rugby Library, 2:30 – 4pm

Spring Events



March

Wed 5	National Careers Week event Leamington Library, 6 – 8pm
Thurs 6	World Book Day Visit your local library dressed up as a book character to claim a surprise reward.
Wed 19	'New Stories for Readers' anthology launch Leamington Library, 7.30 – 9pm
Wed 26	Shakespeare Quiz with actor entertainment* Stratford-upon-Avon Library, 7 – 9.30pm

**Entry fees apply*

Digital Offer

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

- Free Wi-Fi and public computers.
- Printing and photocopying facilities (fees apply).
- eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines and eNewspapers.
- Borrow a digital tablet for up to six weeks.
- Driver Theory Test and/or UK Citizenship Test practice.
- IT Help and Support and Cyber Safe Warwickshire sessions.
- Access to Naxos Music Library, Times Digital Archive,
- Encyclopaedia Britannica, British Newspaper Archive, Ancestry, and Find My Past.



Tea and Tech sessions

Did you know we host free drop-in sessions to help you get the most out of your digital devices?

Find out more: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/youcanonline

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.



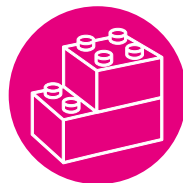
Dad and Me

Join our monthly 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.



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.

“The staff who work in this library are amazing. So kind, caring and welcoming. Love our trips on a Thursday to Rhyme Time and the staff that are on that day.”

- Stockingford Library visitor

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

Join Wellesbourne Library's reading group for children and young people to discuss a variety of books, authors and genres in each monthly session.



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.



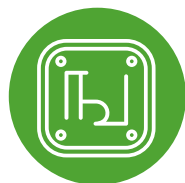
Reading Groups and Book Clubs

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

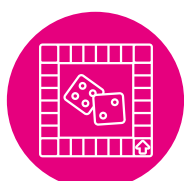
Join one of our friendly groups of yarn crafters who get together weekly or fortnightly for a good knit and a natter. Suitable for all abilities.

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 autumn and winter 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.

Find out more
about our activities at
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraryevents.



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



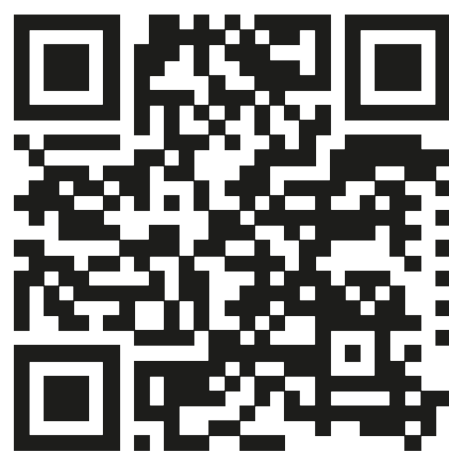
Library Events

For our latest events and activities information, scan the QR code, or visit:


www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraryevents

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

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



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