

# Welcome to Warwickshire Libraries

# What's On Guide

## Spring/Summer 2025

Sign up to become 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.

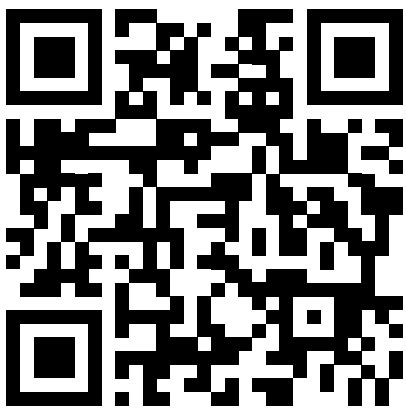


# Become a Library member



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

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

# Warwickshire's Young Poet Laureate

The role of Warwickshire's Young Poet Laureate celebrates its 10th year in 2025!

Enjoy this extract from Ananditha Venkatramanan's latest poem, *The Power of a Voice*, in her role as Young Poet Laureate for 2024/25:

## The Power of a Voice

Your voice can never  
be lost in a crowd:  
all it takes is for you to  
raise it among the others,  
a whistle of your vision.  
Your voice is the strongest  
I've ever heard and it  
has the sheer strength  
to alter lives of so many,  
Just believe.



Read or listen to  
the full poem here:



## 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)

# Heritage and Culture



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/>

“Loved it! Unusual way to spend an evening in St John’s House Museum” - Body in the Library event attendee

## Borrow, Reuse, Reduce - Sustainable Reading for Everyone

Libraries have been championing sustainability for centuries! By borrowing instead of buying, you're saving resources, reducing waste, and cutting the energy used to make new books. Plus, our digital collection on BorrowBox means you have even more ways to read sustainably.



Find out more about what you can do to reduce your carbon footprint and support biodiversity in Warwickshire: [www.sustainablewarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.sustainablewarwickshire.co.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

Each mobile library is accessible with a lift 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](mailto:mobilelibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Phone: **01926 851031**

“ 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.

# Feature Events

## World Book Night - Book Quiz

**23 April, 7 - 9pm**

Celebrate the joy of reading at our fun-filled quiz night at Coleshill Library!

Test your literary knowledge across eight rounds featuring a variety of genres, from classic novels to contemporary bestsellers. Teams are a maximum of five people, and the winners will be presented with National Book Tokens so it's all to play for!

## May Half-Term

**26 - 30 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! Activities will be taking place throughout the week suitable for children aged 4 – 11 years.



## ACOTAR Quiz Night\*

**30 May, 7:30 - 9pm**

Are you a fan of A Court of Thorns and Roses? Then get involved in our fantastic ACOTAR Quiz Night at Leamington Spa Library! Suitable for 16+ years, the evening will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the first book in this hit fantasy series. **\*Entry fees applies**

## Kushti Kherd: Open Mic Night

**6 June, 7 - 9:30pm**

Enjoy a free night of entertainment, comedy, and poetry at Rugby Library with artists from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. Suitable for 18+ years.

# Feature Events

## Summer Reading Challenge

July - September

This summer, children aged 4 - 11 years can get involved in our annual Summer Reading Challenge! The challenge encourages children to borrow and read six books, which can include eBook and eAudio formats, during the summer holidays.

We will also be hosting Summer Reading Challenge launch events at Lillington Library on 12 July and Coleshill Library on 19 July.



## Park Life Reads

9 August, 10am - 4pm

Enjoy our free and family friendly annual outdoor festival at Riversley Park in Nuneaton. This event focuses on bringing together the worlds of libraries, art and culture whilst celebrating our green spaces.

## East and Southeast Asian Storytelling & Origami Workshops

13 September, 11am - 12pm and 1 - 2pm

Visit Nuneaton Library to enjoy Moon Rabbit's Adventure, a Kamishibai family show and origami workshop delivered by A Thousand Cranes theatre company.

“ A fantastic quiz! Lovely to see so many people here. I hope they continue to visit their own libraries often. Staff were excellent! ”

– Harry Potter Quiz attendee at Leamington Spa Library

# Spring and Summer Events

## April

### Craft workshops for adults - Stamp Your Own Tote Bag

Free craft workshops for adults will be taking place at all our libraries in April, May, and June. Visit our Eventbrite webpage for details.

### Easter crafts

From 12 – 27 April, have a go at making some egg-cellent crafty creations suitable for all the family!

Wed 2

#### Author Event: an audience with Fran Hill

Warwick Library, 10:15 – 11:15am.

Thurs 17

#### Author Event: In conversation with Sarah Whitton

Southam Library, 7 – 8pm.

Tues 22

#### Earth Day

Enjoy storytelling with Jason Buck, meet children's author Leah Boden, listen to poetry, and enjoy making plenty of crafts.

Nuneaton Library, 10:30am – 4:20pm for all ages and 4:30 – 6pm for adults.

Wed 23

#### Launch of Children's First Folio Tour

Suitable for children. Come along to annotate a limited edition of the award-nominated First Folio for Children. The book will visit all council-managed libraries. Check our Eventbrite webpage for dates and details.

Wed 23

#### World Book Night - Book Quiz

Coleshill Library, 7 – 9pm. Suitable for 16+ years.

Tues 29

#### Celebrate International Dance Day

Join Autin Dance Theatre for a free Street Games event with a live DJ to feel active and have fun. Rugby Library, 7:30 – 8:30pm.

Rugby Library, 7:30 – 8:30pm. Suitable for 12+ years.

## May

### Warwickshire Remembers: 80 Years of Victory

Visit your local library to discover and share local VE Day memories, try brooch making, and enjoy tea parties. See our website for more details.

Fri 2

#### Launch of The British Library's touring exhibition - Unearthed

View the latest touring exhibition about gardens by The British Library's Living Knowledge Network and enjoy our free **Unearthed Compost Workshops**. Visit our Eventbrite webpage for more details.



Tues 6	<b>Tell it To the Bees</b> A playful earthy performance about death, loss and remembering for Dying Matters Awareness Week. Southam Library, 7:15 - 9pm.
Wed 7	<b>Author Event: In conversation with Abigail Johnson</b> Stratford-upon-Avon Library, 10 – 11am.
Thurs 8	<b>Author Event: In conversation with John Connolly</b> Nuneaton Library, 1- 2pm.
Sat 17	<b>Words of Our Own: Creative writing workshop</b> Creative writing session for 11 – 16 year olds. Stratford-upon-Avon Library, 12 – 2:30pm.
Mon 19 -Sun 25	<b>Dementia Action Week</b> Explore our Dementia collection and resources. Available at all libraries during our opening hours.
Mon 26 -Fri 30	<b>May Half-Term</b> Visit your local library to enjoy designing book covers, sharing book reviews and crafting book bags.
Fri 30	<b>ACOTAR Quiz*</b> Leamington Spa Library, 7 – 9.30pm. Suitable for 16+ years.

## June

### Pride Month

Visit your local library to discover age-appropriate resources and learn all about Pride Month.

### Windrush Exhibition

From 2 – 27 June, visit this exhibition at Bedworth Library to learn about the Windrush generation.

Fri 6	<b>Kushti Kherd: Open Mic Night</b> Rugby Library, 7 – 9:30pm. Suitable for 18+ years.
Tue 8	<b>The Great Big Green Week</b> Join in with activities celebrating community action to tackle climate change and protect the natural world.
Sat 12	<b>Author Event: In conversation with Sophie Hannah and Nic Aubury</b> Leamington Spa Library, 7 – 8pm
Sat 19	<b>Book Bingo Bonanza</b> Nuneaton Library, 7 – 9pm.
Wed 23	<b>Launch of Bookmark Competition</b> Visit your local library to enter our latest bookmark design competition!

\*Entry fees apply

## July

### South Asian Heritage Month

Visit your local library this month to learn about South Asian heritage with free resources and activities.

### Summer Reading Challenge

The Reading Agency's annual free summer holiday reading initiative for 4 – 11 year olds. Available at all libraries. See our Eventbrite webpage for more details.

Sat 5	<b>Author Event: In conversation with Rugby Café Writers</b> Rugby Library, 11am – 2pm.
Tue 8	<b>Author Event: In conversation with Rosie Goodwin</b> Atherstone Library, 6 – 7pm.
Sat 12	<b>Summer Reading Challenge Launch event</b> Lillington Library, 10am – 3pm.
Sat 19	<b>Summer Reading Challenge Launch event</b> Coleshill Library, 10am – 3pm.
Wed 23	<b>South Asian Heritage Month - Storytelling by Peter Chand</b> Storytelling events for families 2 – 3pm and adults 4.30 – 5.30pm at Rugby Library.

## August

Sat 9	<b>Park Life Reads</b> Enjoy our free and family friendly outdoor festival celebrating literacy, wellbeing, and the environment.
Tue 12	<b>Youth Day</b> Visit our social media to find book recommendations for young people.

## September

### East and Southeast Asian Heritage Month

Explore our libraries for free resources to celebrate the Moon Festival.

Sat 13	<b>East and Southeast Asian Heritage Month Storytelling and Origami Workshop</b> Nuneaton Library, 11am-12pm and 1-2pm.
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Find out more about our events and activities for all ages at  
[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraryevents](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraryevents)

# Warwickshire Schools Library Service

Warwickshire Schools Library Service invites schools to get involved in their Year 4 Reading Celebration and Warwickshire Secondary Book Award 2025.

The Year 4 Reading Celebration encourages primary school pupils to read four books from their local library and culminates in a special library celebration event.

Secondary schools can take part in the Warwickshire Secondary Book Award. Students get to read a selection of shortlisted books and vote for their favourite, later attending an award ceremony to find out the winning book and meet some of the authors.

To find out more, email [schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:schoolslibraryservice@warwickshire.gov.uk)

## 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.

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



Did you know we host free drop-in sessions to help you get the most out of your digital devices? Find out more at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/youcanonline](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/youcanonline)

# Activities for Children



## Rhyme Time

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



## Story Stomp and Story Smash

Enjoy fun interactive sessions with stories, songs, and rhymes for 2 – 4 year olds with their parents and carers, or monthly Story Smash sessions at Rugby Library suitable for 5 – 12 year olds.



## Baby Sing-A-Long

Available at Polesworth Library every Friday from 10:30 – 11am.



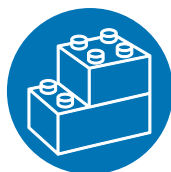
## Dad and Me

Join our monthly sing-along session at Atherstone Library for babies and toddlers with their dads, grandads and male carers.



## Duplo Play

Enjoy our playtime sessions with Duplo! Available at selected libraries and 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.

“ Lovely engaging session, learning through music and movement. Sensory experience for all ages. Very engaging host. We loved it! ” - Bhangra Tots event attendee

# and Young People



## Film Club

Join us at Stratford-upon-Avon Library during term time at 1.30pm each Wednesday to watch a classic U or PG-rated film.



## Sensory Sessions

Experience sensory story time or play in relaxed environments at selected libraries. Suitable for children and young people with additional needs.



## Code Clubs

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.



## Pageturners Reading Group

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



## Bookworms Reading Group

Join Wellesbourne Library's reading group for 9 – 14 year olds to discuss a variety of books, authors and genres.



## Let's Make

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

# Free Activities for Adults



## **Book Bingo**

Pick-up a Book Bingo card from your local library to take part in our new reading challenge for adults this year!



## **Family History**

Get help at selected libraries with researching your family or local area's history using library computers and resources.



## **Mindfulness colouring**

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



## **Poetry**

Visit Coleshill Library and join our friendly group who meet monthly to share their passion for poetry. Free refreshments provided.



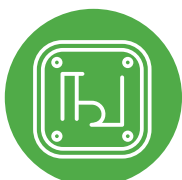
## **Reading Groups and Book Clubs**

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-upon-Avon 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 Spa 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 regularly for a good knit and a natter. Suitable for all abilities.



### **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**

Suitable for all ages, enjoy free card games and board games led by volunteers at selected libraries. There is also a monthly Dungeons & Dragons group at Rugby Library, and weekly Rummikub and Scrabble sessions at Atherstone Library.



### **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-upon-Avon Library to enjoy mindfulness colouring, jigsaws, board games, crafts and more. Free refreshments are available.



### **Craft afternoon 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.



### **Sip and Paint**

Visit Alcester Library to enjoy free sip and paint sessions every second Wednesday of the month, 7 – 8:30pm.



### **Green Book Talks**

Visit Shipston Library to enjoy regular drop-in sessions by Stourvale Action for the Environment, and learn about interesting books with nature or environmental themes.



Find out more about our activities at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraryevents](http://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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries)



## Library Events

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

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