Sunderland Libraries Literature FESTIVAL 2021







Following a virtual edition to last year's programme 2021 will be back to business as usual with a mixture of both live and online events. As well as giving local authors a platform you will also have the opportunity to see well known authors without leaving the comfort of your own home.

We believe that now, more than ever, books and libraries can play an important role in reducing isolation, provide a sense of connection and help us escape or make sense of the world. We have put together a diverse, interesting, uplifting and inspiring programme, that promises a wide range of inspirational authors, including popular local contributors, with exciting events for all ages, featuring live performances, film clips, author Q&A's, workshops, taster sessions and storytelling.

During the festival we will be celebrating reading as a source of comfort, companionship and escapism. You're never alone if you've got a book to read or listen to. The festival will be supported this year by Sunderland University and Lonely Tower Film & Media.

The Literature Festival starts on Monday 18 of October, please visit our website, Facebook and Twitter pages to find out who will be appearing and keep up to date with any changes or additions to the programme. All events are FREE.

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- Wind the Bobbin, our free interactive nursery rhyme app is also available to download, with videos, songs and an area to create and record your own nursery rhymes.
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Cllr Linda Williams, Portfolio Holder for Vibrant City said, "We firmly believe in the importance of literature, libraries and culture as being important for every resident's wellbeing, creating opportunities to spark the imagination, to express ourselves, to find out, to contribute and to socialise with other residents from the city and beyond"

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Monday 18 October

BIPC Open Day

Houghton Library 10-3pm

Thinking of starting a business in Sunderland? Drop in to see the BIPC local team for advice, support and access to databases to enable your journey.

Steve Watts - journaling for wellbeing workshop

Sunderland Local History Library @ETR 11–12noon



Join Steve for this introductory session on journaling and learn about some of the many ways in which we can journal to help with both our physical and mental wellbeing. Steve worked at the University of Sunderland for 20

years and now runs his own company. Steve is also co-author of the SENCO Handbook which was published in 2019 to support colleagues working with children and young people in special educational needs settings. To find out more visit www.wattscoaching.com

Lauren Davis - local children's author session

City Library @ Sunderland Museum, Library & Winter Garden 1.45pm-2.45pm



Lauren trained to be an illustrator for over 8 years. Art is her passion and always has been! She is a Mammy to a beautiful little boy who inspired her to create her first published children's book (as he loves dinosaurs) it is a book about

a T-rex who has scoliosis (her own condition) and how he gets through living with his condition with the help of his family and friends!

Class visits City Library

Peter Chapman – Tyneside Heritage talk

Sunderland Local History Library @ETR 2-3pm



After reading Social Anthropology at Cambridge and taking a master's degree in Social Administration at the London School of Economics, Peter Chapman enjoyed a career in housing. He has been a chair of

charities in his fields of interest including: The National Communities Resource Centre; the Friends of the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Cambridge and a local youth charity Kensington Dragons Football Club. Living in London he retains close links with the North East, where he was born. He is an Honorary Life Member of the South Shields Local History Group, to whom he has delivered two lectures on themes from 'A Tyneside Heritage'.

Lonely Tower Film & Media Present – prerecorded film

6.30pm

Present a Brief insight into the history of Wearmouth Bridges - From 'Secret Sunderland' with local author Marie Gardiner

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AmYRDvmcbh



Tuesday 19 October

Time for Rhyme session

Houghton Library 9.30–10.15am, suggested donation £2

Come and join our fun, lively session of songs, rhymes, and actions.

Time for Rhyme session

Washington Town Centre Library 10-10.30am, suggested donation £2

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Find My Past taster session

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Black History Month author session - Yvonne Battle-Felton - prerecorded talk

4.30pm

Join Yvonne Battle-Felton as she talks about her book 'Remembered', Yvonne is an American writer living in the UK. Her writing has been published in literary journals and anthologies. Remembered, was longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction (2019) and shortlisted for the Jhalak Prize (2020). She was commended for children's writing in the Faber Andlyn BAME (FAB) Prize (2017) and has three titles in Penguin Random House's Ladybird Tales of Superheroes and three in the forthcoming Ladybird Tales of Crowns and Thrones. Yvonne has a PhD in Creative Writing from Lancaster University and is Lecturer in Creative Writing and Creative Industries at Sheffield Hallam University."

To join the session log onto our Facebook page www.facebook.com/SunderlandLibraries

Lonely Tower Film & Media Present – prerecorded short film

6.30pm

A brief insight into The Victoria Hall Disaster from 'Secret Sunderland' with local author Marie Gardiner.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mkwv8ilvJFM



Wednesday 20 October

Time for Rhyme session

City Library @Museum & Winter Gardens 10-10.30am suggested donation £2

Come and join our fun, lively session of songs, rhymes, and actions.

Dr Alex Lockwood from the University of Sunderland - Faculty of Creative and Professional Writing

Live Writing workshop via zoom 11am



Speculative Stories of Climate Hope. We need new stories of living through the climate crisis to give us hope and help us adapt so why not write one yourself? This workshop will explore some of the elements of cli-fi, speculative

fiction, HopePunk and good old fashion storytelling to help you articulate your stories about the world we live in today, and our potential futures. Whether fiction, nonfiction, essay, or a hybrid of them all, come and write alongside others in this interactive workshop with environmental author and activist Dr Alex Lockwood from the University of Sunderland's new BA Creative and Professional Writing programme.

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Meeting ID: 886 4525 1258 Passcode: 618299

"Same, same... but different" children's production

City Library@Museum & Winter Gardens

"Same, same... but different" children's production celebrating our individuality, diversity and the bonds which connect us all by Sonia Sabri Company. Inspired by the well-known Anglo-Asian phrase "same, same... but different", meaning "Yes, something kind of similar, but not the exact same thing", "Same, same... but different" asks children big questions about difference and mutual respect for children. The three performers use different dance styles, slapstick and humour, movement and expression to connect to 5–11 year olds.

BIPC – Help and support for Sunderland business or new entrepreneurs

Sunderland Local History Library @ ETR 2-4pm

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Class Visits City Library

Glenda Young - prerecorded author session

4.30pm

Join Sunderland's bestselling author Glenda Young online as she talks about her new novel 'The Miner's Lass', published by Headline. Set in Ryhope at the end of WW1, Glenda's books bring old Ryhope to life and her stories pack a dramatic punch. Join her on this nostalgic look back at old Ryhope and discover how the village continues to inspire her bestselling books.

https://bit.ly/GlendaYoungSaga

Lonely Tower Film & Media Present – prerecorded short film

6.30pm

A brief insight into the history of Sunderland Built Concrete Boats - from 'Secret Sunderland' with local author Marie Gardiner Secret Sunderland

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WHO DOESN'T LOVE A SPOOKY STORY?

Sunderland Spooky Stories will be back in the Autumn as part of Sunderland's Lights Out Festival for Halloween.

We are looking for 500 words of mischief, mishaps and mayhem that will put a spell on our judges, whether it's something scary around Halloween or a frightening tale of things that go bump in the night. It's easy to enter, and the rules are simple.

Wednesday 1 September - Entries open Friday 1 October - Competition Closes

Age groups include 5 - 9 years, 10 - 13 years and 14 - 18 years. Anything goes as long as it is just **500** words, meets the criteria and deadline of Friday 1 October.

IF YOU HAVE GOT A SPOOKY STORY TO SHARE, ENTER IT IF YOU DARE!

Visit www.sunderlandbid.co.uk/ sunderland-spooky-stories to find out more and submit your entry.



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Thursday 21 October

Find My Past taster session

Houghton Library 10am–12noon

Learn how to investigate your family history with a short introduction to all of the resources the Library has to offer. To book contact Houghton Library on 0191 561 6382

BIPC Open Day

Sunderland Local History Library @ ETR 10-3pm

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James Baldwin pre-recorded author talk

11.30am

James was born on Christmas Day 1975; he was taunted at school for being dyslexic which gave him a fear for words and prevented him from reading books until he was in his mid-thirties. Being very creative, he decided to put pen to paper and overcome his anxieties by writing a book for teenagers. 'Time in your hands' In this pre-recorded session James talks about his passion for literature and his reason for writing his book.

To join the session log onto our Facebook page www.facebook.com/SunderlandLibraries

Maisie Raine – author session

Washington Town Centre Library 1.30–2.30pm

Local Children's author Maisie Raine will be reading from 'The Summer of the Witch' and telling some creepy and funny Halloween stories - Maisie started reading when she was 3 years old, and has been a passionate reader ever since, with folklore and History her favourite topics. She'd always wanted to write and has successfully published three books, two for children and the third written for adults based in Southwick during the First World War.

Class visit Washington Town Centre Library

Dr Barbara Sadler from the University of Sunderland - Faculty of Creative and Professional Writing - pre-recorded talk

6pm



Dr Sadler presents a pre-recorded talk about ITV regions, and how ITV regional programme companies made relationships with regional audiences through the use of station identifiers or idents. The talk highlights how

idents are documents of some historical significance which deserve more critical attention.

Tyne Tees, Yorkshire, Granada and Border: identities and idents at ITV 1955 – 2002

https://youtu.be/ldu6rUg-DpA

Lonely Tower Film & Media Present - prerecorded short film

6.30pm

A brief insight into the history of Cholera in Sunderland – from 'Secret Sunderland' with local author Marie Gardiner.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y09h8Znaumo



Friday 22 October

Charlotte Sebag-Montefiore pre-recorded children's story session

10.30am



Charlotte Sebag-Montefiore finds dinosaurs fascinating and loves writing about them. Her first dinosaur story, Herbie and the T Rex, is the start of a dinosaur world, where unique dinosaur characters each deal with issues

confronting them in their own way. She will talk all about her amazing dinosaur characters in her session. To join the session you will need to download a powerpoint and a video.

Powerpoint - Open your explorer, type or copy following link: shorturl.at/jICJ5.Video - Open a new window in explorer, type or copy following link: https://we.tl/t-7PIJgWerhI

Charlotte has more interesting free activities on her site - www.charlotteswonderfulstories.com

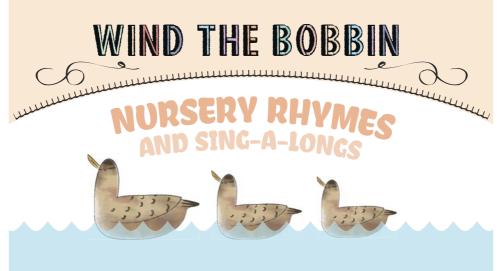
Dr Allison Younger from the University of Sunderland - Faculty of Creative and Professional Writing and Mr Colin Younger on-line live workshops via zoom

11am

First of two on-line live workshops via zoom for up to 15 people each. This workshop will ask participants to explore Mowbray Park to find the newly installed brass plaques to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first publication of Alice Through the Looking-Glass. These distinctive plaques are scattered around the Park. The workshops will engage participants in writing poetry inspired by the quotations on these plaques, linking to concepts and techniques of wellness and healing through interacting with the outdoors.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87322855445?pwd=ZV dSanoya3o0Z2VXSWdKbU5scGcrQT09

Meeting ID: 873 2285 5445 Passcode: 316639



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Roker Park

Thursday 14 October– Saturday 13 November

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Saturday 23 October

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Sunderland Local History Library @ ETR 10-2 and 2-4pm

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Jake Morris Campbell poetry reading

Sunderland Local History Library @ETR 2.30-3.30pm



Jake Morris-Campbell is a poet, critic and tutor. His debut collection of poetry Corrigenda for Costafine Town (Blue Diode Press) is a creative exploration of his hometown, South Shields. A BBC/AHRC New Generation

Thinker 2021, he has appeared on BBC Radio 3's Free Thinking programme. He regularly works in collaboration on public arts programmes and is a researcher and assistant lecturer at Newcastle University.

Lonely Tower Film & Media Present - prerecorded short film

6.30pm

A brief insight into Stefan Schwarz - Space Clause SAFC – from 'Secret Sunderland' with local author Marie Gardiner.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_4ckx6tcx8



Monday 25 October

Pre-recorded Storytime



With children's author Dan Allbaugh an award-winning author, husband, and father of two boys who are the inspiration for his writing. His latest work the Gritty Little Lamb is a fun, inspiring, and relatable rhyming story about

games that teaches children the value of determination Dan lives with his family in Iowa.

Dr Allison Younger from the University of Sunderland - Faculty of Creative and Professional Writing and Mr Colin Younger on-line live workshops via zoom

3pm

Second of two on-line live workshops via zoom for up to 15 people each. This workshop will ask participants to explore Mowbray Park to find the newly installed brass plaques to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first publication of Alice Through the Looking-Glass. These distinctive plaques are scattered around the Park. The workshops will engage participants in writing poetry inspired by the quotations on these plaques, linking to concepts and techniques of wellness and healing through interacting with the outdoors.

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Anne Twine - prerecorded author talk

6.30pm

Join Local Teenage author Anne Twine as she talks about our beloved Penshaw Monument as the setting for her successful debut novel, 'Monument' which was widely read locally, and across the UK. Annie will be introducing her second novel, also set in the North East, called 'Dummy Run'. She will discuss the characters, the themes of this novel, and her views on encouraging local teenagers to become more involved in literature generally. As a former English teacher from Farringdon and Southmoor Academies, writing for young adult readers is her passion.

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Tuesday 26 October

Time for Rhyme session

Houghton Library 9.30-10.15am, suggested donation £2

Come and join our fun, lively session of songs, rhymes, and actions.

Time for Rhyme session

Washington Town Centre Library 10-10.30am, suggested donation £2

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Children's Batty Halloween craft activity

City Library @Museum & Winter Gardens 2.30-3.30pm, suggested donation £2

Children's Halloween Scary Skeleton Craft activity

Washington Town Centre Library 2.30-3.30pm, suggested donation £2

Fiona Walker - prerecorded author talk

6.30pm



Join popular "Chick Lit" author Fiona Walker, British author of contemporary women's fiction. Fiona has been popularly dubbed 'the Jilly Cooper of the Cosmo generation'. She studied drama at the University of London before

embarking upon a brief career in advertising. Her first novel, French Relations, was published when she was in her early twenties. She lives with her partner and their two daughters in rural Warwickshire.

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Wednesday 27 October

Time for Rhyme session

City Library @Museum & Winter Gardens 10-10.30am suggested donation £2

Come and join our fun, lively session of songs, rhymes, and actions.

Glenda Young - Prerecorded book launch -"Murder at the Seaview Hotel"

11am



Join Sunderland's bestselling author Glenda Young online as she launches her debut cosy crime Murder at the Seaview Hotel, published by Headline. Set in Scarborough, the book stars 12 Elvis impersonators, called Twelvis!

When one is murdered and his blue suede shoes are stolen, hotel landlady Helen Dexter and her rescue greyhound Suki are on the case to solve the crime.

https://bit.ly/GlendaYoungCosyCrime

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Sunderland Local History Library @ ETR 2-4pm

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Children's Halloween Pumpkins Craft activity

Houghton Library 2.30-3.30pm, suggested donation £2

Dr Miguel Gomes Gargamala from the University of Sunderland -Faculty of Creative and Professional Writing live session via zoom.

2.30-3.30pm

In this session, Miguel will introduce and read a few Old English poems in the original, and then provide a translation by (popular) modern writers such as Armitage and Heaney.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83760269974?pwd=R3 F5S1BpWIMzNzREdHhTN0tkd3VGQT09

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Lonely Tower Film & Media Present Sunderland Industrial Giants - pre-recorded short film clips

6.30pm

Sunderland Industrial Giants - 5 short film clips. Sunderland was once one of Britain's industrial giants. Famous for its shipyards, mines and glassmaking, it thrived at a time when its country needed it most. After the Second World War the town saw incredible change, as the heavy industry that seemed so permanent, faded and died.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLL9IPv-19E&feature=youtu.be



Thursday 28 October

Haydn Watson - local author talk

Houghton Library 10-11am



Join local author Haydn Watson a retired teacher who began his working life as an Engineer until 1991 when he completed a BEd at Sunderland University. He began writing six years ago and 'A Life Navigated' was his first book.

He was born in South Shields and has spent fifty years living in the town. He now lives in Penshaw and has five children and nine grandchildren. His second book entitled 'Garn Yem' is with his publisher at the moment and the third is in progress.

Children's Halloween Black Cat Wreath Craft Activity

City Library @ Sunderland Museum, Library & Winter Garden 2.30-3.30pm, suggested donation £2

Children's Halloween Batty Craft activity

Washington Town Centre Library 2.30-3.30pm suggested donation £2



Friday 29 October

Amanda Revell Walton Q&A session with local author

Live Q&A session via zoom 2.30-3.30pm

During the session Amanda will talk about her novels and her journey to becoming a published author, she is the Sunday Times bestselling author of the 'heart-warming, emotional and gripping' series The Shipyard Girls. Writing under the pen name Nancy Revell, she is presently working on the twelfth and final instalment of the hugely successful series which centres around an eclectic group of women working in the shipyards during the Second World War. The latest instalment of the series 'Shipyard Girls under the Mistletoe' will be published on 28 October.

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Meeting ID: 830 0172 3986 Passcode: MJ6kBS

Children's Halloween Scary Skeleton craft activity

Houghton Library 2.30-3.30pm, suggested donation £2

Black History Month Author Session -Okechukwu Nzelu: prerecorded talk

5.30pm

Join Okechukwu Nzelu: a Manchester-based writer. In 2015 he was the recipient of a Northern Writers' Award from New Writing North. In 2020 his debut novel, The Private Joys of Nnenna Maloney won a Betty Trask Award and was shortlisted for the Betty Trask Prize, the Desmond Elliott Prize, and the Polari First Book Prize. In 2021, which was selected for the Kingston University Big Read. His second novel, Here Again Now, will be published by Dialogue Books/Little, Brown in March 2022. He is currently a Lecturer in Creative Writing at Lancaster University.

To join the session log on to our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/SunderlandLibraries

Sarah Dobbs, Senior Lecturer from the University of Sunderland Faculty of Creative and Professional Writing short film

6pm

Pre-recorded Short film titled 'A Part' created by Sarah Coxon and Sarah Dobbs, two grounded aerialists, artists and writers, working on two separate coastlines – Sunderland and Barcelona. 'A Part' explores creation and transition in this world and at a distance?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a95xvnZPC84



Saturday 30 October

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