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There's so much more  
to a book than just the  
reading.

Maurice Sendak ”



Warrington  
Lit Fest

Saturday 4th -  
Saturday 11th June  
2022

Author Talks  
Poetry Reading  
Storytelling  
Scriptwriting  
Creative Writing  
Reading

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## Welcome to LitFest

We are so excited to bring you a week celebrating literature and reading. Every one of our 13 libraries, plus other Warrington venues, are hosting events from local and national authors all designed to inspire and encourage a love of reading and books.

The week launches with a family fun day at Warrington Central Library to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the rest of the week has something for everyone with interactive digital sessions, author talks, children's activities and even a murder mystery evening.

It is set to be a brilliant week and we look forward to welcoming you all.

Livewire Libraries Team



**All our events are FREE to attend\*.**

All you need to do is book your place at your local library or email **libteam@livewirewarrington.org**

\*The Gruffalo at Parr Hall is a paid for ticketed event

## Saturday 4th June Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

### Warrington Central Library

10.30am-2.30pm – Try all the activities – get 6 stamps on your ration card to claim your free goody bag

**10.30am-11am**

Warrington  
Signing Choir

Artist **Stef Woof**  
will be creating a  
**special Jubilee mural**  
throughout the day  
with your help

**12pm and 1.30pm**

Imagining Histories  
presents interactive  
role play and  
storytelling

### Make and Do

- Union Jack bunting
- 3D printing demo
- Paper craft and calligraphy from Mulan Culture
- Jewellery making
- Get creative at our Museum Crafternoon

### Firefighter Storytime 12 – 2pm

Firefighters from Warrington Fire Station will read stories and show visitors around their fire engine

**Take a trip down  
memory lane**  
with items from our  
museum collection

**Take a break with tea and cake while you watch the Jubilee slide show**





# Warrington Lit Fest Events

Monday 6th June

## How Aspirion Found Me with Florie Parker

Stockton Heath Library  
1pm

Share the journey to becoming an author of children's fantasy books. Children's drawing and book signing available.

## Three Wishes and a Sausage with Helen Stewart

Westbrook Library  
3pm

Stories brought to life for family groups. No book, no script, just the storyteller and your imagination.



## Author talk with Mandy Byatt

Lymm Library  
6.30pm

Local Lymm author talks about her debut novel 'Just Another Liar' – a psychological thriller with a killer twist.



Tuesday 7th June

## 247 poems with Dean Fraser

Burtonwood Library  
11am

A poetic homage to the uniqueness of Cheshire.



## Mamas United: Stop Ironing, Start Living with Louisa Herridge

Padgate Library  
6.30pm

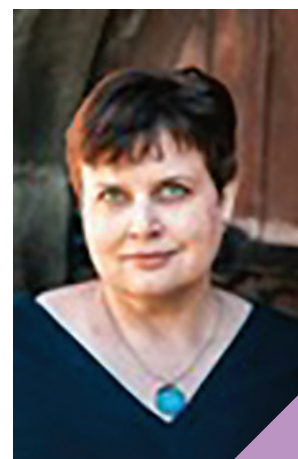
Join author Louisa Herridge and learn how women can be more, do more and have more.



## An Evening with Sarah Ward

Penketh Library  
6.30pm

Join us in person or online on Facebook Live.



Wednesday 8th June

## Storytelling with Milton Wimpenny

Holy Trinity Church, WA1 1XG  
11am

A storytelling session for adults.

## Tale of 3 writers with Carol Bissett, Liz Hedgecock and Michael Jackson

Orford Library  
2pm

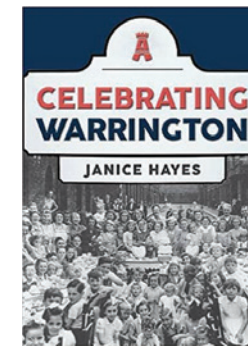
Join three local authors for an informal, fun evening discussing their different writing and publishing journeys.



## Celebrating Warrington with Janice Hayes

Warrington Central Library  
2pm

Local author Janice Hayes reveals highlights from her new book celebrating the town's unique story.



## Mum's the Word with Rebecca Oxtoby

Westbrook Library  
6.30pm

Rebecca Oxtoby talks about her books and her experiences as a mum and a successful indie author.



Thursday 9th June

## Creative Writing Workshop – Open to everyone aged 50+

Gateway, Warrington, WA1 1SR  
10am

Release your creative mind and showcase your writing skills with the Bold Street Writers group.



## Chapter and Verse of Christian Poetry

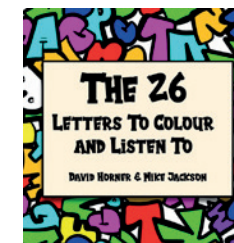
St Andrew's Church, Poplars Avenue, WA2 9UE  
11am

Poetry, conversation and refreshments.

## The 26 by David Horner

Stockton Heath Library  
6.30pm

A celebration of the English alphabet with music by Gareth Evans and visuals by Michael Jackson.



## The Life of Crime by Martin Edwards

Woolston Library  
6.30pm

Award-winning author Martin Edwards discusses the evolution of crime writing and his new book the life of crime.





Friday 10th June

The New Open Gate –  
Writing and Poetry class  
with Terry Caffrey and  
LifeTime

Gateway, Warrington, WA1 1SR  
10.30am

An open invitation to work with a  
professional writer providing inspiration  
through creative writing workshops.

Storytime with  
Milton Wimpenny

Holy Trinity Church,  
WA1 1XG

11am

Storytime session for children  
and families.

How to blog with  
Liz Hedgecock and  
Michael Jackson

Birchwood Library

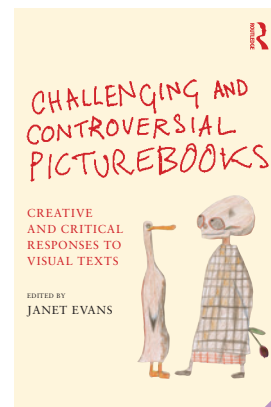
2pm

Ever thought about starting a  
blog? An informal, interactive  
session on reasons to blog and  
how to go about it.

In search of  
democracy,  
dreaming of  
freedom with  
Janet Evans

Culcheth Library  
2.30pm

A presentation exploring  
issues of conflict, migration  
and refugees in visual texts.



Saturday 11th June

The Ragged Trousered  
Philanthropists by Townsend  
Theatre Productions

Padgate Library  
7pm

Neil Gore presents a one man  
show adapted from the famous  
working-class novel by Robert  
Tressell.  
Sponsored by Torus Housing and  
Friends of Padgate Library.



Drag Queen  
Story Hour UK

Great Sankey  
Neighbourhood Hub

12.30pm

Aida H D the storytime  
Drag Queen will be  
reading some fabulous  
stories in an exciting  
storytime show.



Lost by Kindred Folk Dance  
Theatre

Warrington Central Library  
11am and 2pm

Based on the original folk tale Lost, go on a journey  
across the seas with dance, storytelling and music.  
Brought to you by Culture Warrington.

## University of Chester Lectures

### University Centre Warrington, Time Square

Friday 10th June

**11am-12pm Is Christianity Feeding the Secular  
Commercial Dieting Industry?**

In this session, Professor Hannah Bacon (University of Chester)  
talks about the research behind her recent book, Feminist  
Theology and Contemporary Dieting Culture: Sin, salvation and  
women's weight loss narratives (Bloomsbury)

**1pm-2pm The Secret Life of Kenneth Williams**

In this session, Dr Christopher D. Lewis (University of Chester)  
explores the life and career of British comedian Kenneth Williams  
through analysis of his meticulously kept diaries.

**2.30pm-3.30pm When Words Don't Work: An Exploration of Conflict from  
Playground Bullies to Global Events**

*In commemoration of World Refugee Day*

Understanding and defining conflict is as abstract as defining good and evil. In this session,  
Russell Pollard (University of Chester) will provide an opportunity for attendees to use poetry  
and creative writing to share their own lived experiences of, or perceptions of, conflict and hear  
how others view and experience it within their lives.





As well as our programme of talks and events from our guests, there are loads of activities at our libraries. Unless stated there is no need to book for these events – just drop in and join in the fun.

	Online	Bewsey and Dallam Hub	Birchwood	Burtonwood	Culcheth	Lymm	Orford	Padgate	Penketh	Stockton Heath	Warrington Central	Westbrook	Woolston
Saturday 4th June			11am Crown making		11am Make and decorate crown	10:30 Crown making 1pm Spin off Storytelling with author Catherine Bruton			11am Make your own bunting	10.30am Crown making		10.30am Make bunting and a crown	
Sunday 5th June					6pm Murder Mystery Booking Required								
Monday 6th June													2pm Isadora Moon and Captain Underpants crafts

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Tuesday 7th June	2pm John Kirk Story Hunt <i>Booking required</i>  6.30pm An evening with Sarah Ward		3.30pm Coding workshop – Choose your own story		1pm Reading Group  3:30pm Make a bookmark		10.30am Reading Friends	1pm Reading Friends	2pm Reading Friends	2.30pm Fantastic Mr Fox craft			
Wednesday 8th June				3.30pm Craft Session		2pm Make a bookmark		2pm Padgate 40th Birthday Celebration	11am Coding workshop – Poetry generator				
Thursday 9th June		1pm Reading Friends					12.30pm Craft	4.45pm Storytime pyjama party					11pm Isadora Moon and Captain Underpants crafts
Friday 10th June		10am 3D printing demo  11am AR colouring				10.30 am Reading Friends					6.30pm Poetry group		



## The Gruffalo at Parr Hall

### The Gruffalo

Friday and Saturday, 10th and 11th June,  
various times

Parr Hall

Tickets from £12

Join Mouse on a daring adventure in the deep, dark wood as Tall Stories presents the stage version of one of the very best loved children's stories. Will the tale of the terrifying Gruffalo save Mouse from the hungry forest creatures?

After all, there's no such thing as a Gruffalo – is there? Don't miss this adaptation of Julia Donaldson's book that has toured the world and captured the imaginations of thousands of youngsters.

[www.parrhall.culturewarrington.org/whats-on/the-gruffalo](http://www.parrhall.culturewarrington.org/whats-on/the-gruffalo)  
or call the box office on **01925 442345**.



## The University of Chester – University Centre Warrington

From September 2022, the University of Chester and its partners aim to give Higher Education greater prominence in Warrington and increase opportunities with a more visible and accessible town centre presence: University Centre Warrington.

The new premises, co-designed with current students, will provide high-quality, specialist spaces in Time Square and Sarah Parker Remond House.



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