



Welcome to your library

Our libraries are friendly, welcome spaces in your local community where you can meet others, take part in activities, get a warm drink, or spend some quiet time away from your home.

As well as the events listed here, all libraries have regular activities for adults such as reading groups, games clubs, knitting and craft sessions and coffee get togethers.

Activities for children and families include Wriggle & Rhyme, Toddler Time, Lego and games clubs, with lots more during the school holidays.

Ask at your local library for details or check our website.



Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult

Most of our events are **free** but please ask at your local library for booking details

★ **booking required**

More details about all these featured events and more are available from local libraries, their facebook pages or on the events tab on our website

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What's on in libraries



Features

- Home Library Service
- LGBT+ History Month
- Shakespeare Week
- British Science Week

January to March 2024

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Our Home Library Service

brings your local library service straight to your front door.

We can deliver books to people who are unable to get their local library due to poor health or mobility, or caring responsibilities.

For more information please ask at your local library or call

Royal Voluntary Service on **01305 236 666**

or email dorsetwiltshirehub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

Find out more and meet our volunteers:

Wed 17 Jan Canford Cliffs 10am–12 noon

Fri 19 Jan Parkstone 10.30am–12 noon

January adults

Tue 2	Robbie Burns display Hamworthy until 31 Jan
	Winter Community Art Project Oakdale until 31 Jan
	64 Million Artists Sketch Every Day challenge Drop in, do a sketch and display it in the library Poole until 31 Jan
Thu 4	Learn Braille for World Braille Day Springbourne, all day, drop-in
Thu 11	Big Garden Birdwatch coffee morning Southbourne 10.30–11.30am
Fri 12	★ Greeting card making workshop for adults Charminster 10am–12 noon £3 payable on day
Sat 13	Exhibition: Travels in a cold climate by Hilary Shaw Branksome until 27 Jan
	80s/90s/00s crafts Bournemouth 2–4pm Customise cassettes, have fun with Spirograph.

Mon 15	Coffee morning: RNLI talk Charminster 11am–12 noon
Thu 18	Pop Up Book Chat: award winners Boscombe 3–4pm
Wed 24	Board games Rossmore 3–4pm
Thu 25	Coffee morning with Geoff Budden from the Royal Signals Tuckton 10.30am–12 noon
Fri 26	Make a heart-shaped gift box Highcliffe 2–4pm
Sat 27	Create a Community Story Oakdale until 4 Feb Meet: Hilary Shaw: Antarctica and Svalbard Branksome 10–11am
Mon 29	Bygone Bournemouth: Reminiscence coffee morning Boscombe 11am–12.30pm
Tue 30	Poole Museum on the Move: Setting Sail Creekmoor 5–7pm

Exhibition: **Fantasy: Realms of Imagination**

From the British Library Living Knowledge Network

Christchurch 2 – 29 Jan Broadstone 5 – 25 Feb

Screened events

9 Jan **Twenty First Century Tolkien**

16 Jan **The Worlds of Terry Pratchett**

23 Jan **Tiffany Aching's Guide to Being a Witch**

on Tuesdays at Christchurch 5–6.30pm

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Thu 22 Feb **Why we need Fantasy: Neil Gaiman in conversation**
Broadstone 2–3.30pm



February adults

LGBT+ Month Displays in all libraries

Thu 1	★ Poetry reading and writing: Express yourself Broadstone 10.30–11.30am
Fri 2	BookChat: Searching for Samuel Baskett with Rosemary Allen Parkstone 10.30am–12 noon
	★ Travel writing workshop Southbourne 2.30–3.30pm
Tue 6	Talk: How to Manage your Technology with Tech Buddy, Derek Green Canford Cliffs 12 noon–1pm
Wed 7	Stay safe online with our Tech Buddy Branksome 2–4pm Canford Cliffs 12 noon–1pm
Thu 8	★ Talk: Bournemouth's fish and chip shops with Alex McKinstry Southbourne 10.30–11.30am
Thu 15	Talk: Downstream Dorset; river tales by Mary van Coller Christchurch 2–3.30pm
Fri 16	Talk: Bee Happy: How to keep bees by Paul Slade Creekmoor 10.30–11.30am
Mon 19	Talk: The Friends of Upton Country Park by John Baggs Creekmoor 2–3pm
Thu 22	Local History Coffee Morning Winton 10.30am–12 noon
Fri 23	3Cs: History of Lilliput Sailing Club Parkstone 10.30am–12 noon
	Dragon discs: Scratch out your design on a pre-loved CD Highcliffe 2–4pm
Wed 28	Colour yourself calm Rossmore 3–4 pm

March adults

Women's History Month Displays in all libraries



Mon 4	Talk: The search for Samuel Baskett with Rosemary Allen Boscombe 11am–12 noon
Fri 8	Talk: Poole in Bloom with Diana Butler Creekmoor 10.30am–12 noon
	3Cs: Women in the RNLI Parkstone 10.30am–12 noon
Mon 11	Coffee morning: 200 years of the RNLI Boscombe 11am–12.30pm
Wed 13	Tea and cake with the Altogether WI Oakdale 2.30–4.30pm
Thu 14	★ Talk: The heritage of Upton Country Park Southbourne 10.30am–12 noon
Fri 15	Talk: A lot about allotments with John Butler Creekmoor 10.30am–12 noon
Sat 16	Gardeners' coffee morning Winton 10.30–11.30am
Tue 19	Shakespeare Week shared reading & quiz Southbourne 10.30am–12 noon
Wed 20	Shakespeare fun quiz & coffee afternoon Canford Cliffs 2.30–3pm
Sat 23	Coding and ciphers with the Royal Signals Museum Creekmoor 10am–12.30pm
Mon 25	Talk: Creating a wildlife garden Display from 4 Mar Oakdale 9.30am–12 noon drop-in
Fri 29	Book Bunny – make a rabbit from an old paperback Highcliffe 2–4pm
Sat 30	Exhibition: Happy Snappers photographs Branksome until 13 April

For children and families



★ = booking required

January

Tue 2	Maps creation station Christchurch drop-in Beginners' chess club Tuckton 3.30–4.15pm
Mon 8	Creatures creation station Christchurch drop-in
Sat 13	Lego Club Ensbury Park 10am–12.30pm World Logic Day Riddles, sudoku, jigsaws and other puzzles Springbourne 9.30am–12.30pm, drop-in
Mon 15	Landscapes creation station Christchurch drop-in
Tue 16	Word Search Day Hamworthy
Thu 18	Winnie the Pooh story time Winton 2.15–2.45pm Make a Winnie the Pooh collage Hamworthy Winnie the Pooh craft Castlepoint until Sat 20

Book Trust Storytime in all libraries

Enjoy a fun storytime and be part of the national poll for BookTrust's Storytime Award, gifted annually to the best book for sharing with under 5s.



Head down to your local library to cast your vote, find fun activities and meet new friends. You might even see the BookTrust Owl! Here are a few special storytimes: ask in your local library for others.

Sat 20 Jan **Parkstone** 10am–12.30pm
Thu 25 Jan **West Howe** 10.30–11am
Mon 29 Jan & Fri 2 Feb **Highcliffe** 11–11.30am
Sat 3 Feb **Canford Heath** 10.30–11am

Mon 22	Flags creation station Christchurch drop-in
Tue 23	Ask our experts: knitting skills for all Ensbury Park 5.45–6.45pm
Sat 27	Big Garden Birdwatch Hunt Southbourne 9.30am–1pm

National Storytelling Week Jan 29 – Feb 6

Special storytimes all week, ask in your library for details.

Fri 26 **Make your own story** Canford Cliffs 2.30–3pm
Mon 29 **All about boats and the sea** Creekmoor all week
Share a story and tell us one Parkstone 4–5pm all week
Building Stories' Minecraft themed activities Bournemouth drop in all week
Thu 1 **Stories and storytelling** Poole 9.30–10am Winton 2.15–2.45pm
Fri 2 **Mixed up fairy tales** Boscombe 10–10.30am
Tue 6 **Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day** Charminster 2–3pm

Children's Mental Health Week 3 – 11 Feb

Sat 3 **Make your own Jar of Happiness** Parkstone 10am–12.30pm drop in
Collect happy thoughts, memories, pictures and sayings to give you a boost when you need cheering up
Mon 5 **Drop in craft** Canford Heath until 10 Feb
Make 'Feeling Faces' Canford Cliffs until 9 Feb
Tue 6 **Chat with 'Wired Therapy'** Parkstone 5–6.30pm
Mental health and well being for parents and young people (age 11+)

February



Lunar New Year: the year of ... the dragon

Tue 6 **Lunar New Year crafts** Hamworthy 3–4pm
Tue 6 **Dragons at Toddler Time** Southbourne 10.15–10.45am
Thu 8 **Dragon story time and craft** Winton Library 2.15–2.45pm
Fri 9 **Scales and tales storytime** Bournemouth 10–10.30am
Fri 9 **Drop in dragon crafts** Bournemouth until 10
Sat 10 **Lunar New Year dragon craft** Canford Heath 10am–12 noon
Creekmoor 9.30am–1pm Poole 10.30–11.30am
Chinese lanterns Oakdale 9.30am–1pm
Celebrate the Lunar New Year Parkstone 10am–12.30pm

Half term 10–17 February

On all week: **Dramatic dragons and lucky lanterns** Boscombe
Rockets and robots Bournemouth
Crafts and treasure hunt Branksome
People we love: hearts crafts Canford Cliffs
3D trees and Chinese vases Christchurch
Bee Happy week Creekmoor
Drop-in crafts Hamworthy
Dazzling dragons Highcliffe
Lunar new year Kinson
Caterpillar crafts Oakdale
Valentine's crafts Southbourne
Under the sea crafts and treasure hunt Westbourne

Sat 10	Love LEGO Southbourne 9.30am–1pm Ensbury Park 10am–12.30pm
Mon 12	Dragon puppet making Highcliffe 10am–6.30pm Drop-in crafts Rossmore 2–4pm Lunar New Year crafts Tuckton 3–6pm
Tue 13	Drop in Valentine's craft Canford Heath 2–4pm Explore Learning Winton 10.30–11.30am Valentine's Day Toddler Time Southbourne 10.15–10.45am Lunar New Year Dragon craft West Howe 3.30–4.30pm
Wed 14	★ Poole Museum on the Move: Fears and Foes! Boscombe 10–11am Thu 15 Canford Heath 10.30–11.30am Become an explorer and go on a sea voyage in the library! Through stories, art and artefacts, learn about ships' food and life on board - and watch out for sea monsters!
Thu 15	★ Chinese Dragon craft Broadstone 10.30–11.30am Ages 4 to 11
Fri 16	Explore Learning Telling the time Castlepoint 10–11am ★ Signals and codes with the Royal Signals Museum Poole 10–11.30am ★ 100 years of Disney Charminster 10–11.30am ★ Delightful dragons toddler time Highcliffe 11–11.30am Go wild with Upton Country Park Parkstone 10.30am–12 noon
Mon 19	'This is me' craft station Canford Cliffs until Fri 23
Mon 26	Costume Swap – get World Book Day ready! Southbourne until 2 March
Tue 27	Pokémon Day puzzles and crafts Springbourne

March

Tues 5 **Make a tiny book about your day!** West Howe 3.30–4.30pm Ages 4–11

World Book Day Thursday 7 March

Dress up as your favourite book character and join in with our special storytimes for World Book Day. The librarians will be dressed up too!

British Science Week 8 – 17 March

A ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths

British Science Week quiz Canford Heath until Sat 16 for adults

Exhibition: Scientists in and around Dorset Poole until Sat 16

Opening the eggs! Creekmoor Fri 8 until Fri 15

Sat 9	Fossil Fun with The Etches Museum Parkstone 10am–12noon
Tue 12	Fun experiments – dress for mess! West Howe 3.30–4.30pm Ages 8–11
Thu 14	Maths activities and puzzles for Pi Day $\pi = 3.1415926535$ Springbourne, drop in
Fri 15	Toddler Time with Purrfessor I-Cat Meownton Bournemouth 10–10.30am
Sat 16	Drop-in with the Quekett Microscopic Club Poole 10.30am–3pm Time-themed crafts Southbourne 9.30am–1pm

Shakespeare Week 18–24 March

On all week:

'Shakespeare' photo booth and activities Bournemouth

Make the Globe Theatre and Shakespeare's ruff Canford Cliffs

Picture hunt Ensbury Park

Shakespeare Week craft Kinson

Shakespeare Week fun activities Boscombe

Make your own Globe Theatre Parkstone

Tue 19 **Make Lego Shakespeare characters for a play in your theatre** Parkstone 3.30–4.30pm



Sat 23	Spring and Easter themed Craft Club Parkstone 10am–12.30pm Also on Sat 30 Royal Signals Museum: coding and ciphers Creekmoor 10am–12.30pm Book & DVD sale and coffee morning Ensbury Park 10.30am–12 noon Easter Eggstravaganza games and crafts Charminster 10am–12 noon Easter treasure hunt and craft Canford Heath 10am–12 noon
Tue 26	Easter crafts West Howe 3.30–4.30pm

Easter holidays 29 March–12 April

Sat 30 **Art in the Park – drawing from nature** Ensbury Park 10.30am–12 noon
★ **Plant Pizzazz** – decorate a planter and plant seeds Highcliffe 10–10.45am
★ **Easter crafts** Broadstone 10.30–11.30am Canford Heath 10am–12 noon

All holiday: Bournemouth **Eggscapes to Hawaii!**
Branksome **Easter treasure hunt & crafts**
Castlepoint **Easter bunny bookmarks**
Creekmoor **Join the Eggstravaganza**
Hamworthy **Easter bonnet competition & treasure hunt**
Kinson **Easter crafts, egg and treasure hunts**
Tuckton **Easter treasure hunt**
Westbourne **Easter crafts and treasure hunt**

Ask in your local library for details of activities after the bank holiday