



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

- Fantasy: Realms of the Imagination
- Black History Month
- Libraries Week
- International Games Month

September to December 2023

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Fantasy: Realms of Imagination

Exhibition from the British Library Living Knowledge Network

Kinson 27 Oct – 13 Nov **Bournemouth** 20 Nov – 20 Dec

Christchurch 1 – 29 Jan **Broadstone** 5 – 25 Feb

Set out on a legendary quest through the impossible worlds of fantasy. Gather your fellow adventurers and step through your library's portal into the realms of fantasy as it has never been chronicled before. Who knows where your journey will lead...

Fri **27 Oct** launch event, Kinson

Wed **6 Dec** **Fantasy reading group** Bournemouth 5.30–6.30pm

Coming soon - live streams with Neil Gaiman, Philip Pullman and other fantasy writers

Interested in Dungeons & Dragons?

Ask for details of new sessions



Thu 21	Macmillan Coffee Morning Charminster 11am–12 noon
Fri 22	Make a Flower Posy with Diana Butler Creekmoor 10.30am–12 noon
Wed 27	Talk and photos: Mike Read - The Wildlife of France Highcliffe 2.30–4pm
Thu 28	Macmillan coffee morning Winton 10.30am–12 noon
Fri 29	Macmillan coffee morning Parkstone 10.30am–12 noon

October adults

Black History Month Displays in all libraries
Exhibition: **Black GIs in Dorset During WWII** Poole until 31 Oct

Mon 2 to Sat 7 **Banned Books Week quiz and display** Boscombe

Exhibition: **Antarctica and Svalbard** Hilary Shaw's photographs, blogs and maps Oakdale Mon 2 Oct to 29 Nov



National Libraries Week 2–7 October

Celebrating all that's great and green about your local library. Lots more to come, ask in your library for details.



Make your own bird feeder Southbourne

Life Stories in Libraries: A Human Library Boscombe

Tue 3 ★ **Coffee morning and quiz** Charminster 10.30am–12 noon

Thu 5 **Dorset Family History Society** Westbourne 10am–2pm

Celebrating Poetry Day Southbourne 10–11am

★ **Card making for adults** Charminster 10am–12 noon £3



Sat 7	Exhibition: Happy Snappers Photography Broadstone until 20
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September adults

Thu
7 **Drop in to meet your Police Community Support Officer**
Parkstone 11am–12 noon

Talk: Mike Andrews - **The lost buildings of Christchurch**
Christchurch 2.30–4pm

Tea and memories with Abbeyfield Winton 2.30–4pm

Fri
8 **How Read Easy UK are helping adults learn to read**
Boscombe 10am–12 noon drop in

Talk: **Southbourne Local Heritage** with Alex McKinstry
Southbourne 10.30–11.30am

Tea and Memories Café Oakdale 2–3.30pm

Sat
9 Exhibition: **Happy Snappers Photography**
Branksome during opening hours until Sep 23

Thu
14 **Macmillan Coffee morning and quiz**
Southbourne 10.30–11.30am

Tue
19 **University Hospital Dorset drop in**
Oakdale 2.30–4pm

Tue 10	Craft, chat and a cuppa Winton 2–4pm
Wed 11	Talk: Christchurch and Highcliffe in the 50s, 60s and 70s with local historian and photographer John Lewis Highcliffe 2–3.30pm
Fri 13	Talk: Lifeline Emergency Contact System Creekmoor 10.30am–12 noon

Get Online Week Special sessions with our tech buddies
Mon 16 & Tue 17 Kinson 2–3pm **Tue 17** ★ Southbourne 4.30–5.30pm
Wed 18 ★ Broadstone 2–4pm **Thu 19** Boscombe 9.30am–5pm

Thu 19	Local History Coffee Morning Winton 10.30am–12 noon <hr/> Talk: It was the best of times, it was the worst of times: The Charles Dickens Story with Brian and Jacqueline Sutton Christchurch 2–3.30pm
Fri 20	Talk: The War of the Roses – a horrible history by John Butler Creekmoor 10.30am–12 noon <hr/> Julia’s House books and bakes sale Westbourne 10am–12 noon

November adults

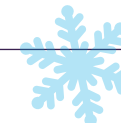
November is Movember – changing the face of men’s health
Look out for moustaches in libraries!

Wed 1	Remembrance display with handmade poppies Broadstone until Thu 16
Tue 7	Writing competition workshop Springbourne 5–6pm
Fri 10	CAN Community Action Network volunteer pop up Parkstone 10am–12 noon

Mon 13	★ Royal Signals Museum coffee morning with Geoff Budden Boscombe 11am–12.30pm
Tue 14	Exhibition: Happy Snappers photography Creekmoor until Fri 18 <hr/> ★ Craft & Chat: Iris folding craft Winton 2–4pm
Thu 16	100 word stories – write your own Southbourne 10–11am <hr/> Local history coffee morning Winton 10.30–11.30am
Fri 17	Christmas crafting with Diana Butler Creekmoor 10.30am–12 noon
Fri 24	Talk: All about the museum – Poole Museum on the Move Parkstone 10.30am–12 noon
Sat 25	Talk: Hilary Shaw - Antarctica and Svalbard Oakdale 10.30am–12 noon
Mon 27	Setting Sail – Poole Museum on the Move Creekmoor 2–5pm

December adults

Fri 1	Coffee and chat with Yeatmans Funeral Directors Parkstone 10.30am–12 noon
Sat 2	★ Meet the author – Alex Stone Southbourne 11am–12.30pm <hr/> Julia’s House Christmas coffee morning Canford Heath 10am–12 noon
Fri 8	Poole Mens’ Sheds coffee and quiz Oakdale 10.30am–12 noon <hr/> Carols in the library West Howe 10.30–11.30am
Tue 12	Make a German bell ornament Hamworthy 10.30–11.30am <hr/> Carol singing Creekmoor 5.30–7pm
Fri 22	Christmas quiz and mince pies Parkstone 10.30am–12 noon



For children and families



★ booking required

September

Read A New Book Month: Rainbow Lucky Dip Christchurch

Sat 2	Oakdale Library Gardens 10th Anniversary 10am–12.30pm Celebrate with refreshments, plant sales and stalls
Tue 5	Junior chess skills - learn with an expert West Howe 4–5pm, every Tuesday in termtime
Fri 8	Literacy Day storytime Canford Heath 11–11.30am
Sat 9	West Howe Community Day with Arts by the Sea West Howe Crafts and storytime at 11am
Tue 12	Bake Off and Summer Reading Challenge Celebration Ensbury Park 4–5pm

Roald Dahl Day Mon 11 – Fri 15



Drop in at:

Canford Heath **Display and take-away activities**
Charminster **Charlie & the Chocolate Factory crafts**
Creekmoor **A celebration of Roald Dahl stories**
Kinson **Children's Roald Dahl Craft**
Rossmore **Treasure hunt and quizzes**

Sat 9	★ Roald Dahl Quiz Charminster 10.30am–12 noon Ages 7+
Wed 13	Roald Dahl toddler time Branksome 10–10.30am Roald Dahl crafts Oakdale 3.30–5pm Dream Jars Boscombe 3.30–4.30pm Treasure hunt Broadstone all day
Thu 14	Roald Dahl toddler time Ensbury Park 11.30–12 noon
Sat 16	★ Roald Dahl crafts Poole 10.30–11.30am Craft, hunt and wear yellow Southbourne 9.30am–1pm

Tue 19	★ Pirate Storytime Highcliffe 10–10.30am
Thu 21	★ Learn to Code Together – children and their grown-ups Springbourne 3.45–4.45pm Ages 8-12 ★ Lego Club Charminster 4–4.45pm
Sat 23	★ Talk: The Magical Presents series with Catherine Sabatina Boscombe 10.30–11.30am Ages 7-10 Chess for Beginners Winton 11.30am–12.30pm Coaching for ages 7-11, every Saturday
Sat 30	★ Fears & Foes - Poole Museum on the Move Boscombe 10.30–11.30am Ages 4+ Become an explorer and go on a sea voyage in the library!

October

Fun Palaces

Everyone an artist,
everyone a scientist
www.funpalaces.co.uk



Fri 6	★ Castle Craft Poole 3.30–4.30pm
Fri 6 – Sat 7	Create an autumn tree collage in the library Boscombe Create a community display for the library Bournemouth
Sat 7	All the arts, crafts and science you can cram into 2 hours for free! Christchurch 10am–12 noon
Tue 10	Mental Health Day Special Toddler Time Southbourne 10.15–10.45am

Harry Potter Book Day

Sat 7	Design a sock for Dobby competition and picture trail Parkstone until Sat 14
Tue 10	Harry Potter Fun Day activities West Howe 5–6pm Games Night Parkstone 4.6.30pm
Thu 12	Magical crafts, quizzes and colouring drop in Kinson Spell book decorating Highcliffe 3–6.30pm Fantastic Beasts treasure hunt and craft Castlepoint
Fri 13	★ Games and crafts Charminster 5–6.30pm Ages 8+

Thu 12	Screening: Literature Matters Young Rebels with Malorie Blackman Poole 4–5.30pm Join our Teen Book Club talk about Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman . Books available from Poole in September.
Sat 21	Exhibition: Summer Reading Challenge design a mascot competition Bournemouth until 18 Nov

Half term 21 – 28 October

All week, during opening hours

Boscombe	Spooky craft
Bournemouth	Cats, hats & bats
Castlepoint	Design your own monster competition
Creekmoor	Spider crafts and hunt
Hamworthy	Drop in Halloween crafts 10.30–11.30am
Highcliffe	Halloween half term
Kinson	Gargoyles craft
Southbourne	Spooky Skeleton children's craft and hunt
Westbourne	Pirates' treasure hunt
Winton	Black cats
Sat 21	Family Learning Festival with the Microscopic Club Oakdale 11am–12.30pm

Mon 23	★ Dog's Trust Safety Talk Charminster 10.30–11.30am Ages 6+ Junk Model Monster Making Highcliffe 10am–6.30pm Ages 5+
Tue 24	Secret Agents with the Royal Signals Museum Tuckton 11am–12 noon Send and receive messages and codes ★ Harbour life - Poole Museum on the Move Oakdale 10–11am Ages 3-8 Exploring archaeological finds from the Iron Age. Spooky crafts West Howe 3.30–4.30pm Drop in Halloween Crafts Canford Heath 2–4pm Ages 4-11
Wed 25	Creepy Crafts Poole 10.30–11.30am ★ Harbour Life - Poole Museum on the Move Branksome 10.30–11.30am Ages 3-8 What is Poole famous for? Hands on activities and games.
Thu 26	Halloween crafts Ensbury Park 10.30–11.30am Canford Heath 2–4pm ★ Dog safety with the Dogs' Trust Winton 10.30–11.30am Ages 5-10 ★ You Won't Be-Leaf What You Can Make! Broadstone 10.30–11.30am Ages 4-11
Fri 27	★ Bat crafts and stories with Upton Country Park Oakdale 10–11am Under 11s ★ Special Spooky Toddler Time and dress up Highcliffe 11–11.30am ★ Make a coffee jar tealight lantern Parkstone 10.30am–12.30pm

Sat 28	★ Secret Codes with the Royal Signals Museum Boscombe 10–11.30am Make your own secret code device to send and receive morse code
Tue 31	Firework Craft Hamworthy 3–4pm Spooky crafts Rossmore 3–4pm Halloween Tea Parkstone 3.30–6.30pm Craft Spooktacular Springbourne 5–6.30pm

November

International Games Month

Boscombe	Drop-in for board games, Lego/Duplo and the Marble Run
Broadstone	Join in with a game at the library and meet new people Rummikub Club Mondays 2–4pm Chess Club Wednesdays 10–12 noon
Parkstone	Tuesday Night Games Nights 7, 14, 21 & 28 Nov 3.30–6.30pm
Sat 4	Children's Games Canford Heath 10am–12 noon
Tue 7	Adults' board & card games Creekmoor 5.30–7pm Games are on! West Howe 5–6pm
Mon 13	Adult Games Afternoon Canford Heath 2–4pm
Sat 18	Giant Games Christchurch 11am–12 noon
Sat 25	Children's Giant Games Connect 4, Jenga, Snakes & Ladders Southbourne 9.30am–1pm Indoor Kurling Christchurch 11am–12 noon

Fri 10	Festival of Lights - Diwali lantern craft Castlepoint, opening hours
Sat 11	Poppy making Rossmore 10–11.30am
Fri 10 – Fri 17	World Nursery Rhyme Week Nursery rhymes all week in our libraries Join our Wriggle & Rhyme sessions for babies up to 18 months, and Toddler Times for 18 months +
Thu 23	Doctor Who 60th Anniversary display, activity sheets and quiz Boscombe

December

Sat 2	Christmas Fair – table-top sales, games and more! Springbourne 9.45am–12.30pm
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Christmas

Christmas themed Wriggle & Rhyme and Toddler Times in all our libraries from Mon 11 December. Look online for times for your local library.

Christmas Treasure Hunts at Boscombe, Bournemouth, Castlepoint, Christchurch, Highcliffe, Southbourne, Winton

Drop-in crafts at Boscombe, Canford Heath, Castlepoint, Creekmoor, Ensby Park, Hamworthy, Highcliffe, Kinson, Poole, Southbourne, Tuckton, Westbourne

Fri 15	Christmas crafts, cards and decorations Rossmore 3–4pm
Sat 16	Christmas Creation Station Christchurch until Sat 23 Family Christmas Fun Charminster 10am–12 noon 'Twas the Night Before Christmas craft Canford Heath 10.30–11.30am drop in
Mon 18	★ Make a countdown to Christmas clock Broadstone 10.30–11.30am
Wed 20	★ Christmas decoration making Poole 10.30–11.30am
Thu 21	Children's Christmas craft Ensbury Park 10.30–11.30am

