

# North Tyneside Libraries and Community Centres **Event Listings**

SPRING - SUMMER 2018



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North Tyneside Council

# Our libraries and community centres have a packed programme of events and activities!

If you would like any further information about anything in this guide, or would like to book for an event, please contact any North Tyneside Library or email [library.events@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:library.events@northtyneside.gov.uk)



## APRIL

### **Ashley Dyer: 'Crime Scene, Call Forensics!'**

**Tuesday 3 April, 6.30pm**

**North Shields Customer First Centre**

How do real forensic experts deal with a crime scene and how do crime writers get their facts right? Author Margaret Murphy and forensic expert Helen Pepper, who together form 'Ashley Dyer', examine the evidence and will be talking about their novel, 'Splinter in the Blood'. There will be the opportunity to buy signed books. Tickets: £3. Booking essential.

### **Ready for Trouble**

**Saturday 14 April, 11am**

**Whitley Bay Customer First Centre**

Author Tommy Boyd talks about his new release 'Ready for Trouble'. Rory O'Keif is robbed of his inheritance, his property and his home. Falsely accused of murder, and on the run from the police and the provisional IRA, pushing a man too far will make him turn. Free event. Booking essential.

### **Read Regional Sarah Dunnakey**

**Monday 16 April, 2.30pm**

**Wideopen Library**

Sarah landed her dream job as a question researcher on Mastermind and now writes and verifies the questions for a plethora of TV shows. 'The Companion' is Sarah's first novel. Free event. Booking essential.



### **Mari Hannah & Mo Dowdy, in conversation with Dr Jacky Collins**

**Tuesday 17 April, 6.30pm**

**Wallsend Customer First Centre**

Join us for an evening with best-selling crime author Mari and ex-murder detective Mo for a look at the fictional and factual sides of crime. Mari will also be talking about her latest book, 'The Lost'. There will be the opportunity to buy signed books. Tickets: £3. Booking essential.



### **Blackburn, Cusack and Creen: A celebration of words and poetry**

**Thursday 19 April, 6.30pm**

**Whitley Bay Customer First Centre**

Join us for an entertaining evening of poetry and literacy, with unique quizzes and preposterous prizes, plus an opportunity to buy signed books. Tickets: £3. Booking essential.

### **Steve Chambers Radio Talk**

**Tuesday 24 April, 6.30pm**

**Cullercoats Library**

Steve has written extensively for BBC Radio and will share the secret of adapting iconic works of fiction into classic radio drama in this talk. Tickets: £3. Booking essential.

## Story Tyne 2018

### Introducing... Rob Scragg, Trevor Wood and Sarah Wray, in conversation with Vic Watson

**Thursday 26 April, 6.30pm**

**Wallsend Customer First Centre**

Story Tyne judge Vic will introduce Rob, Trevor and Sarah – who are all at different stages of writing.

**Rob Scragg** had a random mix of jobs before taking the plunge into crime writing. His debut novel published in April, 'What Falls Between the Cracks', is the first in a new series featuring Detectives Jake Porter and Nick Styles.

**Trevor Wood** left the Royal Navy in 1992 and retrained as a journalist. He has co-written eleven plays with Ed Waugh, including 'Dirty Dusting' and 'Maggie's End'.

**Sarah Wray** lives and works in Newcastle as a freelance technology writer. Her debut novel 'Reported Missing' was published in July 2017, followed by 'Her Best Friend' in November. She is working on her third book.

Books for sale and authors will be available for signing. Tickets: £3. Booking essential.



## National Gardening Week

**Monday 30 April, 1pm**

**Wallsend Customer First Centre**

Meet our very own Grow & Eat Project Manager and find out how easy it can be to start gardening. This will include an interactive demonstration with a free plant to take home; there will be the opportunity to purchase additional plants from just 50p. Free event. Booking essential.



## MAY

### Everything you wanted to know about seaweed

**Tuesday 1 May, 2.30pm**

**Wideopen Library**

Join Dr Gavin Hardy to find out everything about seaweed! Free event. Booking essential.



### Read Regional A.A. Dhand

**Tuesday 1 May, 7.30pm**

**Cullercoats Library**

Amit Dhand was raised in Bradford and spent his youth observing the city from behind the counter of a small convenience store. After qualifying as a pharmacist, he travelled extensively before returning to Bradford to start his own business and begin writing. His novel, 'Streets of Darkness', was published to great acclaim in 2017 and the follow-up, 'Girl Zero', has been selected for this year's Read Regional. Free event. Booking essential.



# Local History Month 2018



## Local History Day

**Saturday 12 May, 10am – 4pm**

**North Shields Customer First Centre**

Discover local history resources and join in taster sessions on [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com). Local speakers will be in attendance too. Stalls showcasing local and family history research, community groups and activities are also available. Free event, talks must be booked in advance.

## Local History Day

**Saturday 26 May, 10am – 12.30pm**

**Wallsend Customer First Centre**

Join the Wallsend Memories and Photographs group, who will provide a vast range of information, old newspaper articles and photographs on the town. Free event.

## History talks

These talks are all free, please book in advance. There will be the opportunity to buy signed books.

**Killingworth Remembered, with  
Bob Mitchelson**

**Tuesday 8 May, 2.30pm**

**Killingworth Library**

**Strange and Macabre Tales, with  
Sandy Chadwin**

**Thursday 10 May, 6.30pm**

**Tynemouth Library**

**Joe Wilson and his Tyneside Songs,  
with Ed Waugh**

**Saturday 12 May, 11am**

**North Shields Customer First Centre**

**Lit & Phil Library talk, with Ian McArdle**

**Saturday 12 May, 1pm**

**North Shields Customer First Centre**

**Ned Corvan's Life & Songs, with  
Dave Harker**

**Saturday 12 May, 2.30pm**

**North Shields Customer First Centre**

**Victoria Tunnel talk, with Ian McArdle**

**Monday 14 May 2.30pm**

**Whitley Bay Customer First Centre**

**Food Glorious Food, with  
Andrew Clark**

**Tuesday 15 May, 6pm**

**North Shields Customer First Centre**

**The Wallsend Pit Disaster of 1835,  
with Ken Hutchinson**

**Saturday 26 May, 10.30am**

**Wallsend Customer First Centre**





## **Murder She Wrote: Rachel Abbott, Mel McGrath and Kate Rhodes**

**Thursday 3 May, 6.30pm**

**Whitley Bay Customer First Centre**

Join the best-selling, award-winning writers as they talk us through their detectives, criminals and dark crimes.

**Rachel Abbott:** The UK's top indie author who has sold nearly three million books. Famous for cleverly plotted psychological thrillers, her seventh book 'Come a Little Closer' is her most disturbing yet.

**Mel McGrath:** As MJ McGrath she writes the acclaimed Edie Kiglatuk series of Arctic mysteries. As Melanie McGrath she wrote the best-selling family memoir 'Silvertown'; and as Mel McGrath she is the author of the psychological thriller 'Give Me the Child'.

**Kate Rhodes:** An award-winning poet and author of the acclaimed Alice Quentin novels. 'Hell Bay' is the first book in a new series of thrillers featuring Ben Kito.

Books for sale, authors will be available for signing. Tickets: £3.  
Booking essential.

## **deaf awareness: NE**

**Friday 18 May, 1pm – 3pm**

**North Shields Customer First Centre**

To mark Deaf Awareness Week, the local charity will host presentations, drama, a basic sign language and fingerspelling taster session, lip-reading techniques and information stalls. Free event, all welcome.

## **History Wardrobe Pink – The True Story**

**Thursday 31 May, 7pm**

**Wallsend Customer  
First Centre**

Salmon, rose, berry, peach and candy... shades of pink look and sound delicious. Discover how to make pink and who's worn pink in history. A girl's colour? Boy's colour? The truth will be revealed! Tickets: £6.50. Booking essential.



## **JUNE**

### **National Bookstart Week**

**4 – 11 June**

Look out for exciting Bookstart Bird Boogie activity sessions in our libraries.



### **Information and Advice Sessions**

**Tuesday 5 June, 2.15pm**

**Wideopen Library**

Get free and informal advice on lasting powers of attorney, home trusts, property protection trusts, wills, and funeral plans. Sue Edwards, a Legal Estate Planner and Dementia Friend, will be on hand with an informative talk. Free event. Booking essential.

### **Falklands Remembrance Day Service**

**Friday 8 June, 11am**

**White Swan Customer First Centre**

Join the service to remember those who served in the Falklands War. Free event, all welcome.

## Story Tyne 2018

### **Chris Ord, Danielle Ramsay and James Grosvenor, in conversation with Vic Watson**

**Thursday 7 June, 6.30pm**

#### **North Shields Customer First Centre**

Join Story Tyne judge Vic as she talks to three writers at different stages of their careers, followed by a question and answer session.

**Danielle Ramsay:** The best-selling author of five DI Jack Brady crime novels. Her latest work, 'The Last Cut', features DS Harri Jacobs – a female cop who finds herself tracking down a serial killer who is altering his victims to look like her.

**Chris Ord:** His journey began in 2015 with his debut 'Becoming', which has received widespread international acclaim. His second novel, 'The Storm', is also set in his native Northumberland.

**James Grosvenor:** After taking voluntary redundancy in 2002 he seized the opportunity to study for a history degree. He then began work on his first historical novel, which is now complete and waiting publication and the second in the series is already underway.

There will be the opportunity to buy signed books. Tickets: £3. Booking essential.

## **Empathy Day**

**Tuesday 12 June**

Libraries are perfectly placed to bring communities together and build real-life empathy through the power of reading. North Tyneside Libraries will be launching special children's collections – books for 4 -11 year olds that challenge prejudice and create connections between us all. Ask at your library for details.

## **Keeping My Soul: A Feast of Poetry, Story and Prose**

**Thursday 21 June, 6.30pm**

#### **North Shields Customer First Centre**

Join members of the award-winning North Tyneside Writers' Circle as they share work inspired by their regular meetings. These are open to writers of all ages and abilities. There will be the opportunity to buy signed books. Free event. Booking essential.

## **Wallsend Festival**

**Saturday 30 June, 9.30am – 12.30pm**

#### **Wallsend Customer First Centre**

A family fun day, featuring stalls, crafts, book sale and a face painter. Free event.

## **Story Tyne 2018: Creative Writing Workshop with Vic Watson**

**Saturday 30 June, 11am – 12.30pm**

#### **Whitley Bay Customer First Centre**

Sign up for free creative writing sessions with award-winning author Vic Watson, a former Story Tyne winner, freelance proof-reader, blogger and creative writing tutor. Free event. Booking essential.

# JULY

## **Poisonous Plants**

**Thursday 5 July 2.30pm**

#### **Forest Hall Library**

Dr Gavin Hardy will be talking about how plants were used extensively for medicine in Ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome.

Free event. Booking essential.



**An Inspirational Talk,  
by Suzanne Lambert**  
**Monday 9 July, 2.30pm**  
**Tynemouth Library**

Suzanne was handed over as a baby in 1955 to the nuns at Nazareth House Orphanage and was given to Nancy, the nanny in the nursery, to look after her until she could be adopted. Nancy loved her and spent the next 16 years living in fear of her being taken from her. Their story is both tear-jerking and unforgettable. Free event. Booking essential.

**Meet a Local Author:**  
**Alice J Black**

**Tuesday 10 July, 6.30pm**

**Cullercoats Library**

Alice's debut novel, 'The Doors', was released in 2014 and the second, 'A Shadowed Beginning' in 2017. Alice will be talking about her work and answering questions. There will be the opportunity to buy signed books. Free event. Booking essential.



**Launches  
Saturday  
14 July**

**Summer Reading  
Challenge**

The theme of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, is Mischief Makers – celebrating the 80th anniversary of the much-loved comic 'Beano'.

Sign up and follow clues to explore a map of Beanotown, meeting Dennis, Gnasher and friends along the way. As you read your way through six library books, you'll collect special stickers to help you find mysterious buried treasure! Mischief Makers celebrates adventure and friendship and is an exciting way to keep reading over the summer holidays. As a reward, you'll earn a Summer Reading Challenge medal and certificate.

Look out for lots of fun events and activities in the library over the holidays too!

**Dyslexia North East**

**Tuesday 24 July,  
10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Wallsend Customer First Centre**

North Tyneside Libraries, in association with Dyslexia North East, present a fun and interactive day for everyone. Enjoy crafts, games and more, while learning all about Dyslexia and the support available. Free event, all welcome.



**FREE**

**Summer Fayres**

**Thursday 26 July, 11am – 2pm**

**John Willie Sams Centre, Dudley**

**Thursday 2 August, 11am – 2pm**

**White Swan Customer First Centre,  
Killingworth**

**Oxford Centre, Longbenton**

Date and time to be confirmed



# AUGUST

## Book Lovers Day

**Thursday 9 August**

Whether you read at home, share a book meeting with friends, or go to the library, revel in reading today!

# SEPTEMBER

## Wallsend History Tour and Talk

**Friday 7 September, 1pm**

**From Wallsend Customer First Centre**

To celebrate Heritage Open weekends, renowned local author Ken Hutchinson will host a guided tour of the town. Ken is a tour guide for Newcastle City Guides, Tyne & Wear Museums, the National Trust and English Heritage. There will also be the opportunity to purchase signed copies of his books. Free event. Booking essential.

## Scrummy Chocolate Tasting Evening

**Tuesday 11 September, 6.30pm**

**Whitley Bay Customer First Centre**

Join Davenports' own master chocolatier Jane Williams as she guides you through the world of chocolate. You will be able to taste a range of chocolates, learn what makes great chocolate and discover the art of chocolate making. There will be the opportunity to purchase some treats too. Tickets: £6, including chocolates and refreshments. Booking essential.



## Sixties Home Dressmaking

**Tuesday 25 September, 7pm**

**White Swan Customer First Centre**

Shock your parents by running up a fab little minidress on your Singer sewing machine for a Saturday night on the town! Join Meridith Towne as she delves into her 1960s sewing box and delights in a home dressmaking journey through the decade. Rediscover the wonders of bri-nylon, crimplene and simplicity patterns. Tickets: £6.50. Booking essential.



**Please note - all events must be paid for in advance.**

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