

North Tyneside Libraries and Customer First Centres **Event Listings**

SPRING – SUMMER 2023



North
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Council

Tudor Costumes
Tues 27 June



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North Tyneside Libraries

www.northtyneside.gov.uk

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

For further details about anything in this guide, or to book for an event, please contact any North Tyneside library or email: library.events@northtyneside.gov.uk

You can also email us to receive our regular e-bulletin on library events.

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North Shields Customer First Centre
(0191) 643 5270

Wallsend Customer First Centre
(0191) 643 2075

White Swan Customer First Centre
(0191) 643 2040

Whitley Bay Customer First Centre
(0191) 643 5390



APRIL

Dogs Trust

Wallsend Library

Thursday 6 April, 11am

Join Education & Community Officer, Rachel Hibbard, for a free, fun interactive family workshop to learn all about safe behaviour around dogs and being responsible around our four-pawed friends! No real dogs will be in attendance. Children aged 7-11 and their families welcome!



Animal Antics and Easter Egg Hunt

Longbenton Library

Wednesday 12 April, 2pm

Meet baby chicks with our friends from **Animal Antics**. Hunt for the eggs to claim your Easter Egg and join in with crafts. Free event, suitable for ages 4+ Booking essential.



Harry Gallagher and Miggins Fiddle

Whitley Bay Library

Friday 21 April, 7pm

Renowned poet Harry Gallagher is widely published and has performed at various festivals and venues, from Skye to the South coast. Miggins Fiddle folk duo are guitar player and folk singer Maurice Condie and fiddle player Marina Dodgson. They perform original arrangements of traditional tunes and songs from Northumberland and beyond, alongside their own material. There will be the opportunity to buy signed books. Tickets £3, including refreshments. Booking essential.

Wildlife Highlights of St Mary's Local Nature Reserve talk

Whitley Bay Library

Monday 17 April, 2pm

Celebrate the amazing reserve on our doorstep, its wildlife and how you are important to recording wildlife with St Mary's education officers, ERIC North East and volunteers of SMIWCS and SMIWCG. Free event, suitable for age 16+. Booking essential.



Mindfulness with Attitude, with Dr Rachel Jones-Wild and Mark Sidney

**North Shields Library
Saturday 22 April, 11am**

'Mindfulness with Attitude' is a practical, down to earth guide for anyone who wants a calmer, happier and more meaningful life. Join Rachel and Mark to find out more. There will be the opportunity to buy signed books. Free event, booking essential.



History Wardrobe: Monday is Wash Day

**Whitley Bay Library
Thursday 27 April, 7pm**

Plunge into the suds and stains of historical laundry and discover how to get your togas, petticoats and collars whiter than white! Tickets £8, including refreshments. Booking essential.

The Magic Inside of Me Featuring Imogen and the Mind Monkeys

**Whitley Bay Library
Saturday 29 April, 11am**

An enchanting tale of adventure created to empower our little folk through good times and realise that they have beautiful magic inside them to cope with big emotions. Free event, booking essential. For ages 3-7.



FREE Grow & Eat

Summer vegetables and flowers

**Forest Hall Library
Tuesday 25 April, 2pm**

Join Vicky from Grow and Eat for a talk and then sow some summer vegetables and flowers to take home and nurture. Bring any re-usable pots you have. Booking essential.

Food for us – food for the bees

**Howdon Library
Tuesday 30 May, 11am**

Come along and get your hands dirty! Sow some seeds, make wildflower bombs and learn lots of fun facts about growing food! Bring any re-usable pots you have. Booking essential. Suitable for ages 4+

MAY

The King's Coronation

Saturday 6 May

We will be celebrating the Coronation with a range of activities – ask in your local library for more information.



Waiting for Mango Season by Ellie Cooper

**Whitley Bay Library
Wednesday 10 May, 7pm**

Join Ellie as she talks about her debut book and tells of her experience of India, from the streetside chai wallahs to the ghats of the Ganges. Free event, booking essential.



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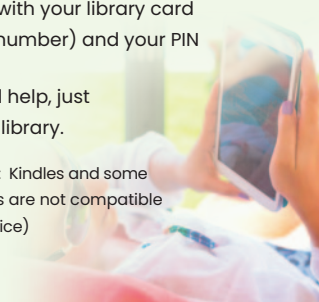
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May is Local History Month!

North Tyneside Libraries will be celebrating Local History Month with a variety of talks and events. Look out nearer the time for details in our libraries and on social media.

Local History Day launch event

North Shields Library

Saturday 13 May, 10am–3pm

Join us for local interest talks, displays and stalls throughout the day.

11am: Author Annie Doyle

The Cocoa Girls is Annie's debut novel. The story is based on her nana's life

and was inspired by long-hidden family secrets, uncovered when Annie undertook some family history research. There will be the opportunity to buy signed books. Free event, booking essential.

**1pm: Author and playwright
Terrance Patterson**

Like Mother Like Son is Terry's latest novel. He also has a great many plays, novels and novellas to his name. There will be the opportunity to buy signed books.

Free event, booking essential.



A beginner's introduction to natural history: Rocks and Fossils of St Mary's Bay

Wallsend Library

Tuesday 2 May, 2pm

Covering fascinating rocks and fossils and the clues to life long ago that they contain. Discover carboniferous period treasures that are internationally important to give the area a designation of Site of Special Interest. Free event, booking essential. Suitable for ages 16+

Whitley Bay History, Memories and Images by Charlie Steel

Whitley Bay Library

Tuesday 16 May, 2pm

From humble beginnings in the year 1190 when it was part of the possessions of the Prior of Tynemouth, Charlie Steel traces the history of Whitley Bay up to the present time with a pictorial talk and memories of the town, reflecting on its streets and shops. Free event, booking essential.

St Mary's Lighthouse 125th Birthday Celebrations

North Shields Library

Wednesday 17 May, 2pm

Our St Mary's education officer will present a talk on its history and highlights. Free event, booking essential. Suitable for ages 16+

The Kitchen Front – Food in the Second World War, with Ian McArdle

Wallsend Library

Friday 19 May, 2pm

Join retired lecturer Ian for one of his new talks, looking back to when food became a front line of its own, the kitchen front! Free event, booking essential.

Days at the Seaside, with Andrew Clark

Wallsend Library

Tuesday 23 May, 2pm

Remember happy days at the seaside in an illustrated talk that shows people enjoying themselves at Tynemouth, Cullercoats and Whitley Bay. Join local author Andrew to bring back memories of fairground rides, 'sandy' sandwiches and knitted bathing suits. Free event, booking essential.



JUNE

Digital Tinkering Workshop Wallsend Library

Thursday 1 June, 12.30–5.30pm

Join the Life Centre team for a great session on making Robotic Puppets. An event for children aged 9–11 and their parents/guardians. Free event, booking essential.

Hi-Vis Fortnight RNIB talk

Wallsend Library

Tuesday 6 June, 2pm

The team from RNIB Community Connection will be here to discuss living with sight loss, overcoming barriers faced by blind and partially sighted people and what we as a community can do to make life more accessible. Free event, all welcome.

RNIB

See differently

Mapping Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Tyneside

North Shields Library

Wednesday 7 June, 2pm

This talk will discuss the historical cartographic record of the area and its development. Different phases, with different types of maps, ranging from military maps to maps for propaganda purposes will be considered, along with the changing role of maps and three well-known cartographers. Free event, booking essential.



Wild Egg by Jennifer Flint

North Shields Library

Monday 19 June, 2pm

Based on a true story, *Wild Egg* explores one woman's struggle to decide whether becoming a biological mother is her whole-hearted choice, or simply what she has been programmed to believe. When her usual rational approach to problem solving fails, Hollie Hardwick finds herself tumbling down an existential rabbit hole, unearthing more questions than answers in a bid to avoid future regret. Free event, booking essential.



Tudor Costumes

Killingworth Library

Tuesday 27 June, 7pm

An entertaining and informative talk and display about the design and construction of gowns, and a brief history of the people who wore them, including Elizabeth I and Anne Boleyn. Featuring a dramatic disrobing of a mannequin dressed as Mary Queen of Scots wearing her execution gown and a striking reveal. There will also be an appearance by the young Henry VIII in a fabulous costume. Tickets £5, including refreshments. Booking essential.



Writers of Wallsend, with Emma Whitehall and Helen Aitchison

Wallsend Library

Thursday 29 June, 7pm

Join us for an entertaining evening with two local, talented writers talking about their much-acclaimed books. Tickets £3, including refreshments. Booking essential. Emma Whitehall is author of *The Clockwork Magpies* and Helen Aitchison of *The Dinner Club*.

Helen Aitchison



Emma Whitehall



JULY

Wallsend Festival at Wallsend Library

Friday 30 June, 11.15am

Northern Notes choir

Saturday 1 July, 9am-1pm

Festival family fun day with crafts,
facepainting, activities and free
refreshments.



Summer Reading Challenge

Launches Saturday 15 July

Want to keep your children reading
during the long summer holidays?

Sign up for the Summer Reading
Challenge, produced by The Reading
Agency and delivered by libraries.

This year's theme – Ready, Set, Read!
– celebrates play and participation,
and encourages children to engage
in games and sports.

To complete the
Challenge, children
read six library books, collect special
stickers along the way and earn a
certificate and medal.

Look out for lots of fun events and
activities throughout the summer in
your local library too! It's fun and
it's free!

**Ready,
Set,
Read!**



Summer Fayres and Parties

Oxford Centre, Longbenton

Saturday 15 July

10am-12.30pm

There will be face painting, free
rides at John Willie Sams and
White Swan.

John Willie Sams Centre, Dudley

Thursday 27 July

11am-2pm

Double Deckers entertainment with
disco and magic show at Oxford
Centre and White Swan and Mister
Twister at John Willie Sams, plus
lots more.

White Swan Centre, Killingworth

Tuesday 1 August

11am-2pm

Come and join in the fun! Free, all
welcome.



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SEPTEMBER

History Wardrobe: Divine Deco

Wallsend Library

Tuesday 12 September, 7pm

Sleek, chic and super modern...

Fashions of the 1920s showcase sensational dressmaking skills. From slinky bohemian pjs to beautiful bias-cut gowns, we explore a fascinating array of home-made and couture-quality clothes from this dazzling decade. Tickets £8, including refreshments. Booking essential.



Enjoy your library with your little one!

Free, fun weekly activity sessions run at your local library.

- **Bookstart Rhymetime** is for babies aged 0-18 months, with stories, singing and music.
- **Storytime sessions** are for ages up to 5, with specially selected stories and a craft activity.

Please ask for details or contact your local library.

