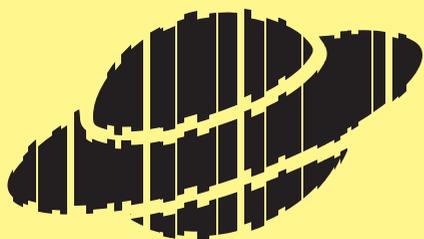


Events for Children and Families



Manchester Literature Festival
6–21 October 2018
manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk

The 13th edition of the Manchester Literature Festival offers rare opportunities to encounter internationally-renowned authors, experience unique performances of specially commissioned work and novel ways to entertain the children.

Featuring Kate Atkinson, Pat Barker, Jo Brand, Susan Calman, Carol Ann Duffy, Esi Edugyan, Patrick Gale, Mohammed Hanif, Afua Hirsch, Alan Johnson, Barbara Kingsolver, Joseph Knox, Alexander McCall Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Jenni Murray, Graham Norton, Sarah Perry, Nikesh Shukla, Tony Walsh and many more.

Join us throughout the Festival at a range of events especially for children and their families. Popular children's authors, performers and musicians bring books to life through readings and interactive storytelling, creative workshops and theatre.

Visit the Festival website for full programme details or email office@manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk to order a brochure.

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An Afternoon with Lauren Child

Award-winning writer, illustrator, and superstar creator of Clarice Bean and Ruby Redfort, Lauren Child is in town to talk about the magic of reading and writing, and to introduce her latest laugh-out-loud story. Come and hear Lauren, the current UK Children's Laureate, talk about Hubert Horatio, an exceptionally intelligent and sensible child, and the unruly grown-ups that he has to steer through life! Lauren is one of today's most highly-regarded writers and illustrators for children and young teenagers. Appointed Children's Laureate in 2017, she says her mission is to get children excited about reading, and we are thrilled she is joining us for this very special event. This event is presented in partnership with Manchester Children's Book Festival.



Suitable for ages 7+

Sunday 7th October, 3.30pm

The Whitworth, Grand Hall

Tickets £6 or £20 for a family ticket of 4

Book on 0843 208 0500 or manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk

FAMILY READING DAY

Join us for a day of fictional fun as popular children's authors, illustrators and performers bring words and stories to life. You can hang out in our market place at any time throughout the day where Z-arts will be providing free art and crafts and we have a special story den where we will be setting the scene for imaginations to run wild!

Saturday 13th October 10am – 3pm

Central Library, St Peter's Square, Manchester M2 5PD

Book on 0843 208 0500 or manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk

Mischief and Mystery in Moominvalley

Be sure to pack your imagination as Get Lost and Found Theatre take us on an unforgettable journey to Moominvalley where everyone is welcome, nature thrives and adventures are plentiful. This wonderful show encompasses magical puppetry, original music and interactive play to delight younger audiences and encourage them to be part of the storytelling experience. Mischief and Mystery in Moominvalley has already enjoyed sell-out runs at Southbank Centre and Kew Gardens. Expect snow, surprises and plenty of Moomin mischief.



Suitable for ages 2 – 6

10.30 – 11.30am

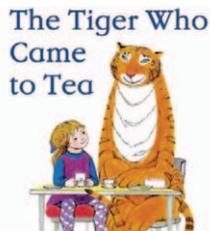
Tickets £4

(This event will also take place at Longsight Library

Saturday 13th October 3 – 4pm, Tickets £4)

The Tiger Who Came To Tea Party

Judith Kerr's most famous creation is 50 years old! Come and help us celebrate at our Tiger Tea Party with stories, songs, refreshments and the chance to meet a special furry visitor who might drop in for tea. We'll buy a big tin of Tiger Food, just in case!



Suitable for all the family

11.30am – 12noon & 1.30 – 2pm

Free but booking advised

Steve Antony – Please Mr Panda

Join celebrated author and illustrator Steve Antony and his lovable character, Mr Panda. Read stories together, learn to draw Mr Panda and be reminded of the importance of good manners at this interactive and entertaining event. Steve is a bestselling, multi-award-winner whose work has been adapted by the London Symphony Orchestra. His events are hugely popular, and Steve has been to every major UK book festival, as well as many internationally.



Suitable for ages 4+

12.30 – 1.15pm

Tickets £4

Kid Carpet – Family Gig

Celebrate the joy of song and singing in this lively, interactive gig, containing a unique mix of live music, comedy and ping pong balls. Kid Carpet will guide you through everything you need to know to be able to rock out big time! Kid Carpet performs hits from his family shows whilst simultaneously inviting you to howl like a hyena, help catch a lost sandwich in space and take part in a grand dance contest. Having supported the likes of Arcade Fire, Kid Carpet family shows are a gig not to be missed.



Suitable for ages 3+

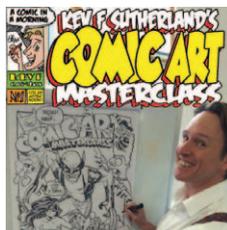
2 – 2.45pm

Tickets £4

YOUNG CREATIVES

Comic Art Masterclass – Kev F Sutherland

Fancy having a go at making your own comic? Beano and Marvel cartoonist Kev F Sutherland will show you all there is to know about making comic strips, and will teach you the tricks of the trade. At the end of the workshop, you'll take home a completed caricature of yourself. Kev's skills as a stand-up comedian promise to make the workshop entertaining and fun as well as a brilliant opportunity to try something new. Workshops last two hours and children must be accompanied by an adult.



Suitable for ages 8 to 11

Saturday 20th October, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Tickets £10 (accompanying adult free)

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Comedy Workshop – Kate McCabe & Sean Mason

This workshop is run by experienced, professional comedians Kate McCabe and Sean Mason, who will teach participants how to write and perform comedy, using improvisation as a writing tool and finding comic inspiration from their lives and imaginations. With an emphasis on collaboration, the workshops are a great introduction to writing and performing comedy. To avoid cramping your children's style, we ask parents not to stay in the workshop. There is a nice café outside the room for adults that want to be close by. For the last 15 minutes of the workshop, adults will be invited in to watch a mini performance so the young comics can show what they have been working on.



Suitable for ages 8 to 11

Saturday 20th October, 1 – 3pm

Tickets £10

Z-arts

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Where the Wild Things Are

Come and celebrate Maurice Sendak's amazing book with a film screening of Spike Jonze's *Where the Wild Things Are* followed by a special storytelling and craft event. Imaginatively adapted, *Where the Wild Things Are* (PG) follows the adventures of Max, a spirited young boy who is sent to his room after rebelling against his mother. Max's imagination is free to roam as he sets sail for the land of the Wild Things, where mischief reigns and Max rules. Following the film screening at HOME, young fans and parents are invited to a lively storytelling and craft event from Manchester Literature Festival, suitable for children aged 3+.



Sunday 30th September, 11:00am Film

12.45pm Story Time & Craft Workshop

HOME

Tickets Film £4 with a free HOME Bring the Family Card

The storytelling workshop is FREE but booking is advised

Book on 0161 200 1500 or homemcr.org/families

Access All Areas! Z-access Family Fun Day featuring A Square World

Z-arts and Manchester Literature Festival present a free family fun day which offers a safe and welcoming environment for families with disabilities and additional requirements to explore their creativity. There will be drama, dance, music and art and crafts as well as a sensory space and a time-out space. A BSL interpreter will be at Z-access. As part of the day you can also join us for a relaxed performance of *A Square World*. What do you do when you're in a square world but you're not a square? Through imagination and creativity, three friends make the world welcoming for everyone, and a place where everyone can enjoy every day without any limits. With lots of fun and a little bit of chaos, *A Square World* is an uplifting story of friendship, difference and discovery.



Z-access Family Fun Day

Suitable for all the family

Sunday 21 October, 10am – 2pm

Z-arts

Free but booking required

A Square World

Suitable children aged 3 – 6 and their families

Sunday 21 October, 11am & 2pm (relaxed performance at 11am)

Tickets £6 for 11am relaxed performance, £6-£9 for the 2pm show

Book on 0161 232 6089 or z-arts.org



Alexis Deacon

MLF and The Children's Bookshow are delighted to present the acclaimed picture book author and illustrator, Alexis Deacon. An image starts to take shape on the screen as the artist's pen moves across the page, and a ripple of excitement runs through the audience. Is it a bird? Is it a monster? Could it be a little alien far from home? Alexis Deacon works his magic as he draws live for the children, reads some of his memorable stories and talks about how he came to be an author and artist. Amongst his award-winning books are the children's picture books Beegu, I am Henry Finch and Slow Loris.



Suitable for school years 1, 2 and 3
Thursday 18th October, 10.30 – 11.30am
Royal Exchange Theatre
Tickets £5 per child, teachers FREE

Book on 07866 311486 or thechildrensbookshow.com/how-to-book

Manchester Literature Festival's Story Time

Bring your little ones down to this lively, interactive story time at your local library. Together you will hear stories, sing fun rhymes, dance to action songs and make something to take home. We also give away free books to regular attenders! The sessions are most suitable for children aged 2 to 6, but all family members are welcome. It's FREE to attend, just turn up!



Regular Story Time is running at Central, Longsight, Moss Side Powerhouse, Old Trafford, Wythenshawe and Levenshulme libraries. This project is supported by Children in Need and the People's Postcode Trust.

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