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Children and Families Autumn 2019

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Featuring internationally renowned authors, performers and musicians, Manchester Literature Festival presents a special programme for children and families, bringing books to life through storytelling, crafts, drama, film, music and dance.

Visit the Festival website for the full Festival programme:

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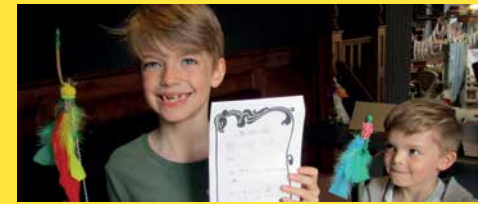


Ferdinand: Film & Workshop

Sunday 29 September
11am Film, 12.45pm Workshop & Story Time
HOME, 2 Tony Wilson Place M15 4FN

Based on Munro Leaf's classic book, this animated film tells the story of Ferdinand, a giant bull who prefers flowers and friendship to aggression and fighting. The film is followed by a lively storytelling and craft workshop.

Suitable for ages 3+
Film £4 available with a free HOME Bring The Family Card: homemcr.org/families
Workshop FREE – booking advised
Book on 0161 200 1500 or homemcr.org/families



Grimm & Co Takeover

Sunday 13 October, 12.30pm, 1.45pm & 3pm
Z-arts, 335 Stretford Road M15 5ZA

Grimm & Co transport their marvellous magic across the Pennines for an afternoon of imagination, creativity and fun. Stepping into a world of wonder and enchantment, children can unleash their imaginations, enjoy interactive storytelling, wand crafting, spell writing, brewing up and even designing a recipe for their own magical potion! Presented in partnership with Z-arts.

Suitable for ages 8 to 11
Tickets £10



creative:connection

Friday 18 October, 1 – 2pm
Central Library, St Peter's Square M2 5PD

In partnership with Create, disabled and non-disabled students from Chatsworth High School & Community College, Grange School, Loreto High School and New Park Academy come together in an award-winning music project designed to build confidence and break down barriers. Working with professional musicians, the young people will write and perform original songs together at this celebratory event.

Tickets FREE – booking advised



Guo Yue & Clare Farrow

Wednesday 2 October, 10.30 – 11.30am
HOME, 2 Tony Wilson Place M15 4FN

Acclaimed musician Guo Yue and writer Clare Farrow's magical performance is based on their award-winning book, *Little Leap Forward* – a gentle, lyrical story about friendship and freedom inspired by Yue's own childhood during the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Presented in partnership with The Children's Bookshow.

Suitable for school years 4, 5 and 6
Tickets £5 per child (includes a FREE copy of *Little Leap Forward* – RRP £7.99)
Teachers FREE
Book on 07769 216493 or email jo.bookshow@gmail.com



Z-access Family Fun Day

Sunday 13 October, 10am – 2pm
Z-arts, 335 Stretford Road M15 5ZA

Enjoy drama, dance and craft activities, themed around stories and poems, designed specifically for people with disabilities and additional requirements. You can also book accessible performances of *A World Inside a Book: Gruffalos, Dragons and Other Creatures*, Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's wonderful, immersive exhibition. Presented by Z-arts in partnership with MLF.

Suitable for all the family
Z-access Day FREE – booking advised
***A World Inside a Book* relaxed and BSL performances £7  **
Book & access info: z-arts.org or 0161 232 6089



An Afternoon with David Baddiel

Sunday 20 October, 1.30pm (Doors 1pm)
RNCM Theatre, 124 Oxford Road M13 9RD

Award-winning comedian, TV writer and bestselling children's author, David Baddiel's wildly entertaining, and laugh-out-loud adventure stories (including *The Parent Agency*, *Birthday Boy*, *Head Kid*) have sold over a million copies in the UK alone. In this engaging family event, David introduces his latest book, *The Taylor Turbochaser*, and is joined by author, CBBC and BBC Radio 1 presenter, Katie Thistleton.

Suitable for ages 8+
Tickets £8 or £28 for a Family Ticket of 4

Family Reading Day – Saturday 19 October

Join us for a day of fictional fun! Enjoy FREE arts and crafts in our marketplace and let your imagination run wild in our special story den...

10am – 3pm Central Library, St Peter's Square M2 5PD



Ready Steady Lift Off!

10.30 – 11.30am

Navigate, sing, paint and play your way through astronaut training in this immersive theatre show for families, with live performance, music and storytelling. Once you've decorated your rocket, orbited space, encountered strange creatures and overcome cosmic catastrophes, you can fly your rocket home. Warning: Don't wear your best party clothes!

Suitable for ages 3 to 8

Tickets £5

This event will also take place at Longsight Library, Saturday 19 October, 3 – 4pm, Tickets £5

There will also be free shows for local families at Manchester Youth Zone on 18 October – email miriam@manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk for more details.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar Story Time

**11.45am – 12.15pm
& 1.30 – 2pm**

It's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar's* 50th birthday! Eric Carle's world-famous story is the most read children's book in Britain. Come along and celebrate this well-loved book with a range of crafts, games and story reading by our expert storyteller.

Suitable for ages 2 to 5

FREE – booking advised



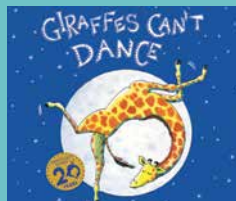
Chris Haughton

12.30 – 1.15pm

Join Chris Haughton for a fun-packed afternoon of stories, funny trailers, clever props, dancing and drawing games. An exciting new voice in children's literature, Chris is the acclaimed picture book creator of *A Bit Lost*, *Oh No George!*, *Shh! We Have a Plan* and *Goodnight Everyone*. Children and adults alike will delight in his cast of quirky characters.

Suitable for ages 3 to 5

Tickets £5



Giraffes Can't Dance 20th Anniversary Dance Party

2 – 2.45pm

Would you bet on a long-legged, wobbly-kneed giraffe to win a dance contest? We know we wouldn't! Come and join us at the Jungle Dance as we celebrate 20 years of Giles Andreae's bestselling book, *Giraffes Can't Dance*. Unleash your inner animal and dance like your favourite jungle character with Annabel Newfield.

Suitable for ages 2 to 5

Tickets £5