

# MANCHESTER LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Autumn 2023

[manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk](http://manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk)

@McrLitFest



# EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Featuring acclaimed authors, illustrators and performers, Manchester Literature Festival presents a special programme for children and families bringing books to life through storytelling, crafts, drama and music.

Visit the MLF website for the full Festival programme:

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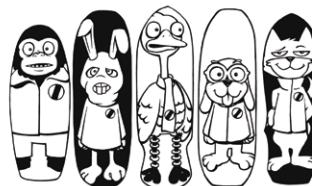
## creative:connection

Friday 20 October, 1 – 1.45pm  
Central Library, St Peter's Square  
Manchester M2 5PD

In partnership with Create, disabled and non-disabled students from Manchester and Salford schools come together to create, build connections and break down barriers. Working with top class musicians they will write and perform original songs inspired by the theme 'Speak Up!' at this celebratory event.

**Tickets FREE – booking advised**

**Email: [miriam@manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk](mailto:miriam@manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk)**



## Skateboard Drawing Club with Ed Syder

Saturday 21 October, 1 – 2.30pm & 3 – 4.30pm  
Projekts MCR Skatepark, 41 Baring Street,  
Manchester M1 2PY

Develop and design your own comic book character with illustrator and zine maker, Ed Syder (Thrasher Magazine, Santa Cruz, Emerica, Secret Curb Club) and then paint them onto your own recycled skate deck which you get to take home. The sessions take place at Manchester's unique skatepark, Projekts, so you'll be able to take inspiration from the skateboard action below.

**Suitable for 7+**

**£12 per ticket includes a skate deck**

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## Little Reads Family Day with Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola

Saturday 14 October

Central Library

St Peter's Square, Manchester M2 5PD

10.30am – 12.30pm

Z-arts

335 Stretford Road M15 5ZA

2.30 – 4.30pm

Author Nathan Bryon and illustrator Dapo Adeola's loveable character Rocket has already taught us about space in the award-winning *Look Up!* Then she tackled ocean pollution in *Clean Up!* Now, in *Speak Up!* she's back to save her local library which she is horrified to learn is closing for lack of funding. Hear how Dapo and Nathan created Rocket and what inspired her adventures in this action-packed event about speaking up for what you believe in.

Suitable for ages 3 – 6

Tickets £5 inc. Event, *Speak Up!* Activity Trail  
& Crafting

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## Michael Morpurgo's *I Believe in Unicorns*

Saturday 14 October & Sunday 15 October

11am & 2pm

Z-arts

335 Stretford Road M15 5ZA

Award-winning storyteller Danyah Miller brings best-selling children's author Michael Morpurgo's treasured story to life. Tomas hates reading and school, but his world is turned upside down the day he meets the Unicorn Lady in his local library. An enchanting and interactive production, *I Believe in Unicorns*, won an Argus Angel Award for Artistic Excellence at Brighton Festival.

*"Danyah's performance is a tour de force. The show is moving and memorable, a glorious example of the magic of storytelling. I didn't like it, I loved it!"*

Michael Morpurgo

Suitable for ages 6+

Tickets £9

Book on [z-arts.org](http://z-arts.org) or 0161 226 1912

To book showings for schools on Friday 13 October email: [education@z-arts.org](mailto:education@z-arts.org)



## MLF Media Cubs Roving Reporters

Look out for our roving reporters. After attending one of the Media Cubs clubs to get in training, our mini reporters will be broadcasting live from a pop-up TV studio, sharing behind-the-scenes content and interviews from our Children and Families events.

**For more information and to find your nearest Media Cubs club visit: [www.mediacubs.co.uk](http://www.mediacubs.co.uk)**



## Little Reads

Bring your little ones down to a lively interactive story time at your local library. Together you will hear stories, sing fun rhymes, dance and play. We also give away free books! The sessions are most suitable for children aged under 5 but all family members are welcome. It's FREE to attend, just turn up.

Our Little Reads story times run once a month at Broughton, Manchester Central, Gorton, Hazel Grove, Levenshulme, Longsight, Oldham, Rochdale, Stretford, Stockport Central and Z-arts Children's Library,

**For more information**

**Visit: [manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk](http://manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk)**

**Email: [kids@manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk](mailto:kids@manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk)**



## Radio Gaga

Tune into Radio Gaga during this year's Festival for a celebration of stories, discussions about literacy, top tips for reading to your baby and brand-new children's stories recorded as part of our Story Makers project in Gorton and Clayton. Produced in partnership with Reform Radio and Sure Start.

**Check the MLF website and social media for links to the show.**



## The 100 Story Hotel

In partnership with Z-arts, an immersive world of play and storytelling is coming to Manchester in February 2024. At *The 100 Story Hotel* there are all sorts of guests: lions and tigers, dinosaurs and bears. Even some sausage dogs are having a party on the hotel beach. Can you solve the mysterious mystery, following clues to track down the missing story and find the naughty culprit?

Created with bestselling, multi award-winning author and illustrator Rob Biddulph and Discover Children's Story Centre, this immersive world of play and storytelling has something for everyone aged 0-8 and their families.

**For more information visit: [z-arts.org](http://z-arts.org)**