AUTUMN 2019 MENU

‘Bringing Arts Events to Libraries across Cambridgeshire’
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Please check if your library is listed as a suitable space for the performance or workshop when making your choices.

We hope you have fun choosing!
**DANCE**

**GETTING FROM A TO B**

*Age suitability:* Families 2+.

*Libraries able to host this event:* All libraries.

Getting from A to B by **Hawk Dance Theatre** takes audiences on an exciting adventure around the library, looking at choices we face in our lives, the highs, the lows and everything in between! We visit key chapters of life; excitement, decision-making, change, loneliness and success!

A duet choreographed by Josh Hawkins, to music composed by Richard Smithson. Dancers interact with audiences, share emotions and illustrate Louise Fazackerley’s new poem A to B, whose distinctive voice adds humour, resonating with children and adults alike. The performers lead audiences between bookcases, weaving our unique stories into one volume.

[www.hawkdancetheatre.com/getting-from-a-to-b](http://www.hawkdancetheatre.com/getting-from-a-to-b)

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**MOON**

*Age suitability:* Families, aged 3-9.

*Libraries able to host this event:* Large Non-Library Venues Only (please choose if you would like to see this put on in your area).

Moon is a fully accessible, spectacular outdoor dance and circus production for families by **2Faced Dance Company**.

Follow Jack as he meets The Moon and together they embark on an amazing adventure; what secrets and surprises will they discover on their quest? Watch Jack’s world come to life with chalk, aerial hoop, breath-taking dance and a whole host of mess and mayhem.

Moon contains British sign language, audio description and incorporates touch tours of the set for the visually impaired.

[www.2faceddance.co.uk](http://www.2faceddance.co.uk)

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**THE MESMERIST**

*Age suitability:* Families 6+.

*Libraries able to host this event:* Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

**Northern Rascals** brings you their newest family-friendly production ‘The Mesmerist’.

Told through a mixture of dance, clowning and stunning optical illusions, the work takes the audience on a magical journey of love and loss, of hope and adventure. At times comedic, at others poignant, together we follow the
lovable and quirky duo of Alf and Annie as they discover the importance of friendship and of reaching out to find the light when your world loses its spark.

‘The Mesmerist’ is supported by Arts Council England, SLAP, Yorkshire Dance Hub, York Dance Space, Yorkshire Dance and York St John University.

www.northernrascals.com

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**MAHAJANAKA DANCE DRAMA**

**Age suitability:** Families 8+, young adults & adults.

**Libraries able to host this event:** Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

**Neon Dance** present one of the oldest surviving folk tales in the world retold through dance, music and animation, featuring an award winning team of artists from Thailand and the UK.

British Composer / Producer Sebastian Reynolds and Neon Dance Choreographer / Director Adrienne Hart collaborate with renowned dance artist Pichet Klunchun to retell the story of Mahajanaka Jataka. Bringing together east and western dance and music performance traditions, this enchanting production fuses ancient and modern with animated scenes from Sun & Moon Studios.

www.neondance.org

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**CIRCUS**

**THE FLYING BAZAZI BROTHERS**

**Age suitability:** Families, no minimum age.

**Libraries able to host this event:** All libraries.

**Nearly There Yet** uses creative, physical work to excite, engage, and entertain.

This heady mix of celebrity, circus, and family history steeped in tradition is a real one off. The Bazazi Brothers style is part Cirque du Soleil, part Tom Jones - with a little Swayze thrown in for good measure. This riotous double act, dance, juggle, and fall over each other for your viewing pleasure and features internationally renowned superstars Edward and Kaveh Bazazi.

Prepare to be amazed, prepare to be dazzled, and prepare to be prepared.

www.nearlythereyet.com
COMEDY

THE FUNNY THING

Age suitability: Families 6+

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

A stand-up comedy show for children over 6, their parents and anyone who likes comedy without the rude words.

Hold onto your socks, take the banana out of your ears and enjoy the best comedy for kids from the man who invented it. James' show will find The Funny Things about everything including pets, couscous, spaniels, making your own yoghurt, bees, why we have hair and will answer questions such as: "do sausage dogs eat sausages? Or do they just look at them and say, "I'm not eating that - it looks like my grannie."

www.thejamescampbell.com

‘SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE BLUE CARBUNCLE’ AND ‘CURSE OF THE MUMMY’

Age suitability: Families 12+ & young adults.

Libraries able to host this event: March Library (main space), Soham Library, Whittlesey Library, Clay Farm Library (meeting room), non-library venues in other areas with high ceilings.

Last Chance Saloon present a comic theatrical double bill: ‘Sherlock Holmes and the Blue Carbuncle’ and ‘Curse of the Mummy’. These two theatrical spoofs use physical comedy, witty dialogue, slapstick routines and outrageously catchy pop songs to take you on a whirlwind adventure. For 100 minutes 3 men will play over 100 characters, with at least 3 different accents. You’ll see them dance, you’ll see them sing, you’ll see things you wish you could un-see.

With good old fashioned British humour and an intriguing interpretation of world history, the Saloon Boys will have you laughing your lungs out.

www.lastchancesaloon.org

MUSIC

SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL

Age suitability: Families, aged 0-8.

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

Come and enjoy an interactive family music session with a live band, playing a range of music and songs. Join in with singing, actions and dancing as we whizz you up into space through music and song.

www.shake-rattle-roll.org
MAMBO JAMBO

Age suitability: Families 8+, young adults & adults.

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

Acoustic Roots duo, Mambo Jambo, might just be the biggest acoustic duo you’ll ever see. They’ll take you on a joyous musical journey with a mash-up of roots, world, folk and jazz, plus their own compositions. With Frankie on sax, vocals, clarinet, flute, guitar, steel pan, spoons plus other percussion and Pete on guitar, vocal, ukulele, traditional Cuban guitar, banjo, accordion and suitcase! They’ve been gathering admirers at shows and festivals the length and breadth of the country. A real jamboree! A fabulous musical treat is in store wherever they roll up, their tour bus packed to the brim!

www.mambojambo.co.uk

MAZAÏKA

Age suitability: Young adults & adults.

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

A magical and exhilarating performance guaranteed to transport you from the Russian Steppes to the Gypsy Campfire, the Opera House to the Parisian café. Full of Russian soul, Tango Passion and Operatic Melodrama plus some Hotclub and Hillbilly mayhem.

Repertoire includes Russian folk and Gypsy, Balkan, Argentine and Russian Tango, Classical and Opera, Hot Club Jazz, Latin, and intoxicating original music influenced by all of the above!

www.mazaika-music.com

DE-LOVELY

Age suitability: Adults.

Libraries able to host this event: Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.


www.david00059.wixsite.com/dreamcastproductions
A BRIEF HISTORY OF JAZZ

**Age suitability:** Adults.

**Libraries able to host this event:** Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

An entertaining, enlightening musical tour of jazz history presented by one of the UK's top trumpeters Paul Higgs, with a live band. Featuring music by the legends Bix Beiderbecke, Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie, Chet Baker and Miles Davis featuring New Orleans, swing and bebop, through to cool jazz, modal and Latin. 

[www.paulhiggs.co.uk](http://www.paulhiggs.co.uk)

THE GREAT CABARET SAFARI

**Age suitability:** Adults.

**Libraries able to host this event:** Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

In The Great Cabaret Safari, you can expect water-tight harmonising on a wonderful array of “razor-sharp” (The Stage) original cabaret songs alongside music by Queen, Louis Prima, Ennio Morricone and the Proclaimers. The musical saw, the zither, the harmonium and the kazoo (played by the entire audience), are just a few of the instruments that feature in this eclectic and “abundantly creative” (Cabaret Scenes) show. According to the press and their audiences, ShooShooBaby’s shows are: funny, beautifully sung, clever and unexpectedly moving. 

Audiences always go home smiling!

[www.shooshoobaby.co.uk](http://www.shooshoobaby.co.uk)

THE VICTORIANS: SONGS, STORIES AND MORE...

**Age suitability:** Adults.

**Libraries able to host this event:** Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

The Victorians: Songs, Stories and More... in this brand new show award-winning modern folk music and storytelling outfit Harp and a Monkey revive songs of the Victorian era and rework them for contemporary ears. The stories behind the tunes are delivered by the band’s singer, an acclaimed historian, author and broadcaster. Talented multi-instrumentalists and long-standing friends, this trio provide a heart-warming performance of foot-tapping tunes, great conversation and laughter suitable for all ages.

[www.harpandamonkey.com](http://www.harpandamonkey.com)
THE ENGLISH SONGBOOK REVISITED

Age suitability: Adults.

Libraries able to host this event: Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

The English Songbook Revisited, combines text, songs and jazz to re-work old songs in a new style.

Featuring musicians from culturally different musical genres, the story of Old England is heard in a contemporary way.

The Kate Luxmoore Group, led by Clarinettist and composer Kate Luxmoore, offers a musical reflection of how we have connected and related over time by drawing on the richness and diversity of tradition and exploring from a new musical perspective.

www.kateluxmoore.com

MAGIC

DEVOUS MINDS

Age suitability: Families 8+, young adults & adults.

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

Devious Minds is a two-hour magical extravaganza for a family audience. Magic, Mind Reading and Comedy for all. Shoesmith hits you with wit and sleight of hand. If you’re not laughing, you’re asking how? Maudsley tells you it’s a con from the start but by the end you’ll believe he reads minds. He will change the way you look at a soft drink forever!

www.deviousminds.co.uk

PUPPETRY

RUMPELSTILTSKIN AND THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Age suitability: Families 4+.

Libraries able to host this event: Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

Poor Polly Buckwheat, the Miller’s daughter, is in a bit of a pickle! If she doesn’t turn a roomful of straw into gold by morning, the greedy King will turn a bit nasty. But should she accept the kind help of an eccentric dwarf who mysteriously appears in her prison cell?

Of all the fairy-tale characters, Rumpelstiltskin has got to be the most mixed up. He is helpful yet demanding; secretive yet nosy; short yet owning a
name as long as his beard. Not surprisingly, this story of transformation will make you laugh and gasp at the same time!

www.widdershins.co.uk

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### SWEET DAY OF THE DEAD

**Age suitability:** Families 5+.

**Libraries able to host this event:** Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

An old Mexican granny and her puppets travel from Mexico to tell the story of the Day of the Dead altar and share this popular tradition in which people remember and celebrate the lives of the departed loved ones. Come and join us in this magical adventure filled with love and fiesta.

After the show, the children and their adults will be invited to a hands-on creative workshop making their own calaveras building on traditional decorative motifs to create their own original interpretations.

www.gabrielagarcia.co.uk
www.tonkauzu.co.uk

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### SPOKEN WORD/POETRY

### MOLE & GECKO

**Age suitability:** Families, aged 5-11.

**Libraries able to host this event:** All libraries.

An interactive rap musical about a Mole and a Gecko starring Simon Mole & Gecko.

A rapper and a singer. A mole and a gecko. A river. A boat with no name. A quest for adventure. A quest with a duck!

Mole and Gecko is an interactive rap musical that you (the audience) help create. There are live songs, rap stories, instant poems and a weasel with a serious biscuit problem. Join our heroes as they discover that what they thought they were searching for might be less important than what they find along the way.

www.simonmole.com/projects/mole-gecko-the-show
TOO PRETTY TO PUNCH

Age suitability: 12+, young adults & adults.

Libraries able to host this event: Barnwell (external venue), Clay Farm, Ely, March, Soham, Whittlesey and external venues in other locations (minimum 2m ceiling height).

What if you woke up one morning as the opposite gender? What if that was the day you were born and you had to wait 25 years before anyone believed you?

Part spoken word/part digital comedy cabaret, join multi slam winning poet Edalia Day in this kickass celebration of transgender visibility and self-acceptance.

A ukulele in one hand and a mouthful of broken words, Too Pretty To Punch grapples with what it means to be human when you don’t fit in any of the boxes.

www.edaliaday.co.uk

STORYTELLING

DARK MATTERS

Age suitability: Young adults & adults.

Libraries able to host this event: Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

Dark Matters comprises six stories featuring the Devil as a trickster figure, set against a sophisticated soundscape. Dark and funny by turn, they follow both the seasons of the year and the ages of man. This is the Devil in his mediaeval incarnation. His role is to test our moral fibre and we need only fear him if we are found wanting. The show includes both live instrumental and recorded music. The performance lasts approximately 90 minutes plus interval.

www.lamsound.com/storytelling

I DON’T KNOW WHAT I’M SUPPOSED TO BE DOING

Age suitability: Young adults & adults.

Libraries able to host this event: Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

I don’t know what I’m supposed to be doing was something Emma’s Mum said repeatedly in the early days of her dementia. Now her mother has died Emma finds herself asking the question for herself. Emma’s Mum was a librarian, Emma is a library assistant. This one-woman multi-media show goes on a journey through time, mother-daughter love and life re-evaluation. A funny, moving, inspiring tale using theatre, film and library books.

www.emmadecent.co.uk/i-dont-know
‘THE HARD WAY’: THE STORY OF HANNAH MITCHELL

Age suitability: Adults.

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

‘The Hard Way’: the story of Hannah Mitchell. From a remote hilltop farm in the Derbyshire moorlands to Manchester city magistrate. The Hard Way is a one-woman show of storytelling with song by acclaimed musician and composer Louise Jordan.

With two weeks’ formal schooling behind her and through her sheer force of character, Hannah escapes domestic drudgery to become a campaigner, speaker, writer, councillor and magistrate.

‘Life to me has been a great adventure’.

This show celebrates one woman’s determination to take power in the face of insurmountable barriers, motivated by a desire to improve life for those around her.

www.louisejordan.co.uk

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LEGENDS OF KING ARTHUR: STORIES FROM AROUND THE TABLE

Age suitability: Adults.

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

Everyone’s heard the story about the boy who became king, the sword in the stone, and the most famous of Round Tables. Many came to that table, but not everyone was given a seat. Join Sarah Brady and Marion Leeper as they tell stories of those who sat around the table—and those who surrounded them. Allow yourself to be captivated by the story of the werewolf knight, the woman who challenged the king, and many more. You’ll leave with new ideas and many questions and find out that stories are too good to be left for children.

www.sarahosburnbrady.com

www.marionleeper.co.uk
THEATRE

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Age suitability: Families, aged 2-8.

Libraries able to host this event: Cambourne, Clay Farm, Ely, Huntingdon, March, Soham, St Neots, Wisbech.

Out of this world is an intergalactic vacation for the adventurous soul...

Children and their grown-ups are invited for the holiday of a lifetime as we head to intergalactic territories to spot alien lifeforms and experience the wonder of weightlessness.

Join the adventure as performers from Wriggle Dance Theatre take over your local library with dance, live music, rockets and stars. Have the opportunity to take a selfie with aliens and travel through a black hole.

www.wriggledancetheatre.co.uk

THE GOOSE WHO FLEW

Age suitability: Families, aged 3-7.

Libraries able to host this event: Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

Half Moon presents The Goose Who Flew a fun, family theatre experience for ages 3-7.

“A heartfelt story about compassion, community and understanding”.

Goose loves the summer, playing with his family and friends, but soon it is time for him to fly south for the winter. As his journey begins, things are not as they should be. Using charming storytelling, simple puppetry and an assortment of quirky characters, this is a heartfelt story about the importance of compassion, community and understanding. Performances last 40 minutes. After the performance, audiences are invited to meet Goose.

www.halfmoon.org.uk

THE GREEN SHIP

Age suitability: Families 5+.

Libraries able to host this event: Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

The Green Ship is a beautifully illustrated children's book by the inaugural British Children's Laureate Quentin Blake. This original stage adaptation plunges audiences into a realm of magical fantasy and adventure, inspiring children and adults alike to engage with literature through a live and interactive imaginative experience using puppetry, music and a sprinkle of magic. When a rolled-up newspaper is transformed into a telescope and a garden fork becomes
Neptune's trident, anything is possible...

www.librariantheatre.com

HENRY MOON AND THE GREASY SPOON

Age suitability: Families 5+.

Libraries able to host this event: Clay Farm Library (meeting room), March Library (main space), Soham Library, Whittlesey Library, non-library venues in other areas with high ceilings.

Everyone knows Flo’s café. It hasn’t changed in years. It’s no tea at the Ritz, in fact it’s a little bit shabby, but the kettle’s always boiling, and Flo is ready with a welcoming smile. Only problem is, where are the customers!

All seems doomed for Flo until one cold windy day Henry Moon blows through the doors of the café. Wearing a coat of many pockets, some rose tinted glasses and bursting with imaginative stories, could this strange little man be the answer to Flo’s problems? Perfect for families that enjoy puppetry, mask, dance, song and lots of laughter.

www.rhubarbtheatre.co.uk

THE ORIGINS OF SPECIES

Age suitability: Families 6+.

Libraries able to host this event: Barnwell (external venue), Clay Farm, Ely, March, Soham, Whittlesey and external venues in other locations (minimum 2m ceiling height).

The Origin of Species… tells the remarkable story of how Charles Darwin came to discover the secrets of evolution, and why it took him over twenty years to publish his theory. This Tangram Theatre Company show is packed with big ideas, terrible puns, brilliant physical comedy and six cracking original songs.

“Thoroughly entertaining... Science can rarely have been so fascinating and never so much fun.” - The Stage

“Comic genius...Grown-ups will love it. Kids will adore it. A gem.” - *****

Broadway Baby

www.tangramtheatre.co.uk
GULP!

**Age suitability:** Families 7+.

**Libraries able to host this event:** Huntingdon, external venues without carpeted floors.

GULP! is an adventure story about water.

Maya LOVES water! Swimming in the sea, splashing in her paddling pool, squirting her sister with a water pistol... But, one summer day, she gets sucked up the bathroom tap - SQUOOSH! - & along the water pipes!

WHOA!

She goes on an exciting journey through oceans, rivers & clouds, encountering a flood, drought & fascinating people & creatures.

Onstage there’s a paddling pool of water, a water pistol fight, exciting instruments & live vocals. Gulp! is an urgent, timely tale about learning to care about the world, its people & natural resources.

[www.theboneensemble.co.uk](http://www.theboneensemble.co.uk)

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FIRST PERSON

**Age suitability:** Families 7+ & young adults.

**Libraries able to host this event:** All libraries.

Welcome to First Person - your race to the top of life's success mountain. Two players enter the labyrinth of a virtual world and compete for the ultimate prize: happiness. The First Person to find happiness is the winner! Just follow the Guide. But in our harsh world of winners and losers, is the Guide aiding their journey, or relishing in their demise?

Made for public spaces and influenced by video games, First Person is a fusion of fast-paced narrative, physical theatre and silent disco technology. Grab your headphones, predict your winner and cheer them on to the finish line.

[www.zesttheatre.com](http://www.zesttheatre.com)

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GREYHOUNDS

**Age suitability:** Young adults & adults.

**Libraries able to host this event:** Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

The year is 1941 and rehearsals for Henry V are underway...

“You should think yourself accurs’d if you miss this clever and charming production.” (Broadway Baby)
Greyhounds entwines Shakespeare’s famous story of ‘warlike Harry’ with the everyday trials and tribulations of small village life during World War Two. Whilst the war rages above them, the residents of Shuttlefield struggle to stage a production of Henry V to raise money for the local Spitfire fund, little knowing that it will change their lives forever. New writing combining a taste of Shakespeare, a touch of comedy and true vintage flair.

**KURE KURE/FARAWAY**

**Age suitability:** Young adults & adults.

**Libraries able to host this event:** Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

The multi-media one-woman theatre show KURE KURE/FARAWAY includes music, projected visuals, song, dance and spoken word. It is a story of migration, atavism, DNA and the Ancestors’ origins through the huge migration from Central Africa (3000 BCE), the migration of the Bantu Tribe from Baka (Cameroon region) all the way to Zimbabwe to build the biggest kingdom in Africa (1200 AD) and my own migration to the western hemisphere some 8000 years later.

[www.la-olam.com/#/anna-mudeka/](http://www.la-olam.com/#/anna-mudeka/)

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**THE IMITATION PLAY**

**Age suitability:** Young adults & adults.

**Libraries able to host this event:** All libraries.

The Imitation Play is an imaginative, funny and exciting exploration of Alan Turing’s life and work. It uses innovative and interactive theatrical techniques involving the audience to understand the revolutionary impact that Turing has had on our world. It also gives audiences a deep emotional appreciation of the diversity embodied within Turing, his thinking and sexuality.

Rather than simply retread the familiar, Second World War ground of The Imitation Game, Codebreaker and Breaking the Code, the play presents the revolutionary ideas of computing, artificial intelligence and morphogenesis Turing developed vividly and accessibly.

[www.newcompany.org.uk](http://www.newcompany.org.uk)
MR. ROBESON

Age suitability: Young adults & adults.

Libraries able to host this event: Clay Farm Library (meeting room), March Library (main space), Soham Library, Whittlesey Library, non-library venues in other areas with high ceilings.

Paul Robeson is a world-famous actor, singer and civil rights campaigner. When he gets too radical and outspoken for the establishment's liking, he is branded a traitor to his country, is harassed, and denied opportunities to perform or travel.

This roller-coaster journey through Robeson’s remarkable life highlights how his pioneering and heroic political activism led many to describe him as the forerunner of the civil rights movement. It features some famous songs (including a dramatic rendition of Ol’ Man River), speeches, and a spectacularly defiant testimony to the Senate House Un-American Activities Committee.

www.tayoalukoandfriends.com

FALLEN FRUIT

Age suitability: Young adults & adults.

Libraries able to host this event: Clay Farm Library (meeting room), March Library (main space), Soham Library, Whittlesey Library, non-library venues in other areas with high ceilings.

"Back there, back then, I had it all!"
In 1989, as the Berlin Wall splits open, a young girl looks forward to life beyond communism, a couple unravels, and 80s TV permeates everything.

A story of love, breaking free and Europe, from Total Theatre Award winners Two Destination Language.

In 2019, Britain leaves the EU while across Europe people celebrate the 30th anniversary of the end of the Cold War. Fallen Fruit foregrounds a unique migrant voice born in communist Bulgaria.

www.twodestinationlanguage.com
WORKSHOPS

LANERN MAKING

Age suitability: Families, aged 3-8.

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

Lantern festivals are celebrated throughout the world. We will look at various images and books to explore this further. The artist Sibylle Hutter, will bring a native Germany tradition to the libraries. We will make autumn themed, colourful lanterns from a wide range of materials and later take a walk through the streets or local park for a lantern procession. It will be a magical experience to see all the colourful lanterns lit up in the dark.

Please make sure to bring suitable clothes!

MOSAIC MEMORIES

Age suitability: Families 3+ & adults.

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

This inspirational and fun mosaic workshop will be run by Carolyn Ash, she will be teaching you how to design, make and grout your own unique piece of mosaic art, all materials will be provided and will be incorporating mosaic tesserae such as vitreous glass, ceramics and recycled objects like broken china, shells and buttons.

www.carolynash.co.uk

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE MUSEUMS – EXPLORE & CREATE

Age suitability: Families 3+ & adults.

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

Enjoy and be inspired by amazing artworks and objects looked after at the University of Cambridge Museums. We will bring objects from the collections for families to handle, explore and find out about, followed by an art activity.

Themes include:
Fantastic fossils or moon rocks and meteorites with the Sedgwick Museum; Victorian Gadgets or Space exploration with the Whipple.
Pacific objects and upcycling crafts with the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.
Knights and armour, Ancient Egypt or exploring paintings with Fitzwilliam Museum.

www.museums.cam.ac.uk
ONE GIANT LEAP

**Age suitability:** Families, aged 6-12.

**Libraries able to host this event:** All libraries.

Take "One Giant Leap" with **InterAct Imaginations.**

Come and help us to celebrate the First man on the Moon 50 years ago this year! We are going to create a lunar landscape and models using recycled materials and lots of your imagination.

www.interactimaginations.com

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CREATE YOUR OWN DIORAMA BOX

**Age suitability:** Families, aged 6-12.

**Libraries able to host this event:** All libraries.

Create your own creative new world inspired by your favourite stories! Make and enclosed diorama box which comes to live when the light is shown upon it! Let your own fantasy world come to live! We will use recycled material, felt, paint, coloured paper and acrylic sheets to create an alternative world full of colour with exciting new designs and shapes! You can take it home with you hang it on the wall (or just place it on the table) and show your friends and family this exciting new world you created!

www.sarahmilousteenhorst.com

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PRINTMAKING IN YOUR LIBRARY

**Age suitability:** Families 6+.

**Libraries able to host this event:** All libraries.

**Curwen Print Study Centre** bring the studio to you! A series of 2 hour workshops to learn a new creative skill - join us for one or several sessions, each will be a stand alone taught session. Printmaking workshops in one of either Drypoint, Lino, Cardboard Cut, Monoprinting with painting and Drawing, Monoprinting with Textures and Found Objects, or Printmaking without a Press, and a Family session for parents/carers and their young people working together. Work with Professional Artist Printmaker Tutors, 2 tutors, presses, inks, paper and materials all provided. Suitable for all abilities and levels of experience.

www.curwenprintstudy.co.uk
ART & SCIENCE

Age suitability: Families 8+, young adults & adults.

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

Art & Science workshops for inquisitive and creative minds:

- Soft-Circuits -
  With the Light Up Your Art project, participants are encouraged to experiment with a whole range of techniques, mediums (traditional and new-tech), components and power sources (incl. solar energy and smart textiles) to create ingenious, unconventional, beautiful electronic circuits on paper or textile.

www.tinkamel.co.uk

CREATIVE VIRTUAL REALITY

Age suitability: Young adults.

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

Learn how to digitally sculpt and paint in 3D space!

Peterborough based artist Lee Mason has been developing his VR art workshops over the past 2 years with very encouraging results.

Artist Lee Mason says: "I firmly believe immersive computing will revolutionise the creative industries. VR headsets are set to find their way into every corner of art and design and I thoroughly enjoy sharing my new workflows with others.

When we're done painting we could go for a dive into the deep oceans or up into space for a VR adventure!

www.lee-mason.co.uk

WATER, BREAD AND SALT – PERFORMANCE SKILLS AND AFRICAN TOWNSHIP THEATRE

Age suitability: Young adults.

Libraries able to host this event: Arbury Court, Barnwell (external venue), Cambourne, Chatteris, Cherry Hinton, Clay Farm, Ely, Histon, Huntingdon, Littleport, March, Ramsey, Soham, St Ives, St Neots, Whittlesey, Wisbech.

Tangle offers unique participatory workshops for all ages, often using drama games, movement and song to explore themes relevant to African history. Our current workshops explore the themes and historical events of the life of world leader Nelson Mandela.

Tangle's workshops encourage participants to reflect on themes of equality and unity of people.

www.tangleinternational.com
PORTRAIT SILHOUETTE ART

Age suitability: Young adults & adults.
Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

Victorian Style Shadowgraphs!
Create a Unique and distinctive Self Portrait using the Victorian style of 'Silhouette Cut Out' technique.
Learn about the art of silhouette cutting which predates photography by 100 years.

Capture your likeness by using a lamp to cast your shadow onto card. Additional props & accessories can be used to embellish your personality profile, be who you are or become a character from your favourite novel or story book. Perfect your portrait by making a canvas background & frame from recycled materials.

www.pennysobr.com

LOVE LETTERS TO THE MOON

Age suitability: Adults.
Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

Join writer Leanne Moden for ‘Love Letters to the Moon’, a writing workshop inspired by the fiftieth anniversary of the first moon landing. Using stories, photographs, maps and objects, we’ll explore space together, and see how the sky above our heads has influenced writers for hundreds of years. We’ll talk about the myth and folklore associated with the heavens, and discover new ways to write about our planet and the cosmos. This workshop is a must for anyone looking to broaden their horizons, and all those interested in space, the stars and our place in the universe.

www.leannemoden.com

WORLD TEXTILES

Age suitability: Adults.
Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

Led by a professional textile designer you will experience an exciting and diverse cultural textile workshop. You will be taken on a journey around the world immersed in wonderfully colourful World Textiles. You will learn about different cultures from around the world and use their traditional textile techniques to create wonderful and highly decorative textile pieces.
STITCH & EXPRESSION

Age suitability: Adults.

Libraries able to host this event: All libraries.

This workshop uses simple stitch techniques, all of which will be taught in the session. Using larger needles and recycled fabrics and wool, cotton and hemp yarns.

www.workshops.frostart.co.uk