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BLACK COUNTRY DAY CELEBRATIONS

THE BUSKETEERS



Saturday 13 July, 12pm
Central Library West Bromwich, FREE

Join Tim Martin and Billy Spakemon (Black Country Radio and Xtra) to celebrate Black Country Day with 'a bit of this and more of that music' and stories from across the years.

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BLACK COUNTRY HUMOUR

Saturday 27 July, 7.30pm
Wednesbury Library, Pay what you can

Black Country Summer Frollucks with Worrapalava. Award winning Black Country writer Brendan Hawthorne and his arts collective Worralpalavea present their own brand of poems, banter, stories and songs inspired by this neck of the woods. Come along and av a loff, goo on!

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LIVE MUSIC

ALAN FLETCHER



Sunday 4 August, Central Library, 7.30pm

Alan Fletcher is a household name in the UK because of his portrayal of Dr Karl Kennedy in the popular Australian drama Neighbours. Thousands of people also well remember Alan's touring band The Waiting Room that performed their unique rock n roll throughout the UK for ten years.

Since 2019 Alan has focussed on Americana/Alt-Country music, working with Australian producers Lachlan Bryan and Damian Cafarella to write and record an EP and Album of alternatively poignant and very funny songs about life, love, loss and beer! His album has attracted widespread praise.

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Tickets £10

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BIRMINGHAM JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL



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Ben Toury

Friday 19 July, Blackheath Library, 7.30pm

The French boogie pianist – billed as ‘an energetic and efficient showman’ – began playing at the age of 11 and has completed 25 years and more than 2500 concerts. A hint of his appeal comes in the disclaimer on his most recent album, Ben Toury Live: Ben is a spectacular performer, blending high speed pianism with show-stopping business – a mix of Harry Connick’s crooning and Jerry Lee Lewis’s virtuoso piano playing plus!



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The Traveling Janes

Saturday 20 July, Central Library, 1pm

The Traveling Janes have many different things to recommend them, not least the fact that a four-piece band contains members from Scotland, the United States, Singapore and Norway – plenty of travelling involved, though the name ‘Traveling Jane’ actually refers to a slang phrase given to a female performer from the late 19th/early 20th century vaudevillian traveling tent shows.



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Val Wiseman Quartet

Saturday 20 July, Central Library, 4pm

One of the UK’s finest jazz singers, Val Wiseman, born in West Bromwich, began her career over 60 years ago with the West Side Jazzmen. That was a prelude to much greater things, initially with the Second City Jazzmen, then on to national fame with Monty Sunshine’s band. She also had the chance to sing with the likes of Humphrey Lyttelton, Kenny Baker and Alex Welsh.

LIVE MUSIC



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Tipitina

Saturday 20 July, Central Library, 7pm

At the heart of Tipitina are powerhouse singer Debbie Jones with her roots in gospel and Justin Randall, quite simply the finest and most exciting New Orleans-style piano player outside of Louisiana. The great Irma Thomas said of Debbie, 'She has a lot of soul in her voice.' Together they deliver the red hot and rocking music of Dr John, James Booker, Professor Longhair and Fats Domino.



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Hit Parade Heroes

Monday 22 July, Great Bridge Library, 7.30pm

Warren James is known as a talented banjo player, guitarist and singer of skiffle, jazz, country, rock'n'roll and blues music of the 1920s to the 1960s. In his skiffle group he revives the music that preceded the great pop boom of the late 1950s, with the songs of Lonnie Donegan and the many skiffles who followed in his wake.



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Tenement Jazz Band

Tuesday 23 July, Wednesbury Library, 7.30pm

Tenement Jazz band are a traditional jazz band formed in early 2018 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Brought together by their shared love of early jazz, ragtime and blues, they are on a journey of exploration back to the roots of the music that they play. A five piece band, they consist of Chuck Dearnness, Paddy Darley, Steve Feast, Rory Clark and John Youngs.



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Art Themen Quartet

Wednesday 24 July, Cradley Heath Library, 7.30pm

Over 60 years since he first made his mark with the Cambridge University Jazz Band, Art Themen is still picking up accolades. He received a lifetime achievement award from the Worshipful Company of musicians and was recently shortlisted for Jazz musician of the year in the Parliamentary Jazz Awards.



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The Journeymen

Thursday 25 July, Great Barr Library, 7.30pm

The Journeymen will take you on a journey through Eric Clapton's extensive 60-year career, from his humble beginnings with The Yardbirds, into his stint with John Mayall's Bluesbreakers, continuing with the first Super group, Cream, onto Blind Faith, then Derek and The Dominos and finishing with his solo career. Expect a performance that recaptures the feel and essence of an Eric Clapton concert.



You're Never Alone With A Uke

Friday 26 July, Central Library, 11am

One of the most popular features of the Birmingham Festival, You're Never Alone with a Uke takes absolute beginners on the instrument and coaches them in learning one tune. Then comes the difficult part – getting a ukulele out of the hands of a five-year-old who has just discovered he can play it!



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Playing Django

Friday 26 July, Bleakhouse Library, 7.30pm

Regulars at the Birmingham Festival, Playing Django are Birmingham-based, with a 15 year residency at La Bastille in the City Centre and the Dark Horse in Moseley. They have now moved out from these, but their music, based on the Hot Club with Django Reinhardt, stays the same.



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The Swing Cats

Saturday 27 July, Central Library, 1pm

The Swing Cats represent one of the most versatile and seductive vocal sounds that have appeared on the country's jazz scene. Evoking the great jazz voices and composers of the 30s and 40s of the last century, such as Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, George Gershwin and even Chet Baker.



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Hannah Brine

Saturday 27 July, Central Library, 4pm

A rising star of the UK music scene, Hannah Brine has been likened to Norah Jones and Carole King. This festival sees her join forces with pianist Dan Whieldon to deliver an exquisite selection of standards, and tasteful covers, which sit wonderfully alongside her own original compositions.



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Errol Linton & His Band

Saturday 27 July, Central Library, 7.30pm

Anyone interested in contemporary British blues/roots music will be aware of Errol Linton. Brixton born and raised, the singer/harmonica player and songwriter has earned his spurs as the leader of the most dynamic live band in the country. This is funky stuff, blues with a reggae tinge and jazz flavours, black British music with roots in Mississippi and New Orleans, Kingston and London. After 30 years in the game, Linton still creates a dynamic original sound like no other artist.



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Bruce Adams / Alan Barnes Quintet

Sunday 28 July, Thimblemill Library, 1pm

Bruce Adams has been an irresistible force on the UK jazz scene for over 40 years, an exciting soloist who first came to public notice when a distinguished jury of Buddy Tate, Doc Cheatham and Max Jones voted him Best Trumpet and Outstanding Soloist at the 1982 Holsten Big Band Competition. In the mid-1980s Bruce worked regularly at the Edinburgh Jazz Festival with the likes of Sweets Edison.



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Jamie Thyer & The Worried Man

Sunday 28 July, Thimblemill Library, 4pm

In 1994 guitarist Jamie Thyer decided to put together a rhythm section – the Worried Men – with the intention of rehearsing, but little expectation of breaking into the rock scene – too much originality, too much integrity! To their surprise enthusiastic audiences and promoters proved them wrong and 30 years later they have clocked up 4,000 gigs – from pub back room to festival stages.



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Hot Club of Halifax

Sunday 28 July, Thimblemill Library, 7pm

The Hot Club of Halifax are a fresh and exciting collective of seasoned jazz musicians offering dynamic and charismatic renditions of songs and tunes from the Django 'Gypsy Jazz' repertoire and elsewhere. With doubling the Hot Club Halifax includes two guitarists, three vocalists, double bass, clarinet and fiddle.

Go to TicketSource www.ticketsource.co.uk, SCAN QR Code overleaf to reserve tickets for free library concerts.

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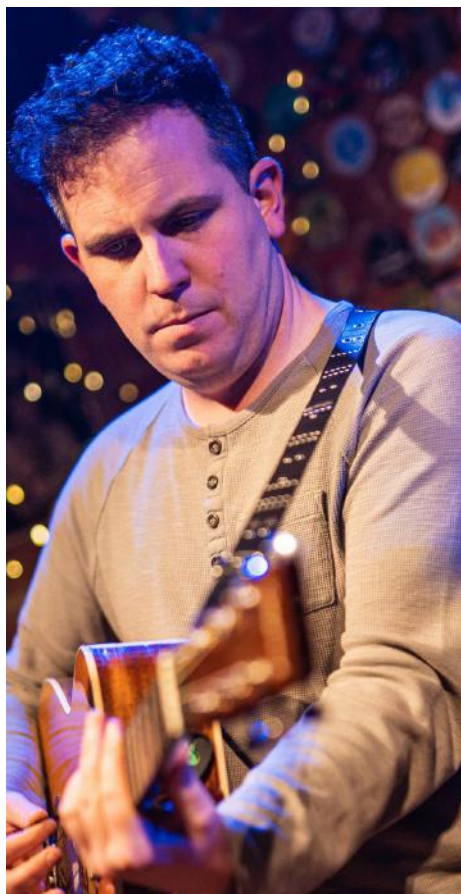
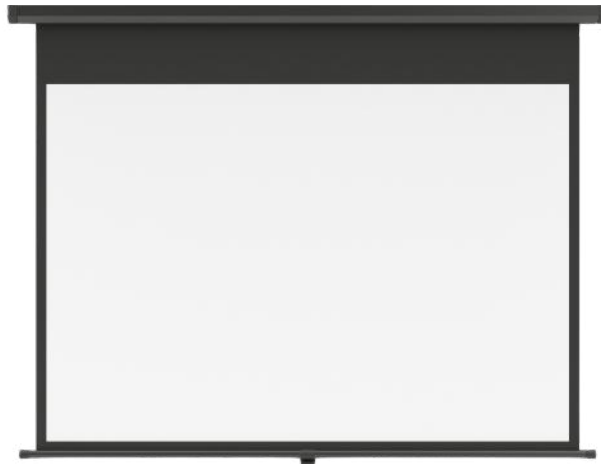


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COMEDY**

THE DOUBLE DOLLY'S

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY, 7.30PM

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TICKETS



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Dolly Parton has been cloned as the world needs more positivity, love and joy! Double the fun, double the trouble and double the glamour! So, join the Double Dolly's for a night of comedy, Live Dolly Parton songs and line dancing.

Bring your mates, or your Nan, for a dance and a laugh at this inclusive night out (Jolene is not welcome). Dressing up as Dolly is highly encouraged as there are coveted prizes to be won. It's the place to be after you've finished your 9-5. So shine like a diamond in a rhinestone world and head on down!

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WEDNESBURY LIBRARY

THURSDAY 1 AUGUST, 7PM - TICKETS £10

Multi award winning stand up comedy club hosting live comedy events across the UK, showcasing some of the most hilarious acts from all over the country.

Julian Deane is a talented stand-up comedian and has been wowing audiences across the country with his genius punch lines and perfect delivery. Julian has performed on The Russell Howard Hour (SKY) and supported Paul Chowdhry on his mammoth nationwide tour Live Innit, which included a sold out Wembley arena date.

His witty writing skills have also been put to use, with writing credits including Jimmy Carr, Mock the Week (BBC 2), Never Mind the Buzzcocks (BBC2), Unspun with Matt Forde (Dave) and Morgan Spurlock's New Britannia (SKY Atlantic). Julian and fellow comedian Carl Donnelly host the podcast Two Vegan Idiots (TVI).

Licensed bar available

TALKS AND HISTORY



Author: Paul Gitsham, FREE

Monday 15 July, 11am, Tipton Library

Paul Gitsham writes crime fiction, with multiple titles in his DCI Warren Jones series and is interested in becoming involved in local activities to support readers and aspiring authors.



Author: Zoe Sharp, FREE

Monday 15 July, 2pm, Blackheath Library

Zoe Sharp was born in the East Midlands, but spent most of her formative years living aboard a catamaran on the northwest coast of England. She began her highly acclaimed crime thriller series featuring no-nonsense ex-Special Forces trainee turned bodyguard heroine, Charlie Fox, after receiving death-threats in the course of her work as a photojournalist.



Author: Jane McParkes, FREE

Thursday 18 July, 2pm, Great Barr Library

Jane is the author of a new Cornish cosy crime series with an eco twist. It incused "green" characters, ideas and solutions set against the backdrop of traditional murder mystery. The Oliva Wells mysteries combine Jane's love of Cornwall and her interest in the environment & sustainability.



Poetry with Gracey Bee, FREE

Monday 22 July, 11am, Blackheath Library

Friday 26 July, 3pm, Thimblemill Library

We want to hear all your golden memories, celebrating Sandwell since 1974. Bring along your photos and memorabilia. Whether you were born, married or got your first job or celebrated something else tell us about it. Tea and Cake included.

IN YOUR LIBRARY



Local History: Ian Bott, FREE

Wednesday 24 July, 2pm, Wednesbury Library

Well known local author Ian Bott will be taking us all on a trip down memory lane to help us to celebrate 50 years of Sandwell.



Children's Author: Professor Black

Investigates - Egyptian Monster Makers, FREE

Monday 29 July, 11am, Hamstead Library

Monday 29 July, 2.30pm, Stone Cross Library

Invited back by popular demand, Professor Black looks at the mythical monsters of the Egyptians and why they created them.

Suitable for 6 years plus



Children's Author: Professor Black

Presents - Mischief Makers, FREE

Tuesday 30 July, 11am, Thimblemill Library

Tuesday 30 July, 2.30pm, Bleakhouse Library

Join Professor Black on another exciting adventure to discover the mythology of the mining, fishing and farming community the monsters. Prof. B will also show you his

BRAND NEW children's books released this year all about these Mischief Makers! **Suitable for 6 years plus**



Children's Author: Wonderful World Tales with Peter Chand, FREE

Wednesday 31 July, 10.30am, Bleakhouse Library

Wednesday 31 July, 1.30pm, Smethwick Library

A Magic carpet ride around the globe with fun, interactive, and thoughtful stories for all the family.

Expect Chatty animals, dancing monsters and drumming with British Punjabi Storyteller Peter Chand.



Children's Author: Bali Rai, FREE

Thursday 1 August, 10.30am, Great Barr Library

Thursday 1 August, 1.30pm, Central Library

Bali Rai a world famous author born and bred in Leicester, inspires primary school children to dive into the world of Literature through Mohinder's War, Now or Never and The Wolf Who Cried 'Boy'. Bali is passionate about giving children voices and enthusiasm through books and storytelling. An interactive session for children and families.



Children's Author: Cat Weatherill, FREE

Friday 2 August, 11am, Thimblemill Library

Friday 2 August, 2.30pm, Hamstead Library

Cat Weatherill is a performance storyteller, performing internationally for adults and children at literature and storytelling festivals, in theatres and in schools. Wonderful stories for children and families.



Children's Author: Uncle Brow Brows, FREE

Saturday 3 August, 10.30am, Wednesbury Library

Children of all ages are invited to learn the process of bringing a book to life! Uncle Brow Brows will take you on a whirlwind journey from developing an interesting character and story, all the way through to illustrating the final book. The finished book will then have some Uncle Brow Brows magic applied to it and will be printed along with another story created in Sandwell Libraries earlier this year. There's an author inside us all, lets tell a magical story together.

Tickets available from the library and at TicketSource Scan QR Code Overleaf



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HISTORY

CARL CHINN

Tuesday 16 July, 11am, Wednesbury Library, **FREE**

Wednesday 17 July, 11am, Central Library, **FREE**

Carl Chinn- The Real Peaky Blinders. Professor Carl Chinn MBE is a social historian with a national profile, writer, teacher, tour guide, and public speaker. An off-course bookmaker until 1984, he is the son and grandson of illegal bookmakers in Sparkbrook, whilst his mother's family were factory workers in Aston. His writings and broadcasting are deeply affected by his family's working-class background and life in the back-to-backs of Birmingham, and he believes passionately that history must be democratised because each and every person has made their mark upon history and has a story to tell.

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**Coming
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Workshops by ME Dance

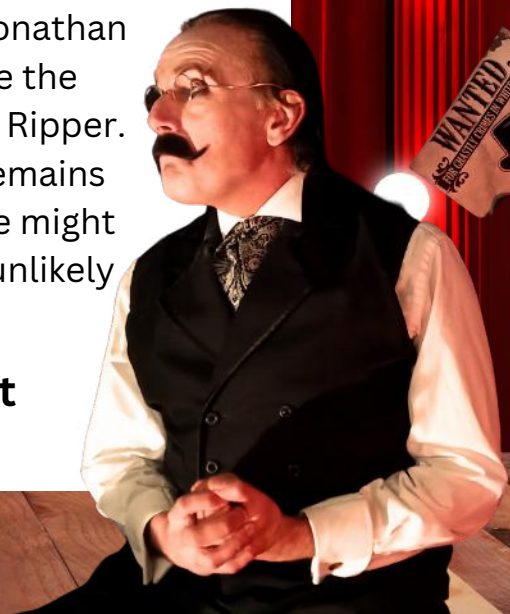
Exciting dance workshops that invites young people to discover their creative abilities through dance, narratives and captivating movement that will take them on a journey through the traditional styles of African Dance. Guided by expert dance teachers from professional dance company ME Dance.



Monday 15 July, 7pm, Tipton Library - Tickets £5

In this theatrical shocker, award-winning actor Jonathan Goodwin plays different characters as we explore the murders and the myths of the infamous Jack the Ripper. Even to this day, the identity of the serial killer remains unknown. Although theories abound as to who he might have been, and what his motives were, it seems unlikely that the truth shall ever be known.

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THEATRE



**BLACK
COUNTRY
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TICKBOX: Friday 12 July, 7.30pm, Central Library West Bromwich

How did a Pakistani family cope when arriving in cold and wet Scotland. Like many migrants they used food to make friends but when no one had heard of a samosa, how can the barriers be broken down? You might have seen Lubna as Mina in *Still Game* at the Hydro in 2014 or perhaps you heard her on Radio 4 Loose ends with Clive Anderson. See her play all the characters from *Brown Owl* to the acting agent, in her own engaging style, in her first play *Tickbox*. **Age rating: 10+**

CANINE TEETH: Wednesday 17 July, 7.30pm, Great Barr Library

Embark on a captivating journey with "Canine Teeth," a remarkable stand-up monologue that blends humor, raw emotion, and cultural introspection. Explore the complexities of societal expectations, resilience, and personal fulfillment as you witness the protagonist's transformative experiences in Turkish society. Be moved, entertained, and inspired by this unforgettable theatrical experience that leaves an indelible mark on your heart and mind.

Age rating: 14+

VICTOR AND ALBERT'S VARIETY NIGHT: Thursday 1 August, 7.30pm, Great Bridge Library. Monday 5 August, 7.30pm, Stone Cross Library

Join identical twins Professor Victor and Dr Albert for an evening of riotous comedy, interaction, original songs, games, mayhem and a sprinkling of magic.

A good old-fashioned two-man variety show brought kicking and screaming into the 21st Century. **Age rating: 14+**



FAMILY SHOWS

BOSA: Friday 12 July, 10am, Bleakhouse Library

BOSA: Friday 12 July, 2.15pm, Brandhall Library

BOSA (meaning barefoot in Croatian) is Notnow Collective's new adventure.

We got inspired by the lingering feeling of the summer on our bare feet. All the journeys we travelled. All the places we left behind. And, all those spaces that lie ahead...

The performance uses the latest immersive spatial audio technology, giving you the experience of being present with the characters in the story.

THE SLEEPING SEEDS: Monday 15 July, 10.30am and 1pm, Wednesbury Library. Friday 23 August, 10.30am, Tipton Library

This is a story about a pair of gardeners who are in a band called 'The Sleeping Seeds'.

These musical gardeners have a very special seed asleep in their seed bed, and they invite you to observe how they nurture and encourage this little seed as it matures and makes its mark in the world. This is a show for all the family that uses music and play to explore what we grow, where we grow and how we grow. Expect catchy songs, unusual instruments and fun joining in. Rake & Roll!!

ALICE AND THE LIBRARY TREE:

Wednesday 17 July, 1.30pm, Oldbury Library

Will she be any match for the evil Queen of Hearts and the White Rabbit? Will her Fairy Godmother ever actually help?!

Come and find out in this magical, interactive family show, a whistle stop introductory tour of opera and classical music, all sprinkled with musical fairy dust by B'Opera, perfect for children aged 4-9 and their families.

RSVP BHANGRA: Monday 29 July, 11am and 2pm, Smethwick Library

RSVP is spearheading the renaissance of live Bhangra in the UK, introducing Bhangra to mainstream audiences for the first time. From massive stages at Glastonbury (15 years) and Womad (4 years), to concert venues across the UK and Europe, they're always guaranteed to get even the most reluctant on their feet, and leave audiences breathless with excitement.

THE EXPLORERS: Tuesday 30 July, 2pm, Smethwick Library

The Explorers! is a multi-sensory, wondrous adventure, where the audience get to help bring to life two stories, with dance, colour, sound, and teamwork. The show is a fully inclusive interactive performance and is relaxed, engaging, accessible and fun. suitable for children aged 3+.

MR SHADOW: Wednesday 31 July, 2pm, Great Barr Library

In this light-hearted show for the whole family, Drew Colby will introduce you to his good friend Mr. Shadow and he will show you all the things Mr. Shadow can turn in to. Beautiful creatures and funny little tales unfold, as you discover Mr. Shadow is everybody's friend.

THE WITCH AND THE EGG:

Thursday 1 August, 10.30am, Bleakhouse Library

The Birds have plenty of advice but Susan decides to ignore them and go it alone. Inspired by the book "The Witch's Egg" by Madeleine Edmondson. One performer and a flock of shadow puppets tell an engaging and heartwarming story about friends, foolishness and flying away.

ANANSI AND THE LOST SUN:

Thursday 1 August, 4pm, Thimblemill Library

A funny, inspiring & entertaining West African tale mixing puppetry & traditional West African Music. One day Darkness covers the face of the Land. Lion appeals for someone to bring back the Light and save the World. Who will succeed? The Powerful Eagle? The Clever Monkey? or Anansi the Spider and his mates?

THE EXTRAORDINARY TIME TRAVELLING ADVENTURES OF BARON MUNCHAUSEN: Friday 2 August 2pm, Glebefields Library

Amazing tales elegantly told. There will be pirates and princesses, unicorns and dragons, swordfights and spacemen, and all of it is completely and irrefutably true. Top comedians and improvisers tell extravagant stories all based on the Adventures of Baron Munchausen. Imagine Jackanory meets Whose Line is it anyway in this multi award-winning children's show.

**For more information and to book tickets:
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Tuesday 30 July, 10.30am, Great Barr Library, FREE

Tuesday 30 July, 2pm, Central Library, FREE

Wednesday 31 July, 10.30am, Tipton Library, FREE

Wednesday 31 July, 2pm, Stone Cross Library, FREE

Tickets available from the library and at TicketSource

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Funtime Theatre

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2 AUGUST, 1PM
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B'OPERA MUSICAL MAGIC

Tuesday 30 July, 10.30am, Wednesbury Library

Tuesday 30 July, 2.30pm, Hamstead Library

An interactive music session for children under 5.
Beautiful music from professional musicians, bags of interaction,
a warm atmosphere and fun and laughter.

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MOVERS, SHAKERS AND MAKERS

In the fun loving region of Sandwell there is a shortage of power, the lights are out and have been stolen by the baddie Electro! By creating beats and fun dance moves you Marvellous Makers can help Sohan save the day so that energy and power is restored again! Please bring homemade junk and recycled instruments to this exciting and interactive show. Drums, cardboard instruments, anything, to make creative sounds.



Monday 29 July, 10.30am, Tipton Library

Monday 29 July, 1.30pm, Central Library

Thursday 1 August, 10.30am, Blackheath Library

Friday 2 August, 11am, Oakham Library

Friday 2 August, 2.30pm, Rounds Green Library

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Steve the Juggler

As one of the leading jugglers in the UK, Steve combines a high technical level of juggling with incredible lighting effects where the props light up and change colour in time to the music, creating amazing trails and patterns that leave the audience amazed!



Monday 29 July, 11am, Brandhall Library

Monday 29 July, 2.30pm, Langley Library

Tuesday 30 July, 11am, Glebefields Library

Tuesday 30 July, 2.30pm, Cradley Heath Library

Wednesday 31 July, 11am, Great Bridge Library

Wednesday 31 July, 2.30pm, Hill Top Library

Thursday 1 August, 11am, Oldbury Library

Thursday 1 August, 2.30pm, Smethwick Library

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Which libraries have Library Plus?

Brandhall, Cradley Heath, Great Barr, Great Bridge, Hill Top, Oakham and Thimblemill Libraries now have Library Plus, with more libraries coming soon.

www.sandwell.gov.uk/librariesonline



Free activities at Sandwell libraries, including reading groups, creative writing, children and family activities, digital sessions and knit and knatter. We're working with partners to bring you a wide range of opportunities.

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All of Sandwell's libraries are Welcoming Spaces during their normal opening hours. There's no need to book or call ahead, just turn up. We are offering:

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- Free access to the internet and wi-fi
- Places to charge your devices
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