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WHO ARE WE?

Bradford Literature Festival (BLF) is an annual festival and year-round cultural outreach programme encompassing the best of literature, music, theatre, cultural discussions and family events. The festival believes in the life-changing power of literature to raise aspirations and confidence in young people, which is why they are at the heart of the festival programme. Whether attending our high-quality events through school or with family, there is something to engage, entertain and enrich children of all ages, from early years to teenagers.

BOOKING INFORMATION



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Pre-festival: Monday–Friday, 09.30–16.30
During Festival: Daily, 09.30–Last Show



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IN PERSON

In person from the Festival Hub, City Park, up to 30 minutes
prior to the start of the event (subject to availability)

Tickets for Bradford Literature Festival (BLF) events are sold on an individual event basis, therefore tickets must be purchased separately for each event that you wish to attend. You can buy tickets online, in person at the Box Office or over the phone.

The price of tickets may vary and will be clearly stated against each individual event listing. All ticket prices are inclusive of VAT and booking fee. Discounts and concessions apply.

EARLY YEARS



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In partnership with Better Start Bradford, our early years programme is full of stimulating activities for babies and their grown-ups to enjoy.

BABY CALM

City Park

Join us for an unforgettable experience that will benefit both you and your baby. Our certified infant massage instructor will guide you through a series of classes designed to teach you lifelong skills while enjoying quality bonding time with your little one in a relaxed environment.

During our classes, you will learn the art of baby massage and how it can benefit your baby's physical and emotional development, as well as valuable first aid techniques.

Please book separate tickets for yourself and any children attending.

Suitable for babies aged 12 months and under.

Monday 1 July | FREE
10:00 | 13:00 (45 mins)

TODDLE UP AND SIGN

City Park

Did you know that babies can learn to sign long before they learn to talk? By associating signs with words and objects, your child can learn to communicate what they want and need before their verbal language has developed, cutting down on tears and frustrations.

Join the Toddle Up and Sign team for this fun and interactive session, using toys, stories, and nursery rhymes to boost their language skills. A great way to bond with your baby and learn something new.

Please book separate tickets for yourself and any children attending.

Suitable for children aged 0 to 3 years old.

Monday 1 July | FREE
11:30 (45 mins)

BABY RAVE

City Park

Get ready to dance and groove at BoomChikkaBoom's exciting Baby Rave. Our fun and lively event brings families together with great music and good vibes, creating a unique and memorable experience for all.

Not only is a Baby Rave a fantastic way to socialise with other families, but it's also great for your child's development. The sights and sounds will stimulate their senses and encourage their growth.

Join us for a fun and interactive experience that will bring joy and happiness to you and your little ones.

Please book separate tickets for yourself and any children attending.

Suitable for children aged 0 to 5 years old.

Tuesday 2 July | FREE
10:00 | 13:00 (1 hour)



Save the date! The 7th Baby Week Bradford takes place from 14–20 November 2024. Stay up to date and join the mailing list at: www.babyweekbradford.org

FREE
FAMILY
EVENTS

BABIES ARE BEST



ARTVENTURERS

City Park

Join this interactive ARTventurers session, where your child will explore paints and creative play through a carefully planned session with lots of messy fun.

Nurture and develop children's creativity to explore, experiment and express themselves through a range of colourful and sensory activities.

This creative adventure is fun for babies, toddlers and children who love to get creative. Arty (old) clothing is required for you and your child to be fully immersed and enjoy the session.

Please book separate tickets for yourself and any children attending.

Suitable for children aged 6 months to 4 years old.

Wednesday 3 July | FREE

13:00 (45 mins)

Friday 5 July | FREE

10:00 (45 mins)



BABY YOGA

City Park

Baby Yoga is a wonderful way for parents and carers to boost their health and wellbeing and bond with their babies. Designed using standard yoga moves adapted specifically for babies, this class is suitable for anyone, including those new to yoga. Join the session at your own pace and pick up some simple exercises that you and your little one can both do at home.

We recommend that your baby has bare feet for the class.

Please bring along a simple shawl or blanket if you can.

Please book separate tickets for yourself and any children attending.

Friday 5 July | FREE

11:30 (45 mins) – Crawlers to 2 years | **13:00** (45 mins) – 12 weeks to pre-crawlers

RHYTHM TIME

City Park

Get singing with Rhythm Time! A fun-filled music class full of exciting activities that will help your child's development, coordination and confidence, through interactive, music-based play.

Join Rhythm Time to learn how to make music fun for your child, which will help you to unlock their potential. Come along, join in the fun, sing, dance, and spend some quality time with your little one.

Please book separate tickets for yourself and any children attending.

Suitable for children aged 0 to 14 months.

Thursday 4 July | FREE

10:00 | 13:00 (1 hour)



FREE to attend – Please book separate tickets for yourself and any children attending.

**SATURDAY
29 JUNE**

Head to City Park for an action-packed family fun day. Embrace your inner superhero with workshops, performances, and heroic activities for all ages.

SUPER CRAFTS

The Broadway Bradford | City Park

Use your special powers in our super drop-in craft sessions. Zoom down to Broadway to make your own superhero mask and flag or join in at City Park where you can transform an ordinary spoon into a legendary hero or make your own superhero cuffs.

10:00–16:00 (drop-in) | **FREE**

STORY SEEKERS

The Broadway Bradford

Play games, look for clues and unlock your imagination! Explore the centre of Bradford as this interactive trail takes you on a journey from Broadway to the heart of City Park. From fantasy and adventure to magic and fairy tales, discover the perfect ingredients to create your very own story.

10:00–16:00 (drop-in) | **FREE**

CODSWALLOP PRESENTS: CRASH! BANG! WALLOP!

City Park

Welcome to the bustling superhero town of Tweedle! Zap, the superhero, basks in the adoration of the community after breaking records as the speediest hero in all the town. Meanwhile, Plod, known for their power of slowness, feels overlooked and unappreciated. This action-packed story will follow the journey of these two heroes as they strive to save the day.

11:00 | 13:00 | 15:00 (30 mins) | **FREE**

SUPERHERO SPECTACULAR


FREE
FAMILY
FUN DAYS

TWEEDLE TOWN AND BEYOND

City Park

Channel your inner Zap and Plod as you put your creative superpowers to the test in Codswallop's post-show drama workshops. Expect games, chaos and a whole heap of fun as you explore the power of teamwork and unleash your inner superhero.

11:30 | 13:30 | 15:30 (30 mins) | **FREE**


 Events are free. No booking required, just drop in.

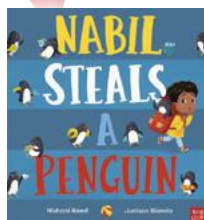
STORIES UNLOCKED: NABIL STEALS A PENGUIN

Nishani Reed

 **Waterstones**

 Workshop

 10:00 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Celebrating curry, friendship and trying new things, join author, Nishani Reed, for a seriously silly event, guaranteed to have little ones giggling.

Pierre the penguin, fed up with eating fish at the zoo, has a taste of Nabil's delicious biriyani, and decides to go home with him!


An interactive read-along with a chance to draw your very own penguin. You won't want to miss this!


Best suited to ages 3+.

WITH GREAT POWERS!

Gav Cross

 **City Park**

 Kids & Family

 10:30 | 12:30 |
14:30 (30 mins) |

FREE




Join Bradford Literature Festival's master storyteller, Gav Cross, as he tells tales of ancient superheroes from around the world for all the family. Goddesses, gods and mischief-makers have been using their powers for good and bad for millennia.


For children of all ages.

STORIES UNLOCKED: THE QUEEN NEXT DOOR

Marcela Ferreira

 **Waterstones**

 Kids & Family

 11:00 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Join author, Marcela Ferreira, as she introduces the characters from her book, *The Queen Next Door*. Play games, draw pictures, and travel to a faraway kingdom in this fun storytelling workshop.

What does it mean to be the Queen? Do you need a big kingdom? Then again, maybe you need an enormous bedroom in which to play. You'd need a crown, wouldn't you?


Best suited to ages 3+.

HOW TO BE A HERO

Flick Goodman

 **City Park**

 Kids & Family

 11:30 | 13:30 |
15:30 (30 mins) |

FREE



What makes someone a hero? Help storyteller, Flick Goodman, crack the clues from famous folk stories about what makes a great hero and leave with your own three-word, braided Pledge Poem to celebrate everyday heroes.


Best suited to age 7+.

STORIES UNLOCKED: THE DREAM CATCHER OF PALESTINE

Kay Faraz

 **Waterstones**

 Kids & Family

 12:00 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Join author, Kay Faraz, as she takes children on a journey exploring the universal themes of hope and courage.

The Dream Catcher of Palestine follows the journey of Omar, a young Palestinian child whose love for his family and land shines brightly, guiding him through everyday adventures and challenges.

Part of a new children's picture book series on the lives of Palestinian children.


Best suited to ages 7+.

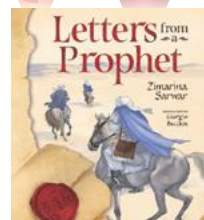
STORIES UNLOCKED: LETTERS FROM A PROPHET

Zimarina Sarwar

 **Waterstones**

 Kids & Family

 13:00 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Join author, Zimarina Sarwar, on an enchanting journey through *Letters from a Prophet*.


Once upon a time, in the year 7AH (628AD), the Last Prophet of God sent important letters to distant lands, promising peace. Brave messengers embarked on grand adventures to deliver these special letters. Along the way, they encountered many different people and learned valuable lessons about faith and kindness.


Best suited to ages 7+.

STORIES UNLOCKED: GAZA GUARDIAN

Kay Faraz

 **Waterstones**

 Kids & Family

 14:00 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Join us for an inspiring storytelling session with author, Kay Faraz, as she takes us on a captivating journey through her book, *Gaza Guardian*.

A new superhero defends Gaza against the sinister Shadowbane!

Don't miss this opportunity to be uplifted and inspired by a story that encourages children to believe in themselves and their ability to overcome even the darkest of challenges.


Best suited to ages 7+.

STORIES UNLOCKED: A DRAGON CALLED BLUE

Ebtisam Al-Beiti

 **Waterstones**

 Kids & Family

 15:00 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Author Ebtisam Al-Beiti brings her boundless energy and new book, *A Dragon Called Blue*, all the way from Dubai.

Blue is the bluest blue dragon there could ever be, but worries that things are about to change, and she's a little bit scared of the small brown egg that's appeared in her den. Join Blue for a colourful adventure as she learns about the changes that life sometimes throws our way.

Best suited for ages 3+.

Set sail for a day of adventure at our family fun day! In City Park, dive into traditional tales from across the seven seas, from mermaids to mythical beasts.

PIRATE CRAFTS

The Broadway Bradford | City Park

Ahoy there! Craft your very own pirate telescopes in our swashbuckling workshop at Broadway or transform paper plates into enchanting mermaids and majestic ships and make your own paper captain's hat or pirate parrot down in the city park.

10:00–16:00 (drop-in) | FREE

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10:00–16:00 (drop-in) | FREE

CODSWALLOP PRESENTS: SPARKLEBEARD AND THE MYSTERIOUS MERLION

City Park

Join Captain Sparklebeard, explorer extraordinaire, and his crew on a mission to document the mythical and magical creatures of the seven seas. Pop a parrot on your shoulder and grab a cutlass to help this rag-tag band of misfits on their mighty quest to find one creature never found before, The Mysterious Merlion.

11:00 | 13:00 | 15:00 (30 mins) | FREE

FANTASTIC FOLKTALES



FREE
FAMILY
FUN DAYS

SWASHBUCKLING ADVENTURERS

City Park

Captain Sparklebeard's escapades don't stop when he leaves the stage. Stick around after each performance for a new chaotic quest with the crew at Codswallop. Learn how you can have an adventure anywhere with just a little imagination and the power of storytelling.

11:30 | 13:30 | 15:30 (30 mins) | FREE



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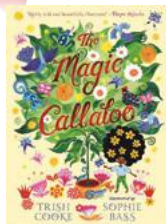
STORIES UNLOCKED: THE MAGIC CALLALOO

Trish Cooke

📍 **Waterstones**

👨👩👧👦 **Kids & Family**

🕒 10:30 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Bradford-born master storyteller, Trish Cooke, explores her new book, *The Magic Callaloo*, inspired by her ancestors and the roads they walked.

Long ago and far away, a magic callaloo plant grew in a village square. Whoever ate one of its leaves was granted a wish. With only one leaf left, Mister and Missus, desperate for a child, pluck it to make their dream come true... and so the tale begins.

Best suited to ages 3+.

TRADITIONAL TALES WITH A TWIST!

Gav Cross

📍 **City Park**

👨👩👧👦 **Kids & Family**

🕒 10:30 | 12:30 |

14:30 (30 mins) | **FREE**



Join Bradford Literature Festival's master storyteller, Gav Cross, as he brings folktales to life for the whole family. Discover stories together that you will want to share again and again.

For children of all ages.

MAGICAL CREATURES AND MYTHICAL BEASTS

Beth Guiver

📍 **City Park**

👨👩👧👦 **Kids & Family**

🕒 11:30 | 13:30 | 15:30 (30 mins) | **FREE**



Join storyteller, Beth Guiver, for her timeless tales and participate in lots of singing, strange noise-making and laughing. Welcome to the magical world of fearsome dragons, hungry yetis, quarrelsome giants, mermaids and talking wolves. Here, we step into the unknown and find ourselves in a mythical landscape where the impossible comes true. These exciting adventures will entertain and enchant.

STORIES UNLOCKED: THE WILDSMITH SERIES

Liz Flanagan

📍 **Waterstones**

👨👩👧👦 **Kids & Family**

🕒 12:30 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Explore the stories of Rowan, the magical Wildsmith, as she encounters dragons, witches, and other mythical creatures in this exciting storybook workshop with author, Liz Flanagan.

Learn how Flanagan's own experience of fostering cats and her love of wild places inspired her to write this amazing series.

Children will be inspired to write their own stories and discover the fantastical in the everyday!

Best suited to ages 8+.

STORIES UNLOCKED: THE BOY TO BEAT THE GODS

Ashley Thorpe

📍 **Waterstones**

👨👩👧👦 Kids & Family

🕒 14:30 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Meet author Ashley Thorpe and explore the exciting Yoruba mythology from his bold and fearless book.

What if you had the power of the gods?

Kayode takes on new and difficult-to-control powers.

He joins forces with a shapeshifting trickster god and a vengeful princess to save his sister and put an end to the mighty Orishas.

Best suited to ages 8+.

STORIES UNLOCKED: THE OLIVE TREE

Kay Faraz

📍 **Waterstones**

👨👩👧👦 Kids & Family

🕒 15:30 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Join us for a captivating storytelling session with author, Kay Faraz, with her heart-warming tale of *Olive Tree*, the story of a tiny olive tree ravaged by a storm.

Faraz weaves a narrative of resilience, hope, and the enduring spirit of the Palestinian people.

Discover the journey of the olive tree and its symbolic resonance with the strength and resilience of Palestine in this moving narrative.

Best suited to ages 7+.

TUESDAY 2 JULY

A DRAGON'S DAY OUT

Gemma Curry

📍 **Alhambra Theatre**

👨👩👧👦 Kids & Family

🕒 16:30 (45 mins) | **FREE**

Join this enchanting journey featuring beautiful handmade puppets, original music and a wonderful story created by children and families at BD4 Community Trust.

Duncan's on a journey into the unknown which feels disastrous for the little dragon. Until he sees the magic of the everyday, a whole new world emerges!

Brought to you by BLF and Hoglets Theatre Company, with BD4 Community Trust as part of a Paul Hamlyn Grant-funded project.



**SATURDAY
6 JULY**

**When you go down the woods today, there will be a big surprise!
Explore tales, crafts, and adventures inspired by nature in this family
fun day at City Park.**

WOODLAND CRAFTS

The Broadway Bradford | City Park

Design your own nature-themed crafts in our drop-in workshops. Join us in Broadway where we will be making beautiful paper leaves or journey down to the city park where you can make your creature crafts from hedgehog fans to owl bird feeders.

10:00–16:00 (drop-in) | **FREE**

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10:00–16:00 (drop-in) | **FREE**

**FREE
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Tree-mendous Tales

CODSWALLOP PRESENTS: AMELIA AND THE ACORN

City Park

Amelia and Christopher are on a grand adventure exploring nature, through lush fields and winding, muddy paths. On her travels, Amelia finds an acorn and dreams of growing an oak tree, big and strong. With a little help from the audience, some determination and a bit of magic, anything is possible!

11:00 | 13:00 | 15:00 (30 mins) | **FREE**

DREAMING OF TOMORROW

City Park

Are you determined, patient and caring like Amelia? Join Codswallop after each performance for a fun and interactive workshop to unlock your power and dream for the future! Featuring games and activities perfect for young actors, activists and their families, you will leave feeling inspired and ready to change the world!

11:30 | 13:30 | 15:30 (30 mins) | **FREE**




Events are free. No booking required, just drop in.

STORIES UNLOCKED: TINY OWL'S SCARY DAY

Petr Horáček

 **Waterstones**

 Workshop

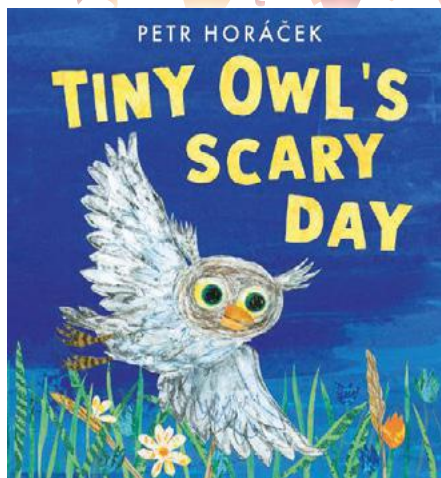
 10:30 (45 mins) | **FREE**

Join author, Petr Horáček, in this interactive story session for his new picture book.

Tiny Owl wants to explore the day. Mummy Owl says the day can be dangerous, but Tiny Owl isn't scared! So, when Mummy Owl is asleep, Tiny Owl tiptoes out of the nest and flies off.

Can you be brave like Tiny Owl and join us on this adventure?

Best suited to ages 3+.




FROM DEEP IN THE FOREST...

Gav Cross

 **City Park**

 Kids & Family

 10:30 | 12:30 |
14:30 (30 mins) |

FREE



All the best stories happen deep in the woods. Join Bradford Literature Festival's master storyteller, Gav Cross, as he tells tales from deep in the forest. Come and muck about through story and nonsense, and share stories of apples, treetops and more.


For children of all ages.

STORIES UNLOCKED: BIBI AND THE BOX OF FAIRY TALES

Vivian French

 **Waterstones**

 Kids & Family

 11:30 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Join master storyteller and author, Vivian French, in this interactive story session exploring seven original fairy tales to bewitch and enthrall.

Bibi doesn't believe in fairies, until she meets her very own fairy godmother. Seven quests to seven lands that will open a magic box and grant her a wish...could it be true?

Bibi quests with giants, dragons, wizards, witches, water spirits, unicorns, trolls, and gnomes.

Best suited to ages 5+.

WE'RE GOING ON A WHERE HUNT?

Eden Ballantyne

📍 **City Park**

👨👩👧👦 Kids & Family

🕒 11:30 | 13:30 |
15:30 (30 mins) |

FREE



Join storyteller, Eden, as he takes a group of brave adventurers into an unknown woodland, without ever leaving City Park. Who knows what we will find there...bears, badgers or boggarts?

For children of all ages.

STORIES UNLOCKED: FAIRY TALES FOR THE FEARLESS

Gareth P Jones

📍 **Waterstones**

👨👩👧👦 Kids & Family

🕒 12:30 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Join Gareth P. Jones, creator of the *Fairy Tales for the Fearless* series, as we explore his animal characters.

Every fairy tale needs a hero, even if it isn't who you expect. Meet these unlikely animal champions as they overcome their challenges.

An empowering musical and interactive session, perfect for any little reader who loves a twist in the tale!

Best suited to ages 3+.

STORIES UNLOCKED: PENG AND SPANNERS

Steve Webb

📍 **Waterstones**

👨👩👧👦 Kids & Family

🕒 13:30 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Join the hilarious author and illustrator, Steve Webb, as he introduces your new favourite superheroes: a sarcastic penguin and a clever cat with a tool belt.

Peng and Spanners are investigating the craziest pizza mystery ever in this brand-new graphic novel series.

Learn how to draw the characters and create your very own graphic novel comic strips. Expect laughter and mayhem!

Best suited to ages 8+.

STORIES UNLOCKED: THE TIME TRAVELLERS

Sufiya Ahmed

📍 **Waterstones**

👨👩👧👦 Workshop

🕒 14:30 (45 mins) | **FREE**



Join author Sufiya Ahmed to learn what inspired her to write this journey through time.

Suhana, Mia and Ayaan, thrown together on a trip to Parliament, are fascinated by all the history. Little do they know that they are about to be transported back to 1911!

Will they be able to return to the present without changing the course of history forever?

Best suited to ages 3+.

**SUNDAY
7 JULY**

Let us cast a spell over you on our enchanting family fun day at City Park! Experience magic shows, spellbinding activities, and mystical adventures for all.

MAGICAL CRAFTS

The Broadway Bradford | City Park

Make mischief and mayhem in our drop-in craft sessions. Create your very own wizard wands in Broadway before hopping on your broom to fly down to City Park to design your own flying familiar companion or construct charming toadstool houses.

10:00–16:00 (drop-in) | **FREE**

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CODSWALLOP PRESENTS: GRIZELDA'S MISTAKE

City Park

Grizelda is the perfect witch with perfect magic school grades. She always makes her potions right, flies her broom at the correct speed and never messes up a spell...until now! Everything is going wrong for this young witch and her day is full of magical chaos. Can summoning her uncle, Mysterious Musa the Djinn, help her wish away her problems and make her perfect once again?

11:00 | 13:00 | 15:00 (30 mins) | **FREE**

**FREE
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FUN DAYS**

**MAGICAL
MAYHEM**



MAGIC IN MISTAKES

City Park

Can't get enough of Grizelda and her magical antics? Fear not: after every performance, you can join Codswallop for more mystical mayhem and mistakes. Meet Mysterious Musa and the cast, perfect your wand-waving stance and create some spectacular spells of your own.

11:30 | 13:30 | 15:30 (30 mins) | **FREE**



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SUNDAY 7 JULY

STUPID STORIES FOR SILLY SAUSAGES!

Gav Cross

📍 **City Park**

🗣️ Kids & Family

🕒 10:30 | 12:30 |

15:30 (30 mins) | **FREE**



Mayhem master storyteller, Gav Cross, has lots of stories to share with you. Tales of chaos with a few things that go burp in the night. These stories are likely to be very silly and could get loud.

For children of all ages.

DANCING BLUE BUTTERFLIES

Jumana Moon

📍 **City Park**

🗣️ Kids & Family

🕒 11:30 | 13:30 |

15:30 (30 mins) |

FREE



Join storyteller, Jumana Moon, for tales of enchantment and wonder from near and far. Hear tales of remarkable fish, fanciful wishes, fantastic feasts, a troupe of dancing butterflies and a rather magical cat.

WEEKEND FUN

STORY SEEKERS

Codswollop Theatre

📍 **The Broadway**

Bradford

🗣️ Kids & Family

🕒 10:00 (Full Day) |

FREE (drop-in)



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BRADFORD STORY BUS

📍 **Storytelling Bus,**

City Park

🗣️ Workshop

🕒 10:00 (Full Day) |

FREE (Drop-in)



Bradford Literature Festival is delighted to host The National Literacy Trust's Bradford Stories Bus in City Park, and the 2024 Bradford Libraries Summer Reading Challenge.

This unique and enchanting vintage American school bus has been converted into an incredible book haven and exciting event space, with seating areas, bookshelves, a 'selfie space' and soft furnishings.

This space is devoted to running literacy-based events for children, young people, families and communities, including storytelling, writing and reading activities.

EDUCATION PROGRAMME



Monday 24 June – Friday 5 July

Bradford Literature Festival (BLF) has developed an expansive, free Education Programme that invites leading writers, publishers, performance poets, illustrators and journalists, among many others, to share their skills through live shows, performances and interactive workshops. Each day-long event follows a curriculum-targeted theme and is aimed at a particular Key Stage from 2–4.

The Education Programme is linked to the national curriculum and champions inclusivity, fostering different perspectives on taught topics that are relevant for young people (whether they are educated at school or home). Teachers, course leaders, and parents or carers who home-educate children can register and book for events. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

The programme is FREE to all non-fee-paying schools, education groups and home-educators in Yorkshire.

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Anyone in receipt of a disability benefit or other support.



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