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Monday - Friday 2.30am-4.30pm



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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)

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Disabled people – anyone in receipt of a disability benefit or other support

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Student – anyone over the age of 16 who is in full-time education

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(if a state pension is your sole source of income you are eligible to attend for free, see below)

Benefits recipients – anyone who is in receipt of a government-issued benefit and/or lives in social housing

Refugees and asylum seekers – anyone with current UK refugee or asylum-seeker status

Teachers and educators – we may also be able to provide free tickets for your students.

Events For Children 2022

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Early Years

For little ones
aged 0 to 5



Our early years programme is full of stimulating activities for babies and their grown-ups to explore.

All our events are FREE but please book your place online to avoid missing out.

Baby Rave

The Imagination Station, City Park

Friday 24 June | Friday 1 July

09.30 | 13.00 (60mins)

Some say life ends when you've had kids – but not according to the Baby Rave team! Join BoomChikkaBoom for a morning baby rave, bringing families together with good vibes and great music for a morning that's fun for grown-ups and little ones alike.

Ages 0-5 years

Family Yoga

The Imagination Station, City Park

Saturday 25 June | Sunday 26 June

Saturday 2 July | Sunday 3 July

09.15 (45mins)

Stretch, relax and find some much-needed calm in our family-friendly yoga sessions. The whole family will learn easy-to-master postures, meditation techniques and simple ways to bring the joys of yoga into your everyday. **Ages 3 years+**

Rhythm Time

The Storytelling Bus, City Park

Saturday 25 June | Sunday 26 June

Saturday 2 July | Sunday 3 July

10.45 (45mins)

Get moving with Rhythm Time, a dance-filled music class full of fun activities that will help your child's development, coordination and confidence, through interactive, music-based activities. **Ages 3-5 years**



Toddle Up and Sign

Festival Hub, City Park

Monday 27 June

Ages 0-3 years: 09.30 (45mins)

Ages 3-5 years: 10.45 (45mins)

Makaton is proven to help language development in your little ones. This workshop is an opportunity for toddlers and babies to learn Makaton language skills through nursery rhymes and stories.

Stretch with Stories

The Imagination Station, City Park

Monday 27 June | Wednesday 29 June

12.45 (60mins)

Using stories to capture the imagination, we'll guide your youngsters through a range of simple yoga poses brought to life with songs, stretches and nursery rhymes.

Ages 12 weeks+

ESOL for Infants

Festival Hub, City Park

Tuesday 28 June

09.30 | 10.45 (45mins)

Share the joy of reading with your child in these English for speakers of other languages sessions. These activities help parents and carers build confidence in reading. **Ages 0-5 years**

Ready to Move with Four Hands

The Imagination Station, City Park

Tuesday 28 June

12.45 (60mins)

Take part in an energetic movement session designed to help improve connection between children and their parents and carers. Be sure everyone in your party is wearing comfortable clothing and arrive ready to move! **Ages 3-5 years**

SEND Play

Festival Hub, City Park

Wednesday 29 June

09.30 (120mins)

Singing, stories and play aimed at children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Playtime will also include lots of opportunities to practice and use Makaton sign language. All ages welcome. You do not have to attend for the full 2 hours. **All ages**

Baby Calm

The Imagination Station, City Park

Thursday 30 June

12.45 (60mins)

Our certified infant massage instructor, Charlotte, will show you how massaging your baby, learning baby first aid techniques and understanding how non-verbal language can improve the bond with your baby. **Ages 12 months and under**

Drag Queen Story Hour

The Imagination Station, City Park

Thursday 30 June

14:00 (60mins)

Forget sitting comfortably because regular storytelling rules go out the window during Aida the Storytelling Drag Queen's glittery and down-right fabulous Drag Queen Story Hour. Aida will have you on your feet and joining in with this high-spirited event. **All ages welcome**

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comico



Superman was a Foundling

LEMN SISSAY, WOODROW PHOENIX,
ASIA ALFASI

Lecture Theatre, The Dye House
Gallery, Bradford College

14:45 (75mins) £7 Ages 14+



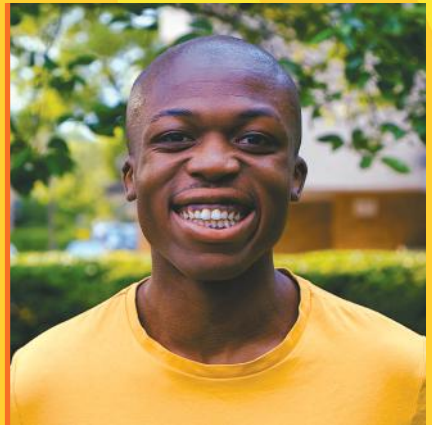
Ms Marvel: Reimagining Young Muslim Women

SARAH SHAFFI, MANMIT BHAMBRA,
JENNIFER JACKSON-PREECE, MIRIAM KENT

Lecture Theatre, The Dye House
Gallery, Bradford College

13:15 (75mins) £7 Ages 14+

**Saturday
25 June**



How to be a TikTok Pro

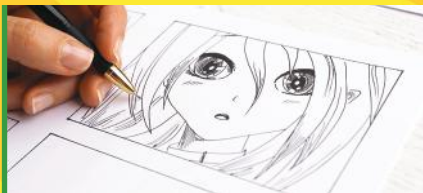
BENJI KUSI

Bright Building, University of Bradford

11:00 (60mins) £7 Ages 12+

Got older children to entertain too? Our Comico events this year will appeal to young people who are fans of comics and fantasy. Comico, Bradford's only mini-festival dedicated to all things comic, is returning to BLF 2022. Two days of specially curated events exploring comic traditions from around the world including Manga, Anime, graphic novels, cosplay, fairytales and fantasy. See the full programme online.

Sunday 26 June



Manga Drawing Workshop TASNEEM KAUSAR

Bright Building, University of Bradford

10:00 (120mins) £10 Ages 12+



Comic Book Masterclass

HANNAH BERRY

Bright Building, University of Bradford

13:00 (75mins) £10 Ages 12+



SelfMadeHero: Catalyst

WOODROW PHOENIX, CHARLOTTE
BAILEY, CALICO N.M, ASIA ALFASI
Dye House Gallery, Bradford College

10:30 (60mins) £7 Ages 14+



Cosplay Masterclass

CRAIG DALY, AMANDA HIPSHON

Norcroft Auditorium, University of Bradford

13:30 (60mins) £7 Ages 12+

**Saturday
25 June**

Superhero Spectacular



Calling all superheroes! It's time to put on your super suit and fly into City Park for an amazing day of superhero performances, displays, and workshops. Brush up on superhero skills or get yourself a new super cape - we've got it all.

Literature Unlocked: Family Fun Day in City Park. Join us for FREE events throughout the day. No booking required, just drop in!



Wrongsemble Presents: The Revengers

City Park Stage

10:00 | 13:00 | 15:00 (30mins)

Exploring the joyful world of graphic novels and comic books, this vibrant performance will bring City Park to life in a flurry of action sequences and the ultimate defeat of a very evil villain. Following our Bradford-born hero, we'll learn that anyone can be the superhero in their own story with the right narrative behind them!

Wrongsemble Workshop

City Park Stage

10:30 | 13:30 | 15:30 (30mins)

Put your creative superpowers to the test during Wrongsemble's post-show workshops. Learn about the power of story and how everyone has a hero inside them, waiting to emerge.

Superhero Wristbands

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:00-16:00 (walk in)

Calling all caped crusaders and wonder women of tomorrow: we need your help at this year's super-powered crafting workshop! Create your very own superhero wristband showing off your extra special powers of bravery, courage, brains and kindness. So answer our call, save the day and flex those creative muscles!

Comic Salvage Zone

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:00-16:00 (walk in)

Unlock some crafty super powers while giving old household materials a new lease of life during our comic-themed Salvage Zone upcycling session. Learn how to make your own jewellery, bookmarks, badges, keepsake boxes and more - and become a sustainable superhero!

Superhero Banknotes

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:00-16:00 (walk in)

Only the biggest heroes appear on money - and here, you'll decide who makes the cut! Join us for a hands-on crafting session where you'll learn how to create your own banknote featuring your favourite superhero, a friend, family member or someone who you feel deserves to be celebrated.





Mum, Me and the Mulberry Tree

TANYA ROSIE

Waterstones

9:45 (45mins) FREE

As the sun rises on a new day, a mother and daughter head out hand-in-hand on their annual trip through the wild fields, past the town and to their beloved mulberry tree – and they've invited you to join them! Led by children's author Tanya Rosie, this storytelling workshop will take listeners inside the nostalgic world of her debut picture book *Mum, Me and the Mulberry Tree*. Beautifully illustrated and full of a rosy-eyed fondness for childhood, Tanya will share her story with audiences before helping attendees craft their own heartfelt tales. Free activity sheets will be provided to help you keep the fun going at home! **Ages 3 years+**



By the Power of Helios!

BELINDA MCKENNA-BICKNELL

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:15 | 12:15 | 14:15 (45mins) FREE

Storyteller Belinda will whisk you away to the remote, lush island of Thrinacia, heralding the tale of the two goddesses, daughters of Helios the sun god. With shepherd crooks more powerful than Thor's hammer these two sun sisters battle against the winds of change and the terrible tides that bring monsters and murders to their shores. **All ages welcome**



Heroes and Villains

CLAIRE FAYERS

Waterstones

10:45 (45mins) FREE

Real superheroes and evil villains can't be confined to the page – and during this session, you'll learn how to create characters that jump right off the page and into reality! With award-winning children's author Claire Fayers as your guide, you'll craft heroes and baddies with real flaws and problems to overcome through stories that you dream up.

Ages 5 years+



Transformation Tales

FLICK GOODMAN

The Imagination Station, City Park

11:15 | 13:15 | 15:15 (45mins) FREE

Get ready to soar during a superhero-themed storytime session that'll whisk you deep into the ocean depths, high above perilous rocky mountains and inside the chilly Forgotten Frozen Forest to discover ordinary people transforming into extraordinary heroes! With interactive tale-spinner Felicity 'Flick' Goodman as your guide, you'll learn all about the power of change and marvel at the spectacular heroes hiding inside everyday folk during these lively, fun and family friendly adventures. What are you waiting for? Time to answer the call! **Ages 3 years+**



Ms Marvel

MIRIAM KENT

Waterstones

11:45 (45mins) FREE

We're living in an age of caped crusaders, arch-villains and big-screen superheroes. Join Dr Miriam Kent as we delve into the Marvel multiverse and learn about the first Pakistani American Muslim superhero: Ms Marvel.

In this session you will learn how to write yourself into your favourite comic. What superpowers will you choose? Miriam will help you work out what is really important in a superhero, and how you can become one! So grab your cape and join the BLF Avengers to fight for what is right! **Ages 7 years+**



Unmasked: How do Superhero Brains and Bodies Work?

City Library

12:25 (20mins) FREE

We all know that Superman can fly and Spider-Man can spin webs... but how exactly do they do it? Led by the co-authors behind *Unmasked: The Science of Superheroes*, Dr Sarita Robinson and Dr Cat Tennick, this event will super-charge your brain with enough knowledge about the psychology and biology of your favourite heroes to keep any evil arch-villain at bay. **Ages 7 years+**

Calling All Superheroes! Help us Find the Blue Diamond!

Waterstones

13:00 (45mins) FREE

Are you up for a challenge? Oh no! The nasty Dr Evil has stolen the blue diamond from the Tower of London - and we need your help to get it back. Can you find the clues, crack the secret codes and solve the fiendish puzzles to find the diamond and return the gem to its rightful owner? Guided by our superhero science team, this puzzle-based challenge invites you to work together, complete the mission and save the world! **Ages 7 years+**



Zoopertown

JEM PACKER

Waterstones

14:00 (45 mins) FREE

What's that in the sky? It's the Zooper-signal calling on YOU to find out if you have what it takes to become the next Zooperhero! Join furry crime-fighters Zip-Zap, Snap-Crack, Zoom-Zoom and the rest of the Zooperhero crew as you KAPOW your way through this highly interactive session that'll reveal what real heroes get up to in their spare time and what super-villains eat for breakfast. Hosted by Jem Packer, author of hit kids' book *Zoopertown: X Ray Rabbit*, this family-friendly event will also give your pint-sized heroes the chance to help create the next Zooperhero. **Ages 3 years+**



Unmasked: Amazing Computers and Finding Aliens

City Library

14:50 (20 mins) FREE

Do aliens exist somewhere in the deep darkness of space – and if they do, could we ever build a supercomputer that's powerful enough to say hello to them? We need your help to answer this big question – and other headscratchers – during a session that looks at the limitless world of computers and space. To help get some much-needed answers, you'll join Professor Robert Walsh and educator Nicky Danino, co-authors of *Unmasked: The Science of Superheroes*, as they ponder some super-sized quandaries and look to you for some expert advice! **Ages 7 years+**



Super Superheroes

PRISCILLA MANTE

Waterstones

15:00 (45mins) FREE

We all love to dream big, and during this fun, interactive and inspirational workshop, you'll learn how to create strong characters with out-of-this-world superpowers! You'll be accompanied by Priscilla Mante, an acclaimed author whose books *Jaz Santos vs. the World* and *Charligh Green vs. the Spotlight* feature stories of inspiring young women who follow their dreams. The perfect mix of positivity and creativity!

Ages 6 years+



Make a Digital Fairy

ROZ HALL

Bright Building, University of Bradford

15:00 (120mins) £7

Inspired by Bradford's Cottingley Fairies, this fun workshop will guide you through the process of creating your very own digital fairy images on the iPad. You will learn how to take and import photos and use painting tools to add details to your digital photos. iPads will be provided, so there's no need to bring any equipment. **Suitable for under-16s.**

Sunday
26 June

Fantastical Fairytales

Be swept away to another world! Meet fearless princesses, fearsome dragons and fearful foes. Join us as for a day full of performances, workshops and crafts celebrating some of our favourite fairytales.

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**Wrongsemble Presents:
The Princess and the Greens**

City Park Stage

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

High up in the palace lives the most spoilt princess of all – a horrid, mean, selfish royal with no thought for anyone else. She won't do anything she doesn't want to, including eating her greens! But when she's visited by one of her discarded 5-a-day late one evening, she'll learn that kindness goes a long way – one curse at a time!

**The Princess and the Greens!
Workshop**

City Park Stage

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

Just how important is it to eat your greens? Well funny you should ask, because after each performance Wrongsemble will host an engaging and active workshop highlighting the true power of healthy eating that's perfect for little ones and families.



Fantastic Flying Dragons

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:00-16:00 (walk in)

Calling all fearless crafters! We need you to take part in a session that'll teach you how to create your very own flying fairytale dragon. You'll become the proud owner of a colourful magical creature, complete with moving concertina wings that allow it to soar.

Illuminating Fairytale Lanterns

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:00-16:00 (walk in)

Escape to another world and learn how to light up your home with a colourful fairytale lantern. Using your favourite fairytale as inspiration, discover how to make a lantern that's as extravagant or as simple as you like during a craft session that's perfect for kids and big kids alike.

Loopy Lollipop Characters

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:00-16:00 (walk in)

Using your favourite fairy tales as inspiration, we'll show you how to create your own lollipop stick character. We'll provide the materials, all you need to bring is ideas for a princess, ogre or your own magical hero that you'd like to bring to life!



Twisted Tales for Terrible Children

GAV CROSS

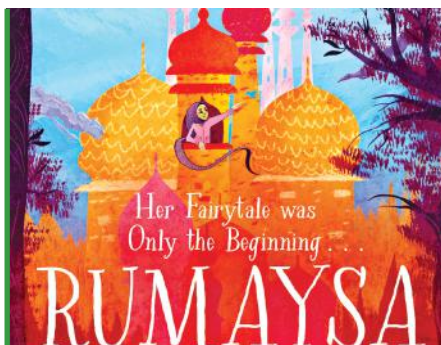
The Imagination Station, City Park

10:15 | 12:15 | 14:15 (45mins) FREE

Scratch the surface of all the tales we know and love and we find they are dark, nasty and full of questionable intentions... A slight twist reveals the terrible, the silly and the downright incredible 'truths' hidden in plain sight. We're delighted to welcome storyteller and funny-man Gav Cross, to host a storytelling session like no other! Twisted Tales for Terrible Children combines giggles with ghastly tales of nonsense and naughtiness as he puts his own spin on a selection of iconic and much-loved kids' stories.

Hilarious and magical in equal parts, join us for this darkly funny and family friendly story session that is guaranteed to keep kids - and adults - glued to their seats and laughing along.

All ages welcome



Finding Your Own Fairy Tale

RADIYA HAFIZA

Waterstones

10:45 (45mins) FREE

Roll up your sleeves, get your writing cap on and join Radiya for this fairy tale crafting workshop.

Are you a courageous princess who single-handedly fights off the dragon while also saving a village from destruction? Or a daring prince tackling the evil wizard, using your brains and wit to outsmart him at every turn?

Radiya grew up reading fairy tales that didn't have brown girls like her in them. Her stories have brought tales to children who need to see themselves in all stories. She will help budding young writers construct stories with characters they can recognise. **Ages 5 years+**



A Daring Adventure

GEORGE HOYLE

The Imagination Station, City Park

11:15 | 13:15 | 15:15 (45mins) FREE

Watch out for the scary dragons, dodge the evil witch's curse and be sure to say hello to the brave knight. Embark on a journey through the fantasy world with George, your fairy tale-fanatic guide. Inspired by his love for folklore, mythology, history, and legends George is a lover of tall tales. Armed with his trusty companion (his guitar) be ready to join in with songs and interact with stories full of magical moments. Let George whisk you away into fantastical, far-flung worlds where magic still exists and happy ever afters are just one daring adventure away.

All ages welcome



Writing Your Own Fairy Tale Workshop

KARRIE FRANSMAN

Waterstones

11:45 (45mins) FREE

Forget everything you know about classic fables in this gender flipping workshop hosted by Karrie Fransman the creator of the brilliant kids' book, *Gender Swapped Fairy Tales*. Princesses in heroic armour, kings longing for kids - this binary busting world defies expectations! Karrie will give you a chance at writing your own fairytale. You will be challenged to think of a new world where classic characters and tales are given a new lease of life. Putting art and activism together Karrie will flip your favourite stories on their head, while teaching you to think outside of the box.

Ages 6 years+



Little Red

BETHAN WOOLLVIN

Waterstones

12:45 (45mins) FREE

Get creative with author and illustrator Bethan Woollvin who joins us for a part-live reading, part-craft session, that's perfect for little hands that love fairy tales and making stuff. Woollvin will treat listeners to a reading of *Little Red*, her picture book that puts a modern spin on the beloved *Little Red Riding Hood* tale - complete with a dark and delightful twist ending.

Afterwards, she'll take audiences inside her creative process before answering questions and guiding you through an exciting collaging activity. Craft, stories, arty goodness - what more could you want? **Ages 5 years+**



The Wayward Slippers

JUMANA MOON

Waterstones

13:45 (45mins) FREE

Enter a world where beautiful rain bringing birds soar, tricky and untrustworthy merchants lurk, and a pair of hard-to-pin-down slippers finally get the better of their owner as storyteller Jumana Moon regails you with a batch of whimsical tales from around the world.

Known for her engaging reading style and skill for giving fables from the Muslim world a modern twist, Moon will keep listeners entranced as she ushers you across a sea of stories that educate as well as entertain. Perfect for kids and adults alike, sit down, get comfy and prepare to be entertained! **Ages 5 years+**



Dear Ugly Sisters

LAURA MUCHA

Waterstones

14:45 (45mins) FREE

Ever wondered how the pea felt when it was squished under twenty mattresses AND a princess? What about Rapunzel's fate if she hadn't saved herself? And I wonder what the weavers spent their money on when the emperor walked down the road naked... Then this is for you! Laura will treat you to a performance of her own fairy tale themed work from her book *Dear Ugly Sisters*. After she will lead a fairy tale poetry session bursting with tips and hints to create your own fairy tale poetry. **Ages 6 years+**



Sun, Moon, and Stars

JUMANA MOON

Waterstones

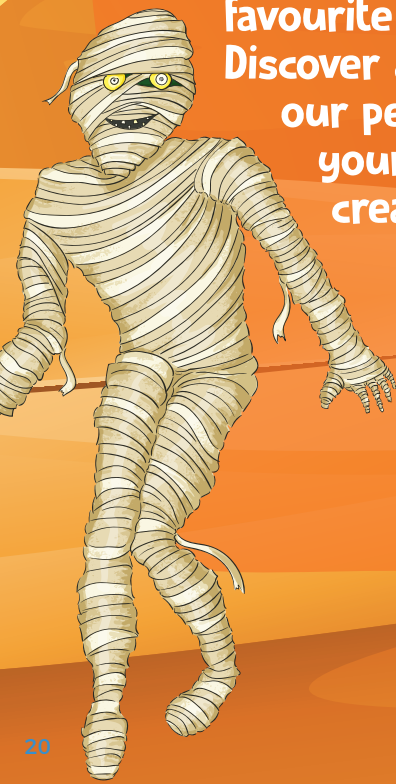
15:45 (45mins) FREE

Join storyteller Jumana Moon as she dives into the rich pool of literary inspiration offered by Islamic faith stories and folklore to share Sun, Moon, and Stars – a cautionary tale of jealousy and redemption inspired by the story of Prophet Yusuf from the Quran. Packed with wisdom and delight – and delivered in Moon's impassioned and enthralling style – listeners will meet a young boy whose envy of his brother causes tragedy to strike, leaving him stranded and imprisoned – but all is not lost. Find out how he rises to fame and power, and how a torn shirt comes to his father's rescue during this engaging and educational story. **Ages 7 years+**

**Saturday
2 July**

MONSTERS, MYTHS AND MUMMIES

Calling all budding explorers!
Travel through time and
meet some of history's most
intriguing characters from your
favourite myths and legends.
Discover a new world through
our performances, make
your own monsters and
create your own myths.



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Wrongsemble Presents: The Reluctant Explorers

City Park Stage

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

A group of inquisitive students on a field trip find themselves thrown unexpectedly into a world of myths, mummies and monsters, as they realise there's more to this museum than dusty exhibits and snore-worthy tours! Join us for a mile-a-minute adventure that proves there's nothing boring about ancient history, and that some myths are more than just stories!

The Reluctant Explorers Workshop

City Park Stage

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

The monster-level fun doesn't stop on the stage. After each performance, be sure to stick around for a creative workshop exploring the myths and monsters featured in the show.

Gruesome Stick Puppets

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:00-16:00 (walk in)

Master your own inner monster by creating them in stick-puppet form. We'll teach you how to create your own personalised monster puppet that can be scary, silly, fearsome or fun – you decide!

Monstrous Masks

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:00-16:00 (walk in)

Put your art skills to the test with our stick mask workshop. During this easy-to-do craft session, we'll teach you how to make your own face mask that's embellished with ribbons and guaranteed to turn heads. Will you become a fire-breathing dragon or an ancient mummy? The choice is yours.

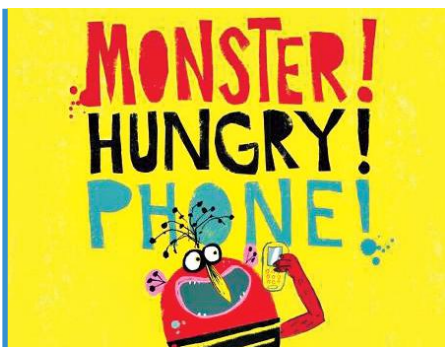
Glittering Egyptian Jewels

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:00-16:00 (walk in)

With jewellery emblazoned with dazzling gold, the Ancient Egyptians were certainly some of history's best-dressed people – and you can be just like them by taking part in this glitzy craft workshop. Learn how to create your own blingy Egyptian gold collar – all topped off with a magical, mystical amulet.





Monster! Hungry! Phone!

SEAN TAYLOR

Waterstones

9:45 (45 mins)

Say hello to a very noisy AND very hungry monster who is just desperate for something to eat! There's only one problem... whenever he picks up his telephone to order some grub, he keeps calling the wrong numbers! Can anyone help this monster find some food?!

Through tricky riddles, clever rhymes and colourful picture-book fun, bestselling kids' author Sean Taylor will help this loveable creature rustle up some snacks.

Join us as Sean will take you on a laughout-loud journey through the world of his new book *MONSTER! HUNGRY! PHONE!* **Ages 3 - 7 years**



Pick a Myth or Monster

EDEN BALLANTYNE

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:15 | 12:15 | 14:15 (45mins) FREE

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Eden's story doesn't quite know which way to go! Will it be a myth from times gone by? Going face to face with a revolting worm? Or tackling a monstrous hedgehog? Without your help we may never know!

Help Eden pick the right path to take in this choose your own adventure storytelling. Each story will fright and delight in equal measure, all adding up to an incredibly good time! So come armed with plenty of ideas and see where your imagination takes you.

All ages welcome



Drawing Myths and Monsters

THIAGO DE MORAES

Waterstones

10:45 (45 mins) FREE

Let your inner-artist run free and design your own illustrations of gods, heroes and mythical beasts. Take inspiration from Thiago de Moraes' stories about fantastical creatures, lost cultures and ancient legends.

Known for his frequent forays into ancient history and mythology with his hit picture books *Myth Atlas* and *History Atlas*, Thiago de Moraes' tales of the creatures of old have been published across the world and enjoyed by budding illustrators far and wide. Hear his sketching secrets first-hand at this informal drawing masterclass. **Ages 5 years+**



No Two Adventures Are the Same

TOM THE TALE TELLER

The Imagination Station, City Park

11:15 | 13:15 | 15:15 (45mins) FREE

What do you need to tell a spectacular story? That's simple! A stick, a suitcase and YOU!

Armed with his trusty story-stick full of tall tales and his story-suitcase full of curious characters, Tom will whisk you away to far off lands and adventures all without leaving your seat!

So come, listen closely and use all of your imagination. Because with Tom's stories, no two adventures are ever the same. Anything and everything could happen in these whimsical tall tales, as you join Tom on a journey into the world of folk fables. **All ages welcome**



Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good

LOUIE STOWELL

Waterstones

11:45 (45 mins) FREE

Are you a fan of Norse myths? Have you ever wondered what Loki, the mischievous shape-shifter and cunning trickster god would be like if he was banished to Earth in the form of an eleven year old?

Join author and Norse myth superfan Louie Stowell to hear all about her brand-new book, *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good*, and discover fun tips on comic-style drawing, acting like a god, and pranking like Loki! Packed full of humour and cool facts about Norse gods. Pens and paper will be provided for a live drawing session!

Ages 5 years+



Where the Bugaboo Lives

SEAN TAYLOR

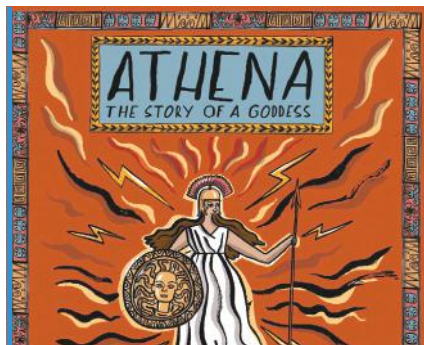
Waterstones

12:45 (45 mins) FREE

When young Floyd loses his ball in the scary valley, he plucks up enough courage to go after it, even though it's chock full of scary things – including the terrifying Bugaboo!

Choose which twists and turns Floyd's adventure takes as award-winning children's author Sean Taylor calls on you to help him decide.

This part-performance, part-reading of *Where the Bugaboo Lives* will have you guiding the action and deciding what creepy creatures Floyd encounters on his quest to reclaim his precious ball – just watch out for that dreaded Bugaboo! **Ages 6 years+**



Exploring Ancient Worlds

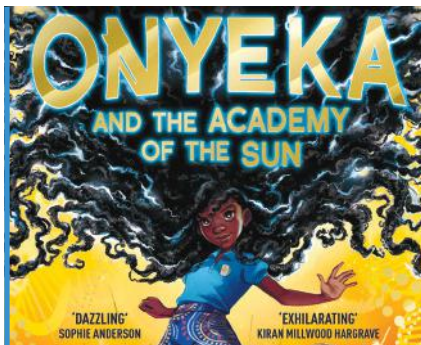
ISABEL GREENBERG

Waterstones

13:45 (45mins) FREE

Join Isabel as you draw and explore your way through the ancient world. What you learn at school is only half of it! Hear the stories the gods did (and didn't) want you to hear! Meet powerful goddesses of war, incredible creators of planets and almighty kings in these magnificent tales of deities and heroes.

Fall in love with mythology and the ancient world as Isabel lets you into the secrets behind your favourite legends. So with your pens at the ready take a step back in time with Isabel and find out what it was really like in the ancient world. **Ages 6 years+**



Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun

TOLÁ OKOGWU

Waterstones

14:45 (45 mins) FREE

Meet Tolá Okogwu and discover her epic superhero adventure *Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun*. Onyeka is the newest addition to the Academy of the Sun, a prestigious school where children with superpowers are trained to battle for the truth.

Onyeka has a lot of hair – the kind that makes strangers stop in the street. She's always felt insecure about her vibrant curls, until she makes an important discovery: she can control her hair with her mind!

Perfect for fans of X-Men and Black Panther, Tolá Okogwu will challenge everything you know about superheroes and tell you what it's really like to have superpowers in your hair.

Ages 7 years+

**Sunday
3 July**

Magical Mayhem



Enter the magical world of witchcraft and wizardry, with spellbinding performances and inspiring workshops. Create your very own hand-crafted wand and make a magical sidekick to help you create mayhem!

Literature Unlocked: Family Fun Day in City Park.
Join us for FREE events throughout the day.
No booking required, just drop in!



Wrongsemble Presents: A Witch's Tale

City Park Stage

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

Meet Grizelda, a young fairytale witch who loves anything sweet. As she introduces us to her famous family tree of fabulous witches and warlocks, plus a whole menagerie of fantastic beasts, there'll be more than one familiar tale to enjoy. This magical, musical, storytelling adventure is perfect for the whole family! There's always two sides to every story – and it's time you heard the witches' side of things...

A Witch's Workshop

City Park Stage

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

Can't get enough of A Witch's Tale? Stick around after you've heard Grizelda's tale for an engaging workshop hosted by the Wrongsemble players that will look at the characters, themes and magical fairytale story featured in this colourful kids' theatre performance.



Bad Dream Busters

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:00-16:00 (walk in)

Protect yourself from scary magic by attending this workshop that'll teach you how to create your own dream catcher. Nightmares will be a thing of the past as the power of these handmade accessories will keep all nightmares and bad dreams at bay – allowing you to rest easy!

Enchanted Puppets

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:00-16:00 (walk in)

Witches and wizards need their own magical companions, which is why we're teaching you how to make your own during this relaxed craft workshop. Using an old bag and some household materials, create your own puppet pal to accompany you on your adventures.

Wicked Wands

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:00-16:00 (walk in)

Witches and wizards are both invited to our wand-making masterclass that'll help you take your first steps on your own magical journey by creating a personalised wand. Learn how to make something that's truly one-of-a-kind during this spellbinding craft workshop, open to anybody with a little magical flair!



Mystical Beasties and Magical Beings!

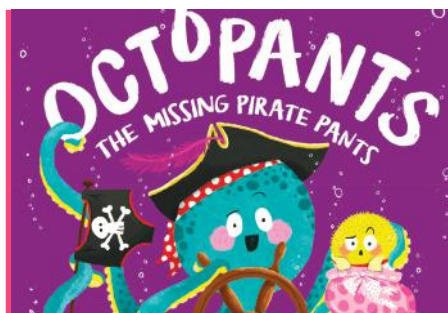
SARAH WEDDERBURN-OGILVY

The Imagination Station, City Park

10:15 | 12:15 | 14:15 (45mins) FREE

Sarah will take you on a jaunt across the UK and teach you all about the magic that lives in the land. Expect to find wonder tales of giants that dance, not-so-friendly fairy folk and all sorts of other strange and wonderful creatures!

All ages welcome



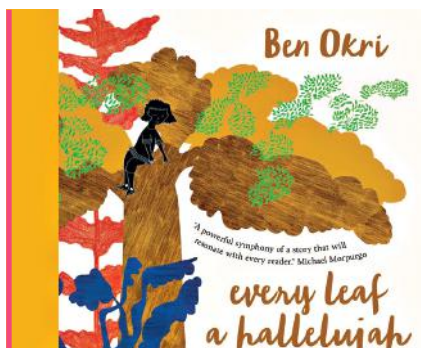
A Pants Adventure

SUZY SENIOR

Waterstones

10:45 (45mins) FREE

Join author Suzy, Octopants, Pufferfish and their underwater pals on a pant-tastic adventure filled with pirates, parties and plenty of PANTS! You will also get a chance to pick your favourite pants and design your very own sea creatures! **Ages 3 years+**



Ben Okri: Every Leaf a Hallelujah

The Studio, Alhambra Theatre

11:00 (60mins) £4

Booker Prize winning poet and novelist Ben Okri joins the festival to celebrate the release of *Every Leaf a Hallelujah*, his colourful new children's book which highlights the perils of climate change. As each day passes, forests continue to be destroyed while those in charge struggle to work fast enough to avoid permanent damage to our planet and its delicate ecosystem.

By combining his lyrical and humane prose with the colourful and energetic illustrations of Diana Ejaita, Okri will take young readers to a world of magic and beauty, where each tree has its own story to tell. A wonderful way to introduce young readers to the work of one of the foremost African authors in the post-modern and post-colonial traditions. An event to be enjoyed by all the family from 5 to 105.



All the World's a Stage

URSULA HOLDEN GILL

The Imagination Station, City Park

11:15 | 13:15 | 15:15 (45mins) FREE

Welcome to Ursula Holden Gill's magical stage of wondrous storytelling. Ursula will tickle your imagination pink with her stories of silliness. Packed with songs and tales to keep all ages entertained, she will entrance story-listeners of all ages! Let her weave magical tales around you in this tip-top family storytelling.

With her magical, mysterious, moveable stage be prepared for a shapeshifting extraordinaire! Ursula will treat you to some snappy songs and curious characters as she brings everyone from 3 to 93 together through the power of stories.

All ages welcome



Discover Magical Worlds

JASBINDER BILAN

Waterstones

11:45 (45mins) FREE

Throughout *Asha and The Spirit Bird*, *Tamarind and the Star of Ishta* and *Aarti and the Blue Gods*, multi-award winning children's author Jasbinder has delighted readers with tales of nature and wild places.

It's perhaps little surprise given that these themes are woven into Bilan's life story. According to family lore, she was born in a stable by the Himalayas and lived on a farm with a grumpy camel and a monkey named Oma before relocating to Nottingham with her siblings for more adventures. Jasbinder joins us to share the inspiration behind her work and stories from her fantastical childhood, before giving you the chance to create your own magical island. **Ages 7 years+**



The Sky Beneath the Stone

ALEX MULLARKY

Waterstones

12:45 (45 mins) FREE

Are you ready for an adventure? Pack your bag, bring your map and binoculars and join Alex as she takes you on an epic journey that will see you write your very own adventure. In Alex's colourful debut *The Sky Beneath The Stone*, her hero Ivy must venture into the fairy realm underneath the mountains to save her brother who's been magically transformed into a kestrel.

In this magical workshop Alex, who is a veterinary nurse as well as a writer extraordinaire, will show you how to design and create your very own magical map that will lead you into a world of your own, and share her expert knowledge on birds. And you will even be treated to a reading from her new book. **Ages 7 years+**



Lemn Sissay and Greg Stobbs: Don't Ask The Dragon

Waterstones

13:45 (45mins) FREE

Follow Alem who is in search of the perfect birthday party. He meets some friendly faces along the way who all warn him to not ask the fearsome dragon! Find out if he finds the perfect place to celebrate his big day – and what he learns along the way.

Lemn Sissay, critically acclaimed author and Poet Laureate of the 2012 London Olympics has turned his skills and unique perspective to children's literature for new release *Don't Ask The Dragon*.

Lemn and Greg will welcome you into their fantastical world of talking animals and formidable foes. So pull up a seat, and settle down for this intimate telling of this modern-day-fable. **Ages 5+**



Hedgewitch

SKYE MCKENNA

Waterstones

14:45 (45mins) FREE

Witches aren't born, they're made... After fleeing from her dreary boarding school sets out to find her mother who she hasn't seen in seven years. With the aid of her trusty broom and talking cat she escapes to Hedgely to live with her aunt, the Hedgewitch, who protects England from the treacherous faery folk. Here she begins her training in the practical skills of witchcraft.

Join Skye McKenna as we delve head first into the enchanted forest of the Hedge and the magical creatures of Faerie. Hear how Cassie and her friends earn the Hedgley Coven badges, hats and broomstick to become fully fledged witches. **Ages 9 years+**



The Railway Children (original)

Pictureville Cinema, National Science and Media Museum (film screening)

16:30 pm - 18:18 pm £7

The classic children's film based upon the novel by E. Nesbit. Three Edwardian children move to Yorkshire with their mother when their father is imprisoned as a spy. Dir. Lionel Jeffries 1970 (U)

The Railway Children Return

Pictureville Cinema, National Science and Media Museum (film screening)

19:00 - 20:45 £7

In this long-awaited sequel, Jenny Agutter is all grown up and has Railway Children and grandchildren of her own. They are evacuated to a familiar Yorkshire village during the Second World War. and adventures are soon forthcoming. With thanks to Studio Canal for their support in allowing this special preview screening. Dir. Morgan Matthews, UK 2022 (PG)



“All we have to decide is
what to do with the time that is given us”

J.R.R. Tolkien,
The Fellowship of the Ring

