



SLS Parent Newsletter

Spring 1 2023

Here are some of the exciting local reading events for children and young people coming up over the next few weeks.



Portsmouth BookFest 2023 runs from 13th February to 5th March.

This includes an exciting line up of online and in person talks, workshops and activities for all ages.

Children's week

The Gruffalo – Story time, activity and meet the Gruffalo! £1 per child (includes soft drink)

Monday 13 February 10am: Cosham Library. [Book a place](#)
Monday 13 February: 1pm: North End Library. [Book a place](#)
Monday 13 February: 3.30pm: Carnegie Library. [Book a place](#)
Tuesday 14 February 10am: Alderman Lacey Library. [Book a place](#)
Tuesday 14 February 1pm: Beddow Library. [Book a place](#)
Tuesday 14 February: 3.30pm: Southsea Library. [Book a place](#)

Monday 13 February 10am-1pm: Southsea Library

Characters in books

Free. Suitable for ages 9-11

Writing Workshop with Shelagh Moore.

[More info and book a place.](#)

Tuesday 14 February, 11am – 11.30am: Southsea Library

Storytime with Shelagh Moore Free.

Suitable for ages 5 -7

Listen to a story and then choose what might happen next.

[More info and book a place.](#)

Tuesday 14 February, 2pm-5pm: Southsea Library

Book characters workshop with Shelagh Moore Free.

Suitable for ages 12-14

Writing workshop with Shelagh Moore.

[More info and book a place.](#)

Wednesday 15 February 10am-4pm: Portsmouth Central Library

The Power of the Beat

Free. Suitable for ages 14-16

Rapping workshop with local rappers and poets Rishky, Majid and Politico.

[More info and book a place.](#)

Wednesday 15 February, 11am: Southsea Library

Storytime: Piggy Witch with Dan and Jo Jackson Free

[More info and book a place.](#)

Thursday 16 February 11am-12.30pm: Cosham Library

Having fun with words: with Lynne Stretch Free.

Suitable for ages 7-11

Rhyme and poetry workshop with Lynne Stretch.

[More info and book a place.](#)

Thursday 16 February 2-4pm: Portsmouth Central Library

Mad Cap Inventions

Free. Suitable for ages 7-12

Fun interactive writing workshop with Amanda Garrie.

[More info and book a place.](#)

Friday 17 February

11am: Central Library: [Book a place](#)

1.30pm: North End Library: [Book a place](#)

Zoolab: We're going on an animal hunt! £1

per child. Suitable for ages 3-7

ZooLab will be hosting a story-based workshop that will take your child on a fantastic animal hunt!

Saturday 18 February

11am-12.30pm: Portsmouth Central Library: [Book a place](#)

2pm-3.30pm: Cosham Library: [Book a place](#) **Dinosaur**

Day with James Carter!

£1 per child. Suitable for ages 4-11

Expect a madcap hour of dino storytelling and meet some amazing dinosaurs to have your photo taken with.



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The power of the beat (Suitable for ages 14-16)



Do you enjoy RAP? Would you like to develop writing and performing skills?

In this one-day workshop with local rappers and poets Rishky, Majid and Polico you will learn how to work with words, rhythms, and rhymes to explore and express your own ideas and thoughts. Unlock your inner rapper!

There will also be the opportunity to perform in the evening – but no pressure!

Wednesday 15th February

10am-4pm Portsmouth Central Library

Tickets FREE- Please book in advance as places are limited

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Portsmouth Poetry

