

**What's On
Winter 23**



Welcome to Sheffield Libraries



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Using Your Library

As a library member you have access to the following resources.
Becoming a member is free.

Discover more at www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries-archives

Books

You can borrow up to 15 printed books, free of charge for a minimum of three weeks. Manage your library account using the new Sheffield Libraries app, and remember, we no longer charge fines for overdue books.

eLibrary

Enjoy access to thousands of free eBooks, eAudio, eComics, and eMagazines, either on your desktop or through our Libby app.

Podcast

As part of the Lord Mayor's Big Read we've launched a new series of the Sheffield Libraries Podcast in which we interview well-known Sheffielders about their favourite reads.

Visit anchor.fm/sheffield-libraries or search for 'Sheffield Libraries' via your usual provider.

Home Library Service

If you are unable to reach your local library due to health or access problems, our friendly staff can visit you at home.

Visit bit.ly/sheffhomelibary or call 0114 273 4277.

Community Languages

We stock printed books and eBooks in Arabic, Chinese, Polish, Ukrainian, and Urdu. We also have books aimed at people working to improve their English.

Reading Group Sets

Whether it's drinks in the garden, or 30 minutes grabbed in the staff canteen; try our free reading group sets service and share your love of reading with others.

Local and Family History

Discover the history of Sheffield through our vast collections of archive documents, books, maps, photographs and recordings.

Board Game Library

Board gaming is a fun way to learn new skills, sharpen your thinking, and spend quality time with your family and friends. Borrow board games from Sheffield Central Library, just like a book.

Computers and Public Wi-Fi

All our libraries offer free access to computers and printing, as well as free public Wi-Fi. Visitors can use the library to look for jobs, apply for benefits, do their homework, or keep in touch.

Online Reference Tools

Access high quality online reference materials and save money. Tools include Theory Test Pro, Ancestry UK, Picture Sheffield, and The British Way of Life.

Reading Well Collections

Books to help you understand your health and wellbeing. For adults, teens and children.



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Author Talks

Robin Ince: Bibliomaniac

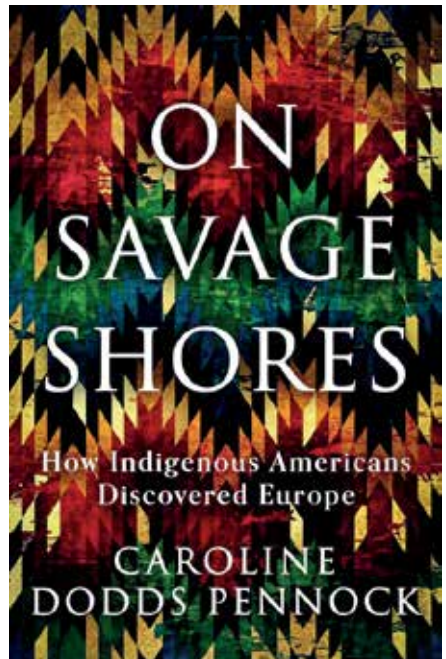
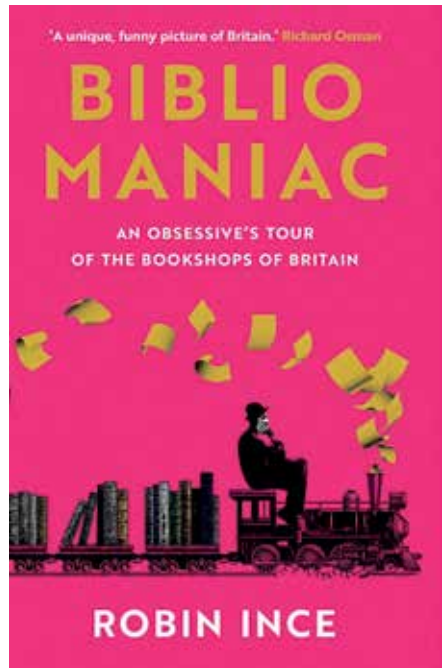
Wednesday 11th January, 4pm & 7pm
Central Library. Tickets - £15 – fundraising event

A unique opportunity to see top comedian Robin Ince up close. Robin's latest book, *Bibliomaniac*, charts his adventures touring 100 independent bookshops in a year.

Caroline Dodds Pennock: On Savage Shores

Wednesday 8th February, 6.30pm
Central Library. Free

This landmark work of narrative history shatters our previous eurocentric understanding of the Age of Discovery by exploring how the great civilisations of the Americas discovered and profoundly impacted early modern Europe.



Martin Dust: My Brutal Life

Thursday 2nd March, 7pm
Central Library. Free

Photographer Martin Dust is the creator of several books, including Brutal Sheffield, Brutal Yorkshire, and Little Sheffield. His work explores the brutalist architecture of the region.

The Lord Mayor's Family Book Bonanza

Saturday 11th March, 10.30am – 3.30pm
Central Library. Free

Join a host of bestselling children's authors for a day of stories, craft, and games.

Lee Schofield: Wild Fell

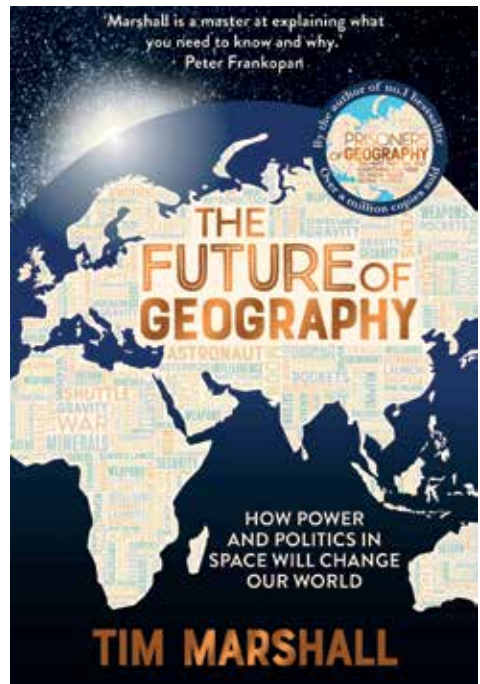
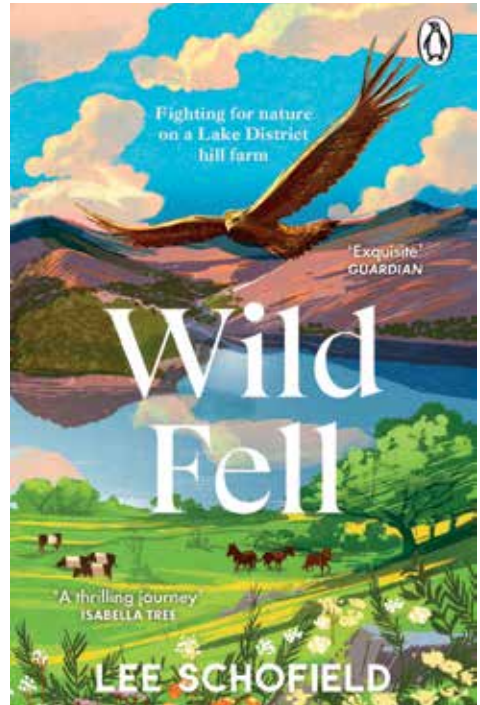
Wed 15th March, 6.30pm
Central Library. Free

Lee Schofield is site manager at RSPB Haweswater. He tells the story of a landmark project to restore over 3,000 hectares of the Lake District, from the tiniest wildflowers to majestic golden eagles.

Tim Marshall: The Future of Geography

Monday 24th April, 6:30pm
Central Library. Free

The international bestselling author of The Prisoners of Geography explores how power and politics in space will change our world.



Listings and Booking

We are adding new speakers to our schedule all the time. For the latest listings and to book your place, visit sheffieldlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

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Unless specified, our regular activities are **FREE** to attend and do not require booking in advance.

For dates and times of regular events, please contact your local library.



Babytime

Babytime is a great way to meet other new parents and babies, get to know local people and make new friends.

Weekly. All City Council Libraries

Storytime

These weekly sessions are aimed at parents and pre-schoolers.

They are a great way to meet other parents and for you and your children to make new friends.

Weekly. All City Council Libraries

Chatterbooks

Chatterbooks is a national network of book clubs for children aged 8 – 11 years.

All about having fun and encouraging reading for pleasure, these free groups meet monthly during term-time.

Monthly. Most City Council Libraries + online

Young People's Reading Groups

Friendly and informal groups for teenagers looking to explore the world through books.

Monthly. Ecclesall, Firth Park, and Highfield Libraries

Poetry Meet

Join fellow poetry lovers to share and discuss a range of poetry. It could be your own work, or someone else's poem, or just sit back and enjoy the poetry with a cuppa.

Monthly. Book via Eventbrite. 18 years +. Central and Crystal Peaks Library

Play-reading

Exercise your love of theatre and literature, discover new plays and socialise with others. No previous experience is needed. Open to everyone.

Monthly. Book via Eventbrite. 18 years +. Central Library

Shared Reading

Shared Reading brings great books to life through reading aloud and group discussion. An opportunity to relax and listen to reading aloud and talk about what it means to you and others.

Monthly. 18 years+.

Hillsborough Library and online

Reading Groups for Adults

A reading group or book club is a gathering of people who meet to chat about a book they have read. They usually read one book a month, and many groups take the book out for free from a local library. You do not have to be an expert, just willing to chat about what you have read.

Weekly. Most City Council Libraries

Visually Impaired Reading Group

Making use of our audiobook collections, the Central Library hosts a regular reading group for customers with a visual impairment. Refreshments provided.

Monthly. Central Library



The Lord Mayor's

Book Quiz

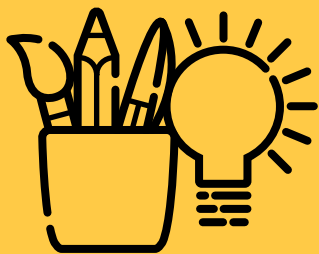
Central Library, Thursday 16th March, 7pm

Do you know your Dickens from your Dahl, your Rushdie from your Rankin? Take on the Lord Mayor of Sheffield and other bookworms from across the city.



***Book via Eventbrite – Tickets £10 per team.
Prizes to be won and refreshments provided.***





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Talks

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A Brief History of Cigarette Cards or, How People Found Things Out before Google and Wikipedia

Monday 9th January, 5pm
Crystal Peaks Library

Steel City Readers in Wadsley between the Wars

Friday 20th January, 10.30am
Hillsborough Library

Sheffield Libraries in World War II

Wednesday 25th January, 2pm
Woodseats Library

What Did Sheffield People Read in the 19th Century?

Monday 30th January, 5pm
Highfield Library

WW1 and the Novelists

Monday 30th January, 5pm, Darnall Library

The History of Kelham Island

Thursday 2nd February, 11am
Central Library

Waterways and Railways of the Peak District

Thursday 9th February, 11am
Central Library - £5 - Fundraiser

How did your Nan Cook Sunday Dinner? Exploring Vintage Recipe Books

Thursday 9th February, 2pm
Chapelton Library

Sheffield General Cemetery: A History

Thursday 9th February, 7pm
Ecclesall Library

Yorkshire and the Fifth Crusade

Wednesday 8th March, 7pm
Central Library

Exploring More Ancient Suburbs with David Templeman

Thursday 23rd March, 11am and 7pm
Central Library - £5 – Fundraiser

The Arms and Armour of the Wars of the Roses

A Talk and Combat Demonstration
Wednesday 22nd March, 6.30pm
Central Library



Funny Books: A comedy show about books featuring Sturike Comedy

Wednesday 1st March, 6.30pm
Central Library. Free.
Refreshments provided.

Sturike Comedy have read every book and seen every film in the library. Promise. Come and watch them recreate your favourite story from memory with absolutely no tangents or jokes, honest. Perfect for book lovers and comedy fans alike.

Performance

Secrets of the Stack: Central Library Basement Performance Tours

Saturday 4th February and 4th March, throughout the day
Central Library
Tickets - £6. Book via Eventbrite.

School Holiday Activities

This February half-term, we'll be delivering family activities across all our City Council managed libraries. Activities include Lego Zone, Family Board Gaming, and creative crafts. All events are free to attend, but places are limited so must be booked in advance via the appropriate library.

For the latest listings visit our blog at shefflibraries.blogspot.com

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If booking is required, visit sheffieldlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

Lego Zone

A great chance to play, build and create with other children and families.

Weekly. 5 years+.

Central & Stocksbridge Libraries

Young People's Writing Group

If you are a secret scribbler, vocal wordsmith, closet novelist or part-time poet, Hive South Yorkshire runs a young writers' group for you. Contact Hive for more info - hivesouthyorkshire.com

Monthly. Central Library. Age 14-19.

Creative Writing Workshops

Creative writing workshops for new or established writers, where we take a theme, look at the subject in literature, art, and poetry, then write creatively about it.

Monthly. Book via Eventbrite.

18 years +. Central Library

Drop in and Draw

Regular and relaxed group drawing sessions. Rather than a taught session, the emphasis is on drawing for pleasure in a supportive, non-judgemental environment. We provide the subject, the space, and the materials.

Monthly. Central, Chapeltown, Ecclesall, Highfield, Woodseats Libraries.

Games Night in the Library

Whether you are a veteran gamer or a newcomer to the hobby keen to discover something beyond Cluedo and Monopoly, adults of all ages are welcome to join us for an evening of laughter, strategy, and camaraderie.

Every first Wednesday of the month, 5.00-7.30pm. Book via Eventbrite. 18 years +. Central Library

Sheffield Draft Night

An open mic night for works in progress. Each month, readers have 3-5 minutes to read from their manuscript. This is a space for writers and readers, publishers, editors, agents, and anyone who loves to hear a good read.

Every second Wednesday of the month, 6.30-7.30pm. Book via Eventbrite. 18 years+. Central Library

From the Living Knowledge Network: Chinese and British

Panel Exhibition

Exploring British Chinese Communities and Culture. From 21st January. Central Library
Chinese communities have been calling the UK home for much longer than many realise, establishing a rich and diverse culture across the UK. Taking a lead from the British Library's exhibition, we reflect on this long history through photographs, manuscripts, and interviews with those who have lived through it.

Live Screening: Lunar New Year 2023

Saturday 21st January 2023, throughout the day. Central Library. Drop in.
Enjoy Chinese storytelling and family fun live from Liverpool, a city with one of the oldest Chinese communities in Europe.

LGBTQ+ History Month



Film Screening: None of the Above

Wednesday 15 February, 6.30pm
Central Library

Young LGBTQ+ icon Travis Alabanza, author of *None of the Above*, is joined in conversation by award-winning writer Reni Eddo-Lodge to discuss their memoir.

A Short History of Queer Women

Monday 20th February, 7pm, Central Library
No, they weren't "just friends"! *A Short History of Queer Women* sets the record straight on women who have loved women through the ages.

LGBTQ+ Books for Kids Bookchat

Wednesday 22nd February, 6pm
Online via Facebook

Liz and Zoey are back with their top queer reads for kids and teens.

No Straight Lines: The Rise of Queer Comics

Film screening with Sheffield DocFest
Thursday 23rd February, 6.30pm
Central Library

The story of the queer comic begins in a period of censorship in the USA, and marginalisation even among underground cartoonists. *No Straight Lines* profiles five pioneers of this fascinating art scene.

Sophie Labelle of Assigned Male Comics

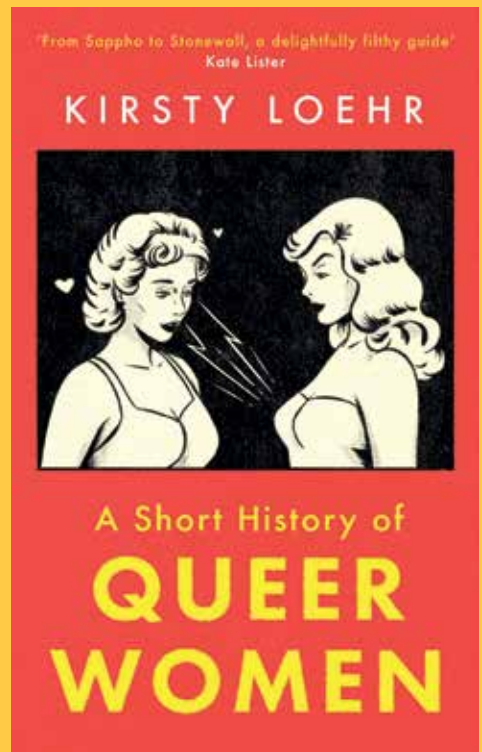
Monday 27th February, time TBC
Central Library

Sophie speaks about her work as a trans cartoonist and novelist, her art process, building community through art, cyberbullying, and growing up trans.

LGBTQ+ Collection

The Central Library holds our dedicated LGBTQ+ collection, containing fiction and non-fiction relating to many aspects of LGBTQ+ life.

All our libraries hold LGBTQ+-interest titles. Magazines including *Diva*, *Gay Times* and *Attitude* are available via the eLibrary for free.



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Coffee Mornings and Social Groups

Drop into the library for one of these regular sessions and meet other people from your community. Everyone welcome.

Weekly. All City Council Libraries

Men's Social Groups

Over 50 and love talking about sport, news, or books? Share your thoughts and conversation with other men over old photographs, newspaper articles, and books.

Weekly. Crystal Peaks, Ecclesall and Hillsborough libraries



Deaf Social Groups

Regular social groups for people using sign language. A good opportunity to practice your signing skills in a friendly and welcoming setting. Refreshments provided.

Monthly. Central and Highfield libraries

Death Café

At a Death Cafe people, often strangers, gather to eat cake, drink tea, and discuss death. Our objective is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives.

Monthly. Book via Eventbrite.
Central Library

Do You Remember?

Discussing memories and events from the past is proven to improve mood, mind, and wellbeing. Drop in to our monthly sessions and take a trip down memory lane.

Monthly. Chapeltown, Crystal Peaks, Ecclesall, Hillsborough, and Parson Cross libraries

Monthly Mindfulness

Mindfulness has been described as “Knowing what is happening, while it is happening”. These practical sessions will introduce you to mindfulness, and how it may be of benefit to you.

Monthly. Central Library

English Conversation Group

Practise your English in a friendly and informal setting. Open to anyone who speaks English as a second language.

Every two weeks. Firth Park Library.





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Digital Support

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Digital Drop in

At these friendly drop-in sessions, you will learn how to use a computer, improve your digital skills, and find support using the internet. Everyone welcome.

Selected City Council Libraries



Online Reference Tools

We subscribe to a range of online reference tools on your behalf, meaning you can access high quality content and save money. Tools include:

- Theory Test Pro
- Ancestry UK
- Picture Sheffield
- Local Studies Research Guides
- Job Searching – Find and Succeed
- The British Way of Life

Search the full range of online reference tools at sheffield.gov.uk/libraries-archives

StoryTrails

Experience Augmented Reality (AR)

Starting at Central Library, two augmented reality trails accessible using your own mobile phone allow visitors to meet a variety of figures from Sheffield's past.

The trails were created using film from the BBC, British Film Institute, and the City Archives to present a window into the past.

Download the Story-trails app from your Appstore for a self-guided tour.



Experience Virtual Reality (VR)

Enter digitally created worlds using a VR headset.

Find yourself in the shoes of a rebellious teenager as she discovers her mother's punk past; take part in one of the many South Asian daytime raves that took place across the UK in the 1980s and 1990s; and hear what earlier generations thought life would be like today.

Listings at sheffieldlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

Support for Business

The Business and Intellectual Property Centre supports entrepreneurs, inventors, and small businesses from the first spark of inspiration to successfully launching a business. Located in Sheffield's Central Library we provide access to a range of business databases, trade publications, business literature, and guides to support your information needs.

Start Up day

Wednesday 22nd February, all day
Central Library

Booking

We also deliver a range of business and start-up events including 1:1 support and workshops across Sheffield and South Yorkshire. Discover more and book your place at bipcouthyorkshire.co.uk

Library Theatre

Jack and the Beanstalk

Presented by TheatreStarz
3rd – 4th February, 7.15pm
Tickets – www.theatrestarz.com/jatb-2023/tickets/

One Man, Two Guvnors

By Richard Bean. Presented by Tudor Players
14th – 18th February
Tickets - www.tudorplayers.net

Things I Know To Be True

By Andrew Bovell. Presented by 53 Theatre Group, 23rd – 25th March
Tickets - www.53theatregroup.com

Listed above is a selection of performances scheduled to take place in the Library Theatre over the winter months. Additional events are being added all the time. For the most up-to-date listings, visit shefflibraries.blogspot.com.

Neighbour Good

Libraries as official Welcome Places

The cost-of-living crisis is impacting on everyone. Our libraries are recognised as official Welcome Places.

Everyone is welcome to visit to spend time, stay warm, attend an activity, or find out information about the support available this winter.

We are also providing free cups of tea and coffee.



Contacts and Booking

Talks and workshops

sheffieldlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

Business

bipcsouthyorkshire.co.uk

Regular event listings

sheffield.gov.uk/libraries-archives

Theatre listings

bit.ly/librarytheatre

Social

[@shefflibraries](https://twitter.com/shefflibraries)

Volunteer Managed Libraries

Sixteen of Sheffield's public libraries are run by volunteers.

Each of these libraries offers its own activities including family events, talks, and regular meetings.

www.volunteerlibrariesinsheffield.org

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