



# SLS Parent Newsletter

## Spring 1 2022

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

### Portsmouth BookFest 2022



Portsmouth BookFest 2022 runs from Monday 21 February to Sunday 13 March.

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

At in-person author events you'll have the chance to buy a book and get it signed by the author with book sales supported by the authors themselves or partner bookseller, independent bookshop The Hayling Island Bookshop.

[Portsmouth BookFest 2022 – Public Library Service](#)

## Half Term Fun for Primary School Children


**FREE** events running throughout February half term as part of BookFest.

Event	Date	Description
<b>Storytime</b> (Suitable for ages 5 – 7)  Cost: <b>Free</b> (booking required)	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>  Time: 11am  Location: Southsea Library	Participants will make up a character who wants to help bees and insects to get their food and then place the character into a story. A simple information sheet about pollinators will be available for the children to take home with them.
<b>Writing Workshop</b> (Suitable for ages 9 – 11)  Cost: <b>Free</b> (booking required)	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>  Time: 1.30pm  Location: Southsea Library	If you want to hear about different ways of creating a story this workshop is for you! Making up characters for a story you want to tell, having a story you want to tell and working out how to start it are all part of the writing process. Bring along a picture you think might make a good illustration for a story. Have you ever written a poem or story with a collage background? You can try that if you like, there are all sorts of ways to tell a story.
<b>Young People's Creative Writing Workshops</b> Suitable for young people aged 10 – 14  Cost: <b>Free</b> (booking required)	<b>Tuesday 22 February:</b>  10am Southsea Library, PO5 3QQ 2pm Alderman Lacey Library, PO3 6HU  <b>Wednesday 23 February:</b>  10am North End Library, PO2 9AX      2pm Carnegie Library, PO1 5EZ  <b>Thursday 24 February:</b>  10am Central Library, PO1 2DX 2pm Portsea Library, 3HN 11  <b>Friday 25 February:</b>  10am Cosham Library, PO6 3EB 2pm Paulsgrove Library, PO6 4Jb	Poetry, writing and art making. These FREE workshops are perfect for creative souls and budding environmentalists. Ever wondered how a cuttlefish talks? Or how a hermit crab finds a home? Ever wanted to know more about the ocean that surrounds our island? Join poet <b>Becci Louise</b> on a creative adventure and explore the wonders of the ocean. Learn about the creatures that inhabit the seas surrounding Portsmouth and find out what you can do to protect them. With poetry writing, art-making and exploration, these workshops are perfect for creative souls and budding environmentalists. Becci Louise is a poet, performer educator, and author of Octopus Medicine, poem-stories for young and old alike. Let the magic of the watery worlds she conjures inspire you to create your own poems and stories.
<b>Storytelling with Michael O'Leary</b>  Cost: <b>Free</b> (no ticket required)	<b>Wednesday 23 and Saturday 26 February</b>  Time: 10.30am – 2pm  Location: Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Road.	Storytelling with <b>Michael O'Leary</b> .  Join the marvellous storyteller Michael O'Leary as he wanders the galleries of Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery. Families will be able to sit with him as he tells whimsical and musical tales for everyone to enjoy. Just drop in at the museum between 10.30am and 2pm.
<b>Storytime</b> (Suitable for ages 6-8)  Cost: <b>Free</b> (no ticket required)	<b>Friday 25 February</b>  Time: 11am – 11.45am  Location: Southsea Library	Join <b>Alan Smith</b> for this story time all about the pebble people on Southsea beach! The story is suitable for ages 6 – 8 years but some younger and older children may enjoy it too. Alan Smith is a Southsea artist, illustrator, now author and ceramic artist
<b>Amanda Hubbert Storytime:</b> Roho and Rafiki  Cost: <b>Free</b> (booking required)	<b>Saturday 26 February</b>  Time: 2pm  Location: Southsea Library	Join <b>Amanda Hubbert</b> at this storytime session where she will be reading from her new picture book Roho and Rafiki. Roho and Rafiki is about two friends in a zoo that go exploring and learning about different animals.



## Half Term Fun for Secondary School Children

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<p><b>Gillian Morton Author Talk</b> Suitable for young people aged 10 +</p> <p><b>Free</b> (booking required)</p>	<p><b>Friday 25 February</b></p> <p>Time: 1pm</p> <p>Location: Portsmouth Central Library</p>	<p>Five minutes is all it takes. Five minutes of violence in the wartime blackout. Five minutes that cast a very long shadow. After war ends, little Kenny lives with his granny who can't find words to explain where he has come from. He knows not to ask. At this event author <b>Gillian Morton</b> will talk about her second novel Kissed to Death and how it is inspired by the popular children's story The Snow Queen and her own mother's wartime experiences in Portsmouth.</p>
<p><b>500 Pompey words</b></p> <p>Creative writing age 11-16</p> <p><b>Free</b> (booking required)</p>	<p>Visit Cumberland House Natural History Museum: Tuesday – Sunday 10am-5pm</p> <p>Deadline for entries: Friday 25 February Winners announced: w/c Monday 7 March</p> <p>Location: Cumberland House Natural History Museum</p>	<p>Are you aged 11-16 and living in Portsmouth? Do you love creative writing? Pick an object in the A-Z gallery at Cumberland House Natural History Museum, write a 500-word story, poem or play about it and you could win £75 in gift vouchers! Our guest judge is author and illustrator Neal Layton.</p> <p>Prizes awarded in memory of John and Ivy Guy-Hawthorne, supporters of Portsmouth's museum service for many years. Find out more on the <a href="#">Museum website</a>.</p>

## Term time story times

Portsmouth Library Service run weekly term-term rhyme times for babies and story times for toddlers and pre-schoolers.

**Free** and drop-in (no need to book)

**Beddow Library**, Milton - Rhyme-time Wednesday 2pm to 2.30pm

**Carnegie Library**, Fratton - Rhyme-time Wednesday 10am to 11am

**Central Library** story-time - Monday at 2pm

**Cosham Library** rhyme-time - Friday 11am to 11.30am

**Cosham Library** story-time - Thursday at 2pm

**North End Library** rhyme-time - Monday 11am to 11.30am

**North End Library** story time Tuesday at 2pm

**Paulsgrove Library** Story-time Wednesday 2pm

**Portsea Library** Rhyme-time Tuesday and Thursday 10.30am to 11am

**Southsea Library** rhyme-time Sunday 10.30am to 11am

**Did you know we run free children's holiday activities in all of our Libraries?**

Please contact your local library or call 023 9268 8057 for further information.

## Sublime Science Workshop

Have children aged 5-11 and budding scientists? Come to our Sublime Science workshop on Sat 12 March at 11.30am, Southsea Library and be enthralled by spectacular science experiments and hands-on activities. Book a free place at 023 9268 8999 / [southsea.library@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:southsea.library@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)



## Tudor Treasure Hunt at the Mary Rose

Can you find the Tudor Treasures at The Mary Rose museum?

When you think of treasure, you most probably think of gold coins, or jewellery. But the treasures of the Mary Rose are far more varied!

Pick up your Treasure Hunt Clues Pack and see how many of the Tudor Treasures you can find.

Each £1 Treasure Hunt Clues Pack contains clues and pictures of objects for you to find. Plus, once you've found all the treasures you can pick up a fantastic Mary Rose pop badge! Learn about all the great activities at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard this February half term by visiting: [historicdockyard.co.uk/february-half-term](http://historicdockyard.co.uk/february-half-term).



## International Book Giving Day Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February is International Book Giving Day. The aim of this day is to get as many books into the hands of as many children as possible on the day. Please see the website for more details <https://bookgivingday.com>

## World Book Day 2022

As well as schools celebrating World Book Day there is lots of information on the website for families.

World Book Day is about celebrating books and reading all year round. It's never too early to encourage a love of reading and we hope you find activities and advice here to help you enjoy sharing stories together as a family not just on World Book Day but every day of the year.

[Families - World Book Day](#)

There are 6 elements which support a child reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading FUN!



### Cook up your own fairy tales

This term, and in celebration of World Book Day, the British Library is inviting children to **cook up their very own fairy tales** with Michael Rosen, Mara the Storyteller and Allen Fatimaharan. Find tips for creating the perfect story recipe here: <https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/cook-up-your-own-fairy-tale>

