

Derbyshire Libraries eNewsletter

Welcome to the Derbyshire Libraries eNewsletter

Adult Events in April

As well as entertaining families, we've got plenty for adults to enjoy too!

- Saturday 6th April – Time Swap volunteering information and activity session – [Ashbourne Library](#) – 10am-12pm – ring 01629 533950 for more info
- Wednesdays 10th & 24th April – Craft Yourself Calm adult craft group, welcoming new members and ideas, and offering guide craft sessions – [Heanor Library](#) – ring 01629 533795 for more info
- Monday 15th April – South Staffs Water information session – [Ashbourne Library](#) – 10am-12pm – ring 01629 533950 for more info
- Monday 15th April – Free Coffee Morning with Blood Pressure Checks by Live Life Better Derbyshire – [Sandiacre Library](#) – 10am-12pm – ring 01629 533359 for more info
- Tuesday 16th April – Open Mic Poetry Night – [Belper Library](#) – 6-7pm – ring 01629 533192 for more info
- Thursday 18th April for four weeks – Artwork display from local artist, Bill Eley – [New Mills Library](#) – during opening hours – ring 01629 533195 for more info
- Saturday 20th April – Get to know the Ashbourne Town Band – [Ashbourne Library](#) – 10am-12pm – ring 01629 533950 for more info
- Tuesday 23rd April – Board Game Club for families, teens and adults wanting to enjoy a selection of modern board games – [Belper Library](#) – 4-7pm – ring 01629 533192 for more info
- Thursday 25th April (last Thursday of the month) – Reader Group for those liking a social and informal chat with free tea and coffee – [South Normanton Library](#) – 11am-12pm – ring 01629 535000 for more info
- Every Monday – Colouring for Mental Health and Wellbeing – [Sandiacre Library](#) - 1.15-2.45pm – ring 01629 533359 for more info
- Every Thursday – The Locomotive Appreciation Society regular meeting with new members welcome – [Sandiacre Library](#) – 12-3pm – ring 01629 533359 for more info





British Book Awards

One of the biggest literary awards of the year, covering twelve categories, sees the announcement of its winners on Monday 13th May! You can see what books have been shortlisted in all twelve categories on the official British Book Awards page [here](#), and then be sure to visit our [library catalogue](#) to reserve copies of your must-reads.

Mobile Library Service

There are 2 mobile libraries based at Buxton (North) and Long Eaton (South), serving around 150 communities across the county where there is no library building. These places are visited once every 4 weeks.

You can see a list of routes and villages served by each of the mobile libraries [here](#). To join, simply take along one form of ID with your name and address on it.



Home Library Service

We provide a free home delivery service to Derbyshire residents who need it either on a permanent or temporary basis.

The service is for anyone who finds it difficult to visit a library or mobile library, or carry their books home.

This could be due to:

- disability
- limited mobility
- illness
- caring responsibilities

Click [here](#) for more information, or make an enquiry via email at librarycommunityengagement@derbyshire.gov.uk, or by phoning 01629 533444.

Derby Book Festival, 30th May to 5th June

Tickets go on sale for the Summer Festival on 15 April for an exciting line-up of writers talking about their latest books across a wide range of genres.



This year's programme includes:

- *The Great British Sewing Bee's* Patrick Grant at Derby Theatre on Tuesday 4 June
- The Guardian's columnist Polly Toynbee
- LBC Radio host and political journalist James O'Brien
- Historian Dan Cruickshank
- Novelists Francis Spufford and Abigail Dean
- *The Countess of Carnarvon on the Discovery of Tutankhamun*
- Historian Alison Weir on Mary I

And lots more! Click [here](#) for full details from 15 April.



Yoto Carnegies

The 2024 [shortlists](#) are out for the Yoto Carnegies, the UK's longest running and best loved book awards for children and young people. Celebrating the best in both writing and illustration, you can find all of these great books in our libraries.

The results will be announced on June 20th.

Work Continues at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery During Temporary Closure

Buxton Museum and Art gallery remains temporarily closed for building structure investigations by Derbyshire County Council's Property Services.

Buxton Museum and Art Gallery keep everyone informed as and when they have any updates, via their websites and social media. The staff will also continue to generate online content, including blogs, exhibitions and research.



Click [here](#) to see Buxton Museum and Art Gallery's Top Ten Temporary Exhibitions of All Time.

Further information can be found [here](#), or follow the [blog](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



Derbyshire Record Office

Tracing the history of your house

Have you ever wondered who may have lived in your house in the past or what it looked like when it was first built? Many people use our collections in order to trace their house's history and one of the main questions we get asked is: can I see the original plan for my house? The

answer is always 'maybe', as it depends on whether the plans were deposited with us.

We hold over 20,000 building application files dated approximately 1880-1974 – a small proportion of the total number of buildings across the county. Since September dedicated volunteers have been listing the plans in detail – [over 1500 are now described online](#) – and our [catalogue](#) lists the districts where registers or plans survive. Do check out our [Researching Places guides](#) if you want to find out more.

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(Image: example of a building plan)

eAudiobooks on Libby

Have you met [Libby](#)? Libby is one of our new eAudiobook platforms full to bursting with downloadable books to listen and enjoy. No matter what you like to listen to, we guarantee Libby can help. Throughout the month we are highlighting some treasures we have found to inspire you. If you need any help accessing Libby, we can help with that too! Email the Library Information Service on ask.library@derbyshire.gov.uk and we can arrange a 1-2-1 session to talk you through the process.



Derbyshire Adult Community Education

Summer term bookings open

You can now book on to a summer term course with Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service.

[Click here](#) to find out what courses we have and make your booking.

Course coming up in the summer term:

- Help for Hearing Loss - Lip Reading and Signed Communication continuation
- Volunteer passport - get knowledge and skills to volunteer
- Dry stone walling
- Pottery for wellbeing
- Summer herbal remedies

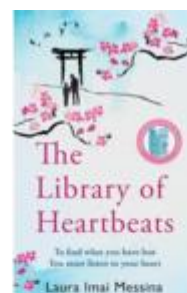
Find out what you can do to improve your health and wellbeing, improve your job opportunities, or start your learning journey.

New Adult Books

We've chosen to highlight three books published recently for you to enjoy. You can reserve them via our [online catalogue](#).

The Library of Heartbeats by Laura Imai Messina

On the peaceful Japanese island of Teshima there is a library of heartbeats, a place where the heartbeats of visitors from all around the world are collected. In this small, isolated building, the heartbeats of people who are still alive or have already passed away continue to echo. Several miles away, in the ancient city of Kamakura, two lonely souls meet: Shuichi, a forty-year-old illustrator, who returns to his home-town to fix up the house of his recently deceased mother, and eight-year-old Kenta, a child who wanders like a shadow around Shuichi's house. Day by day, the trust between Shuichi and Kenta grows until they discover they share a bond that will tie them together for life. Their journey will lead them to Teshima and to the library of heartbeats.

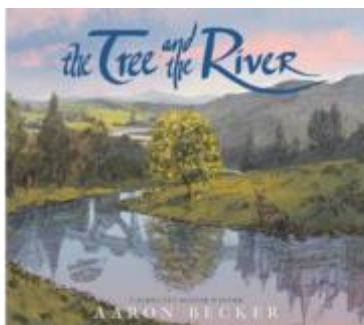


The Women by Kristin Hannah

Raised on California's idyllic Coronado Island and sheltered by her conservative parents, twenty-year-old nursing student, Frances 'Frankie' McGrath has always prided herself on doing the right thing, being a good girl. But in 1965 the world is changing, and she suddenly imagines a different path for her life. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she impulsively joins the Army Nurses Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the young men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is about to discover the true value of female friendship and the heartbreak that love can cause.

The Wartime Book Club by Kate Thompson

From enchanting cliff tops and white sandy bays to the pretty cobbled streets of St Helier, Jersey is known as the land of milk and honey. But for best friends Bea Rose (the local postwoman) and Grace Le Mottee (who works in the island's only library) it becomes the frontline to everyday resistance when their beloved island is occupied by German forces in 1940. Inspired by astonishing true events, 'The Wartime Book Club' is an unforgettable story of everyday bravery and resistance, full of romance, drama and camaraderie and a tribute to the joy of reading and the power of books in our darkest hour.



This Month We Recommend You Read...

One of our favourite things to do is recommend amazing children's books to you! This month we recommend you check out these titles which we've enjoyed recently:

The Clockwork Conspiracy by Sam Sedgman

'A locked-room mystery packed with rooftop chases, hidden codes and mind-bending science' - Aspiring inventor Isaac Turner lives with his dad, the horologist in charge of Big Ben. But when his father vanishes from the belfry on the night the clocks go back, leaving behind only a smashed pocket watch and a cryptic message, Isaac determines to find him. Hunting a trail of clues through London's landmarks, Isaac uncovers a sinister plot in the gears of government and embarks on a race against time to save his father – and time itself.

The Tree and the River by Aaron Becker

For his latest feat of visual storytelling, the acclaimed creator of the Journey trilogy invents, in staggering detail, a familiar world layered with imaginary civilizations. Borrowing from multiple cultures and architectural styles to craft astonishing new humanscapes, Aaron Becker tracks the evolution of our species – and its toll on the Earth – through the fates of a lone tree and an enduring river. River and tree bear silent witness over time as people arrive to harness water, wind, and animals; devise technology and transportation; redirect rivers; and reshape the land. Timely and ultimately hopeful, this wordless epic invites readers to pore over spreads densely packed with visual drama. Fans of *Journey*, *Quest*, and *Return* will leap at a new chance to uncover sophisticated layers of meaning, marvel at intricate details – from holographic billboards to flying machines – and see our precious shared world through fresh eyes. Shortlisted for this year's Yoto Carnegies Medal for Illustration.

Oh Maya Gods! by Maz Evans

The world's worst-behaved immortals are at it again - introducing the brand-new Gods Squad taking them on! Meet Vesper, the bossy, football-mad daughter of Elliot Hooper, the original hero of *Who Let the Gods Out?*, and Aster, the super-bright son of Constellation, Virgo. Together, they must recapture some villainous wrong'uns before the world ends next Thursday. Off they head to the Maya underworld, where Kizin and his Lords and Ladies of Death are messing with astronomy, chocolate and human sacrifice...

You can reserve them via our [online catalogue](#).

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