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September – December 2017

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comedy,
drama,
new writing
and storytelling
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Welcome to our seventh live@thelibrary season

Join us for the best and brightest in new writing, author events, comedy, family shows, drama and music. You can also enjoy digital theatre featuring some of Britain's best known actors.

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Events at a glance

September

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| Friday | 8 | Wooldham – Uppermill Library | 11am |
| Friday | 8 | Wooldham – Failsworth Library | 2pm |
| Saturday | 9 | Wooldham – Royton Library | 11am |
| Saturday | 9 | Wooldham – Oldham Library | 2pm |
| Thursday | 14 | Film: The Wizard of Oz Sing-along | 1pm |
| Tuesday | 26 | Digital theatre: Macbeth by William Shakespeare | 2pm |
| Thursday | 28 | Wilde Without the Boy and The Ballad of Reading Gaol | 7pm |
| Saturday | 30 | The Ragged Trousered Philanthropist | 2pm and 7pm |

October

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| Wednesday | 4 | Marching on Embers | 7pm |
| Thursday | 5 | Black is the Color of My Voice | 7pm |
| Tuesday | 10 | Joanne Lees – Who Am I? – Lees Library | 11am |
| Wednesday | 11 | Charles Heathcote – Indisputably Doris – Lees Library | 7pm |
| Wednesday | 11 | The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes | 7pm |
| Thursday | 12 | An Evening with Barbara Nice | 7pm |
| Friday | 13 | To Walk in Your Shoes | 7pm |
| Friday | 20–27 | Prince of Fire – The Diwali Story | Various times and venues |
| Wednesday | 25 | It's in the Blood by Mick Martin | 7pm |
| Tuesday | 31 | Digital theatre: A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen | 2pm |
| Tuesday | 31 | Grimm's Fairy Tales – Lees Library | 2.30pm |

November

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| Wednesday | 1 | Grimm's Fairy Tales – Crompton Library | 2.30pm |
| Thursday | 2 | Grimm's Fairy Tales – Oldham Library | 2.30pm |
| Thursday | 2 | We are The Lions, Mr Manager! | 7pm |
| Friday | 3 | Grimm's Fairy Tales – Chadderton Library | 2.30pm |
| Friday to Sun | 3–5 | Oldham Story Fest | Various times |
| Saturday | 4 | There and Back Again – An Odyssey | 11am and 2pm |
| Thursday | 9 | The Cutting Edge: The Story of the Beatles' Hairdresser | 7pm |
| Saturday | 11 | Remembrance Day – David Hewitt: Joseph, 1917 – Uppermill Library | 11am |
| Saturday | 11 | A November Day | 2pm |
| Tuesday | 14 | Thrills and Quills: Jane Austen's Life in Letters | 7pm |
| Tuesday | 21 | Digital theatre: Billy The Kid by Michael Morpurgo | 7pm |
| Thursday | 23 | The Faces at the Window: The Bandwits of Balderdash | 7pm |

December

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| Monday to Sat | 11–23 | Peter Pan | Various times |
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Cover image: Black is the Color of My Voice

Author events

Joanne Lees Who Am I?

Tuesday 10
October, 11am
Lees Library
Free – advanced
booking
essential

Join Joanne Lees for World Mental Health Day as she shares her own mental health struggle which spurred her to write her debut book, Who Am I?



Charles Heathcote Indisputably Doris

Wednesday 11 October,
7pm Lees Library
Free – advanced
booking essential

Charles Heathcote is a Northern comedy writer in the same vein as Victoria Wood. He will be talking about his books, Our Doris and Indisputably Doris, which feature Mrs Doris Copeland, atomic housewife and erstwhile member of her local Women's Institute.



Leslie Cavendish The Cutting Edge: The Story of the Beatles' Hairdresser Who Defined an Era

Thursday 9 November,
7pm
Free – advanced
booking essential

This is an amazing opportunity to meet the man responsible for the Beatles' iconic hair styles that changed the world. Leslie will be sharing his entertaining and inspiring story which parallels the meteoric rise of the Beatles themselves, and is no less astounding.



Remembrance Day David Hewitt: Joseph, 1917

Saturday 11
November, 11am
Uppermill Library
Free – advanced
booking essential

Writer and Lawyer David Hewitt will be discussing his story about a man forced to fight in WW1, even though he'd already volunteered to do so. It raises the question: if you put a man in harm's way then realise you made a mistake, shouldn't you try to make amends? David's interest in law and what it does to people will ignite some interesting discussions.



Family Events

Forest Tribe Dance Theatre and Oldham Library Service supported by Barefoot Books and Tara Arts presents

Prince of Fire – The Diwali Story by Jatinder Verma

When Ravana the ten-headed demon draws darkness over the world can Prince Rama and Princess Sita's love and courage bring back a glimmer of light?

Forest Tribe Dance Theatre presents an exciting version of this story, complete with a sumptuous set, dance, original music and puppetry.

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Friday 20 October,
11am at Oldham Library

Saturday 21 October,
11am and 2pm at Oldham Library

Monday 23 October,
3pm at Failsworth Library

Tuesday 24 October, 11am and
2pm at Uppermill Library

Wednesday 25 October,
11am at Lees Library

Wednesday 25 October,
5pm at Chadderton Library

Thursday 26 October,
11am at Royton Library

Thursday 26 October,
3pm at Crompton Library

Friday 27 October,
10.30am at Limehurst Library

Free – advanced booking
essential. Suitable for
ages 6+



Colour the Clouds presents

Grimm's Fairy Tales

Tuesday 31 October,
Lees Library, 2.30pm

Wednesday 1 November,
Crompton Library, 2.30pm

Thursday 2 November,
Oldham Library, 2.30pm

Friday 3 November,
Chadderton Library, 2.30pm

Free – no booking required

Suitable for ages 5+

Join Colour The Clouds Theatre Company as they explore some of the best loved Grimm's Fairy Tales. The one hour session will include storytelling, games, crafts and fun for all the family.

Le petit artiste presents

Wooldham

Friday 8 September
Uppermill Library at 11am and
Failsworth Library at 2pm

Saturday 9 September
Royton Library at 11am and
Oldham Library at 2pm

Free – no booking required

Suitable for ages 2+

Woolton the sheep is feeling sheepish. He has lost his job and the local factory is closing down. Take an adventure with Woolton as he makes new friends and finds happiness again. An original story celebrating the history of Oldham, told using puppetry and live music.

A November Day

Saturday 11 November, 2pm
Suitable for ages 10+

In forgotten boxes in an attic, a woman discovers the story of her grandfather, a survivor of the First World War, and his unexpected encounter with a stray dog, who knew no boundaries. A timeless fable about war and the miracle of friendship when all else seems lost.



Digital Theatre

Join us once a month to enjoy filmed performances of acclaimed stage productions featuring some of Britain's best known actors.

Due to popular demand, we have changed the start time of the screenings to 2pm and have arranged a special early evening screening of Michael Morpugo's Billy the Kid.

All performances are free but booking is essential.

Macbeth by William Shakespeare Tuesday 26 September, 2pm

Macbeth is regarded as one of Shakespeare's greatest tragedies. This production, filmed at the original Liverpool Everyman stars celebrated stage and screen actor, David Morrissey, in the title role and Julia Ford as Lady Macbeth.

Production duration:
2 hours 30 minutes



A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen Tuesday 31 October, 2pm

Nora Helmer fraudulently borrows money and in doing so is forced to reassess her life. This acclaimed production from London's Young Vic Theatre features Hattie Morahan as Nora and Dominic Rowan as her husband, Torvald.

Production duration: 2 hours
24 minutes



Billy The Kid by Michael Morpugo Tuesday 21 November, early evening screening at 7pm

Told through the eyes of an 80 year old man, played by Dudley Sutton, Billy The Kid, recounts the life of a star footballer and how the outbreak of the Second World War impacted his life for ever.

Production duration: 58 minutes



Drama and Music

Gerard Logan presents

Wilde Without the Boy and The Ballad of Reading Gaol

Thursday 28 September, 7pm

To celebrate National Poetry Day we are delighted to welcome acclaimed stage actor, Gerard Logan to perform his award winning solo show about Oscar Wilde and also give a dramatic performance of Wilde's epic poem written after his release from Reading Gaol in 1897.

Coastal Productions in association with St Helen's Libraries presents

The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists

Adapted by Tom McLennan from the book by Robert Tressell
Saturday 30 September, 2pm and 7pm

As relevant today as it was when it was first published in 1914, *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists* tells the story of a group of painters who are encouraged to question their subservience when they are joined by a new colleague.

James Seabright Productions presents

Black is the Color of My Voice

Thursday 5 October, 7pm

Performed during Black History Month, *Black is the Color of My Voice*, inspired by the life of Nina Simone, follows a successful jazz singer and civil rights activist seeking redemption after the untimely death of her father.

Townsend Productions presents

We are The Lions, Mr Manager!

Thursday 2 November, 7pm

This play is the remarkable story of Jayaben Desai, the inspirational leader of the 1976–78 Grunwick Film Processing Factory Strike. As part of Radio 4's Women's Hour Power List, Desai was amongst the women chosen to have had the biggest impact on women's lives over the past 70 years.



Comedy and New Writing

Buglight Theatre presents

Marching on Embers

Wednesday 4 October, 7pm

Set in modern day Northern Ireland, *Marching on Embers* explores what happens when a fragile peace begins to tear apart. It questions why so many young men are seduced by the pull of violent struggle and why so many female voices are stifled?



Don't Go Into The Cellar!
Theatre Company presents

The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes

Wednesday 11 October, 7pm

In this affectionate one-man homage to Sherlock Holmes, actor Jonathan Goodwin pays tribute to the great Victorian fictional detective. Expect lots of quick costume changes, humour and audience participation.

Janice Connolly presents

An Evening with Barbara Nice

Thursday
12 October,
7pm



Janice Connolly, star of Phoenix Nights, brings her alto ego, Stockport housewife Barbara Nice to Oldham Library for a night of life affirming comedy. Barbara is guaranteed to put a smile on your face and a spring in your step.

Not suitable for children under the age of 14

Red Bobble Theatre presents

To Walk in Your Shoes

Friday 13 October, 7pm

Compiled from real life interviews with asylum seekers and refugees living in the North, this heartfelt, funny and engaging play explores the strength and resilience of the human spirit and challenges the untruths perpetuated by the media.



The Heritage Connection presents

It's in the Blood

by Mick Martin

Wednesday 25 October, 7pm

Free – advanced booking essential

Ahead of this year's Rugby League World Cup, this brand new play by acclaimed writer, Mick Martin has been written based on the stories of both fans and players. Using film and live music the play looks at the history of rugby league and shows why it is so much more than just a game.

Lilaloka productions, Hat Hair Productions and Scheplays Ltd present

The Faces at the Window: The Bandwidths of Balderdash

Thursday 23 November, 7pm

The musical sketch comedy troupe return to Oldham with their unique radio-style show direct from the Manchester Fringe.

"Worthy of Monty Python," – Manchester Salon

Lip Service Theatre presents

Thrills and Quills: Jane Austen's Life in Letters

**Tuesday
14 November,
7pm**

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's death, Lip Service theatre takes a comic look at Jane Austen's letters, examines the vagaries of the Georgian postal system and wonders what witty words Jane could have conjured up with a Twitter account.

Supported by Time To Read (North West Libraries Reader Development Partnership)



Oldham StoryFest

Come along to our first Storytelling Festival, where we celebrate the power of stories both old and new.

Susanna Oldfield Epic Ancient Tales

Friday 3 November, 7pm
at Lees Library



Storyteller

Join an award-winning Storyteller for an evening of epic ancient tales where goddesses with snakes for hair and great powerful Sultans come bursting to life. Susanna's comic timing, facial expressions and vocal colour have captivated audiences throughout the U.K. and abroad. Come and let your hair down... providing they're not vipers.

"Susanna tells stories with a zest for life that is contagious"

Family Events

Richard O'Neill The Talking Toad

Saturday 4 November
12noon-1.45pm and 3-4.45pm
Free – advanced booking essential

Watch as internationally acclaimed storyteller Richard O'Neill will bring to life all of the characters from his famous library book 'The Talking Toad' – the heart-warming story of a homeless toad who finds a new home in the library. He will also be sharing some of his amazing interactive tales. Come and join us for a fun-filled storytelling adventure.

Lyngo Theatre presents

There and Back Again – An Odyssey

Saturday 4 November, 11am and
2pm. Suitable for ages 6+

Follow CBeebies' Patrick Lynch as he uses simple props to create atmosphere and build dramatic tension to tell the epic story of Odysseus' endless struggle and triumph over adversity. There and Back Again is a guaranteed imaginative and skilful feast of family theatre.



Christmas at Oldham Library

Oldham Theatre Workshop in association with live@thelibrary presents

Peter Pan

by James Atherton and Sarah Nelson

Monday 11 to Saturday 23
December. Suitable for ages 6+

Following the huge success of last year's A Christmas Carol, Oldham Theatre Workshop's professional company return with an action packed new musical adaptation of

JM Barrie's classic tale for children.

Meet Tinkerbell, the Lost Boys, mermaids and pirates as you soar high above the clouds. Escape from the pressures of real life when you fly to another world this Christmas and, like Peter Pan, never grow up.

Tickets £7.50, booking essential.



The Small Cinema

The Small Cinema and Oldham Libraries present a Dementia friendly film

The Wizard of Oz Sing-Along (U)

Thursday 14 September, 1pm

Join us for a special dementia friendly screening of the classic musical.

The Wizard of Oz stars legendary Judy Garland as Dorothy, an innocent farm girl whisked out of her earthbound existence into a land of pure imagination.

This relaxed screening is for people living with dementia and memory loss, their family, friends and carers. Join us for free tea, coffee and biscuits and a chance to meet and socialise 30 minutes before the film starts.

Tickets: £3 per person.

Accompanying carers are free. Book online at

www.thesmallcinema.com

Family films

Every month The Small Cinema hosts a classic family film here in the Performance Space at Oldham Library. Visit the website at www.thesmallcinema.com for a list of dates and full movie listings.

The Small Cinema is delivered by Oldham Council Arts Development.



How to book

Tickets for all live@thelibrary events, unless otherwise stated, are £5 available from www.oldham.gov.uk/liveatthelibrary

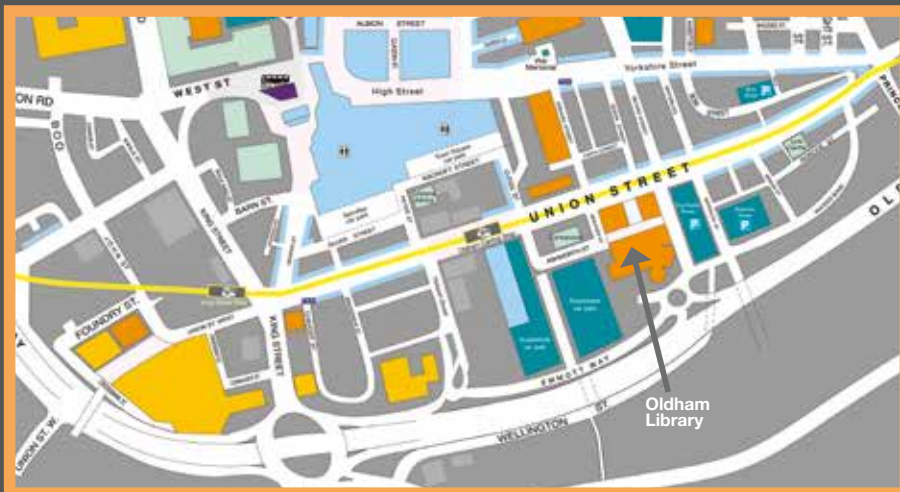
All events are held at Oldham Library unless otherwise stated.

Please note that children under 12 months are free but accompanying adults must buy a ticket to attend children's performances.

Unfortunately we are unable to offer refunds.

How to find us

Oldham Library is easily accessible by car, bus and tram. The nearest car park is Southgate Street pay and display. Regular bus services operate from Manchester and outlying areas. The nearest stop is Oldham Central* just a two minute walk from Oldham Library. For information about bus and tram services visit www.tfgm.com or call 0161 244 1000.



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