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Dracula... The Travesty
Bringing Gothic storytelling
at its best to Ramsey and Wisbech

Bringing Arts Events to Libraries across Cambridgeshire



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Ticketing Information

Performances

Tickets can be purchased online at **The Library Presents...Arts Alive** webpage www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/arts or at the host library.

Workshops and Book Festival Events

Tickets **can only be purchased** directly through the Library running the session.

***Concessions (Concs) include:** Children (under 16), Senior Citizen (over 65), Student, Unwaged, Registered Disabled, Carer. Please bring evidence of your concession status with you to the event (for example proof of age).

Refreshments will be available at all performances and workshops, more details will be provided with your ticket purchase.

Spend your **Time Credits** with The Library Presents...Arts Alive



Performances where you can use your Time Credits are marked with the Spice Logo

Those with a running time of more than one hour will require two Time Credits, performances of one hour or less will require one Time Credit. **There are two Time Credit places available at each performance**, so make sure you book ahead!



Time Credits are a way of recognising the amazing things people do in their communities. If you give an hour of your time to your community, your community thanks you by giving you an hour to spend on something you would like to do. There are lots of ways to earn Time Credits across your community, and everyone's time is worth the same. You can spend this on an hours' activity in other community organisations, on leisure activities and at large venues such as the Tower of London.

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Welcome to our first programme of events on offer for **The Library Presents... Arts Alive**, funded by Arts Council England.

We have an amazing menu of performances and workshops lined up over October and November 2017. Each Library has chosen their own programme of inspiring events.

The ten Libraries involved are Yaxley, Wisbech, Chatteris, March, Arbury Court, Barnwell Road, Littleport, Soham, Ramsey and St Neots. The Libraries are looking for local people to support the events, if you feel inspired to volunteer some of your time please ask at your library.

We hope you enjoy this selection of exciting Performances, Workshops and Book Festival, look out for the second programme of events scheduled for February and March 2018.

Contact **The Library Presents... Arts Alive** through your local Library or www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/arts or katherine.roberts@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



The Library Presents... Arts Alive brought to you by Cambridgeshire County Council would like to thank; Arts Council England for their funding support, our partner Babylon Arts, Budgens supermarket for their sponsorship of Arbury Book festival, all the Artists and Performers and last but not least the Library Staff and Volunteers who have given their time to making these fantastic events possible.



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Arbury Book Festival Sponsored by Budgens

Saturday 21 Oct | 10am-4pm

Arbury Primary School, Carlton Way
Cambridge, CB4 2DE

Tickets: Free (sponsored by Budgens)
Advanced booking required for some workshops through Arbury Court Library.
Under 16s must be accompanied by an appropriate adult

The Book Festival includes workshops and performances by brilliant authors and illustrators Andy Cope, Caroline Rabei, Neil Zetter, Marion Lindsay and manga artist Irina Richards.

Lion Learners offer the chance to introduce children to the characters in books for real; meet and handle wonderful animals.

You can also discover your inner superhero at our costume and prop making workshop! Or, get inspired by the heroes and villains in Kettle's Yard's collection and create your own work of art with Kettle's Yard artist, Katie Kennedy.

There is much more for all ages; detailed information about workshops can be found at Arbury Court Library and on *The Library Presents* ... Arts Alive website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/arts

Samba Drumming Workshops

Wednesday 25th Oct | 1.30-2.30pm

Thursday 26th Oct | 7-8pm

Arbury Court Library, Arbury Rd, CB4 2JQ

Tickets: £3 per session per person (adults), Free (concs*). Suitable for adults and children from 8yrs (under 12s must be accompanied by an adult).

Purchase from Library.

Samba drumming will get your feet tapping, your arms moving, head nodding and your heart beating to its glorious rhythms. No need to have musical experience, just a sense of fun! All drums and samba instruments provided.

Ukulele Workshop Series

Saturday 11 Nov | 3-5pm

Thursday 16 Nov | 3-5pm

Saturday 25 Nov | 3-5pm

Arbury Court Library, Arbury Rd, CB4 2JQ

Tickets: £3 per session per person (adults), Free (concs*). Suitable for adults and children from 8yrs (under 12s must be accompanied by an adult).

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John Bassett of Ely's Rockin' Ukulele's will teach you how to play and enjoy tunes such as Elvis, Abba, Drifters and Bill Haley. John provides all the Ukuleles and there is no need to understand music, just come along and have fun! John will teach you how to play and perform together as a group. You can attend one or all of the sessions.





Samba Drumming Workshops

Wednesday 25 Oct | 7-8pm

Thursday 26 Oct | 1.30-2.30pm

Saturday 28 Oct | 1.30-2.30pm

Venue will be confirmed with your booking

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Art Workshops with David Brown

October Workshops

Friday 20 | 11.30am (Drawing)

Saturday 21 | 11.30am (Watercolour)

November Workshops

Friday 10 | 11.30am (Charcoal)

Saturday 11 | 11.30am (Acrylics)

Friday 24 | 11.30am (Coloured Pencil)

Saturday 25 | 11.30am (Acrylics-Abstract)

Venue will be confirmed with your booking

Tickets: £3 per session per person (adults), Free (concs*). Suitable for adults and young people from 12yrs.

[Purchase from Library.](#)

David Brown is an artist working and exhibiting in Huntingdonshire. He is running workshops lasting two and a half hours in a variety of media for beginners and improvers. No need to have ever picked up a brush or pencil before! Just come along with enthusiasm and enjoy drawing and painting with expert tips and teaching from David.

You could come to all the sessions or just one, by the end of the workshop you'll be more confident and have some art work to take home.



Comedy 4 Kids



Saturday 4 Nov | 3pm

Littleport Library, Town Hall, Victoria St,
Littleport, CB6 1LU

Tickets: £7 (adults), £4 (concs*)

Suitable for Families (minimum age 6yrs,
under 12s must be accompanied by an
adult)

Running Time: 1 hour

James Campbell performs his show *"The Funny Thing About..."*. A stand-up show for children over 6, their parents and anyone who likes comedy without the rude words. Making fun of everything from couscous to penguins to Nintendo Wii, James' unique blend of storytelling and anecdotes will have your whole family in stitches! Hold on to your socks and enjoy stand-up comedy for kids!

He's a six foot tall lollipop lady, storyteller and author of *Boyface* who lives with his chickens and dogs, an act you absolutely have to see.

"James Campbell pioneered the idea of stand-up for children, and it is still genuinely impressive to watch him hold the attention of a theatre full of six- to 11-year-olds for an hour with nothing but a microphone"

The Guardian



Samba Drumming Workshops

Saturday 18 Nov | 2.30-3.30pm

Saturday 25 Nov | 2.30-3.30pm

Littleport Library, Town Hall, Victoria
Street, Littleport, CB6 1LU

Tickets: £3 per session per person (adults),
Free (concs*). Suitable for adults and
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Comedy 4 Kids

SPICE

Saturday 28 Oct | 3pm

Soham Library, 7 Clay Street, CB7 5HJ

Tickets: £7 (adults), £4 (concs*)

Suitable for Families (minimum age 6yrs, under 12s must be accompanied by an adult)

Running Time: 1 hour

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Daddy's Diaries

SPICE

Friday 3 Nov | 7pm

Soham Library

Tickets: £7 (adults), £4 (concs*)

Suitable for adults and young people (minimum age 11yrs, under 16s must be accompanied by an adult).

Running Time: 1 hour 40 minutes plus an interval

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Phillipa

"Simply stunning! We have been talking about it all morning so far"

Stephen

Purchase tickets online or from Soham Library

Samba Drumming Workshops

Thursday 12 Oct | 7-8pm

Saturday 21 Oct | 2-3pm

Wisbech Library, Ely Place, PE13 1EU

Tickets: £3 per session per person (adults), Free (concs*). Suitable for adults and children from 8yrs (under 12s must be accompanied by an adult).

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This high energy all-inclusive experience will get everyone having fun with beats and rhythm. All the drums and samba instruments are provided. Never touched a drum? Doesn't matter, you'll be supported to have a go here. No need to have musical experience, just a sense of fun!



Mosaic Workshops

Wednesday 18 Oct | 1.30pm

Thursday 19 Oct | 1.30pm

Thursday 26 Oct | 1.30pm

Wisbech Library, Ely Place, PE13 1EU

Free (concs*). Suitable for all ages 3yrs and over (under 12s must be accompanied by an adult).

[Purchase from Library.](#)

Come along to Carolyn Ash's fantastic workshops, learn new skills, have fun and create your own mosaic to take home. Carolyn is a well know local artist, you might have seen one of her mosaic projects displayed along the Ouse River.



Dracula...The Travesty



Friday 17 Nov | 7pm

Wisbech Library, Ely Place, PE13 1EU

Tickets: £7 (adults), £4 (concs*)

Suitable for families and adults (recommended age 12+yrs, under 16s must be accompanied by an adult)

Running Time: 1 hour plus an interval

Your family will be enthralled by this performance created by Northumberland Theatre Company and Stewart Howson. *Dracula...The Travesty* is Gothic storytelling at its best; imaginative and atmospheric. Appealing to family audiences it features all the anticipated elements of the story: wolves, bats and the Brides of Dracula with plenty of audience participation, humour and music. You'll love this light, funny and daft show with strong storytelling and some genuinely scary moments.

"The play was fabulous and mesmerising – not what some had expected as it told; nay, disembowelled Bram Stoker's story in a way that sent shivers down the spine as we alternately laughed and covered our faces in horror. I cannot commend the Northumberland Theatre Co enough for such an entertaining experience"

Whitburn Village Hall



Mosaic Workshops

Monday 23 Oct | 10am-1pm, 2-4.30pm
 Tuesday 24 Oct | 10am-1pm, 2-4.30pm
 Wednesday 25 Oct | 10am-1pm, 2-4.30pm
 March Library, City Road, PE15 9LT

Tickets: £3 per session per person (adults), Free (concs*). Suitable for all ages 3yrs and over (under 12s must be accompanied by an adult). [Purchase from Library.](#)

Join Carolyn Ash for fantastic workshops making mosaics for display in March Library. You'll be learning about mosaic techniques and working on with the theme of nature.

There will also be the chance to make a little pebble mosaic as a souvenir of your day.



Photo: Colton Halls

Men In General



Friday 17 Nov | 7pm
 March Library, City Road, PE15 9LT

Tickets: £7 (adults), £4 (concs*)
 Suitable for adults and young people (minimum age 11yrs, under 16s must be accompanied by an adult).

Running Time: 1 hour 30 minutes plus an interval

Men In General mix well-loved songs, à cappella classics with comedy, advice on relationships, fashion, home baking, car parking tricks and the tender side of man. Includes highly interactive flights of fancy. Fast-moving and funny, the show features indoor parachute jumping, a road movie, a painting by Edward Hopper, unusual hobbies, a pub at midnight and mistakes anyone could make.

Men In General are quadruplets separated at birth, recently re-united by a social networking site and now talking & singing Billy Joel, Lou Reed, Red Molly, Meghan Trainor, Tom Jones, The Beach Boys, The Spooky Men's Chorale & many more top lyrics.

"witty chat and lovely, uplifting music"

BBC 5Live Men's Hour

"you're our X-factor"

Lowsonford



Devious Minds



Friday 20 Oct | 7pm

Chatteris Library, 2 Furrowfields Road,
PE16 6DY

Tickets: £7 (adults), £4 (concs*)

Suitable for adults and young people
(recommended age 10+yrs, under 16s
must be accompanied by an adult).

Running Time: 1 hour 30 minutes plus an
interval

Fresh from two national tours and an Edinburgh
run this magic show is a must see for everyone
who likes entertaining magic!

Tim Shoesmith and Dean Maudsley deliver this
polished theatrical show. Shoesmith hits you with
wit and sleight of hand. When you're not laughing
you're asking 'How?' Maudsley tells you it's a con
from the start but by the end you'll believe he
reads minds!



Scenes from a Well-Spent Youth



Friday 3 Nov | 7pm

Chatteris Library, 2 Furrowfields Road,
PE16 6DY

Tickets: £7 (adults), £4 (concs*)

Suitable for adults.

Running Time: 1 hour 20 minutes plus
an interval

A compact musical concert that is a reflective
journey through some great music from one of
pop's most fertile decades.

Featuring songs from 1965-1975 by the likes of
Dusty Springfield, Bob Dylan, Simon & Garfunkel,
The Monkees and many more. Hits by these
famous singers are re-imagined, sometimes in
surprising ways for keyboard and voice.

With stripped back arrangements that let the
tunes shine through, rich and compelling vocals,
and a knack for finding new meanings in familiar
lyrics, Tim creates an atmospheric, absorbing
experience.

*"...beautiful, powerful, emotive voice....
Benton finds the drama"*

Paul Freeman, Pop Culture Classics



Dracula...The Travesty

Saturday 18 Nov | 7pm

Ramsey Library, 25 Great Whyte, PE26 1HG

Tickets: £7 (adults), £4 (concs*)

Suitable for families and adults

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Whitburn Village Hall



Art Workshops with Jane Bower

Saturday 28 Oct | 10am (Family Clay)

Wednesday 22 Nov | 7-9pm (Monoprinting)

Thursday 30 Nov | 7-9pm (Textiles)

Ramsey Library, 25 Great Whyte, PE26 1HG

Tickets: £3 per session per person (adults), Free (concs*). [Purchase from Library.](#)

November sessions suitable for adults and children over 7yrs (under 12s must be accompanied by an adult). Family clay session suitable for 5yrs and over (under 12s must be accompanied by an adult).

Jane Bower is an experienced artist and educator, in this series of exciting workshops you'll have the opportunity to learn new skills and have fun. The family clay session is a chance to explore the properties of clay, create new memories and works of art together. During November you can get in some early Christmas creations exploring mono-printing and textiles techniques in a supportive atmosphere.

You don't need to be an amazing artist or have experience with these materials, just come along and enjoy learning and making.



Daddy's Diaries

SPICE

Friday 20 Oct | 7pm

Yaxley Library, Landsdowne Road, PE7 3JL

Tickets: £7 (adults), £4 (concs*)

Suitable for adults and young people (minimum age 11yrs, under 16s must be accompanied by an adult)

Running Time: 1 hour 40 minutes plus an interval

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Stephen



Jack and the Beans Talk

SPICE

Wednesday 25 Oct (Half Term) | 2pm

Yaxley Library, Landsdowne Road, PE7 3JL

Tickets: £7 (adults), £4 (concs*)

Suitable for ages 3-7yrs (all children must be accompanied by an adult)

Running Time: 45 minutes

Charming and inventive with plenty of interaction, an enormous beanstalk, bags of gold and a smelly old giant. Jack lives on a small farm with his mum and very little to eat.

Imagine his surprise when he swops his cow for some magic beans and starts to hear a whispering in the breeze and a giant rumble in the sky.

Jack and the Beans Talk is a cautionary tale about what might happen if you throw things out of the window!

"We were treated to an amazing feast of puppets with a wonderful mix of slapstick, suspense, audience participation, and high humour"

Walsham Le Willows Village Hall



Three Billy Goats Gruff and Other Furry Tales



Sunday 22 Oct | 2.30pm

St Neots Library, Priory Lane, PE19 2BH

Tickets: £7 (adults), £4 (concs*)

Suitable for ages 3+ (all children must be accompanied by an adult)

Running Time: 1 hour plus an interval

Theatre of Widdershins brings a performance full of fun, fantastic puppets and a wonderful soundtrack. They'll have you huffing and puffing and laughing the house down.

You'll finally have the answer all those perplexing fairytale questions! What really happened between the wolf and his three porky friends? Why was Goldilocks wandering the woods? How did the goats overcome a mighty troll?

"This is an inventive, lively and unusually wonderful piece of theatre for children that parents also find very entertaining"

Scottish Storytelling Centre



Samba Drumming Workshops

Sunday 12 Nov | 2pm

Sunday 19 Nov | 2pm

St Neots Library, Priory Lane, PE19 2BH

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Your chance to **VOLUNTEER** with **THE LIBRARY PRESENTS... ARTS ALIVE**

This is your chance to join us in making these exciting performances come to life! We have opportunities to support with stewarding, marketing and social media, event management, event photography and even some technical support roles. If you have any interest in these areas, please contact Katherine Roberts.

No experience? Feeling nervous? but think you would like to get involved? Babylon Arts our project partners will be providing some crash courses in event management and technical skills for volunteers and our experienced team will support you throughout your role so you can build confidence, new skills and enjoy yourself. We will match appropriate tasks to the skills and availability of each volunteer.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, develop new skills, have fun and support arts events in your community. We are looking for volunteers of all ages to help us with a number of important tasks. Any contribution, big or small, is very much appreciated.

TASKS INCLUDE:

- Marketing and social media
- Event photography
- Setting up library spaces to transform them into venue and workshop spaces
- Helping run the box office at events
- Setting up and running the bar at events
- Supervising workshops
- Packing down after events / workshops
- Supporting acts to bring in and take out their shows
- Collecting audience surveys
- Distributing leaflets & posters to promote activities.



Get in touch: email: katherine.roberts@cambridgeshire.gov.uk | tel: 01223 706779

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Opera Dudes



Spray Can Art Workshops

Keep a look out for our full
Spring programme and ticket
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