

## Derbyshire County Council Library Services for Festivals

**Between the Covers** talks are delivered by enthusiastic library staff who have a love of books and reading and who enjoy talking about, and recommending, good reads for all ages and tastes.

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**Bookpusher Between the Covers.** Can be combined with Between the Covers to provide a range of recommended readings from young people's writing, delivered by young people themselves.

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**Free beginners internet taster sessions.** If you need help in searching the internet or setting up an email address we have library staff who can help.

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**Storytimes for children.** Can be thematic or general, and are suitable for a range of ages. Sometimes these can be combined with a craft.

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**Story, Rhythm & Rhyme.** Interactive songs and rhymes for pre-school children. Contact [Julie.Potton@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Potton@derbyshire.gov.uk)

**Bag Books.** Interactive, tactile stories, told through words and objects. Suitable for adults and children with disabilities or learning needs.

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**Library stall promoting reading and the services available from the library.** Sometimes these will have special promotions such as the Summer Reading Challenge, Family Learning week, etc.

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**Use of library spaces.** Several libraries have Learning & Training Centres or Meeting Rooms which can be used to stage events and activities. In addition, Chesterfield Library has a 190 seat tiered theatre which can be used for performances, talks and meetings. Contact [Martyn.Shaw@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Martyn.Shaw@derbyshire.gov.uk)

**Talks on archives and local studies.** Archivists and local studies librarians can offer a range of talks, workshops and displays aimed at both adults and children. Possible topics include:

- Introductions to Derbyshire Record Office and Local Studies Library
- Preserving Your Past – preservation of your archives at home
- Family and local history
- The history of your house

- Displays of documents and photographs telling the story of your area
- Children’s craft and story writing sessions
- Creative writing sessions for adults, using original archive material to inspire creative writing (in partnership with professional writers)
- Archives Aloud:
  - ‘Voices from the Front’ – Voices of those who served during the First World War are brought to life using original archive material. Letters and diary entries are read aloud and participants are encouraged to bring along their own family papers and share their story
  - ‘Upstairs, Downstairs’ – Derbyshire voices of those who lived and worked “above” and “below” stairs are brought to life using original archive material. Letters and diary entries are read aloud, participants are encouraged to bring along their own family papers and share their story

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**Picture the Past.** This project aims to conserve and make accessible the photographic heritage of the North East Midlands [www.picturethepast.org.uk](http://www.picturethepast.org.uk). The Picture the Past team can:

- Provide a talk on the project
- Offer expert advice on what you can do with digital images
- Create a slideshow of historical images from a particular area of Derbyshire
- Offer people the opportunity to bring along their own photographs to be captured and added to the collection on site

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