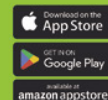


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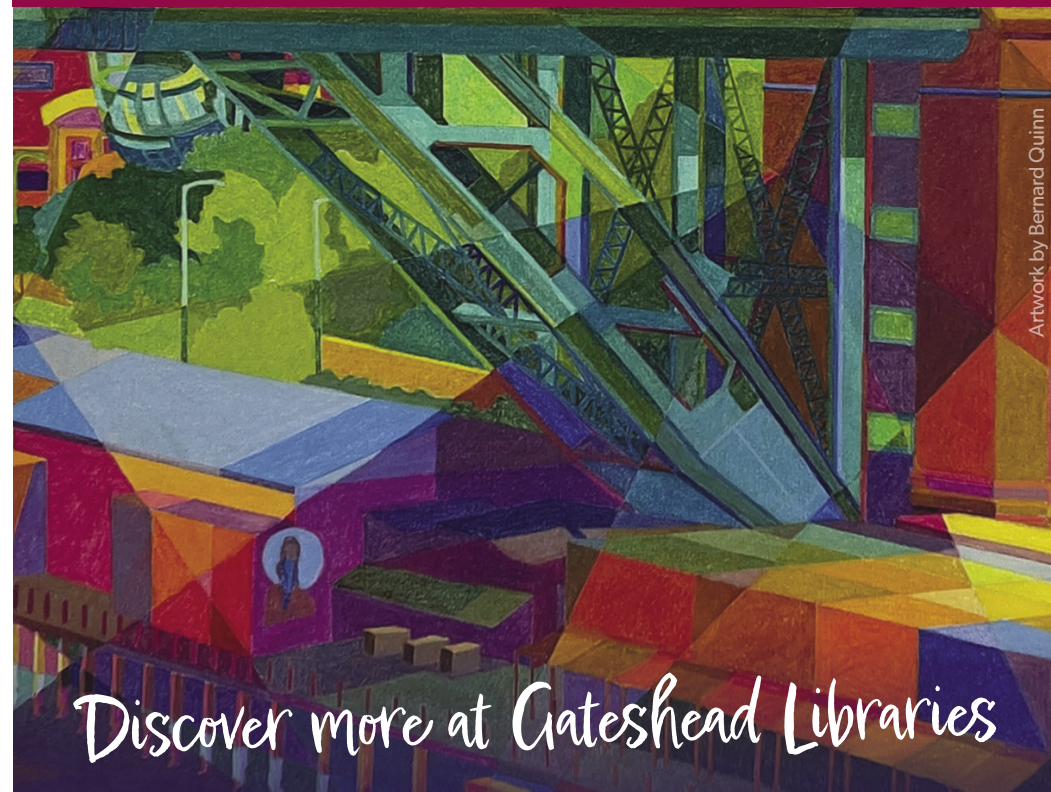


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June - September 2025



Refurbishments

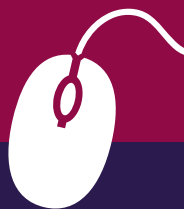


Our refurbishment of Blaydon Library has started and, at the time of going to print, we expect it will reopen in August. We look forward to welcoming you to our improved space when it's finished.

For more details, please check Gateshead Libraries social media for further announcements



Booking online



It's now even easier to book an event from Gateshead Live with our new online booking system and events listings page at:

www.gatesheadlibraries.com

For more details of all the ways you can book please see page 5.

Welcome to Live!

Gateshead Live is your handy brochure covering all our libraries, arts and heritage events across the borough. This edition covers everything throughout June to September- there's so much for you to look forward to!

Join us for a summer packed with creative workshops, heritage and nature walks, talks from authors, local historians and published poets. As well as our regular groups and sessions, there is a new monthly Saturday Art Club for young people aged 10–16 years old, we'll be celebrating this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden, in all our libraries. You can try our Maker Fairground workshops with the Digital Team or take a walk with a group or go exploring yourself with one of our Emerald Explorers backpacks. If you're retired and want to try some creative skills, why not join Gateshead Art Diamonds?

There is something for everyone, so come along to Gateshead Libraries and discover more!

Important information

Children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult at all events.

For details about ease of access, please contact the appropriate venue.

All tickets for our events are kept at a low cost or free because they are subsidised with funding from Gateshead Council and external partners. All events and workshops for the Art Diamonds and Emerald Explorers programme are supported by HM Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. If the price of an activity is a barrier to you or your family, please get in touch as we can often give a free ticket. Email: libraries@gateshead.gov.uk or telephone 0191 433 8420.

Our events are for everyone!

If you have any additional needs, we will do our best to support you to enjoy our events. Please get in touch in advance if you have any special requirements and need some help. We can offer a free place for a carer to attend an event with you.

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Venues

Gateshead Central Library

Prince Consort Rd, Gateshead,
NE8 4LN 0191 433 8420

Blaydon Library

Wesley Court, Blaydon, NE21 5BT
0191 433 6201

Birtley Library

Durham Road, Birtley, DH3 1LE
0191 433 6101

Chopwell Library

Derwent Street, Chopwell, NE17 7HS
01207 561379

Crawcrook Library

Main Street, Crawcrook, NE40 4NB
0191 433 8364

Leam Lane Library

129 Cotemedede, Leam Lane Estate,
NE10 8QH 0191 433 6428

Pelaw Library

Joicey Street, Pelaw, NE10 0QS
0191 433 6409

Shipley Art Gallery

Prince Consort Rd, Gateshead,
NE8 4JB 0191 477 1495
shipleyartgallery.org.uk

Some of our venues are available for hire, contact venue for details.

How to book a ticket for an event:

Unless otherwise stated, please use our new online booking
system at: www.gatesheadlibraries.com

If you're not able to book online, you can book in person
at Gateshead Central Library or call **0191 433 8420** and a
member of staff will call you on our secure payments line.



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GIFT: In a Strange Place by Mia & Eric

Saturday 26 April - Saturday 28 June

The Gallery, Gateshead Central Library during library opening hours



Presented in partnership with GIFT - Gateshead International Festival of Theatre, In a Strange Place is a meditative 9-channel video installation and social engagement project that delves into the future of our forests and those who care for them. Born out of a multi-year, international research and engagement process with communities in England, Germany, and Norway, In a Strange Place features 150 foresters, ecologists, activists, conservationists and land keepers performing abstract, slow-motion 'dances' in the woods. These improvised choreographies are reflections of the participant's care work, their connection to their local forest, and their role in an uncertain multi-species future.

Mia Rushton and Eric Moschopedis are a interdisciplinary artist team from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Eric has a background in theatre and performance and Mia has a background in craft, printmaking and the visual arts. Together, they create long-term research and community engagement processes that lead to socially engaged exhibitions, performances, temporary public art, participatory works, interventions, and publications. Suitable for all ages.

Free - Just turn up

Vinted for Beginners

Tuesday 3 June, 10am - 11.30am
Chopwell Library

A beginner's guide to Vinted. Find out how to make money from your unloved items or source pre-loved treasures. All resources provided.

Adults only.

Free - Pre-booking essential



Secrets of The Toffee Factory Girls

Tuesday 3 June, 2pm - 3pm
Birtley Library

Join bestselling author Glenda Young for a talk on her new book, Secrets of The Toffee Factory Girls, inspired by Horner's toffee factory and Dainty Dinah toffee of Chester-le-Street. The second in The Toffee Factory trilogy, this story is set during WWI when sugar rationing hits and the factory is in jeopardy. Adults only.

£2 - Pay cash at venue. Just turn up

Reading Ramblers

Thursdays: 5, 12, 19, 26 June & 3 July
1pm - 2.30pm
Chopwell Wood

Join us to take a book for a walk in the woods! Listen to e-audiobooks and share stories and poems while enjoying a guided walk around Chopwell Wood with a ranger from Forestry England. Then, regroup for a cuppa and a chat with the Reading for Wellbeing team in the forest classroom. Adults only.

Free - Pre-booking essential



Crafternoon: Hug in a Pocket

Thursday 5 June, 2pm - 3pm
Chopwell Library

Hand stitch a heart shaped hug and add a personal message. Adults only.

£2 - Pre-booking essential

Time for a Cuppa - Coffee Morning

Friday 6 June, 10am - 12pm
Gateshead Central Library

Join the Friends of Gateshead Central Library to catch up with a cuppa and cake in support of Dementia UK. The money raised will go towards helping families facing dementia. Suitable for all ages.

Free - Just turn up
Donations to Dementia UK for refreshments



Crafternoon: Victorian Puzzle Purses

Friday 6 June, 2pm - 3pm
Crawcrook Library

In the past, puzzle purses were used to deliver love messages and tokens within their folds. Make one in this session for a fun way to present private messages and unexpected treats. Adults only.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



Maker Garden: Great To Be Green Coding

Saturday 7 June, 10.30am - 11.30am
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Celebrate 'Great Big Green Week' with us and learn more about wildlife where you live and elsewhere, then code some fun, planet-friendly projects. For ages 7 - 12 years.

Free - Pre-booking essential



Crafternoon: Lemon Coasters

Monday 9 June, 2pm - 3.30pm
Leam Lane Library

Design some show-stopping table accessories with these easy-to-make lemon coasters. Rest your drink of choice on these wonderful homemade creations. Adults only.

£3 - Pre-booking essential

TYNE DERWENT WAY

Visit Dunston Staiths this summer

First Saturday of the month, 10am - 2pm:

Saturday 3rd May

Saturday 7th June

Saturday 5th July

Saturday 2nd August

Saturday 6th September

£3 entry or bring an official letter/bill with an NE8 or NE11 postcode and get in for free.

Plus bonus openings and events:

Sat 17th May: 6pm - dusk (Late Shows)

Sat 13th September: 10am - 2pm (Heritage Open Days)



For more events and opportunities to volunteer along the Tyne Derwent Way visit: www.tynederwentway.co.uk

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Chopwell Lockout Centenary

We are commemorating 100 years since the Chopwell Lockout when miners working at the pits owned by the Consett Iron Company at Chopwell were locked out in June 1925 after refusing to accept a pay cut. The General Strike of May 1926 followed, resulting in miners and their families experiencing extreme hardship as they remained on strike for many long months.

Chopwell Vintage Coasters

Tuesday 10 June, 10.30am - 12pm
Chopwell Library

Choose your favourite photos of Chopwell and the surrounding area from Gateshead Archive and learn how to transfer them onto a ceramic coaster. Adults only.

£5 - Pre-booking essential



Banner Bingo

Monday 23 June - Saturday 19 July
During library opening hours
Chopwell Library

Take part in the hunt around the library for images from the Chopwell Miners' Banner. Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up

Protest Badges

Monday 23 June - Saturday 19 July
During library opening hours
Chopwell Library

Badges have always been used to make a statement. To commemorate the anniversary of the Chopwell Lockout, why not design your own? Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up



Commemorative Mugs

Saturday 19 July, 10.30am - 12pm
Chopwell Library

Decorate a mug to commemorate the anniversary of the Chopwell Lockout using photos and images from Gateshead Archive. Suitable for families.

£5 per mug. Pre-booking essential

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Gateshead Central Library Gift Shop

Visit the Central Library gift shop for beautiful gifts and cards to celebrate a special day or simply treat yourself.

We also have a great range of local history books too!



Shipley Art Gallery: Crafty Kids

Every Tuesday during term time
3, 10, 24 June
8, 15 July
9, 16, 23 September
10.30am - 11.30am
Shipley Art Gallery

A fun-filled one hour session led by our friendly Early Years specialist. Each session is based around a theme found in the artworks, such as colour, texture, line, and animals, which are designed for children aged 2 - 5 years. Discover the gallery with your little ones and support their early development in a fun and relaxed way. In these sessions, families will discover the artworks, get creative with a range of art materials, and explore the gallery together. There will be stories, songs, and fun creative activities - all designed to actively engage pre-schoolers with the gallery. Suitable for children aged 2 - 5.

£3 per child
(plus booking fee)
Scan QR code for more details and to book



A Morning Walk Around Gateshead

Wednesday 11 June and Wednesday 10 September, 10am - 11.30am
Meet at Gateshead Archive reception, Gateshead Central Library

Join Archive staff for a sociable walk around the local area. We will explore a neighbourhood close to the library to discover the hidden heritage on our doorstep. You can learn something new and meet like-minded people. The walk is approximately 90 minutes. Sturdy, footwear and waterproofs are recommended. Adults only.

Free - Pre-booking essential
Call 0191 433 8420 or email: alisonlangley@gateshead.gov.uk



British Heart Week: Blood Pressure Checks

Wednesday 11 and Friday 13 June, 10am - 1pm
Gateshead Central Library

Come along to the library during British Heart Week for a free blood pressure check with staff from Prince Consort Road Pharmacy. There will also be heart health information available from organisations which you can contact for support. For adults aged 40+.

Free - Just turn up



Be Appy

Thursday 12 June
10am - 12pm, Chopwell Library
2pm - 4pm, Crawcrook Library

Find out more about free apps such as BorrowBox to access free e-books, newspapers and magazines; using the NHS app; photo editing and much more. Bring a smart device or try one of ours. All of our libraries have free wi-fi. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up



Vane: Voices of Pride

Thursday 12 June - Saturday 5 July
Vane, Orbis Community, 65 High Street, Gateshead, NE8 2AP
Wednesday - Saturday, 12pm - 5pm

Marking global Pride month in June, this exhibition brings together a vibrant and diverse selection of work by LGBTQ+ artists working in the North East. It is part of the Clifford Chance Arcus Pride Art 2025 exhibition, one of the largest corporate supported exhibitions of artworks by LGBTQ+ and supporter artists taking place across the law firm's global network each year. Suitable for all ages.

Free - Just turn up

Emerald Explorers: Backpack Drop-in Workshop with Elizabeth Kane



Saturday 14 June, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Birtley Library

Find out more about what's inside these fabulous backpacks, have a go at some of the creative prompts and chat to Elizabeth Kane, one of the artists who shaped these mindful activities. Emerald Explorers is supported by HM Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Suitable for all ages.

Free - Just turn up



Dragon Crafts

Saturday 14 June, 10.30am - 12pm
Crawcrook Library

Celebrate Cressida Cowell's How to Train Your Dragon series with some dragon-themed crafts and activities. For ages 6 - 10 years.

Free - Pre-booking essential

Poetry Reading Group with Aaron Wright

Monday 16 June, 2pm – 3pm
Gateshead Central Library

Experience the zany world of international poet Aaron Wright and his accomplice Erasmus Croc. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up
Donations welcome for refreshments



Words by the Water

Wednesday 18 June, 10.30am - 11.30am
Meet outside of Gateshead Civic Centre (main entrance facing Regent Terrace, NE8 1HH)

Join us for a wellbeing walk of approximately 45 minutes, (1.5 - 2 miles), with stops for spoken word along the way. Please wear suitable shoes and clothing and bring a drink. Adults only.

Free - Pre-booking essential



Miffy is 70!

Wednesday 18 June,
10.30am – 11am, Leam Lane Library
Friday 20 June,
10am – 10.30am, Pelaw Library
10.30am – 11am, Birtley Library

We'll be celebrating Miffy's 70th birthday with stories and crafts in our Storytime sessions. Suitable for families with young children.

Free - Just turn up



History of the Hoppings

Thursday 19 June, 2pm - 3pm
Birtley Library

Roll up! Roll up! Enjoy all the fun of the fair. Join library staff and hear about the history and our enduring love of the spills and thrills of The Hoppings. Adults only.

Free - Pre-booking essential

Room hire at Gateshead Central Library



Looking for a meeting space? Gateshead Central Library offers purpose-built and flexible rooms, from small spaces for one-to-one interviews to a venue large enough for talks, workshops and corporate presentations.

- Accessible
- Competitively priced
- On-site cafe
- Close to local transport links
- Car parking (restrictions apply)
- Free Wi-Fi

For more information on availability and hire fees, please contact:
privatehires@gateshead.gov.uk

Art Diamonds: Play with Charcoal with Dr Narbi Price



Friday 20 June, 1.30pm - 4pm
Gateshead Central Library

If you are retired and you'd like to have a try at different drawing styles and materials, join award-winning artist Dr Narbi Price for this session exploring the painterly potential of charcoal. You will explore the wide range of possibilities and techniques for picture-making with this most ancient of mediums. All materials will be provided. Please don't wear white! Retired adults only.

£5 - Pre-booking essential





Be inspired by Nature with Emerald Explorers

Our Emerald Explorer backpacks contain ideas and activities created by artists and inspired by nature. You can use them to explore the outdoors, find inspiration and try different creative activities with all the materials provided. Just like a book, you can borrow a backpack for three weeks and we have versions for families as well as adults. They are available from Gateshead Central Library, Birtley Library, Pelaw Library, Crawcrook Library and Blaydon Library.

Come along to a drop-in session in June (see page 13) or September (see page 49) to find out more.

Emerald Explorers is supported using public funding by HM Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund



Shipley Art Gallery Make & Buy: A Celebration of Craft

Saturday 21 June, 11am - 3pm
Shipley Art Gallery

Make & Buy is a celebration of craft at the Shipley Art Gallery. Local artists and makers will be selling affordable handmade items at this craft market. There will also be hands-on creative activities suitable for all ages. Enjoy sweet and savoury baked goods and hot drinks from Urban Bakery. Suitable for all ages.

Free - Just turn up



Archives Unboxed

Saturday 21 June, 10am - 12pm
Gateshead Archive, Gateshead Central Library

We hold hundreds of boxes of historical records in our Archive and each one gives a glimpse into the past. We will showcase one record and a member of the team will be available to explain its history and importance for Gateshead. This session will highlight part of the Tom Marshall Collection. Adults only.

Free - Pre-booking essential

Dr Scooter

Saturday 21 June, 10am - 1pm
(last scooter drop off at 1pm)
Gateshead Central Library

Come along for a free scooter check from the Birtley Active Travel Centre team. Bring your scooter to the library for a basic check and any minor repairs needed will be free of charge. Please note we cannot accept e-scooters. For more information about the Birtley Active Travel Centre and their work, contact Andrea on 07708 835 202/ andrea.lopez-alba@sustrans.org.uk

Free - Just turn up



Saturday Morning Craft Club: Miffy at 70

Saturday 21 June, 10.30am - 12pm
Birtley Library

It's Miffy's 70th birthday! Celebrate with crafts of everyone's favourite bunny, created by Dick Bruna. Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up



Emerald Explorers: Saturday Art Club



Saturday 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 10.30am - 12.30pm
Gateshead Central Library

Are you aged 10 - 16 years old and like art? Join our new monthly art club at Gateshead Central Library for all those young artists wanting to develop their creative skills, be inspired by artists, and meet new people. Each session will be led by a different artist who will share their knowledge and techniques so you can develop yours.

21 June - Zines and badge making with Mack Sproates

19 July - Illustration and capturing wildlife with Sofia Barton

16 August - Drypoint printing with Pui Lee

20 September - Experimental Drawing with Paul Merrick

Book one session or why not come every month to further your artistic talent?

£5 per workshop - Pre-booking essential

If you need help with the cost of a workshop we have a number of free places.
Please contact arts@gateshead.gov.uk

Make Music Day

Saturday 21 June, 10.30am - 12pm
Gateshead Central Library

Celebrate International Make Music Day with us and make some noise in the library! Get creative and make your own instruments from simple items like tin cans, elastic bands and paper plates. You can play together to create your own music or a soundtrack to a story. For ages 6 - 11 years old.

Free - Pre-booking essential



Vinted for Beginners

Monday 23 June, 2pm - 3.30pm
Pelaw Library

A beginner's guide to Vinted. Find out how to make money from your unloved items or source pre-loved treasures. All resources provided. Adults only.

Free - Pre-booking essential

MakerPlace Workshop: Art Inspired for Adults

Thursday 26 June, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Create your own art inspired designs and learn more about AI (Artificial Intelligence) generated images with Canva. Have your designs heat transferred on to a t-shirt or tote bag. Skills in using a computer mouse to click and drag images are essential. For ages 16+

£8 - Pre-booking essential



Blaydon Burn Discovery Walk

Friday 27 June, 11am - 1.30pm
Meet outside the Black Bull Pub, Blaydon, NE21 4JJ

Join City Guide Tony Stephenson to find out about the industrial past of Blaydon Burn, sites of water mills and Joseph Cowen's mines, brickworks and much more. Please allow 2 - 2.5 hours and wear shoes or boots suitable for uneven ground and inclines. Sorry, support dogs only are allowed. Suitable for ages 16+

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Emerald Explorers: Painting Trees with Katherine Rodger



Saturday 28 June
10.30am - 1pm
Saltwell Towers, Saltwell Park

Join artist Katherine Rodger for this workshop about techniques and simple skills for painting trees. Starting with quick sketches and photos outdoors (weather permitting) and then moving indoors to paint from photos, sketches and views from the windows. We'll paint on pre-prepared surfaces, (bright coloured ground) using acrylics. The aim will be to capture both the beauty of trees and the effects of light through branches and foliage. For ages 14+

£10 - Pre-booking essential

Join our Anime Club

Are you aged 12 - 17 and an anime fan? Then why don't you join our Anime Club?

Watch anime, chat about your favourite shows and manga and enjoy anime inspired and Japanese crafts with snacks! You can also help plan our events and gain some great work experience to put on your CV and meet people with similar interests.

For more information email:
animeattacks@gmail.com



River Team - 10,000 Years of History

Tuesday 1 July, 2pm - 3pm
Birtley Library

Birtley Heritage Group presents an illustrated talk with Gordon Scorer, who will weave a tale along the River Team from the Ice Age to the present day. Adults only.

£3 - Pay cash at venue. Just turn up
(proceeds to Birtley Heritage Group)



Crafternoon: Paper Gift Boxes and Bags

Thursday 3 July, 2pm - 3pm
Chopwell Library

Create a folded box and bag from paper that can be used to gift small objects and treats. Adults only.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



Crafternoon: Crepe Paper Flowers

Friday 4 July, 2pm - 3.30pm
Birtley Library

Learn to make these stunning crepe paper handcrafted flowers. Take away a beautiful bouquet to proudly display in your home. Adults only.

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Crafternoon: Quilted Paper Cards

Friday 4 July, 2pm - 3pm
Crawcrook Library

Turn your leftover paper scraps into a unique quilt-effect card. Adults only.

£2 - Pre-booking essential

MakerPlace Introductory Sessions

Find out how you can become a MakerPlace member and use our digital fabrication equipment on your own. These sessions cover how to prepare your files and use our equipment safely. **Please note:** you must be able to use a keyboard and mouse confidently to attend these sessions.

Introduction to Heat Transfer Printing

Tuesday 24 June, 2pm - 4pm
Wednesday 3 September, 10am - 12pm

Sign up for this session, become a MakerPlace member and learn the basics of design software Canva and the sublimation / ink infusion process. This session will also cover the safe use of the sublimation printer and heat press and how to use them on your own. Adults only.

£8 - Pre-booking essential

Introduction to Digital Cutting with Cricut

Thursday 3 July, 10am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 6 August, 10am - 12.30pm
Thursday 18 September, 10am - 12.30pm

Do you want to use digital cutters? Sign up for this session, become a MakerPlace member and learn the basics of digital design with Cricut Design Space. You'll also learn how to use our equipment safely on your own. Adults only.

£8 - Pre-booking essential

Intro to Laser Cutting: Personalised Coaster

Wednesday 9 July, 2pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday 2 September, 2pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday 30 September, 10am - 12.30pm

Are you interested in using our laser cutter? Sign up for this session, become a MakerPlace member and learn the basics of design software Inkscape. You'll also learn how to use our equipment safely on your own. Adults only.

£8 - Pre-booking essential

Introduction to 3D Printing: Personalised Keyring

Tuesday 15 July, 10am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 27 August, 2pm - 4.30pm

Want to know more about using 3D printers? Sign up for this session, become a MakerPlace member and learn the basics of 3D design. You'll also learn how to use our equipment safely on your own. Adults only.

£8 - Pre-booking essential

Discover more
at MakerPlace



MakerPlace Families: Art Inspired Workshop

Saturday 5 July, 10am - 12pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Celebrate Children's Art Week with us and create your own art inspired designs and learn more about AI (Artificial Intelligence) generated images with Canva. Have your designs heat transferred on to a t-shirt or tote bag. Skills in using a computer mouse to click and drag images are essential. For ages 8 - 15 years.

£8 - Pre-booking essential



Picasso Inspired Face Masks

Saturday 5 July, 10.30am - 11.30am, Crawcrook Library
10.30am - 11.30am, Birtley Library

Celebrating Children's Art Week and encouraging creativity. Create an effective cardboard Picasso-style face mask or self-portrait. Suitable for families.

Free - Pre-booking essential

Historic Maps

Saturday 5 July, 11am - 12pm
Gateshead Central Library

Find out about our collection of historic Ordnance Survey maps of Gateshead Borough, how to find and use them, and what they can tell you about the past. Which local streets and features have survived, and which have been lost to history? Suitable for ages 16+

Free - Pre-booking essential



Vinted for Beginners

Monday 7 July, 10am - 11.30am
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

A beginner's guide to Vinted. Find out how to make money from your unloved items or source pre-loved treasures. All resources provided. Adults only.

Free - Pre-booking essential





Welcome to Story Garden! Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Saturday 5 July - Saturday 6 September during library opening hours
Gateshead Central Library, Birtley, Crawcrook, Chopwell, Leam Lane, Blaydon* and Wrekenton libraries.

Explore the magical world of storytelling in Story Garden, the theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Collect stickers to keep track of your summer reading when you attend library events or you try some different books.

As part of our launch for Story Garden this year, you are invited to design your own Story Garden-themed t-shirt on paper and the winning design will be made into your very own Story Garden themed t-shirt at the end of this year's challenge.

(*Blaydon Library is being refurbished in the summer and will be participating in the Summer Reading Challenge during the summer holidays when the library re-opens in August).

Suitable for children aged up to 12 years.

Free - Just turn up

Where Have They Gone? An Audience with Susan Willis

Monday 7 July, 2pm - 3pm
Birtley Library

Amateur sleuth Faye Chambers and her spaniel, Alfie, travel to Birtley to help a friend find her missing parents. Local author Susan Willis weaves the trail of her latest crime novel through Birtley, Saltwell Park and Beamish Museum. Can Faye solve the crime before time runs out? Join Susan for a chat about her book and hear some readings. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up



Heritage Walk: Who Were the Birtley Belgians?

Tuesday 8 July, 10am - 12pm
Meet at Birtley Library

The Birtley Belgians had their own self-contained village in Birtley. With members of Birtley Heritage Group, see the sites where there used to be shops, the church, hospital, school and a cemetery. This walk will take around 1.5 hours. Please wear suitable clothing and shoes. Suitable for ages 16+

£3 - Pre-booking essential

Railways & Riverside Walk

Wednesday 9 July, 10am - 11.30am
The Glasshouse International Centre for Music, St Mary's Square, NE8 2JR

Meeting at the west sidedoor of The Glasshouse (facing St Mary's Heritage Centre) and finishing at the Gateshead side of the Swing Bridge. Discover how early railways, industries and bridges have now been joined by modern art and what The Glasshouse car park was originally used for! Adults only.

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Scandi-Inspired Fabric Collage Workshop with Ali Wilkes



Thursday 10 July, 6pm - 8pm
Crawcrook Library

Design your very own Scandi-inspired fabric using vibrant disperse dyes. Use hand-painted paper to form a beautiful collage that will be transferred onto fabric through heat pressing. By the end of the session, you'll take away multiple fabric pieces featuring your designs - perfect for gifts, framing, or even as the base for an embroidery project. The possibilities are endless! Adults only.

£10 - Pre-booking essential



Pursued by Bulldozers - An exhibition by Charlie Rogers

Saturday 12 July – Saturday 27 September, open during normal library hours
The Gallery, Gateshead Central Library

"I feel like I have spent much of my career pursued by bulldozers" Charlie Rogers

United by seven iconic bridges across a bustling quayside, Newcastle and Gateshead has been a source of inspiration for many local artists including Charlie Rogers. Charlie was a self-taught artist who lived close to Gateshead Central Library, exhibiting in the gallery many times during the 60 years that he painted. He had a unique style and character in his work which captured his love of the streets and back lanes of Tyneside and the areas near the library including the Shipley Art Gallery and Saltwell Park. This exhibition will showcase a selection of paintings, watercolours and sketches, including some artworks that have recently been discovered.

Local gallery owner Brian Rankin's new book 'Pursued by Bulldozers' documents the life, influences and art career of Charlie Rogers and will be available for sale during the exhibition. Brian has co-curated this exhibition, with support from the artist's family to ensure Charlie's legacy lives on. It will provide future generations with a record of the social, economic and industrial landscape of Northern England during the second half of the 20th century.

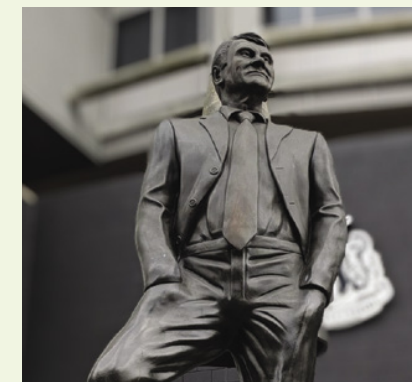
Free - Just turn up

Crafternoon: Lovely Luminaries

Monday 14 July, 2pm - 3.30pm
Leam Lane Library

Using glue and napkins, design your own gorgeous lantern. Ideal for those summer evenings in the garden.
 Adults only.

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Sir Bobby Robson

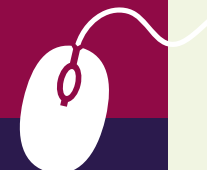
Thursday 17 July, 5.45pm - 7pm
Birtley Library

Sir Bobby Robson was one of football's most inspirational and influential figures. Join us for another of our ever-popular football-themed talks with half time Bovril and a quiz.
 Adults only.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



Booking online



It's now even easier to book an event from Gateshead Live with our new online booking system and events listings page at:

www.gatesheadlibraries.com

For more details of all the ways you can book please see page 5.

Artdiamonds



Are you retired, would like to be more creative and meet people?

Gateshead Art Diamonds is a programme of creative activities for anyone who is retired. We deliver a wide range of subsidised and free workshops led by experienced artists, including printmaking, painting, drawing, creative writing, sculpture, wellbeing walks, ceramics, collage and textiles. We have over 300 members aged 60 - 89 years old. You might be an absolute beginner or perhaps you would like to develop a creative skill. It's all about being up for having a go!

All the workshops are friendly and welcoming and a great way to meet new people. We also arrange trips to exhibitions and artist workshops and members receive monthly bulletins with forthcoming workshops and events so you can keep up to date with what's on. For anyone who might not be able to get out and about easily, we can deliver Art Diamonds 'Art at Home' packs and we send out a quarterly newsletter with examples of work our Art Diamonds have created in workshops or at home.

Signing up is quick and easy and membership is free! For further information contact Colleen Dewing on: 0191 433 5014 or email: colleendewing@gateshead.gov.uk

Arts Diamonds is supported by HM Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund

MakerPlace Workshop: Laser Engraved Slate Coasters

Thursday 17 July, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Learn the basics of Inkscape to design personalised slate coasters using images and text to be engraved on the laser cutter. Skills in using a computer mouse to click and drag images are essential. For ages 16+

£8 - Pre-booking essential



Maker Garden: Laser Cut Planters

Monday 21 July, 10am - 12pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Get involved in the Big Butterfly Count this year! If you love butterflies as much as we do, come and make your own butterfly-friendly laser cut plant holder. Put your own colourful plant in the stand and start counting the visiting butterflies. For ages 7 - 14 years.

£6 - Pre-booking essential



Poetry Reading Group with Peter Sagar

Monday 21 July, 2pm - 3pm
Gateshead Central Library

Peter will be entertaining us with poetry and songs with a distinctive North East heritage flavour. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up



Pop-Up MakerPlace: Notable Notebooks

Tuesday 22 July, 10am - 11.30am
Crawcrook Library

Use some of our MakerPlace equipment to design and create your own notebook cover using Canva and heat transfer. For ages 8 - 14 years.

£6 - Pre-booking essential

Diamond Art Bookmarks

Tuesday 22 July, 10.30am - 12pm
Gateshead Central Library

Come along to this fun introduction to Diamond Art and get creative and make your own bookmark. No experience needed and all materials provided. For ages 8 - 12 years.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



Heritage Walk: Heworth to the Angel of the North

Tuesday 22 July, starts 10.30am, due to finish by approximately 3.15pm
Meet at Heworth Metro Station

Using a map from 1895, we explore the area between Heworth and where the Angel of the North now stands. We'll walk past former wagonways, railways, collieries, quarries and a Roman road with stories of tragedies and love affairs, death and disease. As this is a linear walk we will return by bus and Metro from the Angel of the North. The walk is about 6 miles long and includes hills. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing and bring a packed lunch and a drink. Suitable for ages 16+

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Story Garden: Dream Catcher

Tuesday 22 July, 2pm - 3pm
Pelaw Library

Design your very own fabulous dream catcher made from a cardboard ring. Use a variety of materials to embellish your creation. Suitable for 8 - 12 years.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



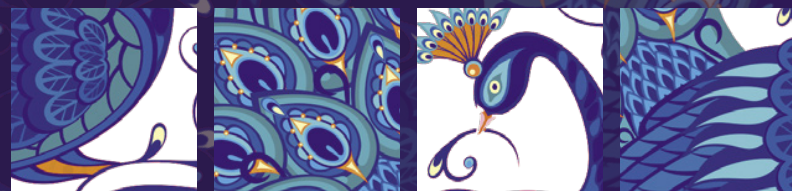
Story Garden: Fairy and Troll Doors

Wednesday 23 July, 10am - 11am
Birtley Library

Decorate your own magical door to put in your garden or in the woods. Embellish with a variety of materials from our craft box. Suitable for ages 5+

£2 - Pre-booking essential

GEMARTS MASALA FESTIVAL



GemArts award winning Masala Festival is back from 14th - 20th July celebrating a mix and blend of the finest South Asian Arts and Culture, packed full of performances, exhibitions, events, workshops, talks, pop ups and delicious Indian food in venues, places and spaces across the North East.

For full programme details visit: www.gemarts.org



GEMARTS

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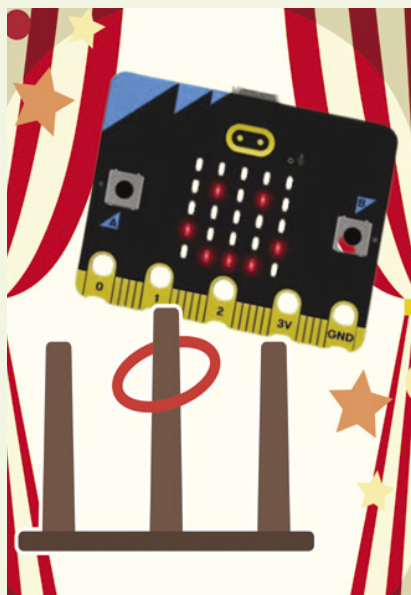
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Libraries**

Maker Fairground: Code Carnival Games

Wednesday 23 July
10am - 11.30am and 2pm - 3.30pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Have some fairground fun! Craft some carnival games, make them interactive with coding and try them out! What will you make? For ages 7 - 12 years.

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Brilliant Box Crafts: Theatre In a Box

Thursday 24 July,
10.30am - 11.30am, Leam Lane Library
Tuesday 26 August,
10.30am - 11.30am, Pelaw Library

Build your own box theatre using our craft materials. Take it home and put on a show! Suitable for ages 5+

Free - Just turn up

Things with Wings

Thursday 24 July, 10.30am - 11.30am
Chopwell Library

Try your hand at some STEM challenges to create some amazing flying things! For ages 5 - 10 years.

Free - Pre-booking essential



Story Garden Picnic

Thursday 24 July, 10am - 1pm
Gateshead Central Library

Celebrate the end of National Picnic Month and the start of the Summer Reading Challenge with this lovely family event, making the most of nature and the outdoors. We'll have stories and crafts inside and out, and you can drop into the MakerPlace for fun with Beebots and Code-a-pillars. Bring your own picnic to enjoy in our library garden. Suitable for all the family. Please note some MakerPlace activities are only suitable for ages 4+

Free - Just turn up



Friends of Gateshead Central Library

**A friendly group that support
the events and activities at
Gateshead Central Library.**

Come along and support the library by helping out at author events, coffee mornings and lots more. You could make new friends and enjoy being involved with community and cultural activities in your local area.

**Everyone is welcome to
join and it's free!**

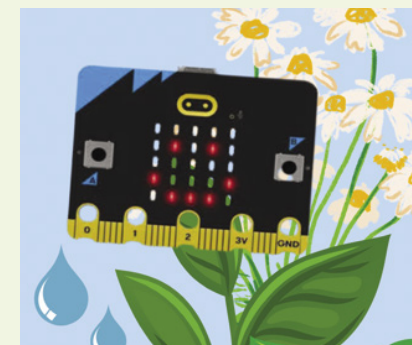
For more information contact:
kathmilne@gateshead.gov.uk

Maker Garden: Thirsty Plants

Friday 25 July, 10am - 11.30am
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Find out how to keep your plant happy and healthy using coding and science. Using our sensor kits and Micro:bits, your plant can tell you how it's feeling. Take your well-watered plant home with you! For ages 8 - 15 years.

£5 - Pre-booking essential



Be Smurfed Craft Morning

Friday 25 July, 10.30am - 11.30am
Crawcrook Library

Join us for a fun-filled craft morning celebrating all things blue! For ages 5 - 10 years.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



Story Garden: Percy the Park Keeper

Monday 28 July, 10.30am - 11.30am
at Leam Lane Library
Thursday 31 July,
2pm - 3pm at Pelaw Library
Thursday 28 August,
2pm - 3pm at Birtley Library

Percy the Park Keeper is having fun with his animals on a windy day. Create your own characters from these much-loved books by Nick Butterworth and watch them fly in our wind tunnel. Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up



Maker Fairground: 3D Printed Hook a Duck

Tuesday 29 July, 2pm - 3.30pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Use Meshmixer 3D software to create your own crazy hook a duck design. For ages 8 – 14 years.

£3 - Pre-booking essential

What's That Bird? What's That Tree?

Tuesday 29 July, 10am - 11.30am
Gateshead Central Library

Visit our library garden and see how to use apps, books and keys to identify birds and trees. We'll listen to birdsong, and look at the leaves, bark and shape of trees to identify them. We'll also find out how old some of the trees are – have any of them been here longer than the library?

Family activity suitable for ages 8+

Free - Pre-booking essential



MakerPlace Workshop: Photobooth Notebooks

Wednesday 30 July, 10am - 11.30am
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Celebrate National Friendship Day and create your own personalised design on Canva photobooth-style, then heat transfer it onto a notebook. Use your own photos or take new ones with our green screen. For ages 12 - 15 years.

£6 - Pre-booking essential

Summer Stories

Every Wednesday 30 July - 27
August, 9.30am - 10.15am
Crawcrook Library

Stories and simple crafts for your little ones. Suitable for under 5s.

Free - Just turn up



Bucket Hats

Thursday 31 July, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Birtley Library

Gather your friends together and get holiday-ready with these super cool bucket hats. Create your own design to impress and stand out from the crowd. Suitable for ages 8+

£6 - Pre-booking essential



Butterfly Crafts

Thursday 31 July, 10.30am - 11.30am
Chopwell Library

Take part in the Big Butterfly Count and make a flapping butterfly and other butterfly themed crafts. For ages 5 - 10 years.

Free - Pre-booking essential



Upcycled Disc Monster Craft

Friday 1 August, 10.30am - 11.30am
Crawcrook Library

In this craft session, we'll be recycling old CDs to make monster creations! Suitable for under 8s.

£2 - Pre-booking essential

Story Garden: Beebots and Code-a-pillars

Monday 4 August,
1.30pm - 2.30pm, Leam Lane Library
Thursday 7 August,
10.30am - 11.30am, Pelaw Library
Thursday 14 August,
10.30am - 11.30am, Birtley Library

Help us grow our very own paper garden! Create flowers and trees and use your coding skills to send our Beebots and Code-a-pillars on an adventure around the garden. Suitable for families with young children.

Free - Just turn up



MakerPlace Workshop: K-Pop T-shirts

Tuesday 5 August, 10am - 12pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Take a plain t-shirt and create your own K-pop style design using Canva to make something unique to you. All resources provided.
For ages 7 - 14 years.

£6 - Pre-booking essential

Saltwell Park Guided Bird Walk

Tuesday 5 August, 10am - 12pm
Saltwell Park - Meet at park gates opposite the Little Theatre, NE8 4JS

Join ornithologist Michael Turner for an informative and entertaining walk through Saltwell Park. We will learn how to identify birds by sight and sound and look out for signs of the wildlife that call the park home. Adults only.

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Story Garden: Glorious Gardens

Tuesday 5 August,
1pm - 2pm, Birtley Library
Tuesday 12 August,
10.30am - 11.30am, Leam Lane Library
Thursday 21 August,
10.30am - 11.30am, Pelaw Library

Doodle days and colouring capers! Decorate our giant doodle rolls and try our glorious garden-themed colouring sheets. Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up

Story Garden: Re-funk Your Junk

Wednesday 6 August,
10.30am - 11.30am
Birtley Library

Get creative and make planters out of old plastic bottles. Which design will you choose? Plant a seed and watch it grow at home. Suitable for ages 5+

£1 - Pre-booking essential

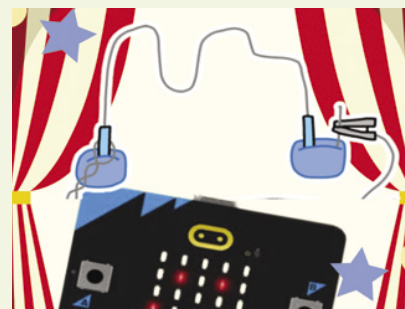


Maker Fairground: Code Carnival Games

Thursday 7 August, 10am - 11.30am
and 2pm - 3.30pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Have some fairground fun, craft some carnival games and use code to make them interactive. For ages 7 - 12 years.

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Window Doodles

Thursday 7 August,
10.30am - 11.30am
Chopwell Library

Decorate our library windows with some colourful designs for the summer. For ages 5+

Free - Pre-booking essential



Art Diamonds: Play with Glass with Nat Yates



Thursday 7 August
10.30am - 1pm
Gateshead Central Library

If you are retired and would like to be more creative, in this workshop we will be making a bunch of fused glass flowers. We will learn the principals of glass cutting and glass fusing techniques. Each person will make their own individual glass flowers (5-7 stems), with all materials provided. This class is suitable for beginners although those with experience are also welcome. Retired adults only.

£5 - Pre-booking essential



Crafternoon: Pressed Flower Lantern

Thursday 7 August, 2pm - 3pm
Chopwell Library

Decorate a recycled jar with pressed flowers to make a beautiful tea light. Adults only.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



Storytime: Crazy for Cats

Friday 8 August,
10am - 11am, Pelaw Library
10.30am - 11am, Birtley Library

Celebrate International Cat Day with pawsome stories and purrfect feline crafts to take home. Suitable for families with young children.

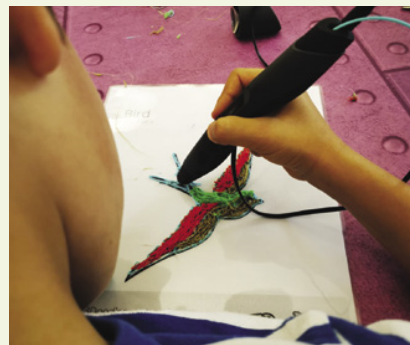
Free - Just turn up

Maker Garden: Things With Wings

Friday 8 August, 10am - 12pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Celebrate the Big Butterfly Count and see what incredible flying creatures you can make with our 3D pens. For ages 8 - 14 years.

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Gnome Home

Friday 8 August, 10.30am - 11.30am
Crawcrook Library

Find out how to recycle empty plastic water bottles to make adorable little homes. For ages 6 - 10 years.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



Crafternoon: Gift Box Topper

Friday 8 August, 2pm - 3pm
Crawcrook Library

Join library staff to make simple tissue paper gift box toppers to finish off any present you give. Adults only.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



Saturday Morning Craft Club: Big Butterfly Count

Saturday 9 August, 10.30am - 12pm
Birtley Library

Take part in our butterfly hunt and try your hand at some fluttering cute crafts. Take home an array of beautiful creations. Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up

Frida Kahlo-Inspired Glow Garland Headbands

Monday 11 August, 10.30am - 12pm
Crawcrook Library

Sew a simple circuit into a headband and decorate with flowers to create this Frida Kahlo-inspired headband. For ages 8 - 12 years.

£5 - Pre-booking essential



Heartstopper Notebooks

Monday 11 August, 4pm - 5pm
Leam Lane Library

Ever feel like Nick and Charlie in Heartstopper, trying to navigate life, school and friendships? We can help! In this session, create your very own Heartstopper-inspired notebook to jot down your ideas, feelings and school stuff. Suitable for ages 12 - 16 years.

£4 - Pre-booking essential



MakerPlace Workshop: Make It a Meme

Tuesday 12 August, 10am - 12pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Design your own memes using Canva and then heat transfer them onto a t-shirt or tote bag. For ages 8 - 14 years.

£6 - Pre-booking essential



Summer Scribble and Sketch

Tuesday 12 August,
1.30pm - 3.30pm
Gateshead Central Library

Join us in our Teen Library for the afternoon as we update our window artwork for the summer. Help us fill the windows with summer-themed quotes, drawings, and designs. For ages 12 - 16 years.

Free - Just turn up



Maker Fairground: Code Carnival Lights

Wednesday 13 August
10.30am - 11.30am and 2pm - 3pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Help us code the music and lights for our Maker Fairground greatest show. For ages 7 - 12 years.

Free - Pre-booking essential



Elephant Wall Hanging

Thursday 14 August,
10.30am - 11.30am
Chopwell Library

Decorate a wooden elephant wall hanging or mobile. For ages 5 - 10 years.

£3 - Pre-booking essential

Celebrate the Beach

Thursday 14 August, 11am - 12pm
Pelaw Library

Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside! Get stuck in with some marvellous beachy crafts. We can't guarantee sunshine, but we can guarantee a good time! Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up



MakerPlace Workshop: Personalised Hats

Thursday 14 August, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Use Cricut Design Space to create a personalised design to be cut from colourful vinyl and to be heat transferred onto a hat to reflect your style. Skills in using a computer mouse to click and drag images are essential. For ages 16+

£8 - Pre-booking essential

Beginner Computer Skills Workshop

Get in touch to find out more about our beginner computer skills sessions.

digitalteamlibs@gateshead.gov.uk
or telephone and leave a message for us on 0191 433 8422



Maker Fairground: Greatest Show

Saturday 16 August, 10am - 12pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Roll up! Roll up! You are invited to our Maker Fairground finale event. Try out our code and test your skills at classic carnival games. Suitable for families and ages 4+

Free - Just turn up



Games Gala

Monday 18 August,
10.30am - 12pm, Birtley Library
Wednesday 20 August,
10.30am - 12pm, Pelaw Library
Thursday 28 August,
10.30am - 12pm, Leam Lane Library

We'll have classic games galore in our library gala. Play family favourites such as Buckaroo, Kerplunk and Twister. Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up

Pop-up MakerPlace: Mugs and Moneyboxes

Monday 18 August, 10am - 11.30am
Crawcrook Library

Let your imagination run wild and create a design that can be transferred to a mug or moneybox that's uniquely yours. Skills in using a computer mouse to click and drag images are essential. For ages 7 - 14 years.

£6 - Pre-booking essential



Book Butterflies Summer Party

Monday 18 August, 2pm - 3pm
Gateshead Central Library

Join the Book Butterflies for a summer celebration. See what we've been up to and get a preview of what's to come. There will be stories, crafts, activities and games in the garden, all with a nature theme. For ages 5 - 7 years.

Free - Just turn up

MakerPlace Workshop: Laser Cut Door Hangers

Tuesday 19 August, 10am - 12pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Design a personalised door hanger with images and text and have it laser cut out of coloured acrylic and wood. For ages 12 - 15 years.

£8 - Pre-booking essential



Story Garden: Lego

Tuesday 19 August, 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Leam Lane Library

Lego adventures await in this creative session that is fun for all the family. Come along and play with our Lego. Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up



Storytime: Smartest Giant in Town

Wednesday 20 August,
10.30am - 11am
Leam Lane Library

The smartest giant in town has given away his clothes and needs your help! Listen along to Julia Donaldson's classic tale and design a new outfit for the giant. For families with young children.

Free - Just turn up



Crayon Transfer Art

Thursday 21 August, 10.30am - 11.30am
Chopwell Library

Make some decorative pictures with this simple technique using crayons. Suitable for families and ages 5+

Free - Pre-booking essential

MakerPlace Workshop: Cool Cushion Covers

Friday 22 August, 10am - 12pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Get creative using Canva to design your own personalised cushion cover and add a splash of colour to your room. For ages 12 - 15 years.

£6 - Pre-booking essential



Pop-up MakerPlace: Notable Notebooks

Tuesday 26 August,
10am - 11.30am
Blaydon Library

Use some of our MakerPlace equipment to design and create your own notebook cover using Canva and heat transfer. Skills in using a computer mouse to click and drag images are essential. For ages 8 - 14 years.

£6 - Pre-booking essential



Tea Light Luminaries

Wednesday 27 August,
10.30am - 11.30am
Blaydon Library

Create a beautiful papier mâché luminary and take it home to dry and use in your room. For ages 6 - 14 years.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



MakerPlace Workshop: 3D Minecraft Keyrings

Thursday 28 August, 10am - 11.30am
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Plot out your blocks and use 3D design to create a Minecraft-themed keyring. See the 3D printers in action. Keyrings may need to be collected after the workshop as 3D printing takes a while! For ages 8 - 12 years.

£3 - Pre-booking essential

Dementia Support

Pictures to Share

When someone has dementia they find it difficult to understand the world and to communicate with people.

Pictures to Share books help prompt meaningful conversation about a wide range of subjects, but can also be enjoyed even when the person with dementia is no longer able to talk. We have a collection of books that can be loaned to use with a group to help improve mood, relieve depression and calm agitation, providing an opportunity to enjoy shared time together with friends, family or carers.

For more information contact:
libraries@gateshead.gov.uk
or visit picturestoshare.co.uk

Playlist for Life

Listening to a personalised playlist can improve the lives of those living with dementia, their families and carers. Personalised playlists can reduce anxiety, improve mood, make difficult tasks more manageable, evoke memories that can help families and carers connect.

Gateshead Libraries stock a range of free information to help start conversations, select song choices and help to create playlists.

For more information please visit:
www.playlistforlife.org.uk/about-us



Flextangles

Thursday 28 August, 10.30am - 11.30am
Chopwell Library

Make your own flextangle from paper, a great fidget toy! For ages 8 - 12 years.

Free - Pre-booking essential



Creative Cardboard: Rainbow Fish

Friday 29 August, 10.30am - 11.30am
Blaydon Library

Create your own rainbow fish in this colourful craft workshop. For ages 4 - 8 years.

Free - Pre-booking essential



Braided Kumihimo Friendship Bracelets

Friday 29 August, 2pm - 3pm
Crawcrook Library

Learn how to braid Japanese friendship bracelets with colourful embroidery thread. For ages 8 - 12 years.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



Lino Print Art on a Ceramic Coaster

Monday 1 September, 9.30am - 1pm
Blaydon Library

Library staff will guide you through the basics of lino print and then have your finished design heat transferred onto a ceramic coaster. All resources provided. Adults only.

£10 - Pre-booking essential

Be Appy

Thursday 4 September
10am - 12pm, Leam Lane Library
2pm - 4pm, Pelaw Library
Tuesday 9 September
10am - 12pm, Birtley Library

Find out more about free apps such as BorrowBox to access free e-books, newspapers and magazines; using the NHS app; photo editing and much more. Bring a smart device or try one of ours. All of our libraries have free wi-fi. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up



Crafternoon: Book Paper Crafts

Thursday 4 September, 2pm - 3pm
Chopwell Library

Try your hand at some recycled paper crafts with library staff. Adults only.

£2 - Pre-booking essential

Hard Men of Football

Thursday 4 September,
5.30pm - 6.45pm
Blaydon Library

Join us for a chat, quiz and half time Bovril as we discuss who were the hard men of English football. Adults only.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



Too Far North: Musical Scenes from the North East with Ian Fawdon

Thursday 4 September
6.30pm - 7.30pm
Gateshead Central Library

The North East is famous for many things - its friendly people, passion for football and industrial heritage. But what about its music scene? This was one of the key questions asked by author Ian Fawdon when he set out to interview some of the most important figures in the region's musical history. Join Ian at Gateshead Central Library as he talks about his recently published book, *Too Far North*. Adults only.

£2 - Pre-booking essential



Our Gateshead in Pastels with Bernard Quinn

**Thursday 4 September, 6pm - 8pm at
Gateshead Central Library**

Charlie Rogers was "one step ahead of the bulldozers" as he magically captured his beloved Gateshead. In his current paintings, artist Bernard Quinn also searches for and celebrates Gateshead's urban corners.

In this fun, informal workshop you too will paint Gateshead - using colourful soft pastels. No previous experience of pastels is needed. Bernard will show you how to use pastels and help you create your painting. All art materials will be provided. Bring a photo of your favourite Gateshead corner if you can. Adults only.

£10 - Pre-booking essential

Crafternoon: Stamp Art

**Friday 5 September
2pm - 3pm
Crawcrook Library**

Create a unique piece of art using alphabet letters and ink stamps to make your own cards. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up



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Emerald Explorers: Backpack Workshop with Jyl Friggens



**Saturday 6 September,
10.30am - 12.30pm
Blaydon Library**

Find out what's inside these fabulous backpacks and have a go at some of the creative prompts with Jyl Friggens, one of the artists who shaped the activities. Emerald Explorers is supported using public funding by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Suitable for all ages.

Free - Just turn up



British Newspaper Archive and Gateshead Post Tutorial

**Monday 8 September, 10am - 12pm
Blaydon Library**

Find out how to search not only news articles, but also letters, obituaries, family notices and advertisements. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up

Vinted for Beginners

**Monday 8 September,
10.30am - 12pm
Crawcrook Library**

A beginner's guide to Vinted. Find out how to make money from your unloved items or source pre-loved treasures. All resources provided. Adults only.

Free - Pre-booking essential



Crafternoon: Jigsaw Pictures

**Monday 8 September, 2pm - 3.30pm
Leam Lane Library**

See how you can recycle old jigsaw pieces into a work of art. Create a card or a jigsaw picture to frame. Adults only.

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Paper Flower Crafts

Thursday 11 September,
2pm - 3.30pm
Gateshead Central Library

Join us for the afternoon and get creative in making unique floral designs from cupcake cases whilst chatting, sipping some tea and enjoying a real cupcake! Adults only.

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Chatterbooks: Dahl Day

Thursday 11 September,
3.30pm - 4.15pm
Pelaw Library

This week the Chatterbooks group celebrates Roald Dahl Day, with book-related activities. Suitable for ages 7+

Free - Just turn up



MakerPlace Workshop: Laser Engraved Cork Notebooks

Thursday 11 September,
6.30pm - 8.30pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Learn the basics of the design programme Inkscape and engrave a cork notebook using images and text. Skills in using a computer mouse to click and drag images are essential. For ages 16+

£8 - Pre-booking essential



Gateshead Piano Group 25th Anniversary Concert

Thursday 11 September,
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Caedmon Hall, Gateshead Central Library

The first Gateshead Piano Workshop took place in May 2000, prompted by the need of local piano teachers to meet, play in a group and exchange their ideas. Soon amateur pianists from all walks of life joined, some of whom are still members today. This 25th anniversary concert will celebrate the group's growth and creativity, playing an evening of Classics and Romantics. Everyone welcome.

£5 - Pre-booking essential

Saturday Morning Craft Club: Dahl Day

Saturday 13 September,
10.30am - 12pm
Birtley Library

Create some simple paper crafts to celebrate Roald Dahl Day. Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up



Roald Dahl Day Celebration

Saturday 13 September, 11am - 12pm
Gateshead Central Library and
Blaydon Library

Make some swashboggling and phizzwhizzing crafts and creations with us to celebrate Roald Dahl Day. For ages 6+

Free - Pre-booking essential



Emerald Explorers: Silk Painting with Marcia Ley



Saturday 13 September,
10am - 12.30pm
Crawcrook Library

Create your own small, nature-inspired hand-painted silk panel with Marcia Ley, who will show you tips and skills to make your own beautiful textile artwork. Adults only.

£10 - Pre-booking essential



Poetry Reading Group with Wayne Medford

Monday 15 September, 2pm - 3pm
Gateshead Central Library

Wayne will be reading us a selection of his thoughtful nature-based poetry. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up



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Just sit back, relax and each month we'll deliver directly to your door completely free of charge. We even deliver to sheltered accommodation and residential care facilities.

For more information and to sign up please call:
0191 433 6415 or visit: www.gateshead.gov.uk/readersathome

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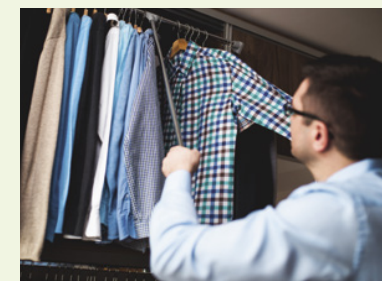
Creatives Networking in partnership with North East Cultural Freelancers

Monday 15 September
4pm - 6.30pm
Gateshead Central Library

Join us for our second networking event for creative freelancers who live or work in Gateshead and small businesses which are based in Gateshead. This month there will be advice on using social media to effectively promote online what you do. You can find out about support available for creative business in Gateshead and there's time to network.

For more details, please email:
arts@gateshead.gov.uk

Free - Pre-booking advised



Vinted for Beginners

Tuesday 23 September,
10.30am - 12pm
Blaydon Library

A beginner's guide to Vinted. Find out how to make money from your unloved items or source pre-loved treasures. All resources provided. Adults only.

Free - Pre-booking essential



The History of Punk

Thursday 25 September,
5.45pm - 7pm
Birtley Library

How well do you remember punk rock? Which was your favourite band? Join us for a quiz and a chat over refreshments about your favourite punk bands. You'll be welcome to bring along any photos you have! Adults only.

£2 - Pre-booking essential

Blue Plaques

Thursday 25 September, 7pm - 8pm
Pelaw Library

Local historian Anthea Lang presents an illustrated talk of the many local blue plaques that we often don't notice. She also tells us the stories behind them. Adults only.

£3 - Pay cash at venue. Just turn up



Doodle Days

Friday 26 & Saturday 27 September
During library opening hours.
Gateshead Central Library

On National Doodle Day, pop along to the library for some doodling fun. There'll be doodling areas in both the main library and junior library, and blank paper for those of you who want to get creative! Suitable for all ages.

Free - Just turn up



Macmillan Coffee Morning with the Friends of Gateshead Central Library

Friday 26 September, 10am - 12pm
Gateshead Central Library

Join the Friends of Gateshead Central Library to catch up with a cuppa and cake in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The money raised will go towards supporting those living with cancer. Suitable for all ages.

Free - Just turn up
Donations welcome for refreshments

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Friday 26 September,
10am - 12pm at Crawcrook Library
10am - 12pm at Blaydon Library
11am - 12pm at Birtley Library

Be part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support and raise money for a good cause. Everyone welcome.

Free - Just turn up
Donations welcome for refreshments

Crafternoon: Bonny Bunting

Friday 26 September, 2pm - 3.30pm
Birtley Library

Bunting is our craft of choice this month. Get your hands busy and create something wonderful with this no-sew craft. Adults only.

£3 - Pre-booking essential

Gateshead Reading Groups



Reading groups are a great way to meet people who enjoy talking about books. It's a perfect way to recommend books to others and discover new authors.

The reading groups listed here currently have vacancies. If you would like to come along, just contact the relevant library for more information. For any other information about reading groups or if you'd like to set up a reading group with friends, please contact: tararussell@gateshead.gov.uk

Reading groups with vacancies:

NEW - Pelaw Library

Chopwell Library

Leam Lane Library

Pelaw Library

First Monday of the month at 2pm

Second Monday of the month at 2pm

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 2pm

Second Thursday of the month at 7pm

We also have crime fiction reading groups where we discuss new authors and titles from Scandi-Noir to police procedurals and prize winners to gritty psychological thrillers.

Crawcrook Library

Gateshead Central Library

Last Tuesday of the month at 2pm

First Thursday of the month at 5.45pm

For more information about these groups contact: lynnecorder@gateshead.gov.uk (Crawcrook Library) or heleneddon@gateshead.gov.uk (Gateshead Central Library).

Regular events



Poetry Readers' Group

Mondays: 16 June, 21 July and 15 September (no meeting in August)
2pm – 3pm
Gateshead Central Library

Join us as we are entertained by live poets and authors and enjoy the occasional group reading of selected poetry collections. Adults only. For more information, please contact: markspeeding@gateshead.gov.uk

Free - Just turn up



Warhammer

Alternate Mondays, 5pm - 6pm
Gateshead Central Library

Build and paint your collection, get army advice, discuss tactics or battle with other players. Models and paints provided in club. For 10 - 17 years.

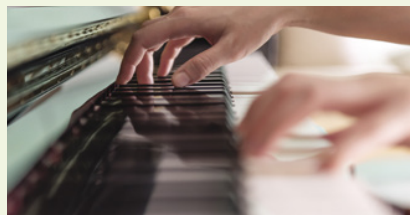
£1 - Just turn up

Piano Workshops

Mondays: 14 July, 11 August, 8 September, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Caedmon Hall, Gateshead Central Library

A workshop for pianists to come together to play, learn and discuss classical pieces. Old and new members welcome. Suitable for ages 14+

£5 per workshop. Book online or pay at the Archive desk on arrival



Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Alternate Mondays, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Gateshead Central Library

Explore dungeons and fight evil! Join our Teen Dungeons and Dragons Club. Both beginners and advanced players are welcome. Come along and try it! For 12 - 19 years. Please contact: andrewhodgkinson@gateshead.gov.uk

Free - Just turn up

Minecraft Mondays

Mondays, weekly, 5pm - 6pm
Leam Lane Library

Meet your friends and play Minecraft. No dynamite allowed! Bring your own tablet or use one of ours (limited availability). For ages 6+

Free - Just turn up



Get Help with Family History

Regular dates available, please see booking information below.
Gateshead Archive, Gateshead Central Library

Need help researching your family tree? Come along to a free one-to-one advice session with a member of the Gateshead Archive team. We can help you start your family history research, or if you've already begun, give advice to help you find the next piece of information you're looking for. For non-beginners, please bring as much information as you can, especially any dates and certificates you already have. For session dates and to book a place, contact Gateshead Archive. Call 0191 433 8420 or email libraries@gateshead.gov.uk

Free - Pre-booking essential

Emerald Explorers: Book Butterflies



Mondays: 2, 16 and 30 June, 15 and 29 September, 5pm - 6pm
Gateshead Central Library

Join us for fun activities, focused on the outdoors, nature and books. We'll have a different theme at every session and will try to spend some time in the library garden, so please dress appropriately for the weather. For 5 - 7 years.

Free - Just turn up



Young Adult Book Group

Mondays: 16 June, 14 July and 15 September, 5.45pm - 6.45pm
Gateshead Central Library

Love reading and stories? Why not join our Young Adult Book Group where we chat about books, recommendations and more! For ages 12 - 16 years.

Free - Just turn up

Gateshead CD Preservation Society

**Mondays (dates shown below),
5pm - 6.30pm
Gateshead Central Library**

Monday night is music night when we listen to a classic album and discuss it afterwards. Sick of streaming? Come back to the CD, all is forgiven!

16 June: Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band - The Beatles

21 July: The Pretender - Jackson Browne

18 August: Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy - Elton John

22 September: Blues Breakers - John Mayall with Eric Clapton

Adults only.

Free - Just turn up



Knit & Natter

**Mondays, 2pm - 3pm
Chopwell Library**

Join our friendly group for tea and chat over wool. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up

Let's Talk... Pelaw

**Tuesdays: 17 June, 15 July and
16 September
11am - 12pm at Pelaw Library**

Join our friendly group for a cuppa. Meeting themes will vary from month to month but there'll always be good chat. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up



Knit & Natter

**Tuesdays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Felling Volunteer-run Library**

Join our friendly group for tea and chat over wool. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up

Children's Crafts

**Wednesdays
10.30am - 12.30pm
Felling Volunteer-run Library**

Come along and join us for some crafting fun for young children.

Free - Just turn up

Knit & Natter

**Wednesdays, 2pm - 4pm
Birtley Library**

Join our friendly group for tea and chat over wool. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up



Chatterbooks

**Thursdays, 3.30pm - 4.15pm
Pelaw Library**

If you love books and can't stop chatting about them, then this is the group for you. Fun activities for ages 7 - 12 years.

Free - Just turn up



Film Club

**Wednesdays, 1pm
Whickham Volunteer-run Library**

Join us for our weekly film showing in the Library Lounge. Please check with venue for the title and age suitability each week.

Free - Just turn up

Colouring for Grown-Ups - Diamond Painting

**Thursdays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Felling Volunteer-run Library**

Colouring in has been shown to be therapeutic and relaxing. Come along and give it a try! Adults only.

Free - Just turn up



Code Club

**Thursday, 5pm - 6pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library**

Join our friendly code club for beginner coders. For ages 8 - 12 years. For more information, please contact: digitalteamlibs@gateshead.gov.uk

Free - Pre-booking essential

Friday Film Club

Fridays, 2pm - 3.30pm (dates below)
Gateshead Central Library

Do you enjoy films and do you enjoy talking about them? If so, then this club is right up your street. Each month we chat about a different subject. Come along and join us!

See our themes below:

13 June: Preston Sturges

11 July: 1950s Sci-Fi

8 August: Donald Sutherland

26 September: Early German Cinema

Adults only.

Free - Just turn up



Knit & Natter

Saturdays: 14 June, 12 July, 16 August and 13 September
10am - 12.30pm
Gateshead Central Library

Join this welcoming monthly group for a chat and a cuppa with your knitting, sewing or other craft projects. Adults only.

Free - Just turn up

Scribblers Writers Group

Friday 6 and 20 June, 4 and 18 July, 1, 15 and 29 August, 12 and 26 September, 9.30am - 11.30am
Gateshead Central Library

Interested in creative writing but don't know where to start, or want to share ideas with others? Come along to our friendly, supportive group. Adults only. For more information, contact: kathmilne@gateshead.gov.uk

Free - Just turn up



Friends Like Us

Fridays, 1pm - 3pm (dates below)
Gateshead Central Library

Getting together for a chat is good for our wellbeing. Enjoy tea, cake and some laughs with the Friends of Gateshead Central Library. Everyone welcome, especially people living with dementia and their supporters.

13 June: Paint your own oyster shell to make a soap dish

11 July: Cutting boards - make a decorative hanging kitchen board

8 August: Butterfly Day - turn a whisk into a butterfly

12 September: Wood cuts - paint and decorate a bird house

Free - Just turn up



Saturday Morning Craft Club

Saturdays, 10.30am - 12pm
Birtley Library

A selection of simple crafts to make and take home. Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up

Coder Dojo

Second Saturday of the month
10.30am - 12.30pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

A free coding and technology club supported by industry experts. For ages 8 - 18 years. For details please contact: digitalteamlibs@gateshead.gov.uk

Free - Just turn up



What will you make?

Discover exciting new technology, crafting and creating at MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library. The only limit is your imagination!

**MAKER
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Weekly Fun for Tots

Free

Sharing books and stories with young children can help to build good language and listening skills and give them a head start when they begin school. Library storytimes can foster a lifelong love of reading and show children that it's a fun place to be.

Rhymetimes

Songs and rhymes suitable for under 5s and their grown ups.

Whickham Volunteer-run Library

Every Monday, 9.45am - 10.30am and every Thursday, 10.30am - 11.15am

Free - Just turn up

Pelaw Library

Every Monday, 10am - 10.30am

Free - Just turn up

Birtley Library

Every Tuesday, 9.30am - 10am

Free - Just turn up

Wrekenton Hub

Wednesdays (term-time) 9.30am - 10am

Free - Just turn up

Crawcrook Library

Every Thursdays, 9.30am - 10am

Free - Just turn up

Felling Volunteer-run Library

Every Thursdays, 10.30am - 11am

£1 - Just turn up

Gateshead Central Library

Every Friday - 2 sessions
9.30am - 10am and 11am - 11.30am

Free - Pre-book at venue

Leam Lane Library

Every Friday, 10.30am - 11am

Free - Just turn up

Storytime

Stories and activities suitable for under 5s and their grown ups.

Leam Lane Library

Every Wednesday, 10.30am - 11am

Free - Just turn up

Gateshead Central Library

Every Wednesday, 10.30am - 11am

Free - Just turn up

Pelaw Library

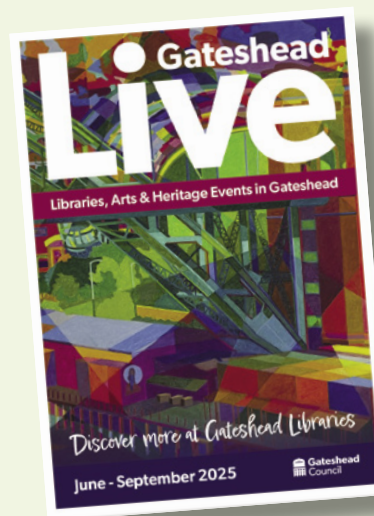
Every Friday, 10am - 10.30am

Free - Just turn up

Birtley Library

Every Friday, 10am - 10.30am

Free - Just turn up



We hope you enjoyed Gateshead Live

Look out for the next edition in September!

If you'd like to join our Gateshead Live email list, please contact:
colleendewing@gateshead.gov.uk

Opening hours at our Libraries

Gateshead Central Library

Monday and Thursday	9am - 7pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm

Blaydon, Birtley and Leam Lane

Monday and Thursday	9am - 7pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm

Chopwell Library

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm

Crawcrook and Pelaw Libraries

Monday, Tuesday & Friday	9am - 5pm
Wednesday	9am - 1pm
Thursday	9am - 7pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm

Wrekenton Library

Tuesday and Wednesday	9am - 4pm
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For venue details and contact numbers please see page 5.

