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# WHAT'S ON

July - September 2018



South Tyneside Council

# SUMMER @ THE WORD

- Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult
- Booking required for all paid-for events. Buy tickets online or visit Shop @ The Word

Looking for something to do this summer?

The Word has lots of exciting activities that the whole family will enjoy!



## Animal Stories

Wed 25 July, 11am-12noon & 1-2pm  
£3.50 child/ £2.50 adult / £10.50 family of 4/ under 12 months £1 to be paid at the shop on the day/ £25 group ticket (10x tickets)

Suitable for children up to 14 years

Get close to some curious and cute creatures in this hands-on workshop.

Children will meet and learn all about "Niffler" the hedgehog, "Gruff" the owl and "Peaches" the corn snake.



## Cooking up some mischief

Wed 1 August, 10am-12noon  
£4 per child

Suitable for ages 7-11 (Children under 7 are welcome but will require hands-on support from an adult and may not be able to take part in all of the activities)

Help Carolyn from The Canny Kitchen cook and decorate a fantastic selection of Mischief Maker\* inspired dishes, cakes and biscuits. During this workshop children will get to taste some of the creations and take part in activities including making up their own recipe.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please let us know if you have any food allergies.

\*Mischief Makers is the theme of The Summer Reading Challenge 2018 which is produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries.

Creative Writing

Young writers

Ages 7+

Imagination

Fun

Storytelling

Interactive

## Young Writers Storybook Masterclass with Tracey Icton

Thurs 2 August, 10am-1pm

£20 per person to be booked via Tracey Icton. Suitable for ages 7+

Young writers are invited to this fun, interactive creative writing and storytelling workshop.

Come along to produce your own storybook, design a cover for it and do some eye-catching illustrations to go with your story.

To book email: [traceyiceton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:traceyiceton@hotmail.co.uk)



## Chess Club

Wed 8 August, 11am-12noon  
FREE

Suitable for ages 11 and under

Join in our exciting drop-in session and learn how to play chess with other children!

## Science Buddies



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Tues 7 August, 11am-12noon & 2-3pm

£4 per child, £2 per adult

Suitable for ages 4+

Join us for a fantastic, Mischief Maker-themed\* Science Buddies session that children over 4 are sure to love!

Children will be able to make their own rude 'pumping' putty and experiment with different invisible inks to create secret messages!

# SUMMER @ THE WORD



NEW WRITING NORTH  
YOUNG WRITERS

## Pick 'N' Mix Writing Summer School

Mon 13-Wed 15 August

FREE

Suitable for ages 12-19

This summer, join New Writing North Young Writers South Shields for a variety of workshops where you'll have the chance to try different styles and genres, from crime to horror, and poetry and scriptwriting.

- Mon 13 August, 11am-1pm:  
**Crime Writing with Matt Wesolowski**
- Mon 13 August, 2-4pm:  
**Writing for Theatre with Anna Ryder**
- Tues 14 August, 11am-1pm:  
**Fairy tales, Fables and Folklore with Carmen Marcus**
- Tues 14 August, 2-4pm:  
**Animation and Storytelling with Josie Brookes**
- Wed 15 August, 11am-1pm:  
**Songwriting with Kate Doherty**
- Wed 15 August, 2-4pm:  
**Final wrap-up session with Lisa Burns**

For more information, visit:  
[www.newwritingnorth.com](http://www.newwritingnorth.com)

## Code Club

Tues 21 August, 10.30-11.30am

FREE, Suitable for ages 9-13

Children with previous experience of Scratch will learn how to program their own interactive stories, games and animation in this fun session.



## Little Red Riding Hood and Friends

Wed 22 August,  
11am-12noon &  
2-3pm

£4 per person

Suitable for under 7's and their families

Join us as Booster Cushion Theatre brings another brilliant show to The Word. Children will be captivated by this funny and immersive untraditional fairy tale.

Little Red Riding Hood's friend arrives to tell a story but has a problem - there are no pages in the book! Chaos then ensues and we meet a whole host of fairy tale characters to try and finish the story!



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# SUMMER in StoryWorld theWORD

## JOIN US FOR THREE FANTASTIC STORYWORLD SESSIONS THIS SUMMER!

As children listen to themed stories they will be transported into deep outer space, the lively circus and hear all about the Mischief Makers.

**BOOKING REQUIRED**

## Prices for StoryWorld

£3.50 child/ £2.50 adult /  
£10.50 family of 4/ under 12 months £1  
to be paid at the shop on the day/  
£25 group ticket (10x tickets)  
Suitable for under 7's and their families

## MISCHIEF MAKERS

Fri 3 August, 10.30am,  
12.45pm & 2.15pm

Children will be amazed by tales of daring and brave Mischief Makers\*, as well as joining in songs and taking part in fun craft activities in the first of our summer StoryWorld sessions.

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## TALES OF SPACE ADVENTURES

Fri 17 August  
10.30am, 12.45pm  
& 2.15pm

Get ready to blast off into outer space and be amazed by tales of stars, planets and aliens in this fun interactive session that's out of this world!



## CIRCUS STORIES

Fri 31 August, 10.30am, 12.45pm & 2.15pm

Roll up, roll up and come and join us for a breath-taking StoryWorld spectacular! Children will be immersed in fantastic stories all about the circus as well as joining in with circus-themed crafts.

# THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE IS BACK!

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



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## GET READY FOR A SUMMER OF TREASURE-SEEKING FUN WITH THE MISCHIEF MAKERS!

For this year's Summer Reading Challenge we're off to Beanotown, where rumour has it there's a treasure chest full of epic pranks waiting to be discovered.

Say hello to Pieface, Rubi, JJ, Gnasher, and the ultimate mischief maker: Dennis!

They're on the trail of the hidden treasure, and they're looking for some more friends to join in the adventure!

**Sign up at The Word from Saturday 14 July** and read six library books of your choice to complete the challenge and see if you can help the Mischief Makers find the box of tricks. It's completely **FREE** to take part!

All children who sign up will be given a map of Beanotown to keep a record of their journey as well as receive a certificate and medal when they have completed the challenge.

Dennis and his friends will be with you every step of the way to give you clues and show you how to be a Mischief Maker too!

### Mischief Maker crafts

There will also be a number of exciting Mischief Maker-themed craft sessions for your child to take part in every Monday and Thursday of the school holidays! Tickets are £1 per child and must be bought in advance from Level 2 of The Word.

For more information visit:  
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# THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE CUDDLY MONSTERS! AT The Word

## A monstrous family-friendly exhibition has arrived at The Word!

Monsters come in all shapes and sizes and you can find out all about them at our monster-tastic exhibition: *MONSTERS! THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE CUDDLY.*

Meet Boris Karloff's classic movie monster in Dr Frankenstein's lab, see what it feels like to be held by King Kong and take a selfie with Sulley from Monsters Inc. You can read about children's favourites such as the Gruffalo and Shrek and be reminded of Hollywood's golden age with Dracula, Wolf Man and the Mummy.



## THE BIG BOOK OF MONSTERS

FREE, Suitable for all ages

Explore magical maps and mysterious landscapes in this exciting installation. A giant, interactive book allows children big and small to make a shadow monster and add their own page to a spooky story by moving words across the screen!



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# EVENTS FOR ADULTS

We've highlighted some of our exciting up and coming events for adults that will entertain, thrill and excite you!



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## WOR CATHERINE: FACT AND FICTION FREE

Suitable for all ages

Join us as we celebrate the life and work of Dame Catherine Cookson. Marking 20 years since her death, this exhibition plays tribute to the great literary author and focuses on her life and her achievements, including selling over 123million books worldwide.

There is a timeline of her life, quizzes and a screening of a short film made by Unified Media and written by Tom Kelly to enjoy.



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## SOUTH SHIELDS FICTION WRITERS

Sun 5 August, 1-3pm  
FREE

Join us at The Word every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month for this new writers' group for adults who are passionate about all things fiction!



## WHEN THE BOAT COMES IN - AN EVENING WITH PETER MITCHELL AND KATY WEIR

Fri 10 August, 6.30-8pm  
£2 per person  
Suitable for ages 16+  
Booking required

Join us at The Word for an evening with Peter Mitchell, son of *When The Boat Comes In* creator, James Mitchell, and Katy Weir, the director of the new play at The Customs House with the same title. Ahead of the upcoming play, Peter and Katy will talk all about the new production from the casting to characters as well as the much loved 1970's TV series itself.

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## STORY WRITING COURSE WITH TRACEY ICETON

Thurs 6 September-Thurs 8 November  
10.30am-12.30pm  
£75 per person for all 5 sessions  
Booking required

Join novelist and creative writing tutor, Tracey Icton, for a crash course on story writing which will help you look at the maze of plotting, characterisation, narrative structure, point of view and setting.

These sessions will take place on 6 September, 20 September, 4 October, 18 October and 8 November.

To book email: [traceyiceton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:traceyiceton@hotmail.co.uk)



## HISTORY WARDROBE PRESENTS... ALL WRITERS GREAT AND SMALL

Fri 7 September, 7-8.30pm  
£6.50 per person  
Suitable for ages 16+  
Booking required

Northern writers have found fame around the world for their bold stories, unique humour and brilliant writing.

An evening celebrating authors from the Brontës to James Herriot (and a lot of other good ones in between).

Historian Lucy Adlington links costumes and stories in this lively literary show featuring many favourite writers, poets and dramatists.

## AN AUDIENCE WITH ANN CLEEVES

Tues 9 October, 6.30-8pm  
£3 per person  
Booking required

As part of National Library Week, Ann Cleeves, the international best-selling author of BBC One's *Shetland* & ITV's *Vera*, will be discussing the final book in the *Shetland* series: *Wild Fire*.

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## Ever wanted to learn how to use a 3D printer, laser cutter or vinyl cutter?



Our FabLab is full of high tech equipment and trained staff to help your designs come to life!

To find out more information and to book, visit:

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# EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

BE CREATIVE, BE INSPIRED



## Monster Laser Fun

Tues 14 August & Thurs 23 August  
1-3.30pm, £12.50 per person

Suitable for ages 9-14

Our infamous laser cutting sessions for children are back and this time better than ever! Come and have some monstrous fun designing something monster-related with our laser cutters and see your design come to life.

## T-shirt Making

Thurs 16 August, 1-4pm

£12.50 per person (+ £4 if FabLab provide the t-shirt for you)

Suitable for ages 9-14



Learn how to design your own bespoke logo for a t-shirt using our vinyl cutters in this exciting FabLab course. Come with an idea in mind and let us help you create the end product. Bring your own t-shirt or we have some to purchase for only £4.

## Clock Making

Tues 21 August  
10am-4pm

£18 per person

Suitable for ages 9-14

Learn the basics about using our laser cutters as our team work with you to make your design into a fully working clock! The course costs include all materials including the clock mechanism. You just bring your own enthusiasm, creativity and a packed lunch.

## FabLab Drop-in: Design and Create

Wed 15 & Thurs 30 August, 1-4pm

£4 per creation

Suitable for all ages

This session gives children the chance to see their design made in front of their eyes on our laser cutters! It could be a key-ring, a coaster, head-phone tidy or anything else you can dream of!

**BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!**

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**MON - THURS:** 9am - 7pm  
**FRI:** 9am - 5pm  
**SAT AND SUN:** 10am - 4pm



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