



Brilliant
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Saturday 2 March



Brilliant Books Launch with Lucy Owen

Lucy Owen, BBC Wales presenter and newsreader and author of *Boo-a-Bog in the Park*, will launch *Brilliant Books* with a preview of her next book for ages 5-8, *The Sea House*. Lucy will read excerpts from *The Sea House*, discuss where the idea came from and how it came to be published. Expect a question and answer session, colouring and singing!

Saturday 2nd March, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

5+ | £3

Illustration for Stories with Sue Morgan

Join this lively workshop and create a poster suitable for young children. You will consider how text and image weave together to create a unified and pleasing end-result in either a naturalistic or a comic style.

Artist and teacher, Sue Morgan, illustrates children's stories and poems. Her stories have been broadcast on children's television and she has won a national bedtime story competition.

Saturday 2nd March, 10:00am – 4:00pm

18+ | £35 | Limited to 15

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Part 2 – Sunday 10th March 10:30am – 12:00pm

16+ | £15 per session | Limited to 6



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Laura Sheldon – Story Walk

Laura Sheldon's *Joe and the Adventure Door Pirates* and *Sophie Finds a Fairy Door* will be the subject of two bilingual story walks, guiding you around the house and grounds of Insole Court.

Laura has been writing for children since 2014. By day she's a primary school teacher and by night she's a secret superhero (or a mum, writer, avid reader and lover of dancing, yoga, curry and chocolate).

Laura will introduce you to her magical worlds and invite you to go through an imaginary door and share what you find. Laura will take you on the inaugural story walk of the festival and will also be available for book signing after the walk. The walks will be available to follow at your leisure for the duration of the festival.

Saturday 2nd March, 11:00am – 12:00pm

3+ | £3 – Author Event | £1 – Map Guided Walk

Poetry Reading with Mab Jones

Author of *Rogue 13*, *Take Your Experience & Peel It* and *Poor Queen*, Mab Jones, will join us for a special evening of readings. *The Times* describe her as a unique talent. She has read her work all over the UK, in the US, France, Ireland and Japan. She is winner of an enviable list of competitions and prizes.

She teaches creative writing at Cardiff University, writes for the New York Times, and has presented three poetry programmes on BBC Radio 4, as well as a talk on BBC Radio 3. She was coordinator of International Dylan Thomas Day in 2016 & 2017 and is currently Resident Writer at Cardiff Wetlands.

Saturday 2nd March, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Pop-up Bar from 7:15pm

18+ | £6



Sunday 3 March



Nature Writing Workshop with Marc Hamer

Marc is author of *How to Catch a Mole*, which due for release in April 2019 and will be published in 12 countries. Catch him here first before his appearance at Hay Festival 2019.

The aim of this workshop is to encourage participants to engage with nature and prompt a response in the form of a short piece of work, whether that be a fragment of writing or the beginnings of a poem.

The workshop will begin with discussions around nature writing. Participants will then venture outside to engage with the environment. Marc will encourage a connection with surroundings; sounds, sensations of air on skin, ground underfoot. What can you see? What can you feel? What memories does it bring out?

Sunday 3rd March, 10:30am – 12:00pm

16+ | £15 | Limited to 12

***The Story of Life* with Catherine Barr and Steve Williams**

Co-authors Catherine Barr and Steve Williams discovered a shared frustration at the lack of children's books about evolution and resolved to write one. Their words have been brought to life with Amy Husband's fabulously original illustrations. *The Story of Life*, published in 2015, has now sold over 68,000 copies around the world and sparked a series which now includes *The Story of Space* and *The Story of People*.

This is an interactive session that will bring the story of evolution to life, with the help of a giant five-metre timeline and cut-out creatures from the book. Children will explore the story of life with a focus on particular creatures and a visual context that puts human existence into perspective.

Sunday 3rd March, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

6+ | £3



Monday 4 March



Bookmaking Workshop for Children with Rhiannon Powell

Join local artist Rhiannon Powell to create a magical book filled with illustrations inspired by popular children's characters including *Matilda*, *Mary Poppins*, *Warhorse* and *Lord of the Rings*.

The books created within this workshop will be displayed during The Primo Children's Choir concert on Thursday 7th March.

Rhiannon Powell illustrates *The Primo School of Music* piano books and is currently exhibiting her work at the Insole Court Gallery.

Monday 4th March, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Age 6+ | £5

Your Creative Future – Talk with Jannat Ahmed of Lucent Dreaming

Have you ever wanted to publish a novel, start a podcast, learn to draw, create a YouTube channel or just be more creative? This talk/workshop hopes to inspire you to share and follow your creative dreams for your own creative future.

Jannat Ahmed is editor-in-chief at *Lucent Dreaming*, a print and online creative writing magazine publishing emerging authors and artists worldwide. She currently works as a freelance editor and illustrator in Cardiff Bay and teaches Creative Writing and Digital Publishing at Cardiff University. Jannat graduated with a masters in English Literature from Cardiff University in 2018.

Monday 4th March, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

16+ | Free Event – booking essential



Tuesday 5 March



Story Time with Cardiff Library

Enjoy stories and rhymes followed by a book related craft session. Both story and rhyme help to develop language skills, listening skills, creativity and physical development. These sessions are tasters of the free sessions held weekly in all Cardiff Library Hubs and are suitable for pre-schoolers.

Delivered by Sioned Jacques, Welsh and Children's Literacy and Curriculum Support Librarian. Llyfrgellydd Cymorth Cymraeg a Plant; Cwricilwm a Llythrennedd

Tuesday 5th March

10:00am – 10:45am – Welsh session

11:00 – 11:45am – English session

Under 5 | Free Event – booking essential

Insole Court Book Club in Association with Offbeat Books – Short Story Special

The Insole Court Book Club meets in the Reading Room on the last Tuesday of every month and is the perfect opportunity to journey off the beaten track and discover something new.

Join Kelly Barr from Offbeat Books for this short story special discussing Ursula Le Guin's *The Ones Who Walk Away*.

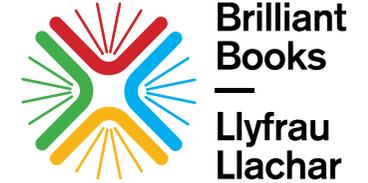
Tuesday 5th March, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Pop-Up Bar

16+ | Free Event – booking essential



Wednesday 6 March



The Scandalous Clarice Cliff: From Factory to the Big Screen

Clarice Cliff came from poverty to become a leading figure in the Art Deco world. From the grim industrial Midlands, she designed and oversaw the manufacture of over eight million pieces. Scriptwriter Claire Peate will talk about her journey bringing Cliff to the big screen.

Claire is an award-winning scriptwriter and novelist. She has won the BAFTA Rocliffe Film Scriptwriting Award and the Creative Industries Award from the University of South Wales.

Her script, *The Colour Room*, a biopic feature on the ceramicist Clarice Cliff, has been optioned by Caspian Films and has been awarded funding from Ffilm Cymru. Claire has four novels published, has been nominated for Wales Book of the Year, was twice WHSmith's pick of the week, and has spoken at Hay Festival.

Wednesday 6th March, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Pop-Up Bar from 7:15pm

16+ | £6

Thursday 7 March

Primo Children's Choir Performance

To mark World Book Day the Primo Children's Choir, conducted by Jessica Ruth Morris, will be performing a short programme of music inspired by famous books. The choir has been rehearsing songs from *Matilda*, *Mary Poppins*, *Warhorse* and *Lord of the Rings*.

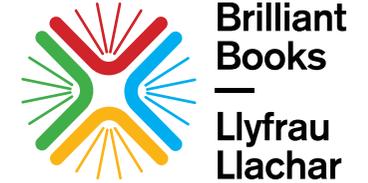
The concert will be accompanied by a display of artwork that has been created by children in an bookmaking workshop with local artist Rhiannon Powell.

Thursday 7th March, 7:00pm – 7:30pm

Family Event | Free



Friday 8 March



Animal Magic with Rebecca Harry and Beth Morris Workshops

Join acclaimed local children's book illustrator Rebecca Harry and art workshop leader Beth Morris for a jam-packed art and craft pre-school event at Insole Court. Enjoy special book readings, an illustration demonstration, lots of woodland adventures and animal creative activities for tots and their adults to enjoy together.

Friday 8th March, 11:30am – 12:30pm & 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Pre-schoolers + parents | £5

How to become a Published Author and What to Expect Along the Way

Authors Marc Hamer, Kate Hamer & Michael Tod discuss their personal journeys towards becoming published authors and will be ready to answer all your questions.

Marc Hamer – *How to Catch a Mole*

Kate Hamer – *Girl in a Red Coat; Doll Funeral*

Michael Tod – *The Dorset Squirrels; Nearly There*

Friday 8th March, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

18+ | £ 10 (includes cheese and wine)



Saturday 9 March



Cardiff Library – Hands on History

Drop in to Cardiff Library’s family craft session at Insole Court, exploring stories and memories of Cardiff from the 1940s to the 1960s.

Learn about the books, maps and photographs that make up the Heritage Collection at Cathays Library, where you can learn all about the history of our capital city.

Delivered by Katherine Whittington – Heritage Development Librarian and Cathays Branch Manager.

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Saturday 9th March, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Family event| Free, no booking necessary

Reading of *The Clockwork Crow* with Catherine Fisher

The Clockwork Crow is a gripping tale of enchantment and belonging, set in a frost-bound mansion in snowy mid-Wales.

Winner of Wales Arts Review’s Welsh Books for Young People 2018 and shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Awards 2019 in the Best Story category, *The Clockwork Crow* promises to delight.

Catherine Fisher is an acclaimed poet and children’s author who lives in Newport. Her bestselling books include *The Snow-Walker Trilogy*, *The Oracle Trilogy*, *The Incarceron Series* and *The Chronoptika Series*. Catherine was Wales’ first Young People’s Laureate, 2011-2013.

Saturday 9th March, 10:30am – 11:30am

9+ | £3



Saturday 9 March

A Candlelit reading of the novella *The Darkness (Three Strikes)* by Lucy Christopher

A red eye blinks in the darkness; a hidden door opens to a lost crypt; a life is held in the light of a flickering flame...

The Darkness is one novella from a trio of unsettling stories contained within *Three Strikes*. In Lucy's *The Darkness*, unhappy teens are lured away to a remote island where the plot unfolds to reveal that each character has a sinister motive.

Lucy Christopher is the international award-winning and bestselling author of *Stolen*, *Flyaway*, *The Killing Woods*, *Storm-wake* and the novella *The Darkness (Three Strikes)*.

Saturday 9th March, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

14+ | £5 | Limited to 30



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Reading of *Charlie a'r Ffatri Siocled* by Catrin Wyn Lewis

Rily Publications present a Welsh language reading of the Roald Dahl favourite *Charlie a'r Ffatri Siocled*, with Dahl-related activities for all the family.

The session aims to introduce the Dahl experience to audiences in the area where the writer himself grew up. Parents will enjoy the nostalgia of the chocolate factory story, and children will be absorbed by the magic of Elin Meek's beautiful adaptation of the classic book.

After a chat about Dahl children will be treated to a reading of a few chapters of the story, followed by fun paper and pen activities, including colouring, art and word searches.

Sunday 10th March 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Welsh Language Event

5+ | £3

Event sponsored by |

