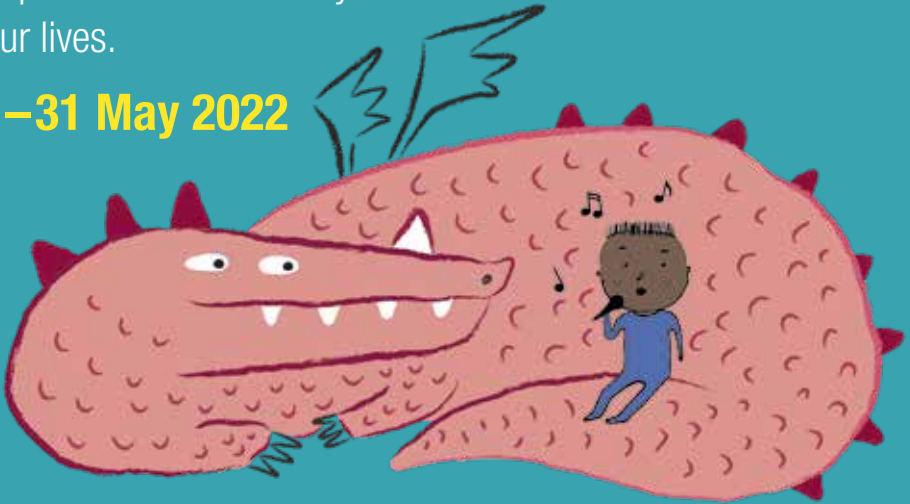


WORD FEST

MAKE WORDS COUNT

A month-long festival celebrating the impact of words in every corner of our lives.

1–31 May 2022



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Welcome to WordFest 2022!



This May, local libraries and other venues across the Wakefield district are celebrating words by holding a wide range of free, exciting events and activities for WordFest. From author talks and storytelling to music and film showings, there is something for everyone!

WordFest is led by Wakefield Libraries and combines the power of our spoken and written language through shared stories and reading, performances, singing, craft and creative writing with the 2022 festival theme of science and industry. Join in with the conversation on social media by using the hashtags **#WordFest #MakeWordsCount**.

For more information on the hundreds of events taking place during the festival month and to book your free place, head over to our social media channels, visit bit.ly/WordFestWFD or scan the below QR code. Unless otherwise stated please contact the venues directly to book your place.

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Creative writing and meet the author events



Join author and tutor Nik Perring to hone your writing style and get top tips to start your work. Featuring an exclusive opportunity to visit and write at the Gissing Centre and be inspired by successful local authors from Wakefield's past.

Writing STREAMs* of words with Nik Perring

Saturday 7 May, 11am-1pm

Upton Community Library for 7 - 13 year olds. Please book

Writing STREAMs* of words with Nik Perring

Saturday 7 May, 2pm-4pm

Upton Community Library for 14 - 19 year olds. Please book

Celebrating Local Writers Through Time

Saturday 7 May, 6pm-8pm

The Gissing Centre, Thompson's yard, Wakefield for Adults 18+

Please book via Wakefield Library

WordFest Competitions

There's the opportunity to show your creative writing skills and powers of invention! Visit your local library for an entry form and take part in our creative writing competitions for children to invent a story or an incredible invention. See WordLabs pages 16-17 for further details.

Meet the Author events

Hear your favourite author talk about their inspirations. Meet the author and get a signed copy for your book collection. Suitable for adults. Please book at the library.

Diane Allen at Wakefield Library

Tuesday 3 May, 1pm-2.30pm

Rachel Dove at South Elmsall Library

Wednesday 4 May, 10.30am-11.30pm

Rachel Dove at Normanton Library

Tuesday 10 May, 2pm-3pm

Julia Bell at Wakefield Library

Monday 16 May, 2pm-3pm

Rachel Dove at Castleford library

Friday 20 May, 11am-12pm



*Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Maths

Festival Highlights



We are partnering with local creatives to bring storytelling, performances, crafts and workshops to libraries and community venues near you.

Venues

Airedale, Castleford, Featherstone, Hemsworth, Ossett, Pontefract, Sandal and Wakefield Libraries

Venues

Castleford, Normanton, Pontefract and Wakefield Libraries and Pugneys Country Park (Pugneys events bookable via Wakefield library)

Venues

Airedale, Horbury, Pontefract, South Elmsall, Stanley and Wakefield Libraries

Venues

Normanton, Pontefract, South Elmsall, Wakefield Libraries and Anglers Country Park

Words 2 Explore

An interactive experience for families which introduces latitude & longitude through creative storytelling. Using the what3words app families will follow a story trail that leads to a library.

The case of the phantasmagorical railway and travelling craftorium

In this thrilling play and workshop suitable for young and old audiences alike, the crime fighting steampunk duo from an alternative Victorian Wakefield solve supernatural cases with their fantastical inventions.

Zero Gravity Lunar Library

A VR and PC experience inspired by a mobile library van rebuilt as a Moon-orbiting space shuttle. Explore the cabin, photo exhibition and films and play a game to plant a flag on the moon. Aimed at children **8+**

The Quest for the Missing Elements

This interactive storytelling performance will take children 3+ and their grown-ups on an imaginative interactive journey using science experiments to create wonder and develop curiosity.

Venues

Featherstone,
Normanton,
South Elmsall and
Stanley Libraries

Venues

Hemsworth, Horbury,
Ossett and
Sandal Libraries

Venues

All Libraries

Industrial Stories Brought Back to Life

Created with disabled adult performers, an interactive story exploring stories of families and the coal mining industry. Aimed at families with children under 5.

Not Too Shoddy

Join Mungo and Shoddy in this performance and workshop exploring Wakefield's textile heritage. Written for children of primary school age and their families it will be both playful and thought provoking.

Goggles and Giggles

Pre-school children and their families will be taken on a journey of discovery, exploring all the senses through hands-on science, storytelling, rap and songs written to inspire awe and wonder.

LitFest 2022: The Zine

Wakefield LitFest are creating a zine written, illustrated, edited, and produced by young people aged 14-25. The zine will celebrate the relationship between the arts, technology, and Wakefield.

A number of opportunities for young people 14-25 to write pieces for the LitFest 2022 Zine are available, see LitFest social media for further information. Pick up a copy in your local library or find it on LitFest's webpages



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wakefieldlitfest.co.uk



**Booking required
for some events**



Makaton Storytimes and Adult Reader Groups



Bring your baby or toddler along to the library for stories, rhymes and chat with other parents. In our regular weekly storytimes we will be running a Makaton challenge throughout May to support your child's communication skills. They can earn a special certificate for joining in with the stories, signs and rhymes.

This year we will be singing and signing:

- Five Little Ducks
- The Wheels on the Bus
- Row Row Row your Boat
- Incy Wincy Spider



Airedale	Mondays & Wednesdays, 9.30am-10am
Castleford	Thursdays, 10am-11am
Featherstone	Thursdays, 10am-10.30am
Hemsworth	Mondays & Fridays, 10am-11am
Horbury	Thursdays, 10.15am-10.45am & Fridays 2.15pm-2.45pm
Normanton	Fridays, 10am-10.15am
Ossett	Wednesdays & Fridays, 10.30am-11am
Pontefract	Mondays & Wednesdays, 10am-11am
Sandal	Wednesdays, 10am-10.30am
South Elmsall	Tuesdays & Fridays, 10am-11am
Stanley	Mondays, 11am-11.30am & Fridays, 1.30pm-2pm
Wakefield	Tuesdays, 10am-10.30am & 1.30pm-2pm Fridays, 10am-10.30am

St Marys Community Centre, Chequerfield, Pontefract
Wordfest storytimes for under 5s and their families

- **Saturday 7 May 2022** 10.30am-12.00pm
- **Thursday 12 May 2022** 1.00pm-2.30pm
- **Thursday 26 May 2022** 1.00pm-2.30pm



Adult Reader Groups

If you love reading and chatting, then our friendly readers groups are perfect for you. Join a readers' group during WordFest and discover new books, authors and friends. Wakefield Libraries currently support 40 reader groups district wide.

Please contact your local library branch for more details.

Creativity

for adults



With poetry and crafting sessions your local library is the place to discover and develop your own creativity.

Knit & Natter

Mondays, 10am-12pm

Knit and Natter for Adults at South Elmsall Library. Drop In.

Mondays 11am-12pm

Knit and Natter for Adults at Featherstone Library. Drop In.

Wednesdays 11am-1pm

Knit and Natter for Adults at Airedale Library. Drop In.

Thursdays 1pm-3pm

Knit and Natter for Adults at Hemsworth Library. Drop In.

Thursdays 1.30pm-2.30pm

Knit and Natter for Adults at Normanton Library. Drop In.

Fridays 11am-12pm

Knit and Natter for Adults at Sandal Library. Drop In.

Crafting

Mondays 10.30am-12pm

Craft Group for Adults at Castleford Library. Please book.

Mondays 23 and 30 May 2pm-4pm

Craft Group for Adults at Normanton Library. Drop In

Tuesdays 10.30am-12pm

Craft and Chat for Adults at Stanley Library. Drop In

Tuesday 3 May 10.3am-12pm

Craft Group for Adults at Hemsworth Library. Drop In

Crafting

Tuesday 3 May, 10.30am-12pm

Build a Bird Feeder at Horbury Library for Adults. Please Book

Tuesday 10 May, 10.30am-12pm

Craft Group for Adults at Horbury Library. Drop In.

Wednesday 25 May, 2.30pm-3.30pm

Chat and Craft for Adults at Ossett Library. Drop In.

Friday 20 May, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Craft Bee for Adults at Pontefract Library. Drop In.

Saturday 7 and 21 May, 9.30am-12.30pm

Scale Model Club for Adults at Hemsworth Library. Please Book.

Poetry

Monday 23 May, 2pm-3pm

Poetry Group for Adults at South Elmsall Library.

Drop In.



**Booking required
for some events**



Family workshops, crafts and activities



Saturday 7 May
10.30am-11.30am
Wakefield Library



Saturday 21 May
10.30am-11.30am
Pontefract Library

Come along to an interactive educational animal experience event, learn about your favourite and not so favourite creatures. Suitable for families, please book at the library.

Saturday 28th May
10.30am-11.30am
Stanley Library

Saturday 14 May
10.30am-11.30am
Stanley Library



Saturday 14 May
1.30pm-3pm
Wakefield Library

Experiment with solar power, slime, circuits, X rays and create your Science CV in these LoveScience workshops. Suitable for families, please book at the library.

Monday 30th May
10am-11.30pm
South Elmsall Library

Monday 30th May
1.30pm-3pm
Hemsworth Library





Tuesday 3 May
2pm-3pm
Sandal Library (adults)

Thursday 5 May
1pm-2pm
Hemsworth Library (adults)

Tuesday 10 May
2pm-3pm
Ossett Library (adults)

Thursday 12 May
2pm-3pm
Normanton Library (adults)

Thursday 12 May
2pm-3pm
Horbury Library (adults)

Wednesday 18 May
2pm-3pm
Pontefract (adults)

Tuesday 24 May
10am-12pm
Stanley Library (adults)

Thursday 26 May
11am-12pm
Featherstone Library
(adults)

Monday 30 May
2pm-3pm
Wakefield Library (families)

Join our recycled craft session and create amazing crafts from everyday household waste. Suitable for adults or families.

Please book at the library.



Family workshops, crafts and activities



The Old Quarry Adventure Playground (The Addy)

Knottingley, WordFest at the Addy

Wednesday 18 May, 10am-11.30am

'Wild Tots' and their families can take part in this free 'Science and Industry' themed day! Get creative with hands-on activities such as making explosions in plastic bottles, creating paintings and rhymes about the iconic Ferrybridge power station whilst also enjoying the huge outdoor adventure playground!



A huge range of weekly activities to entertain the whole family - gluing, sticking, lego building - libraries have it all!

Suitable for families. Please book at the library

Every Saturday	10.30am-11.30am	Family Crafts at Stanley Library
Saturday 14 May	10am-11am	Family Crafts at Hemsworth Library
Saturday 21 May	10am-12pm	Creative Fun with Science and Technology at South Elmsall Library
Monday 16 May	2pm-3pm	Yorkshire Owl Experience at Horbury Library
Tuesday 31 May	2.30pm-3.30pm	Malteser the Clown Entertainment Show at Ossett Library
Tuesday 31 May	2pm-3pm	Yorkshire Owl Experience at Horbury Library

Code Clubs- Like gaming? Why not try making your own games after school at Code Club? Suitable for children. Please book at the library.

Every Wednesday	4.30pm-5.30pm	Pontefract Library
Every Thursday	4pm-5pm	Normanton Library
Every Thursday	4pm-5pm	Wakefield Library



Lego Clubs - Put your master building skills to the test in our Lego clubs! Suitable for families, drop in- no need to book

Every Friday, 3.30pm-4.30pm Lego Club at Stanley Library

Every Saturday, 10am-2pm Lego Club at Castleford Library

Every Saturday, 10am-12pm Lego Club at Horbury Library

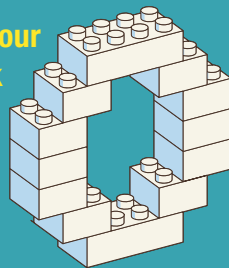
Every Saturday, 10am-12pm Lego Club at Ossett Library

Saturday 14 May 10am-12pm

Lego Engineering-make moving vehicles at South Elmsall Library

Saturday 28 May 10am-12pm

Lego Club at Normanton Library



Chess and Board Games- suitable for families, drop in, no need to book

Checkmates Chess Club at Pontefract Library

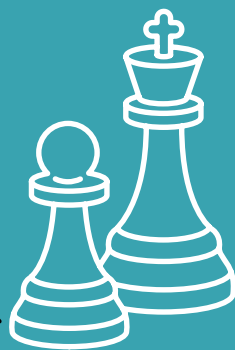
Saturdays 10am-12pm

Chess and Board Games at Wakefield Library

Saturdays 7 and 21 May, 10am-12pm

Chess and Board Games at Normanton Library

Saturday 7 May, 10am-12pm



Heritage and history



Especially for WordFest we've partnered with The Forgotten Women of Wakefield project to bring you these special events. Petticoat Patrimony - The Edmonstone Sisters of Walton Hall. All 3 events are for adults and please book online via Eventbrite.

Monday 16 May, 2pm-4pm

Looking into Letters - reading and discussing some of the key letters of Eliza, Anne & Helen Edmonstone at Sandal Library

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wakefield-word-fest-looking-into-letters-workshop-tickets-306004727377

Friday 20 May, 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Cameo Making- The Edmonstone sisters - design our own 'Eco' cameos and learn about the Edmonstone women at Sandal Library

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wakefield-word-fest-free-cameo-making-workshop-tickets-306013934917

Friday 20 May, 2pm-4pm

Using natural materials to print - capturing the motto of the Edmonstone sisters. Workshop at Sandal Library

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wakefield-word-fest-potato-printing-workshop-tickets-306022219697



Heritage and history



Discover your family and your local history with a range of activities celebrating local heritage collections and free resources to research your family tree. Including two exclusive events celebrating the treasures of the John Goodchild collection in partnership with West Yorkshire Archive Service.

Every Friday
10am-12pm

Ancestry Group
Normanton Library

Saturday 7 May
1:30pm-3pm

1968 Watersplash Cup Wakefield Trinity Final Tale
Wakefield Library

Monday 9 May
2pm-3:30pm

The Green Family & Treasurer's House Talk
Castleford Library

Tuesday 10 May
2.30pm-3.30pm

Writing the history of Westgate
Wakefield Library

Saturday 14 May
10am-4pm

Exploring the John Goodchild Collection Pop Up Exhibition with West Yorkshire Archive Service
The Ridings Centre, Wakefield

Tuesday 17 May
10:30am-12pm

Memories of Hemsworth
Hemsworth Library

Friday 20 May
1pm-3pm

Charles Waterton, Creator of the First Nature Reserve
Walton Community Library

Saturday 21 May
10am-4pm

Exploring the John Goodchild Collection with West Yorkshire Archive Service
West Yorkshire History Centre, Wakefield

Monday 23 May
12pm-1pm

Eliza Gleadall botanical artist of Heath Hall
Wakefield Library

Friday 27 May
1pm-2pm

Dame Marjorie Williams, Wakefield born quantum physicist Wakefield Library

Exhibitions and Wordlabs



Breaking The News, 24 February-31 May

An exhibition which celebrates regional news and its significance at the heart of the district's communities is open throughout WordFest at Wakefield Library. Curated by the British Library this exhibition runs alongside Breaking the News, a major new exhibition in London, running until 21 August 2022.

Lyrics of Europe, 25 April-20 May

28 poems, 28 countries - all united by a love of poetry. Lyrics of Europe is an international exhibition of translated poetic works by well-known national poets curated by Wakefield's twin town Castrop-Rauxel in Germany celebrating the shared love of poetry as an international language of self-expression. At Wakefield One Atrium.

WordLabs

During WordFest all our libraries become WordLabs with wordy and engineering challenges!

Week 1-Spin a Science Story

Write a story about what it would be like to live on another planet. What kind of planet would it be? What would people do on this planet? What adventures would you have? Entry forms available online or in libraries.

In Branch Challenge

It's not often you can throw paper aeroplanes about in a library! Design your own and see how far it will fly.

Week 2-The Greatest Invention Ever!

Invent something. Anything. But it has to be a brilliant, exciting, useful invention. Something that can help the planet or make life easier for people. Entry forms available online or in libraries.

In Branch Challenge

Lego skyscrapers - How high can you build a lego tower?

Week 3-Spaghetti Words

Literally make a word with this week's challenge - construct a word from spaghetti sticks at home or in branch and show off your creation by snapping and sharing online.

In Branch Challenge

Lollipop catapults, how far can you make a missile fly with just lollipops and elastic bands for power!?

Week 4-Acrostic Poetry

Create your own simple poem. Choose a word from our science and industry themed word of the day or one of your choice and make an acrostic poem starting a line of your poem for each letter of your chosen word - we'll show you how.

In Branch Challenge

Get ready for the Jubilee! Make a crown to wear during the celebrations.



Half-term craft events

at our Museums



Explore Roman writing with some amazing artefacts and have a go yourself! At Castleford Museum. Suitable for Families (5+)
No booking needed.

Monday 30 May, 10am-3pm

Tuesday 31 May, 10am-3pm – session for children with SEND and their families

Saturday 4 June, 10am- 3pm

Upcycled Tex-Styles - be your own fashion designer.
Wakefield Museum learning zone. Suitable for young adults (11+) Please book via the Museum.

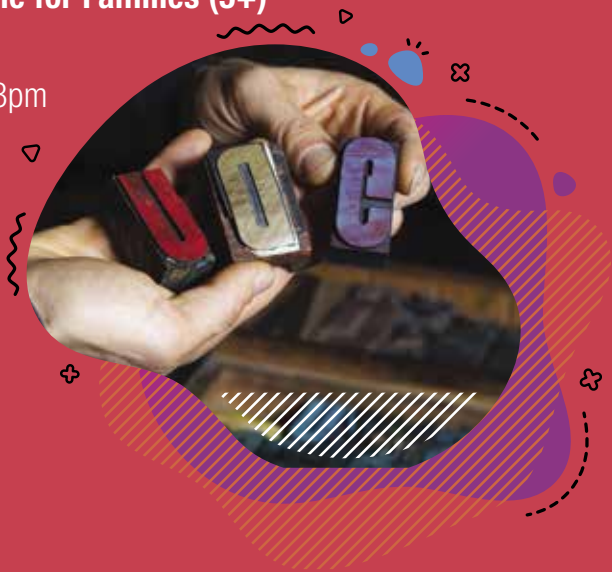
Tuesday 31 May, 10.30am-12pm

Tuesday 31 May, 1pm-2.30pm

Discover the history of the printing industry in Pontefract and use original letterpress blocks to print for yourself.
Pontefract Museum. Suitable for Families (5+)
No booking needed.

Wednesday 1 June, 10am-3pm

Wakefield
Museums
& Castles



Booking contacts



Airedale Library

01977 724040
airedalelibrary@wakefield.gov.uk

Anglers Country Park

01924 860280
anglerscp@wakefield.gov.uk

Castleford Library

01977 722085
castlefordlibrary@wakefield.gov.uk

Featherstone Library

01977 722745
featherstonelibrary@wakefield.gov.uk

Hemsworth Library

01977 722270
hemsworthlibrary@wakefield.gov.uk

Horbury Library

01924 303060
horburylibrary@wakefield.gov.uk

Normanton Library

01924 302525
normantonlibrary@wakefield.gov.uk

The Old Quarry Adventure Playground

(The Addy) Knottingley
01977 670953
hollycorbettoqap@outlook.com

Ossett Library

01924 303040
ossettlibrary@wakefield.gov.uk

Pontefract Library

01977 727692
pontefractlibrary@wakefield.gov.uk

Pugneys Country Park

01924 302360
pugneyscp@wakefield.gov.uk

Sandal Library

01924 303355
sandallibrary@wakefield.gov.uk

South Elmsall Library

01977 723220
southelmsalllibrary2@wakefield.gov.uk

Stanley Library

01924 303130
stanleylibrary@wakefield.gov.uk

Upton Community Library

01977 649317
uptoncommunitylibrary@gmail.com

Wakefield Library

01924 305376
wakefieldlibrarymuseum@wakefield.gov.uk

Walton Community Library

01924 917627
waltoncommunitylibrary@gmail.com

West Yorkshire History Centre, Wakefield

0113 5350142
wakefield@wajs.org.uk

Pontefract Castle

01977 723440
castles@wakefield.gov.uk

Castleford Museum

01977 722084
museums@wakefield.gov.uk

Wakefield Museum

01924 302104
museums@wakefield.gov.uk

St. Mary's Community Centre

01977 705341
stmarys@stmaryscommunity.co.uk



Keep an eye on our social media throughout May.

We'll be posting videos all about our WordLabs challenges and how you can join in. We'd love to see your creations. Tag @WFLibraries on Twitter and Instagram or 'Wakefield Libraries' on Facebook

-  @WFLibraries
-  WakefieldLibraries
-  bit.ly/WordFestWFD
-  @WFLibraries
-  @WFLibraries

#WordFest #MakeWordsCount

Coming up this summer

Look out for the Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge for 3-12 year olds in libraries from 9th July. Read 6 library books this summer and earn prizes, a medal and certificate!

