

Half-term family events

MakerPlace Workshop: Design & Print on a Mug

Wednesday 14 February, 10am - 12pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Treat yourself. Get creative and transform a plain mug into something amazing just for you! For ages 12+

£8 - Pre-booking essential



Sharing Stories: My Name is Bear

Wednesday 14 February,
9.30am - 10am at Blaydon Library
Wednesday 14 February,
10.30am - 11am at Leam Lane Library
Friday 16 February,
10.30am - 11am at Birtley Library

Bear can't wait to introduce himself to his new neighbours because he thinks he has had the best name of all! Find out if you agree in this engaging story about being kind. Suitable for under 5s.

Free - Just turn up

Marble Run Fun

Wednesday 14 February,
11am - 12pm at Birtley Library
2pm - 3pm at Blaydon Library

Test your design skills and use our maker box to create amazing marble runs. For ages 6+

Free - Just turn up



MakerPlace Families: Frankenstein Pets in 3D

Thursday 15 February, 10am - 12pm
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Learn how to create some Frankenstein-like pets with Meshmixer. Your 3D printed creation will be available for collection soon after the session. For ages 8+

£3 - Pre-booking essential

Sunflower Surprise

Thursday 15 February,
10.30am - 11.30am
Leam Lane Library

Fun crafts and activities with a sunflower theme. Suitable for families.

£1 - Pre-booking essential



Sealife Mobile

Friday 16 February, 10.30am - 11.30am
Blaydon Library

Take part in our fact-finding hunt around the library and decorate your favourite sea life friends to create a colourful wooden mobile. For ages 6+

£3 - Pre-booking essential

Superhero Saturday

Saturday 17 February,
10.30am - 11.30am at Leam Lane Library
Saturday 24 February,
10.30am - 11.30am at Birtley Library

Come dressed as your favourite superhero or villain, swoop or fly along and enjoy some out of this world crafts and activities. Suitable for families.

£1 - Pre-booking essential



MakerPlace Families: Boogie Bots

Saturday 17 February,
10.30am - 11.30am
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Create some crazy bots with a circuit and motor and watch it boogie across the floor! Suitable for 8 - 12 years.

£3 to take part in the session/£5 to take part and take your bot home. Pre-booking essential

Emerald Explorers: Curios Arts Mini Pride



**Saturday 17 February, 10am - 12pm
Caedmon Hall, Gateshead Central Library**

Join Curious Arts at Gateshead Central Library for Mini Pride, a joyous celebration of individuality and creativity! Ignite your imagination by taking part in fun activities inspired by nature from colourful arts and crafts to inclusive storytimes with our Curious artists.

A welcoming, relaxed space for families, be Proud and celebrate with us this February half term.

Suitable for ages 3 - 7 and their families.

Free - Just turn up



Hot Wheels

**Monday 19 February,
10.30am - 11.30am at Birtley Library
Friday 23 February,
2pm - 3pm at Leam Lane Library**

Create an obstacle course from our maker box and bring along your favourite cars to race. Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up

Family Art Class

**From Saturday 17 February
and continuing monthly
10.30am - 12pm at Shipley Art Gallery**

Join us for a Saturday art class for 7 - 12 year olds. At each session you'll be guided by a professional artist to discover a different art technique, such as watercolours, ceramics, mixed media, drawing and more. Our artist has extensive experience of working with young people including those with SEND and neurodiversities. These sessions will be designed to be welcoming and inclusive for all. Age 7 - 12 years accompanied by an adult.

**£4.50 - Pre-booking essential at:
shipleyartgallery.org.uk/whatson**



Doodle, Draw and Design

**Monday 19 February, 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Gateshead Central Library**

Join us in the Central Teen Library for the afternoon as we design artwork to fill our library teen window. Make the area your own with quotes, images and designs that you think makes the library yours! For 12 - 16 years.

Free - Just turn up

Super Circuits: Coding with Microbits

**Monday 19 February,
10.30am - 11.30am
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library**

Use block code and our microbits to code some games with lights and sound effects. Suitable for 7 - 12 years.

Free - Pre-booking essential



Family Arts Festival

**Tuesday 20 and Thursday 22 February
Sessions 10am - 11am; 11.15am -
12.15pm and 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Shipley Art Gallery**

Come and get creative at these fun holiday sessions for all ages. Each day has a different theme, and you'll take home something special you've made. Our friendly artists are here to support and can't wait to see what you create! See website for details of activities. Activities best suited to ages 3+ with adult support.

**£3 - Pre-booking preferable at:
shipleyartgallery.org.uk/whatson**

Super Circuits: Astonishing Circuits

**Tuesday 20 February,
10.30am - 11.30am
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library**

Use our Makey Makeys to connect everyday objects to your keyboard. Suitable for 7 - 12 years.

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Tie Dye Tees & Totes

**Tuesday 20 February,
10.30am - 11.30am at Blaydon Library
Thursday 22 February, 2pm - 3pm
at Gateshead Central Library**

Why not give tie dye a try? Combine colour combinations and create your own fabulous t-shirt or tote bag. For ages 8+

£4 - Pre-booking essential

GemArts Mini Mela

Tuesday 20 February, 11am - 3pm
Caedmon Hall, Gateshead Central Library

Calling all children and families! Get ready for a spectacular adventure at the GemArts Mini Mela this February half term and it's all FREE!

Immerse yourself in a world of arts, music and dance from across the globe. Dive into workshops featuring Indian, African, Chinese and other visual arts. Move to the rhythm with dance and drumming activities and get your very own Henna design.

Don't miss out on this unforgettable family fun fest! Just drop in, let your creativity soar and take home your own colourful creations at GemArts Mini Mela. We can't wait to see you there! Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up



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!

2Kawaii 4 U

Tuesday 20 February,
2pm - 3pm at Leam Lane Library
Thursday 22 February,
10.30am - 11.30am at Birtley Library

Bring along your favourite Pokémon or Kawaii plush and join in our Krazy Kraft session. Suitable for ages 7+

£1 - Pre-booking essential



Stop Motion Animation

Tuesday 20 February, 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Chopwell Library

Bring along your own 'star of the show' and library staff will show you how to make a short stop motion film. Suitable for 8 - 12 years.

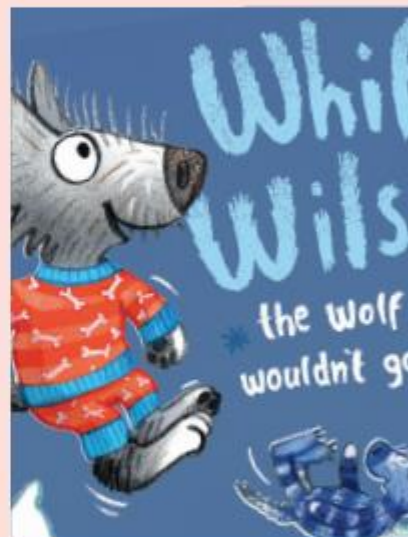
Free - Pre-booking essential

Whiffy Wilson and DIRTIE Bertie Storytimes

Wednesday 21 February,
9.30am - 10am at Blaydon Library
10.30am - 11am at Leam Lane Library
Friday 23 February, 10am - 10.30am
at Birtley Library

We're sharing stories of our two favourite whiffy characters and creating some yucky crafts! Suitable for young families.

Free - Just turn up



Super Circuits: Sewable Circuits

Wednesday 21 February,
10.30am - 11.30am
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Sew a bookmark that lights up at night. Learn to create a simple circuit with conductive thread to create a personalised bookmark. Suitable for 8 - 12 years.

£4 - Pre-booking essential

Hey Duggee Storytime and Crafts

Wednesday 21 February, 10.30am - 11am
Gateshead Central Library

Join us for Hey Duggee stories, crafts and activities. Under 5s.

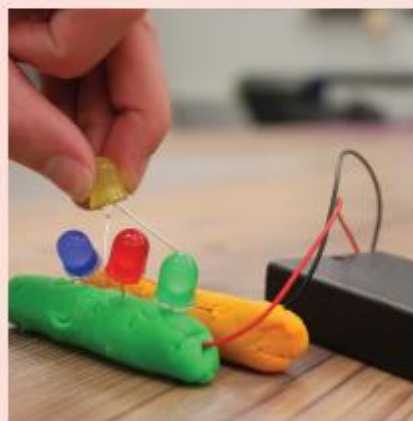
Free - Just turn up

Crazy Colouring

Thursday 22 February, 10am - 12pm
Chopwell Library

How well can you colour? Show us your crazy colouring skills. Suitable for families.

Free - Just turn up



Super Circuits: Squishy Circuits

Thursday 22 February, 10.30am - 11.30am
MakerPlace, Gateshead Central Library

Learn how you can use Playdoh to conduct electricity and create some fun games. Suitable for 7 - 12 years.

£3 - Pre-booking essential

Minecraft Craft Morning

Friday 23 February, 10am - 11.30am
Blaydon Library

Lots of offscreen Minecraft activities to try. Ages 6+

£3 - Pre-booking essential



Riverside Routes: Kittiwake Puppets

Friday 23 February
11am - 11.45am for ages 3 - 6 years and their parents/carers
1pm - 2.30pm for ages 7+ and their parents/carers
Caedmon Hall, Gateshead Central Library

Join Moving Parts Arts to make your very own Kittiwake puppet! Give your bird plenty of character then help it fly. Moving Parts Arts run Newcastle Puppetry Festival which will take place from 30 March - 6 April. See their website for the full programme listings: www.newcastlepuppetryfestival.co.uk

Riverside Routes is part of the Tyne Derwent Way programme, funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

£3 per child - Pre-booking essential