

Have you joined the library yet? Here's why you should!

In BANES you are never far from a library.

There are public libraries in Bath, Keynsham and Midsomer Norton, Community Run Libraries, and the Mobile Library which travels across BANES.



What do you get?

It's free! Join to access millions of books, eBooks, eAudiobooks, eNewspapers and eMagazines.

It's a warm, safe space to study, read or just take some time away from the busy outside world.

Free access to computers, tablets and Wi-Fi.

Free storytimes, events and activities for children.

Plus there's more...

- A wide range of activities and groups.
- Sensory Spaces (for children and young adults with sensory needs).
- Dementia Resources and books to support wellbeing.
- Foreign and dual language books.
- Supportive partner services including Citizens Advice, Housing Options & Wellbeing Services.
- Charging points.
- Printing and photocopying facilities.

JOIN HERE!



Happening throughout February...

ART IN THE LIBRARY
Bath Central Library, Exhibition Room



Art Exhibition by Annette Rigler
A collection of paintings using a variety of mediums including oil, acrylic, and watercolour. On display at **Keynsham Library**

Invitation: an exhibition.
Beautiful photographic exhibition celebrating the culture, lives, legacy and impact of Bath's first-generation Caribbean community.
Bath Central Library



Pop along to Bath Central Library on 21 February at 12 noon to learn how to draw me, Fergal, with author **Robert Starling**.



B&NES LIBRARIES
FESTIVAL OF LIBRARIES
7 - 21 FEBRUARY 2026



We've got a jam-packed, two week programme full of free events for everyone to enjoy!



Saturday 7 February

Creative Writing Workshop with Page One*

For new writers and writing for wellbeing

Board Game Fun

Come and play games with other game enthusiasts

Community Jigsaw Day

Join us to enjoy a variety of puzzles

Community Jigsaw Day

Monday 9 February

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

For children 0-5 years

Tuesday 10 February

Storytime

For children 0-5 years

Employment + Skills Drop in

One-to-one career coaching, support and advice about jobs and careers

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Registrars: Meet the Celebrants

Discover our exciting and inclusive ceremonies – from weddings and civil partnerships to vow renewals, baby naming, and more

Poetry Open Mic featuring Kathryn O’Driscoll*

Share your own poetry out loud with a set from U.K.

Poetry Slam Champion Kathryn O’Driscoll.

Wednesday 11 February

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Employment + Skills Drop in

Storytime

Thursday 12 February

Storytime

Friday 13 February

Collections Showcase*

A show and tell of our rarely seen collections, with an added look behind the scenes

Bath Central Library

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Bath Central Library

10.00am - 12.00noon

Keynsham Library

During opening hours

Midsomer Norton Library

During opening hours

Midsomer Norton Library

11.00 - 11.30am

Bath Central Library

10.30 - 11.00am

Bath Central Library

11.00am - 1.00pm

Keynsham Library

9.30 - 10.00am & 10.30 - 11.00am

Keynsham Library

10.00 - 12.00noon

Bath Central Library

6.00 - 8.00pm

Bath Central Library

10.30 - 11.00am

Midsomer Norton Library

10.00am - 12.00noon

Midsomer Norton Library

10.30 - 11.00am

Keynsham Library

10.30 - 11.00am

Bath Central Library

11.00am - 12.00noon

Friday 13 February cont

Authors in the library - Jane Duffus*

Join us in conversation with Jane Duffus, the author of the Women Who Built Bristol series

Saturday 14 February

Community Jigsaw Day

Board Game Fun

Authors in the library - James Hawes*

Join us in conversation with James Hawes, acclaimed novelist and historian, whose book Brilliant Isles served as the companion to the landmark BBC series Art That Made Us

Creative Writing Workshop with Page One*

For new writers and writing for wellbeing

Monday 16 February

We’re Going on a Lion Hunt Presented by DragonBird.*

Immersive stories with sets, props, and characters. Relaxed sessions for under-5s and their grown-ups

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Creative Writing Workshop with Page One*

For new writers and writing for wellbeing

Tuesday 17 February

Employment + Skills Drop in

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Storytime

The Enchanted Forest Presented by The Last Baguette*

Play-along theatre adventures for ages 2–6 and their grown-ups, featuring storytelling, music, puppetry, games, and imaginative play.

Story Rhyme & Colouring Time

Suitable for 0-4 years.

Registrars: Meet the Celebrants

Keynsham Library

2.00pm - 3.00pm

Bath Central Library

During opening hours

Midsomer Norton Library

10.00 - 12noon

Bath Central Library

2.00pm - 3.00pm

Keynsham Library

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Bath Central Library

11.00 - 11.50am &

2.00 - 2.50pm

Midsomer Norton Library

11.00 - 11.30am

Midsomer Norton Library

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Bath Central Library

11.00am - 1.00pm

Keynsham Library

9.30 - 10.00am & 10.30 - 11.00am

Bath Central Library

10.30 - 11.00am

Midsomer Norton Library

10.30am - 11.30am

Paulton Community Library

10.00 - 11.00am

Keynsham Library

10.00 - 12.00noon

Tuesday 17 February cont

The Enchanted Forest*

Half Term Crafting

Wednesday 18 February

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Crafting Day

Employment + Skills Drop in

Storytime

Thursday 19 February

Storytime

Crafting Day

Registrars: Meet the Celebrants

Friday 20 February

Collections Showcase

Crafting Day

Authors in the library - SJ Richards*

Join a conversation with Steve Richards, author of the Somerset based crime thriller series featuring ex-DCI Luke Sackville

Saturday 21 February

Board Game Fun

Authors Fair

Meet a fantastic group of authors and publishers selling their books. Pop along at noon for a Draw - a - long with children’s author Robert Starling.

7 - 21 February

Romance Genre Exhibition

An exhibition celebrating everything from the romance genre

Keynsham Library

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Radstock Community Library

10.00 - 11.30am

Bath Central Library

10.30 - 11.00am

Keynsham Library

10.00 - 3.00pm

Midsomer Norton Library

10.00 - 12.00noon

Midsomer Norton Library

10.30 - 11.00am

Keynsham Library

10.30 - 11.00am

Midsomer Norton Library

10.00 - 3.00pm

Midsomer Norton Library

10.00 - 12.00noon

Bath Central Library

11.00 - 12.00noon

Bath Central Library

10.00 - 3.00pm

Midsomer Norton Library

2.00pm - 3.00pm

Keynsham Library

10.00 - 12noon

Bath Central Library

11.00am - 3.00pm

Timsbury Community Library