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CULTURES SEASON

AT THE LIBRARY OF BIRMINGHAM





WELCOME TO THE CULTURES SEASON AT THE LIBRARY OF BIRMINGHAM

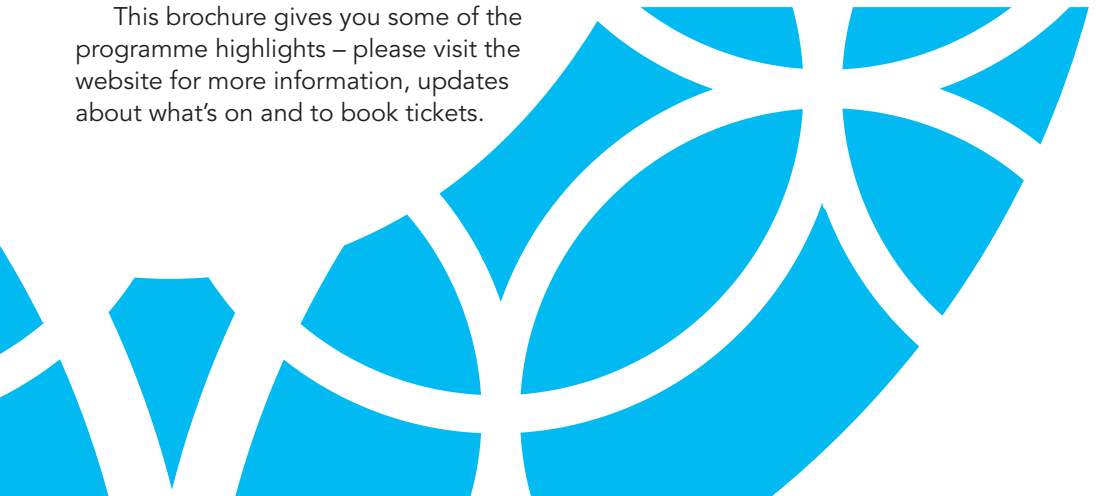
This Spring the Library is celebrating human creativity in its widest, most fascinating and sometimes unexpected forms. From the earliest days of print to the latest digital technologies, explore the vast and amazing ways through which people record, share and create the cultures that shape our world. The Cultures Season offers a varied programme of events, exhibitions, activities and performances, with something for all ages and cultures to enjoy.

This brochure gives you some of the programme highlights – please visit the website for more information, updates about what's on and to book tickets.

Don't forget we also have a programme of regular events and activities throughout the library from business seminars and job search workshops to Shake, Rattle and Rhyme for the under 5s.

The Library of Birmingham looks forward to welcoming you in 2014!

Brian Gambles
Director, Library of Birmingham



READY FOR A HAPPY NEW YOU?

Kick start a happy and healthy 2014 with fun and fitness at the Library!

FREE WORKSHOPS

**SATURDAY 11 &
SUNDAY 12 JANUARY**

All workshops are suitable for all ages and are FREE (booking advisable unless otherwise stated).

Laughter Workshop

**Saturday, 11am–11.45am
Beatbox, lower ground floor**

Learn to laugh for no reason and enjoy the health benefits of laughing at this unique workshop with Happily Ever Laughter – giggles guaranteed!

Drumming Workshop

**Saturday, 1.30pm–2.30pm
Beatbox, lower ground floor**

Learn a new skill and make some noise with Beat it Percussion at this lively workshop for all ages and abilities. Everyone should have the chance to beat a drum!

Dance Workshops

**Saturday and Sunday
Salsa 12noon–12.45pm
Tango 1pm–1.45pm
Swing 2pm–2.45pm
Conference Suite, level 1**

Put on your dancing shoes and learn to dance with Library of Birmingham 'Face' Thomas O'Flaherty. Choose from three dance styles.

Spa Taster Sessions

**Saturday, 10am–4pm
Drop-in, no need to book
Book Rotunda, level 2**

Be pampered in the Library of Birmingham! Clarins Spa will be offering free mini massages and consultations, plus special offers.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Ashtanga Yoga Class

**Starting 16 January, for five weeks,
6pm–7pm. Heritage Learning Space,
level 4. £30 for five weeks**

Build your strength, flexibility and focus with this dynamic form of yoga – a great cardiovascular workout followed by a short meditation. Beginners welcome.



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EXHIBITIONS



27 January – 27 April
Discovery Gallery, level 3, FREE

"A GREAT LIBRARY CONTAINS THE DIARY OF THE HUMAN RACE"

The Library of Birmingham is a treasure trove of books, photographs, music, documents and illustrations telling stories from across the world. Library of Cultures tells stories of the struggles for freedom both at home and abroad, about the fight for the right to vote, to live as we want and to follow our convictions.

Showcasing for the first time some of the highlights of the Library's extensive collections, Library of Cultures takes you on journeys, exploring different countries and cultures with photographs, artefacts and documents revealing lives and cultures around the world.

EXCLUSIVE VIEWINGS

Some stars of the Archive and Heritage collections.
FREE, drop-in (queues possible)

J.J. Audubon's Birds of America
1 February, 12noon–2pm
Heritage Learning Space

Shakespeare's First Folio
5 April, 12noon–2pm
**Shakespeare Memorial Room,
level 9**



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J.J. Audubon's Birds of America



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Library of Cultures Curator's Tour

19 February 2pm–3pm

22 March 2pm–3pm

1 April 6pm–7pm

15 April 2pm–3pm

£5 (advance booking advisable)

An expert guided tour of some of the Library of Birmingham's greatest treasures.

Teachers' Preview Evening

10 and 24 February

5pm–6pm

FREE – booking essential

One of our expert Collections Curators will explain the exhibition displays and you can discuss learning opportunities with members of the Engagement Team. Refreshments provided. See website for further information.

**SCHOOLS
EVENT**

Workshops for Schools

4, 11 and 25 February

4, 11, 18 and 25 March

1 and 8 April

10am–12noon

Advance booking essential – limited availability; first come, first served

Free interactive workshops for school groups to explore the exhibition and discover more about how the library's collections tell the story of Birmingham and its connection to the world. The workshop can be adapted for groups from Key Stage 1 through to 16+ and for groups with Special Needs. For more information and to book, contact:

engagementteam@libraryofbirmingham.com

**SCHOOLS
EVENT**

Who am I?

20 January to 16 February

Spotlight, foyer

FREE

Leaps & Bounds in partnership with the Royal Society of Arts worked with disadvantaged 16–19 year olds, using art to unlock creative potential and help them to understand their identity as British citizens. This fresh and thought-provoking exhibition is the result. Funded by the Arts Council.

Triple Exposure

February–April

Digital Gallery, Book Browse

FREE

From the Library's extensive photographic collection, a digital exhibition of images of China over the last 150 years. Includes pictures from the earliest days of photography, hand coloured photographic postcards

sent home by visitors to China, and a stunning series of images documenting the Chinese New Year festival by contemporary photographer Zhang Xiao.

Words of Art

7–20 March

Spotlight, foyer

FREE

Words of Art blends poetry and portraits from the people of Northfield, South Birmingham. Local poets, supported by young people, worked with older members of the community to write poetry inspired by the Library of Birmingham.



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Triple Exposure

POETRY PERFORMANCES

FREE drop-in

Poetry for Lunch

in association with Jan Watts,
former Birmingham Poet Laureate
Every Thursday, 2 January–24 April,
1pm–1.30pm, Amphitheatre

Informal performances by West
Midlands' poets of all ages and
backgrounds, including Phenomenal
Women poets on 16 January,
20 February and 10 April.

Meet Joanna Skelt – Birmingham's Poet Laureate

Wednesdays from 15 January
10am–3pm

FREE, drop-in

Shakespeare Memorial Room

Meet Joanna as she works on her
Birmingham Praise poem!

Four Library Poems

23–26 January, 11am–11.15am and
2pm–2.15pm daily

Book Rotunda, level 2

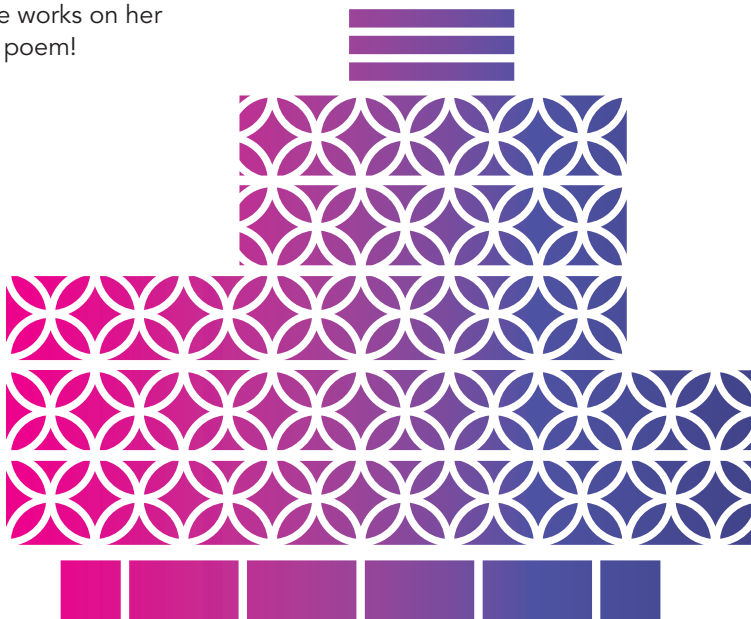
Stephen Morrison-Burke, Birmingham
Poet Laureate 2012/13 performs
four poems inspired by the Library of
Birmingham and the people who use it.

Soldiers are Dreamers

20 March, 1.15pm–1.45pm and
24 April, 6.45pm–7.15pm

The REP Mezzanine

Poetry readings by former Birmingham
Poet Laureate Jan Watts, showcasing the
diverse work of West Midlands' poets.



MEET THE AUTHOR

Best-selling thriller writer

Matthew Reilly

31 January, 7pm

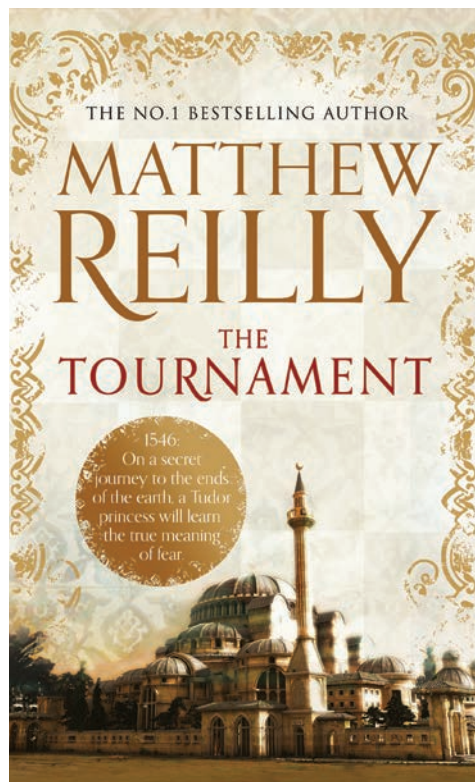
The Door, The REP

£5, booking advisable



Join global literary superstar Matthew Reilly for an evening of conversation and readings from his gripping new thriller, *The Tournament*

– a tale of murder, passion and intrigue set in 16th century Constantinople.



**Tindal Street Fiction Group,
The Sea in Birmingham**

5 February, 6pm–7.30pm

Conference Suite, level 1

FREE (advance booking advisable)

The Sea in Birmingham is an anthology of stories celebrating 30 years of the influential Tindal Street Fiction Group. Set in the Black Country, Coventry, Leamington Spa, Solihull, as well as Birmingham itself, *The Sea in Birmingham* gives readers a vision of the region through a writer's eyes. Join contributors Gaynor Arnold, Alan Beard and Fiona Joseph for an evening of readings and conversation.

"A collection of fine stories that wander the familiar streets of the West Midlands, revealing intimate lives with passionate prose. These writers brought me back home"

CATHY GALVIN

Rosie Pugh, *The Perliad*

IN ASSOCIATION WITH LIMEHOUSE BOOKS

21 February, 6.30pm–8pm

Conference Suite, level 1

FREE (booking advisable)



Launch of *The Perliad*,
a fantasy novel for
young adults by regional
writer Rosie Pugh.



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Jodi Ann Bickley, *One Million Lovely Letters*

2 April, 7pm

Studio Theatre

£5, booking advisable



Jodi began writing letters
aged five. In 2011, to help
her recover from serious
illness, she started writing to
strangers facing their own

struggles to tell them not to give up
hope. Jodi's inspirational story is an
uplifting testament to the power of
words to heal heart and mind. Now
aged 25, Jodi has written more than
1000 letters, and her words are changing
lives around the world. She lives in
Birmingham and *One Million Lovely
Letters* is her first book.

When life is looking hopeless,
one letter can change your life forever

one million



lovely



Letters



JODI ANN BICKLEY

RELAX, CREATE AND MAKE FRIENDS



Library Café Mezzanine FREE drop-in sessions

Poets' Place

IN ASSOCIATION WITH APPLES & SNAKES

**11 & 25 January, 8 & 22 February,
8 & 22 March, 5 & 26 April, 3–5pm**

Whether you are a published poet, a slam champion or a complete beginner, you will find a warm welcome and like-minded people at Poets' Place.

Come stitch with us!

IN ASSOCIATION WITH BIRMINGHAM
EMBROIDERERS' GUILD

**1st Saturday of each month
11am–2pm**

Friendly sewing session – bring your own embroidery, or come and try out some of our projects.

birminghamembroiderersguild.com

Knitting, crochet and woolly fun

IN ASSOCIATION WITH KNIT & NATTER

**1st Tuesday each month, 10am–12noon
1st Wednesday each month, 5pm–7pm**

All ages and abilities welcome, so get those needles out!

knitandnatterbrum@gmail.com

Feel Good Fiction

**Every Thursday for eight weeks
starting 23 January, 6pm–7.30pm**



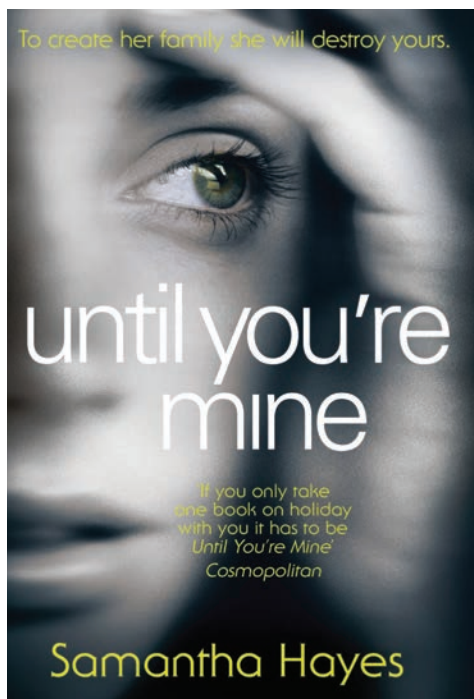
Reading can help you relax, improve your mood and be good for your well-being. Join this therapeutic reading course led by a trained practitioner. Booking essential, contact:

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CELEBRATING BOOKS AND READING



The Big Read: **Until You're Mine**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
RANDOM HOUSE PUBLISHERS

January–March

Be part of the biggest reading experience of the year! Read the stunning new psychological thriller from Samantha Hayes that everyone will be talking about. Limited number of free copies available for library users to review and pass on. See website for more information.

Culture Culture Script Workshops

IN ASSOCIATION WITH COMMUNITY VIBE

Tuesdays, 14 January–25 March

1pm–2.30pm

Beatbox, lower ground floor

FREE, drop-in

Learn and perform the works of some of the greatest and most iconic modern writers of our time! Exploring Harold Pinter, Arthur Miller, J.B. Priestley and Samuel Beckett.

communityvibe.co.uk



Morbid Curiosities

DON'T GO INTO THE CELLAR

THEATRE COMPANY

23 January, 20 February,

20 March, 24 April

7pm–8.30pm

Shakespeare Memorial Room

£10

Celebrating the greatest ghost and horror tales from the Victorian and Edwardian eras, be chilled by this brand-new theatre show!



CELEBRATING BOOKS, READING AND WRITING



People, Pens and Production

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE PEN MUSEUM

1 March, 11am–4pm

Spotlight, foyer

FREE, drop-in

Book launch, Calligraphy and Braille workshop. Meet museum volunteers. A fascinating insight into the history of steel pen manufacture in the city of a thousand trades!

penroom.co.uk

Around the World in 80 Books

IN ASSOCIATION WITH OXYGEN BOOKS

29 March

9.30am–4.30pm

Studio Theatre and

Conference Suite, level 1

£15 including tea/coffee

(advance booking advisable)

Girl With a Pearl Earring superstar

Tracy Chevalier, and Richard and

Judy Book Club bestseller **Beatrice**

Colin, plus other exciting writers and

literature from across the world. With

interviews, presentations, workshops,

competitions, event bookshop, and

goody bags to make this a truly

unforgettable day for readers.

Oxygen Books



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World Book Night

23 April

Join us at the Library as the nation celebrates books and reading on World Book Night 2014. Book givers will be in the Library throughout the day – collect a free book (first come, first served), read it, share it and talk about it. A gala event in the evening will feature one of the World Book Night authors. Look out for details on the website!

Steven Camden, aka Polarbear

6 February

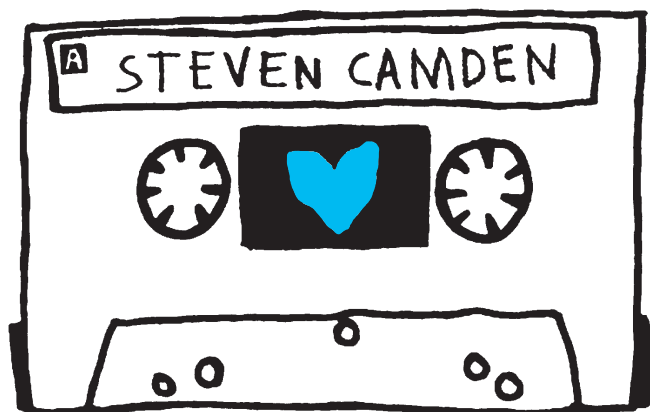
11am–12 noon

The Door, The REP Theatre
(next to Library of Birmingham)

Spoken word poet, debut writer, and very cool person Polarbear will talk about his latest novel *TAPE* and finding your voice as a writer. For ages 13 to 15. Schools bookings only, contact:

engagementteam@libraryofbirmingham.com

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Rewind. Play. I'm here. I always was



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Messy Jessie

17 February, 11am–12noon

and 2.30pm–3.30pm

Children's Library Story Steps,
lower ground floor

FREE, advance booking advisable

A new sensory performance for
the under 5s written by Jan Watts.
Take part in Jessie's busy week –
fun for children and parents!



Messy Jessie



**Pop-Up Storytelling with
Graham Langley and Cath Edwards**

**19 February, 10am–12.30pm and
1.30pm–4.30pm**

**Children's Library Story Steps,
lower ground floor**

FREE, drop-in session

A non-stop, rolling programme of
storytelling for children and families.
Sit and listen to one story or stop all day!

Build a Book family workshop

IN ASSOCIATION WITH LIFEWORLDS LEARNING

21 February, 9.30am–4pm

Middle Earth, Children's Library

**FREE, limited places, advance
booking advisable**

Create a book from scratch! For
8–12 year olds (and an older family
member). Bring your own tablet,
smartphone or laptop if you have
one, plus your own lunch.

Family badge making workshop

22 February, 11am–1pm

FREE, advance booking essential

Make a badge inspired by the Library
of Cultures exhibition! Meet in the
Discovery Gallery, level 3.

Family banner making workshop

16 April, 11am–1pm

FREE, advance booking essential

Get your message across on a banner
inspired by the Library of Cultures
exhibition. Meet in the Discovery
Gallery, level 3.

Look out for details of more Easter
holidays activity, including an Easter
Egg Hunt, on the website!



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FILM



Sunday Film Club

FROM FLATPACK FESTIVAL'S FAMILY
PROGRAMME COLOUR BOX

**£5 for adults, £1 for children
under 12 (unless otherwise stated),
booking advisable. Studio Theatre**



Colour Box presents
a magical selection of
films for all to enjoy.

Continuing the Sunday

Film Club tradition, these screenings
won't be your average multiplex fare;
expect live music, theatre performers
doing silly things, rare 16mm prints
being projected through real projectors,
and some of the best films from around
the world, past and present. Look out on
the website for announcement of other
films to be screened on 27 April, 18 May
and 15 June.

Hugo

19 January, 2pm

Hugo is an orphan who lives under
the railway station in Paris who has to
steal food to survive. One day, upon
discovering the magical world of
forgotten filmmaker Georges Méliès,
his life changes forever.



SPECIAL FEATURE

A Trip to the Moon

11–19 January, FREE, drop-in



See Georges Méliès' classic 1902 short film *A Trip to the Moon* running on the digital screen in the Children's Library.

From up on Poppy Hill

16 February, 2pm

Set in the 1960s, a coming-of-age tale
of two friends who fall for each other.
The gorgeous hand-drawn animation
is irresistible!

A DAY OF FILM FUN

23 March

PART OF THE 8TH FLATPACK FILM FESTIVAL

Caravan of Film

**11.30am. £6 adults, £3 children,
booking advisable**

Wandering minstrels Trio Damba have
collected animated films on their
travels across Europe and need your
help to create the music and sound
effects. Interactive show for all ages.

Cartoon Rock

2pm

A rare treat to see actual film
projected through an actual
projector! Short films including
children's cult classics.

Hand-drawn animation workshop

11am–4pm, Café Mezzanine

FREE hands-on workshop for all
ages – paint, draw and animate
directly onto 16mm film. No need
to book – just drop-in!

COMMUNITY AT THE LIBRARY OF BIRMINGHAM



The Library of Birmingham supports groups and individuals wishing to undertake cultural projects that bring people together and strengthen the local community. Our experts can help you develop the skills to run successful projects, from working with the Library's resources to accessing funding and meeting training needs. For more information contact: engagementteam@libraryofbirmingham.com

Birmingham Community Heritage Day **1 March, 10am–4pm** **£10 including lunch, booking essential** **Conference Suite, level 1**

Do you have an idea that would bring people together in your community? Want to get involved but need some inspiration? Join us for this event showcasing past and present community heritage projects supported by the Library. Find out the difference it can make in a community when people come together to share their heritage, histories and experiences!

Cultural Engagement, Participation and Outreach Conference

26 April, 10am–4pm
£15 including tea/coffee,
booking essential
Conference Suite, level 1

For professionals and practitioners in cultural engagement and outreach work, this conference – the first of its kind in the region – is a great opportunity to share expertise, knowledge and experiences. A day of presentations, debate and discussion exploring the importance of cultural engagement and the key success factors for social change, community cohesion and transformed lives.



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FRONTIERS

Extraordinary music from downtown New York and Birmingham

Improbable, playful, amazing, funny, surreal, spiritual, spectacular... Frontiers festival celebrates the go-it-alone, DIY, collaborative traditions of New York alongside Birmingham's own vibrant music and arts scenes.



Janet Boulton

SCORE: Trace that Sound

22 March – 5 April

Exhibition

Spotlight, foyer

SCORE presents beautiful musical graphics from pioneering composers such as Robert Ashley, Pauline Oliveros, Elliott Sharp, Carl Bergström Nielsen and others, plus new and recent work by Janet Boulton, Claudia Molitor, and young people from Birmingham. Co-curated by Joe Scarffe and Beth Derbyshire for Frontiers. Look out for the **Frontiers Finale** performances in Spotlight throughout the day on **5 April**.

Create your own 'postcard' scores

Draw your own musical scores and submit them at the **SCORE** exhibition or on Twitter. Selected pieces will be performed at the Frontiers Finale.

MUSIC WORKSHOPS

with Kirsty Devaney from Birmingham City University's Conservatoire. FREE, advance booking advisable.

Little Composers in a Day

22 March, 10am–11.30am and 2pm–3.30pm

Children's Library, Middle Earth

Music and fun for families with small children (0–5 years) turning your ideas and scribbles into a music score! Musicians from Birmingham Conservatoire will be on hand to play your piece, which may even be chosen for the Frontiers Finale.

Composer in a Day

**23 March, 11.15am–3.30pm
Conference Suite, level 1**

Want to compose music but not sure where to start? Learn how at this workshop and create a recording to take home. Your piece may even be played at the Frontiers Finale! For adults and young people aged 12+.

From downtown New York to your local library

Kirsty will tour a number of community libraries in early 2014 with more *Composer in a Day* workshops – look out for details on the Library of Birmingham website.

Beats and Birmingham – Poets and the City

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE INSTITUTE OF
CREATIVE AND CRITICAL WRITING

28 March, 5.30pm–7.30pm

**Café Mezzanine. FREE, advance
booking advisable**

A meditation on the city and the poetry
of city life. Enjoy readings of the Beats
alongside poets of the city Roy Fisher,
Louis Macneice, and contemporary
poetry – plus music and readings of
Ginsberg, Kerouac and more.

Automatic Writing

performed by Object Collection

3 April, 7pm–8pm, Studio Theatre

£12 (Students £6)

A live, staged adaptation of Robert
Ashley's seductive and enigmatic work
Automatic Writing. On a stage strewn
with television monitors, video cameras,
and dim pools of slowly shifting light,
four characters emerge...

Music: In C

4 April, 12.15pm–1.15pm

Book Rotunda, level 2

Sid Peacock leads the
Thallein ensemble and
his group Surge in a
performance of Terry Riley's
hypnotic classic, *In C*.

frontiersmusic.org



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**"Ashley's work is incomparable
and emotionally wrenching.
Its secrecy, ritual, and
ability to convey the private
subconscious of unique
lives is so singular, so
indescribable, so imbedded in
the work itself, that any
description is simple
misinformation."**

DUSTED MAGAZINE



Automatic Writing



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FESTIVAL & CELEBRATIONS

See website for more information about festival and celebration events.

Dr Martin Luther King Tribute Showcase Part 4

IN ASSOCIATION WITH INSPIRING A
NEW GENERATION & RECOGNIZE

18 January, 5pm–8pm

Studio Theatre

£3 (including donation to Wateraid)

Some of Birmingham's outstanding artists and influential speakers pay tribute to the iconic American Civil Rights Leader. We gather to remember his journey, legacy and as one strive to achieve his Dream!

Burns Night: Whisky & Poetry Taster

25 January, 7pm–9pm

Book Rotunda

**£15 (includes 6 'drams'),
booking essential**

Join Birmingham Poet Laureate Joanna Skelt and sample a fine selection of poetry washed down with whiskies specially chosen by Birmingham Whisky Club. Raise a glass to celebrate Scotland's favourite son!

National Libraries Day

8 February

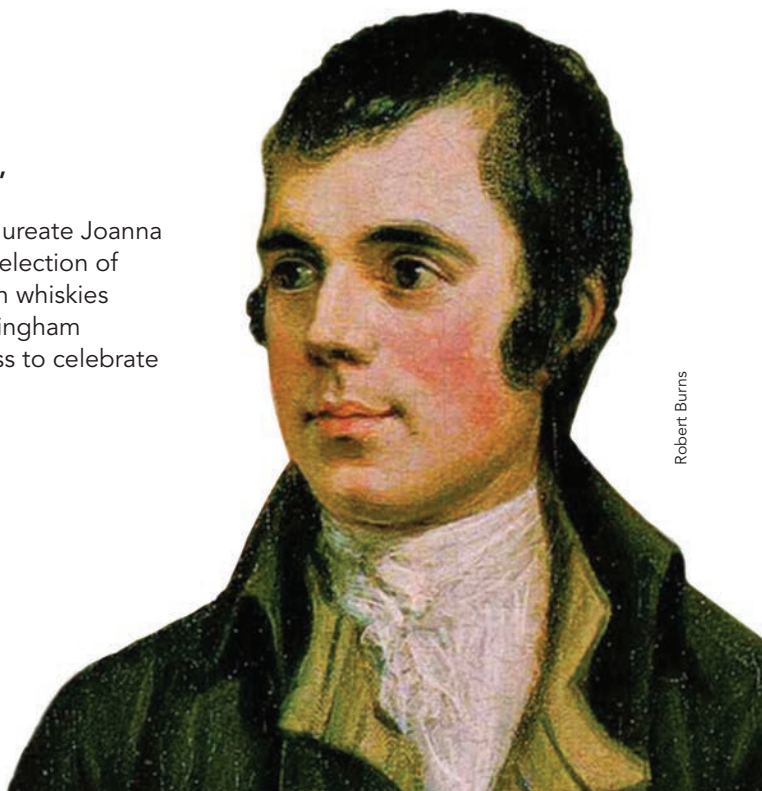
National Storytelling Laureate Katrice Horsley joins us for a day of celebration and discovery at the Library of Birmingham to mark National Libraries Day.

International Mother Language Day: Celebrating Birmingham's Diverse Cultures

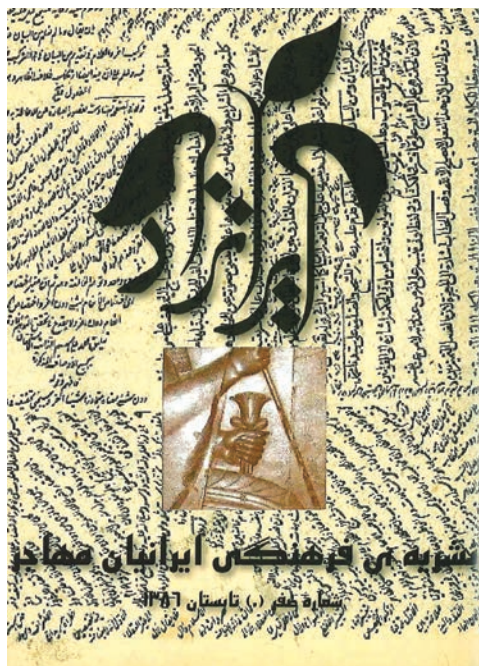
21 February, 6pm–8pm

Conference Suite, level 1

International Mother Language Day was launched by UNESCO in 1999 to promote linguistic and cultural diversity worldwide. Join Joanna Skelt, Birmingham Poet Laureate, to hear some of the fascinating stories and experiences of different cultures and communities in Birmingham, one of the most diverse cities in the world.



Robert Burns



Educate and Celebrate: LGBT History Month Concert

26 February, 6.30pm–8.30pm
Story Steps, Children's Library
FREE – booking essential

Join young people from Birmingham schools as they celebrate LGBT History Month 2014. Look out for other LGBT History Month events and blogs on our website!

International Women's Day and the Arts

IN ASSOCIATION WITH TEDXBRUM

8 March, 12noon–4pm

Brainbox, level 1

£5 (booking advisable)

An afternoon of inspirational talks, music and poetry to mark International Women's Day, celebrating the arts as a force for good for women's lives.

TED^xBrum

x = independently organized TED event

St Patrick's Day Festival

7–17 March

Celebrating the Irish community in Birmingham – talks, Irish literature and more. Look out for details on the website!

St George's Day

23 April

Take a literary journey round England at the Library and join us for our World Book Night celebrations in the evening. Look out for details on the website!

Free **St George's Day celebrations** in Victoria and Chamberlain Squares, 19 April 11am–5pm.

events@brimingham.gov.uk

Symphony Hall also have a **St George's Day concert** 19 April 6pm–9pm.

Tickets £5–£18. Call 0121 345 0600.

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DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT AT LUNCHTIME!



University of Birmingham lunchtime lectures

FREE, booking advisable

From the NHS to Bangladesh, join University of Birmingham academics for lunchtime talks exploring cultures from wide-ranging research perspectives.

Biological Cultures

12 March, 12.30pm–1.30pm

Conference Suite, level 1

Dr Emil C. Toescu, School of Clinical and Experimental Medicine

Coinciding with Brain Awareness Week 2013, this talk lifts the lid on the progress of brain research with an in-depth look at cell cultures.

Shakespeare's Global Communities: Shakespeare, Cultural Value and the Olympic World Shakespeare Festival

18 March, 12.30pm–1.30pm

Shakespeare Memorial Room

Dr Erin Sullivan, Lecturer and Fellow, Shakespeare Institute

This talk reflects on highlights of the Olympic festival and its influence on our understanding of Shakespeare as we approach the 450th anniversary of his death in 2014, the 400th anniversary of his birth in 2016.

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Culture of Complaint

19 March, 12.30pm–1.30pm

Conference Suite, level 1

**Dr Jonathan Reinartz,
Director, History of Medicine Unit**

The British public has become all too familiar with complaining. This talk will explore how complaining has shaped modern medicine, its impact on patients and practitioners and what the future of complaining has in store.

Migration, Nutrition and Ageing in Bangladeshi Families in the UK and the 'Desh: Project MINA

26 March, 12.30pm–1.30pm

Heritage Learning Space, level 4

**Janice L. Thompson, Professor of
Public Health Nutrition & Exercise**

The Bangladeshi population is one of the UK's fastest growing ethnic groups and they are more socially disadvantaged. This talk describes ground-breaking research which aims to improve the health and well-being of this community.

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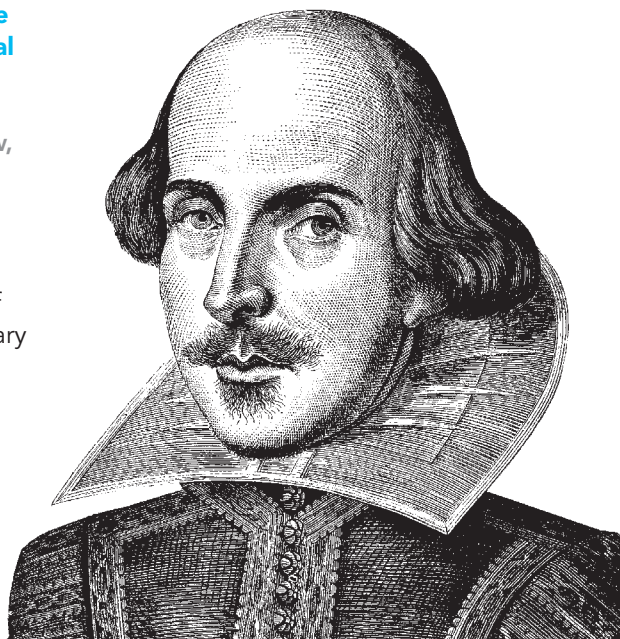




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Poetry for Lunch

IN ASSOCIATION WITH JAN WATTS,
FORMER BIRMINGHAM POET LAUREATE

Every Thursday

2 January – 24 April

1pm–1.30pm

FREE, drop-in, Amphitheatre

Informal performances by West Midlands' poets of all ages and backgrounds, including Phenomenal Women poets on 16 January, 20 February and 10 April.

LUNCHTIME TALKS:

Birmingham and its people

11 February

11 March and

8 April, 1pm–2.30pm

FREE, booking advisable

**Heritage Learning Space,
level 4**

Fascinating local history talks about Birmingham and the people of this great city.

LOOK OUT FOR

Soldiers are Dreamers

poetry recitals on The REP mezzanine

20 March 1.15pm–1.45pm and

24 April 6.45pm–7.15pm



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