Welcome

Earlier this year, Explore was awarded the contract by the City of York council to manage the city’s libraries and archive services for a further 15 years. We are so excited at this achievement and are looking forward to working with York’s communities to develop our libraries and archives over the next 15 years. Looking back over the last 15 years there has been so much change and that will continue on into the future. We will be making sure that York’s people can all take an equal part in the advances.

Our Big City Read in 2018 was our most successful ever and it will return in 2020. For 2019 we are trying out something a little different. This programme contains details of our autumn events, some of which retain a flavour of the Big City Read to keep you interested! Also, do make time to visit your local library to discover the wealth of ideas, activities, experiences and events which are waiting for you every day of the week.

We are so proud of what we deliver for local people and I can’t wait to see what the next 15 years brings.

Fiona Williams
Chief Executive, Explore York Libraries and Archives Mutual Ltd

How do I get involved?

If you need to book an activity or it is not free, it will say so next to the listing. You can book in person at any library in York and many events can be booked online on www.exploreyork.org.uk/events or www.exploreyork.eventbrite.co.uk. You will find a list of all of our libraries on the back cover of this brochure and you are very welcome to drop in to find out what we offer.

If an event is suitable for children and families it will have this symbol in the listing.

We have given our activities four themes to help you to decide which ones you would like to attend... Explore reading, Explore your skills and creativity, Explore your community and Explore your health and wellbeing.

EXPLORE READING

Whether you are old or young, reading for pleasure has infinite benefits and we want to share the joy of reading with everyone in York. It is never too early or too late to fall in love with reading and we can help you to do just that. We have a huge range of books, e-books, audio and e-audio books available for you to borrow for free.

We run regular activities every day of the week across our libraries to help everyone to enjoy reading and they are far too numerous for us to list here. For details of story times, chatterbooks groups and reading groups ask a member of staff or go to the What’s On page on our website and select browse by category at the top of the page. You will find some special reading events in this brochure, so look for the symbol in the listings.

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CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

The Big City Read is having a year off this year and will be back bigger and better in 2020.

This Autumn we are inviting everyone in York to visit their local library and get involved in activities which share the joy of reading, open up learning, discovery and creativity and support everyone’s health and wellbeing.

Your library is at the heart of your community and we think that is something to celebrate. Come and join in.

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EXPLORE YOUR SKILLS AND CREATIVITY

Our libraries are the perfect places for you to learn new skills and explore your creativity. Where else can you get online, access free wi-fi, learn to sing, create a virtual world, make a film, visit an exhibition, watch a play, write a poem, learn a craft, or just sit and think? The list is endless and you will find some special creative and learning events in this brochure, so look for the EC in the listings.

EXPLORE YOUR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Your health and wellbeing is as important to us as it is to you. You can improve your physical and mental health and wellbeing by reading regularly, learning new skills, being creative and becoming an active member of your community by volunteering or joining a group, all of which you can do at your library. We can also help you to stay healthy by providing information about local health services and by stocking books in key areas such as mental health, dementia and long term conditions to keep you well-informed about how to manage your health. We are partners in the Reading Agency’s Reading Well Books on Prescription initiative and stock books in key areas such as mental health, dementia and long term conditions to keep you well-informed about how to manage your health. We are partners in the Reading Agency’s Reading Well Books on Prescription initiative and stock books which are chosen and endorsed by health experts so that you are reassured that you are getting the best possible information. You will see next to all of the listings as all of our activities are good for you!

EXPLORE YOUR COMMUNITY

Your library is at the heart of your community and you will always find a warm welcome there. Our staff have the world at their fingertips and if there’s something they don’t know they will point you in the right direction. We work closely with other organisations in the city and share our spaces with them to make sure that you have a say in what happens in your area. We can also help you to get to know your community by bringing people together in craft or reading groups, offering local volunteering opportunities, leading health walks and keeping the history of your area safe for future generations in our archive and sharing its secrets with you. You will find some community events in this brochure, so look for the EC in the listings.

EVENTS

THERE’S A TROLL ON MY TOILET

Saturday, 14 September 12-1pm | Acomb Explore

Join in as award-winning TV correspondent and local author Catherine Jacob reads her super fun, spooky picture book and gets us to turn into characters in her story. Children aged 4-8, free. Book in person at your local library.

LINDA GREEN: THE LAST THING SHE TOLD ME

Tuesday, 1 October 6.30 - 7.30pm | York Explore

Even the deepest buried secrets can find their way to the surface...join Linda Green as she talks about her latest psychological thriller The Last Thing She Told Me, a Richard & Judy 2019 Book Club choice. Adults, £5. Book online or in person at your local library.

PETER ROBINSON: MANY RIVERS TO CROSS

Wednesday, 18 September 6.30 - 7.30pm | York Explore

Join international best-selling author Peter Robinson as he launches Many Rivers to Cross, the 26th instalment of the DCI Banks series. Adults, £7.50. Book online or in person at your local library.

FUN PALACES

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October Drop in during opening hours All Libraries

Explore Libraries and Archives will join Fun Palaces across the UK and internationally in nurturing and supporting the potential and positivity of sharing people’s enthusiasms, passions and skills with their own local community. Visit your local library and master new skills from your neighbours, share hobbies with friends old and new, and celebrate the passions and enthusiasms of all of us. All ages, free, drop in during library opening hours.
National Poetry Day

Thursday, 3 October
10.30am - 5pm | All Libraries

This year is the 25th anniversary of National Poetry Day and the theme is Truth. Poets in residence will be appearing at Explore Libraries and venues around the city for the annual celebration that inspires people to enjoy, discover and share poems. We will also be sharing poems that local poets have donated in our libraries and on Twitter using #NationalPoetryDay

See below for two special events and do check our website for up to date information.

Enjoy | Discover | Share

Sad Poets’ Doorstep Club

Thursday, 3 October
5.30-7.30pm | Acomb Explore

A special poetry circle focussing on mental health. You are welcome to share your own poetry or short story in a supportive environment or just come and listen. 16+, free. Book online or in person at your local library.

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The Moment that Gets You In

Thursday, 3 October
1.30-3.30pm | York Explore

Poetry workshop with John Foggin

“Everything...depends on the quality of the moment; whatever kind of poem it is, it’s the moment that gets you in.”

Clive James

A poetry workshop with John Foggin that will offer moments to ignite your own poems, and help you to find your own. Adults, £15. Book online or in person at your local library.

Check out: labs.exploreyork.org for events happening this autumn

You don’t know what exciting ideas are inside your head until you go there.

Come to Explore Labs and see what happens when stories, tech, history and creativity collide. Your dreams start here.

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One in four people globally, will be affected by mental illness at some point in their lives. If not you personally, you probably know someone close to you who is facing the struggles of living with a mental disease. We need to make a change and World Mental Health Day aims to ignite this change!

World Mental Health Day is celebrated all around the world! Take a look at social media to find out what’s happening near you and across the world.

@WMHDay
@WMHDay1

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Reading Well supports you to understand and manage your health and wellbeing using helpful reading. The books are all chosen and endorsed by health experts, as well as by people living with the conditions covered and their relatives and carers. You can be recommended a title by a health professional, or you can visit your local library and take a book out yourself, just look for the Reading Well logo.
Sarah Maine: Women of the Dunes
Thursday, 10 October
6.30-7.30pm | Fulford Library
Join author Sarah Maine as she talks about her award-winning novels and their rugged atmospheric Scottish settings. Women of the Dunes was Waterstones Scottish Book of the Month in March 2019. Adults, £5. Book online or in person at your local library.

Tim Major: Routes to Becoming a Novelist
Friday, 11 October
2.30-4pm | Acomb Explore
Explore ways of establishing yourself as a novelist via an ‘apprenticeship’, writing short stories, getting publications in small-press anthologies, becoming involved in writing communities and more. Adults, £3 (Can be redeemed as discount on course leader’s novel at the session). Book online or in person at your local library.

Cuppa and a Chorus!
Connecting Through Singing
11.30am to 1pm
Acomb Explore: 4 & 18 October
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Getting started
We offer free one-to-one sessions on the basic functions of a computer, looking at how to use a keyboard and a mouse as well as features like Microsoft Windows, the desktop and the internet browser. Booking is essential. Please contact your local library to reserve a place.

- Acomb Explore: Tuesday 11am
- Clifton Explore: Wednesday 2.30pm
- Haxby Explore: Coming soon
- Tang Hall Explore: Friday 2pm
- York Explore: Friday 3pm

e-Readers
If you’re thinking of investing in an e-reading device like Kindle, Nook, Kobo and many more, why not test the water with one of our free, basic, introductory sessions. We’ll show you what an e-reader can do and introduce you to our e-book collection. Please contact your local library for more information. Booking is not necessary.

Tablets plus
If you already have a tablet and would like further support, these £10 one-to-one sessions are perfect for getting the most out of your device. Booking is essential. Please contact your local library to reserve a place.

- Acomb Explore: Tuesday 10am – 11am
- York Explore: Thursday 11am-noon
- Haxby: Friday 1pm – 2pm

Internet
For a great introduction to the internet, why not try our free five-week course. You’ll learn about staying safe online, email, web searches, using public services, banking, Facebook and NHS services. Booking is essential. Please contact your local library to reserve a place. (Note: you need basic keyboard and mouse skills to complete the course).

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Writing Matters: A Creative Writing Workshop Led by Pauline Kirk
Monday, 14 October 3.15-4.30pm | Dringhouses Library
Join author Pauline Kirk for a fun, accessible writing workshop. The workshop will give you lots of ideas to work on afterwards, as well useful tips during the session. Adults, £3. Book online or in person at your local library.

The Literary Landscapes of Winifred Holtby with Dr Ruth Beckett
Thursday, 17 October 2-3pm | York Explore
Discover the ways in which Winifred Holtby drew upon the people and landscape of the East Riding to explore themes which transcend time and place in South Riding. Adults, £5. Book online or in person at your local library.

Mint Yard Lecture: Exploring Anglian York
Tuesday, 15 October 6.15pm-7.45pm | York Explore
Dr Ailsa Mainman discusses her recently published book discussing how Anglian York – the city’s missing link – has been pieced together by archaeologists. Adults, £6. Book online or in person at your local library.

Caring for Historic Photographs Workshop
Saturday, 19 October 9.30-11.30am | York Explore
Find out how you can best care for your family photographs at home in our hands-on workshop. Adults, £18. Book online or in person at your local library.
**Reading Group Launch**

Saturday, 19 October
10.30-11.30am | Bishopthorpe Library & Strensall Library

We are starting 2 new reading groups at Bishopthorpe and Strensall libraries which will meet on the third Saturday of each month. For this first meeting, please bring your favourite book with you to discuss and/or pick up a short story from the library to read before we meet. Adults, free, drop in.

**Petticoat Government – The Story of the York Home for Nurses**

Monday, 21 October
7-8pm | Dringhouses Library

Join author Rosemary Cook for an introduction to her book 'Petticoat Government', which tells the remarkable story of York's unique nursing history. Adults, £5. Book online or in person at your local library.

**Finding the Words with Suzanne Batty, Jane Burn and Keith Hutson**

Thursday, 24 October
6.45-7.45pm | York Explore

Hear poets from Yorkshire and beyond at our relaxed and welcoming monthly poetry evening. Adults, £5. Book online or in person at your local library.

**Living with Railways**

Monday, 21 October
7.30-8.30pm | Bishopthorpe Library


**Fairetold**

Tuesday, 29 October
10-10.45am and 11.15am-12noon | Acomb Explore

Wednesday, 30 October
1.15-2pm and 2.45-3.30pm | Tang Hall Explore

Thursday, 31 October
1.15-2pm and 2.45-3.30pm | York Explore

Think you know your fairytales? Think again. Twisting immersive storytelling with puppetry and live folk-music, Hoglets will bring you traditional fairytales retold for Halloween. Children 5+, £4 per person, under 2s free with a paying adult. Book in person at your local library.

**There’s a Troll on My Toilet**

Tuesday, 29 October
11-12noon | Dunnington Library

Wednesday, 30 October
2-3pm | York Explore

Join in as award-winning TV correspondent and local author Catherine Jacob reads her super fun, spooky picture book and gets us to turn into characters in her story. Children 4-8, free. Book in person at your local library.

**Barking Mad**

Thursday, 31 October
6.30-7.30pm | York Explore

What would happen to somebody who binged some 200 werewolf movies in a few short months? Find out as Gavin Baddeley talks about writing The FrightFest Guide to Werewolf Movies. Adults, £5. Book online or in person at your local library.
**About us**

Explore York Libraries and Archives runs the library and archive service in York on behalf of the City of York Council. It is a community benefit company jointly owned by its staff and its Community Members. We are registered with the Financial Conduct Authority and recognised as having charitable status by HMRC.

**How can you get involved?**

**Join your local library**
Anyone is very welcome to become a member of York Libraries. There are no age limits - anyone from one day old to 120+ years old can join and you don’t need to be a resident of York to get a FREE library card. Pop into any library to join in person or visit www.exploreyork.org.uk and use our online joining form.

**Volunteer with us**
We love our volunteers at Explore, and we know that without your support we cannot provide many of our additional services. We welcome volunteers from all of York’s communities, whether you want to gain some skills to get back into work, have a talent you would like to share, or just love libraries and archives. If you are interested in joining us as a volunteer go to our website to look at the opportunities we have available and apply, www.exploreyork.org.uk/support-us/volunteer

**Make a donation**
You can donate to Explore online or in any library. If you pay tax we can claim gift aid which makes your money go further. Your money helps us to continue to develop new activities for our communities.

**Donate a book**
We love books and you can also support us by making us a gift of a new book or a pre-loved book that is in good condition.

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**Julian Norton: On Call with a Yorkshire Vet**

*Tuesday, 5 November 7-8pm | Tang Hall Explore*

Join TV’s Yorkshire Vet Julian Norton for anecdotes from his new book On Call with a Yorkshire Vet. Adults, £5. Book online or in person at your local library.

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**Salley Vickers: Grandmothers**

*Thursday, 14 November 6.30-7.30pm | York Explore*

Sunday Times bestselling author Salley Vickers will talk about her new novel Grandmothers, the story of three very different women and their relationship with the younger generation. Adults, £7.50. Book online or in person at your local library.

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**Simon Parkin: A Game of Birds and Wolves**

*Wednesday, 20 November 6.30-7.30pm | York Explore*

Join us to hear the explosive untold story of war at sea and how a secret game of battleships invented by eight exceptional young women and a retired Naval Captain won World War Two. Adults, £5. Book online or in person at your local library.

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**Helena Cox: Murder by the Minster**

*Saturday, 9 November 2-3pm | York Explore*

Join us to hear about the first in a brand new crime series based in York and featuring librarian-turned-sleuth Kitt Hartley. Adults, £5. Book online or in person at your local library.
If you become a Community Member you can make a real difference to the way we deliver our services and plan our future. Anyone over the age of 16, who supports the aims and objectives of Explore, can become a Community Member. You can then participate in, and vote at, general meetings and stand for election as a Community Director on the board. Each Community Member holds one share in Explore. Members should have an interest in the operation and development of Explore York Libraries and Archives and support the aims and objectives of the society. There is no commitment whatsoever to any wider involvement and there will never be any financial commitment required from you.

Join at any library or contact members@exploreyork.org.uk

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If you live within the York area, you are entitled to have a YorkCard, which means that your library card will also entitle you to residents’ discounts at leisure facilities across York. There is a £6 admin charge for YorkCards for adult residents. Ask at your local library for more details or take a look at our website.

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**Home Library Service**

If you still love reading but find it difficult to get to your local library, our Home Library Service offers you the chance to get the books that you love to read delivered straight to your door.

You can choose from a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction in a range of different formats including regular print, large print and audio books. These will be delivered to your home on a regular basis. A volunteer from Explore will visit you to discuss what types of books you enjoy reading and organise a regular time to visit. It’s as easy as that!

Just give us a ring at any library and we’ll make an appointment to visit when it’s convenient to you. We can also show you how you can read our large selection of e-books and listen to audio books using the Explore e-Library on an e-Reader or other tablet computer.
Contact the libraries

York Explore
Library Square, York YO1 7DS
Tel: 01904 552 828
york@exploreyork.org.uk

Acomb Explore
Front Street, Acomb YO24 3BZ
Tel: 01904 552 651
acomb@exploreyork.org.uk

Clifton Explore
Rawcliffe Lane, Clifton, York,
YO30 5SJ | Tel: 01904 552662
clifton@exploreyork.org.uk

Haxby Explore
Tel: 01904 552 660
haxby@exploreyork.org.uk

Tang Hall Explore
The Centre, Mossdale Avenue,
Bad Bargain Lane, York YO31 0HA
Tel: 01904 552 655
tanghall@exploreyork.org.uk

Bishopthorpe Library
Main Street, Bishopthorpe,
York YO23 2RB | Tel: 01904 552 678
bishopthorpe@exploreyork.org.uk

Copmanthorpe Library
Village Centre, Main Street,
Copmanthorpe York YO23 3SU
Tel: 01904 552 672
copmanthorpe@exploreyork.org.uk

Dringhouses Library
Tadcaster Road, Dringhouses, York
YO24 1LR | Tel: 01904 552 674
dringhouses@ exploreyork.org.uk

Dunnington Library
The Reading Room, Church Street,
Dunnington, York YO19 5PW
Tel: 01904 552 668
dunnington@ exploreyork.org.uk

Fulford Library
St Oswald’s CE School, Heslington
Lane, Fulford, York YO10 4LX
Tel: 01904 555 444
fulford@ exploreyork.org.uk

Huntington Library
Garth Road, Huntington, York
YO32 9QJ | Tel: 01904 552 669
huntington@ exploreyork.org.uk

New Earswick Library
New Earswick Folk Hall, Hawthorn
Terrace, New Earswick, York
YO32 4AQ | Tel: 01904 552 629
newearswick@ exploreyork.org.uk

Poppleton Library
The Village, Upper Poppleton, York
YO26 6JT | Tel: 01904 552 680
poppleton@ exploreyork.org.uk

Strensall Library
19 The Village, Strensall, York
YO32 5XS | Tel: 01904 552 677
strensall@ exploreyork.org.uk

Rowntree Park Reading Café
Rowntree Park Lodge,
Richardson Street, York YO23 1JU
Tel: 01904 551 489
rowntreepark@ exploreyork.org.uk