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**CHILDREN & FAMILIES NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026**

Event booking:

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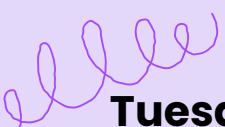
Newcastle Libraries invites you to a very special Open Day!

On Saturday 3 October, 10am–2pm, Newcastle City Library will be a hive of activity, showcasing everything that you can access with a library card!

Enjoy storytimes and crafts, plus your chance to talk to library staff about great books, explore your family history, and uncover unique treasures from our archives! There'll even be free candy floss and a scavenger hunt for all ages!

No need to book, just drop in any time on the day!



 **HOLLY STERLING**
Tuesday 27 October, 11am – 12pm, City Library

Join author and illustrator Holly Sterling for a fun-filled event celebrating the picture book *Wednesday is for Wiggling*, illustrated by Holly herself!

Perfect for all young readers and families! Booking via Eventbrite.





GRUFFALO GRANNY STORYTIMES

Celebrate the release of the latest Gruffalo book and Grandparents Day with a special storytime! Listen to the story and make a personalised picture frame to remember the day.

Saturday 19 September – Outer West Library (11am)

Monday 21 September – Denton Burn Library (11am), City Library (3.30pm)

Tuesday 22 September – High Heaton Library (3.30pm)

Wednesday 23 September – Gosforth Library (11am)

Thursday 24 September – Kenton Library (11am)

Friday 25 September – East End Library (11am), Blakelaw Library (3.30pm), Fenham Library (3.45pm), West End Library (3.45pm), Newburn Library (4pm)

CREEPY CRAFTS FOR HALLOWEEN

Drop into your local branch over half term for free spooky crafts, suitable for all the family.

Monday

- Fenham Library – 11am
- West End Library – 2pm

Tuesday

- High Heaton Library – 11am

Wednesday

- Newburn Library – 11am

Thursday

- Cruddas Park Library – 11am
- Kenton Library – 11am
- Outer West Library – 11am

Friday

- City Library – 11am
- East End Library – 11am
- Gosforth Library – 11am
- Walker Library – 11am
- Blakelaw Library – 3pm

Saturday

- Denton Burn Library – 11am

Family Ballet Workshop

City Library, Thursday 15 October
1pm – 2pm



Earlier this year, City Library had the honour of hosting the *Into the Light: The Pioneers of Black British Ballet* exhibition; following on, we are hosting a fantastic family event celebrating Black British Ballet.



Led by one of the dancers from the Black British Ballet Project, this workshop is a fun and accessible introduction to ballet for very young children and their families/carers. Ages 3 – 5. Book via Eventbrite!

WALKER LIBRARY HAS MOVED!



Our new home is in the Tree Top Village on Walker Road, located at the front of the building.

Opening Hours:

Tuesday: 10am – 5pm
Thursday: 10am – 5pm
Friday: 10am – 3.30pm
Saturday: 10am – 2pm



We've got lots of books to borrow, storytime on a Saturday at 11am and Lego Club on a Thursday at 3.45pm, plus holiday crafts! It is easy to join – call in with your parent/guardian and it takes 2 minutes to sign up and get a library card, which you can then use in any of our libraries in Newcastle.

GAME CHANGERS



Read, play, craft and make friends at our Game Changers social clubs for 7-11 year olds (under 8s must be accompanied by a grown up)!

Whether you want to try a new board game, help create a book display, or have some company while you do your homework, you'll find plenty to keep you busy.

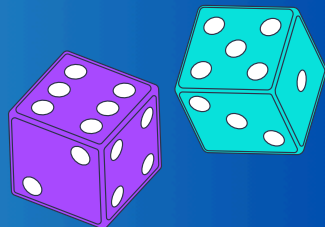
Monday: Fenham Library (3.30pm)

Tuesday: Outer West Library (3.30pm)

Wednesday: Newburn Library (3.30pm)

Thursday: High Heaton Library (3.30pm)

Saturday: Kenton Library (11am), Denton Burn Library (11am), West End Library (10.45am), Cruddas Park Library (11am)



STORYTIMES

Enjoy a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, explore what the library has to offer, make friends and listen to stories that will encourage young children to develop a life-long love of books.

Under 5s, term time only.

Mondays: Fenham Library 10:30 am, City Library 10.30am, Outer West Library 10.30am, West End Library 2pm

Tuesdays: Gosforth Library, 11am

Wednesdays: Blakelaw Library, 10.30am

Thursdays: High Heaton Library 10.30am, Kenton Library 10.30am, Outer West Library 10.30am

Fridays: Gosforth Library 10.30am, Newburn 10.30am, East End Library 11am

Saturdays: Cruddas Park Library 10.30am, Walker Library 11am

LEGO CLUBS

This is a term time weekly drop-in and we provide all the materials. The clubs are for children aged 4 and up, and children must be with a parent or carer.

Mondays: Kenton Library - 3.30pm-4.30pm,
West End Library - 4pm-5pm

Tuesdays: Gosforth Library - 3.30-4.30pm

Thursdays: Walker Library - 3.45pm-5pm,
City Library - 4pm-6pm,

Fridays: Fenham Library - 3.30pm-4.30pm

Saturdays: Newburn Library - 10.30am-

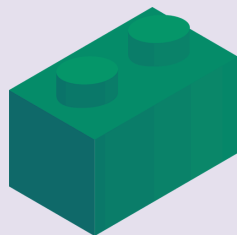
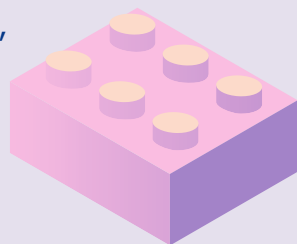
12.30pm, East End Library - 11am-12pm,

High Heaton Library - 11am-12pm,

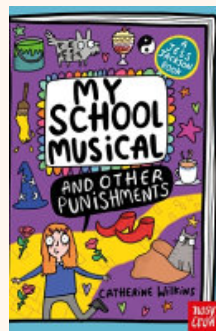
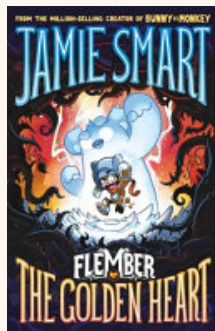
Denton Burn Library - 11am-12pm, Cruddas

Park Library - 11am-12.30pm,

Outer West Library - 11am-1pm



Books You'll Love - Available Now!



Visit libraries.newcastle.gov.uk to search for books, find out where they are, make a reservation (for free!) and select which branch you want to collect your book from!