

summer Words²⁰⁰⁹

A series of author talks and writing workshops
in Derbyshire Libraries

*... home from home,
... step by step to the east
... willows in a red hot state*

... day by day by

*... willows, squeeze a red hot song
... carry and he told his tongue
... iron rods, six foot stacks,
... can't get from the door*

Writing workshops for adults

Sat 30 May



Caroline Pitcher Writing for Children

Dronfield Library, 10-12.30pm

Are you writing for children, for the market, or for yourself? Children's literature offers a wide range to the imagination. There are so many possibilities for the writer and reader of all ages. I don't believe we lose our vibrant childhood just because we reach 18 or 21. In this workshop, let's talk about these possibilities and play around with some ideas.

Caroline is an award-winning writer who has had many books published across the age range, from toddlers to young adults. Her latest novel is *The Shaman Boy*.

www.carolinepitcher.co.uk

Tickets: £4/£3 concessions

Available from Dronfield Library on **01246 414 001**

Wed 10 June



River Wolton, Derbyshire Poet Laureate Writing the Past into Life

The Magic Attic Archives, Sharpe's Pottery Museum,
Swadlincote, 10am-3.30pm

Are you interested in family and local history? Would you like tips on transforming your research into compelling stories? Offering starting points for fiction and non-fiction this writing workshop includes a tour of the Magic Attic's unique local history archive led by Graham Nutt. Those new to writing and to the Attic are welcome.

River is a writer and poet. Several of her Laureate commissions have involved research into local and oral history.

Tickets: £4/£3 concessions

Available from Swadlincote Library on **01283 217 701**

Lunch is not provided.

Crime Scene East Midlands

A regional crime reading promotion featuring books either set in the East Midlands or by writers based here. Alongside an exciting range of mysteries, crimes and thrillers available in our libraries, we have organised a series of events and workshops.

Thurs 11 June



Anne Perry

Mary Swanwick Hall, Old Whittington, 7.30 - 8.45pm

Well-known writer of Victorian murders and the William Monk novels, Anne's latest book is *Execution Dock*. Anne will be talking about her books and writing career.

Tickets: £4/£3 concessions

Available from Old Whittington Library on **01246 454 412**

Writing workshop

Chesterfield Library, 2.30 - 4.00pm

Ever wanted to write your own murder mystery? Anne will be sharing tips and ideas in this writing workshop. Whether you're a beginner or have been writing for a while come along and be inspired.

Tickets: £4/£3 concessions

Available from Chesterfield Library on **01246 209 292**

Thurs 11 June



Murder at the Library with Crème de la Crime

New Mills Library, 7.30 - 9.30pm

Gym instructor and part-time lothario, Rob Harkness, has been found dead at the leisure centre. The police don't have a clue. They need help; can you provide it? Come along and solve the mystery using witness statements and other evidence. Earn points for every element of the mystery you solve - and points mean prizes...

Test your sleuthing skills with friends and family. Come as a team or form one on the night. Suitable for ages 13 plus.
www.cremedelacrime.com

Tickets: £3/2 concessions

Available from New Mills Library on **01663 743 603**

Mon 6 July



Simon Beckett

Heanor Library, 7.30 - 9pm

Simon will be talking about his work. He is the author of *The Chemistry of Death*, which was shortlisted for last year's "Theakstons Old Peculier" Crime Novel of the Year Award. His gripping new Dr David Hunter novel is *Whispers of the Dead*.
www.simonbeckett.com

Tickets: £4/£3 concessions

Available from Heanor Library on **01773 712 482**



Wed 8 July



Rod Duncan Midsummer Murder at Hadfield

Hadfield Library, 2 - 4.30pm

During the workshop the group will plan a crime novel or screenplay developing characters, background, and an outline plot. Focussing more on imagination than writing the session will give you a good understanding of how narrative works and ideas for writing your own crime fiction. And hopefully you'll have fun along the way!

Rod Duncan writes fiction, non-fiction, and screenplays. His first novel, *Backlash*, was shortlisted for the John Creasy Memorial prize for debut crime novel of the year. His most recent publication is *The Mentalist*.
www.roduncan.blogspot.com

Tickets: £4/£3 concessions
Available from Hadfield Library on **01457 852 589**

Derbyshire Poet Laureate events

Tues 21 April & Tues 2 June



River Wolton, Derbyshire Poet Laureate will be sharing some of her favourite poems and talking about her role as laureate on:

Tues 21 April

Ashbourne Library, 7.30 - 9pm

Free, but please book places at Ashbourne Library
on **01335 342 702**

Tues 2 June

Borrowash Library, 2 - 3.30pm

Free, but please book places at Borrowash Library
on **01332 663 440**

Activities for Children

Sat 6 June



Berlie Doherty

Buxton Library, 11am

Join Berlie for the launch of her new Peak Dale Farm series of books for younger readers. She will read from *A Calf called Valentine*. Berlie will also talk about her classic novel for older readers, *Jeannie of White Peak Farm*.

Berlie is a well-known writer for young people, twice winner of the Carnegie Medal. She has written for adults and writes plays for radio, theatre and television. Berlie lives in the Peak District and many of her books are set in Derbyshire.

Tickets: Free

Please book places at Buxton Library on **01298 25331**

To tie in with the launch of *A Calf called Valentine*, we are running a drawing competition for children. Prizes will be presented by Berlie at this event. For more details about the competition please contact Cathy Petersen on 01773 833 199 or e-mail cathy.petersen@derbyshire.gov.uk

Berlie will also be visiting Chesterfield Library on Fri 12 June. For further details contact Chesterfield Library on **01246 209 292**



For further details of literature events in Derbyshire Libraries, writing groups and our autumn programme please join our mailing list by contacting arts.team@derbyshire.gov.uk or **01773 831 385**

If you are interested in joining or setting up a reading group, please contact any Derbyshire Library or visit: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/libraries