



SLS Parent Newsletter

Autumn 1 2022

Here are some of the exciting local reading events for children and young people coming up over October half term

Kids activities in Portsmouth Public Libraries



Keep checking the website and Facebook page as activities are being added all the time. *All of the library activities are free of charge.*

Space Odyssey Planetarium

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

Space Odyssey Planetarium

Friday 28 October

1pm to 1.30pm, 2pm to 2.30pm or 3pm to 3.30pm
Charles Dickens Centre, Lake Road, PO1 4HH



Join us for a multi-sensory voyage into space. The **Space Odyssey** mobile planetarium offers an immersive and spectacular 360° 3D space and astronomy learning experience to families. There are 3 bookable sessions which are suitable for all ages, but the final session is geared towards young people aged 11+. Please note the venue is the Charles Dickens Centre.

Book your place by calling 023 9268 8057 or email askalibrarian@portsmouthcc.gov.uk. You can also book by popping into any Portsmouth Library.

Go fly your kite workshops



Saturday 22 October at Portsmouth Central Library.

At this Go fly your kite workshop children will trace, colour, build and fly their own kites! These FREE STEAM workshops will teach children how things fly and the basics of aerodynamics, plus tips on flying their kites. Weather permitting children will fly their kites outside. Suitable for 6 to 11 years old.

There are 3 bookable workshops:

10.15am to 11.15am

11.30am to 12.30am

12.45pm to 1.45pm

Book your place by calling [023 9268 8057](tel:02392688057) or email askalibrarian@portsmouthcc.gov.uk. You can also book by popping into any Portsmouth Library.

Code Club at Southsea Library

Every Saturday at Southsea Library.

Beginner's group: 3pm to 4pm

Advanced group: 4.15pm to 5.15pm

If more information on joining these clubs call Southsea Library on [023 9268 8999](tel:02392688999) or email southsea.library@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.

Children's drawing workshops

Aimed at children aged 7-16 these sessions are for youngsters interested in improving their drawing skills. Local artist Andy White will show you how to draw with pencils, pens or felt tips. He will teach different methods and help you come up with new ideas. Suitable for beginners or the more advanced. Materials will be provided but you can bring your own if you wish – Andy will show you how to get the best out of them. It's free and drop-in.

Children's drawing workshop at Southsea Library

The drawing workshop runs monthly on Saturdays, 2.30 to 4.30pm.

22 October
19 November
17 December

Children's drawing workshop at North End Library

The drawing workshop runs monthly on Saturdays, 1pm to 3pm.

5 November
3 December
31 December (TBC)

Saturday morning activities

Depending upon staff availability we will offer either a story time, rhyme time or craft activity.

Saturday: Alderman Lacey, 11am

Saturday: Beddow, 11am

Fort Nelson



Free activity.



Code-breaker trail

Spies and secret agents played an important role in the Second World War. All the countries involved in the war had their own spy organisations. They sent their spies into enemy territory to try and discover information about their enemy's campaign plans, including the movement of troops, new weapons in development and where they stored their ammunition.

Come and have a crack at a challenging code-breaking trail and find out about how spies and secret agents operated in the Second World War.

There'll also be a free fun find the pumpkin trail for our younger visitors.

And everyone gets a sticker!

Admission to the Fort is free but please pre-book your visit online to guarantee your visit.

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

FRIGHTDAY WITH THE CREATION STATION: LUMINOUS BUG BUDDIES

WHEN: On 28 October 2022, 11:00 - 15:00

Location: Victory Gallery at the National Museum of the Royal Navy

Audience: Families with children aged 3-11

Free activity with a valid entry ticket

Times: 11.00am – 3.00pm

Join the Creation Station for a unique event, especially for Halloween. Be inspired by bioluminescent creatures and use special paints to create your own glow-in-the-dark minibeast rock pet.

Event suitable for children aged 3-11 and their adults.

BEJEWELLED BUGS MAKE AND TAKE

WHEN: From 22 October 2022 -30 October 2022, 10.00 - 16:30

Location: The National Museum of the Royal Navy Portsmouth

Audience: Families

Free activity with a valid entry ticket

Times: Museum opening hours

Choose your favourite jewels and googly eyes and get creative to make your own shimmery, shiny bug to take home.

D-Day Museum

The big drop: Make your own parachute day

Monday 24 October 2022

11am to 3pm

Did you know that parachutists were an important part of D-Day? 'Drop' in to this family friendly craft activity and make and design your own parachute from scratch, with help from our friendly volunteers. Learn and read about the Rupert 'Paradummies' used to deceive the enemy on D-Day, meet one of the surviving Ruperts on display at the museum, and take home your very own mini Rupert to test your parachute.

Included in museum ticket price. No need to book.

Commando Chef demonstration: Cooking with the Royal Marines

Tuesday 25 October 2022

10am - 11am, 12pm - 1pm

Join us and enjoy live cooking demonstrations from the Royal Marine's 'Commando Chef' Mike Beaton, and learn how to fuel yourself with delicious, healthy, and easy meals. Each demonstration will comprise of two chicken dishes and a breakfast option - with tasters included!

Mike is a former GB athlete and as a Royal Marine chef, Mike travels round the country using food to inspire, enthuse, and educate, as part of the Royal Marine's Educational Awareness Team.

This event is free to the general public and there is no need to book. Suitable for all ages.

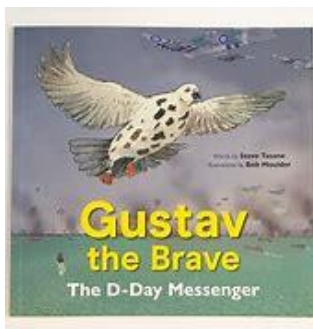
Time Travellers family show **Saturday 29 October 2022**

11am - 1pm, 2-3pm

Find out how you would survive as a child growing up in the Second World War in this fun, energetic, fact filled show for all the family! Discover what it was like to be a child growing up during the Blitz, learn about the struggles of family life during the war, commemorate the Homefront heroes and find out exactly what was a Spam Fritter?

Recommended age 7+. The show features loud sound effects, strobe lighting, and a smoke machine. Advance booking essential. Included in museum entry price. To book email thedaystory@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or call 02392 882 555.

Gustav the Brave



Why not download our activity booklet and visit us? Meet Gustav the pigeon, who brought the first news of D-Day to Britain. Discover new facts and play games to explore the history of the Second World War.

Find 6 Gustavs hidden around the museum and get a sticker.

Gustav activity is included in the admission ticket price.

Autism friendly family day



Friday 28 October 2022

11am - 12.30pm and 2pm - 3.30pm

Learn and play at this safe and welcoming event. Join us for a family fun day specially designed for children with Autism, run by an SEN specialist. Make a D-Day plane and try flying it to the landing beaches. Build a landing craft and float it across the sea, then go and explore the real 59-metre-long Landing Craft Tank 7074 at the museum and read about the D-Day story.

This event included in the museum ticket price. Just drop in between 11am to 12.30pm or 2pm to 3.30pm. No need to book.

