

SPRING WRITE FESTIVAL

Be inspired by words

SATURDAY 26 APRIL – 3 MAY 2025

EVENTS ACROSS SOUTH TYNESIDE LIBRARIES

Spring into writing, poetry, storytelling, mystery and much more at this week-long festival. The Spring WRITE Festival will give you a flavour of what's to come at WRITE Festival 2025 which takes place throughout September.



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South Tyneside Council



**SATURDAY 26 APRIL,
2-3PM AT THE WORD**

**NORTHERN BOOKSHELF LIVE 2025
- TREVOR WOOD AND EIRINIE
LAPIDAKI IN CONVERSATION**

Free, booking required. Suitable for ages 16+

Join Trevor and Eirnie as they discuss their books and what it means to them to be part of this year's Northern Bookshelf Live.



**SATURDAY 26 APRIL 10.30-
11.30AM AT CLEADON PARK
LIBRARY AND 1.30-2.30PM AT
HEBBURN LIBRARY**

**INTERACTIVE STORYTELLING
WITH KYLIE DIXON**

**£2.50 per person. Suitable for children aged 6-10
and their grown ups**



Step into the magical world of Inkcap and Friends! Kylie Dixon, a North East author and illustrator, will bring her enchanting stories to life in these magical storytelling sessions.

**SUNDAY 27 APRIL
1-2PM AT THE WORD**

**FOLK TALES FOR HEALTH
AND WELLBEING WITH
ADAM BUSHNELL**

Free, booking required. Suitable for ages 16+

Join local author Adam Bushnell and discover the inspiration behind his new book *Folk Tales for Health and Wellbeing*. Come along for a journey of self-discovery and healing through the timeless wisdom of stories passed down over many generations.



**MONDAY 28 APRIL
1.30-2.30PM AT THE WORD**

**AN AFTERNOON WITH
KAY WILSON**

**FREE, booking required.
Suitable for ages 16+**

Kay Wilson will be joining us to chat about her first novel *The Stand-Up Mam*. The story features many of Kay's own experiences of stand-up comedy – an ambition she achieved after surviving a near-fatal brain haemorrhage.



**TUESDAY 29 APRIL,
2-4PM AT HEBBURN CENTRAL
FRIDAY 2 MAY, 2-4PM
AT CLEADON PARK**

CALLIGRAPHY FOR BEGINNERS

£5 per person. Suitable for ages 16+

In this introductory session, calligrapher Angela Reed will guide you through the tools and techniques required to form a basic alphabet. All materials will be provided, including a starter kit to take home.



**WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL,
11AM-1PM AT THE WORD**

**POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP
WITH ROWAN MCCABE**

£5 per person. Suitable for ages 16+

Join poet Rowan McCabe for a writing workshop that celebrates the more usual signs of the spring season, from beehives in the school roof to buddleia on the metro tracks.



**THURSDAY 1 MAY,
1-2.30PM AT JARROW FOCUS**

**BELLES IN BLOOMERS
- COSTUME TALK WITH
MERIDITH TOWNE**

**£5 per person.
Suitable for ages 16+**

This lively talk with costume historian Meridith Towne embraces the lives and clothes of the emancipated, cycling women of Victorian England, including the daring few who donned the shocking bloomer suit!



**SATURDAY 3 MAY
9.30-10.30AM AND 11AM-
12PM AT CLEADON PARK**

**SATURDAY 3 MAY
1.30-2.30PM AND 2.45-3.45PM
AT THE WORD**

**TABLETOP
ESCAPE GAMES**

**£2 per person. Suitable
for ages 12+ however
families with children for
8+ can participate**

Taking all the fun and challenges of an escape room, this event is shortened into a table top challenge. Working in teams of 8, players must work together to crack into a safe, solving a series of puzzles and clues along the way.



TICKETS CAN BE BOOKED ONLINE AT WWW.THEWORDUK.ORG OR IN PERSON AT THE SHOP @ THE WORD.

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**THURSDAY 1 MAY, 10-11AM
AT HEBBURN CENTRAL**

HEBBURN READING GROUP

Enjoy lively discussions about books and reading with a chance to meet new people.



**WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL,
5.45-6.45PM AT
JARROW FOCUS LIBRARY**

SILENT BOOK GROUP

A book club where you can enjoy books, friends, and a cup of coffee without any assigned reading.



Our reading groups are FREE to attend. For more information and to book a place call 0191 424 7805 or email pauline.martin@southtyneside.gov.uk

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Cleadon Park Library

10 Prince Edward Road
South Shields
NE34 8PS
0191 424 6194

Jarrow Focus Library

Cambrian Street
Jarrow
NE32 3QN
0191 489 7786

Hebburn Central

Glen Street
Hebburn
NE31 1AB
0191 424 7831

The Word

45 Market Place
South Shields
NE33 1DX
0191 427 1818