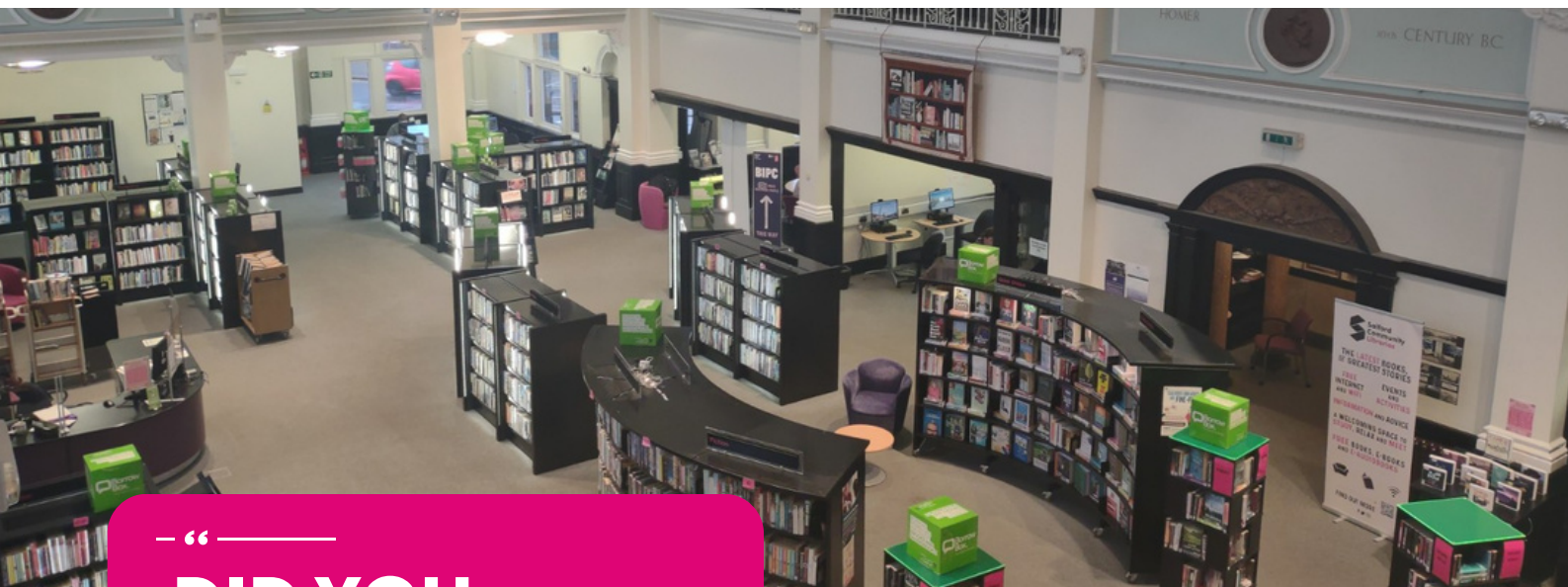


NEWSLETTER



DID YOU KNOW?

Salford Libraries Are

FINE-FREE

If you've found some long overdue library books, you don't need to worry about fines. Since 2019, we have operated a FINE-FREE service. That means we no longer charge for overdue books.

So, drop by your local library, return those books and borrow some more, without worrying about fines.

FEBRUARY RECAP

Welcome to the March edition of the Salford libraries newsletter. As we gear up for spring, we'll take a look back at our highlights from February and spotlight the exciting activities to come in March.

We had a brilliant turnout for our half-term events for children with most booked events sold out and families enjoying our drop-in events like the Pirate Fun Day which saw over 400 people throughout the day taking part in a fun-filled pirate activity.

Looking towards March and we've got plenty of engaging events for you to get involved with including World Book Day celebrations and International Women's Day.

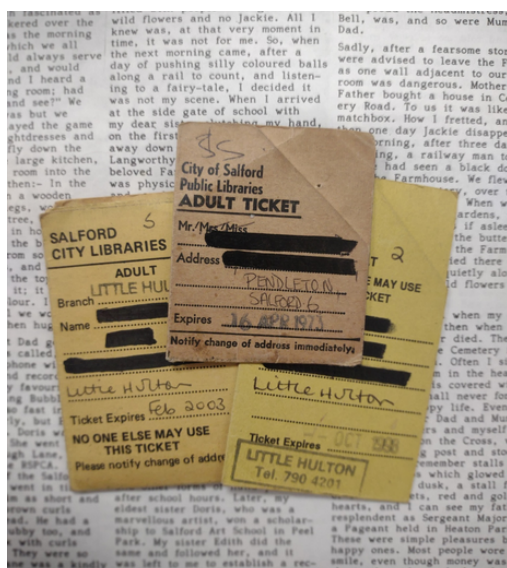
Read on to find out more.

LIBRARY COMMUNITY

February Highlights

February was a very busy month for our libraries as we got into the full swing of 2024. Our events programme for Half Term activities went down a treat with library customers. We hosted a range of events from mini beast clay work, feathered craft sessions, and a pirate bonanza that had over 400 people join the fun throughout the day

We were also lucky to host our friends at Read Easy Salford for an informal drop-in event at Eccles library for people interested in volunteering with this brilliant initiative to provide 1-1 support to adults in Salford who struggle with reading.



Finally, we took a trip down memory lane after we discovered some of our old library tickets. Long before the days of digital systems and self-service machines, these tickets would be filed and stored and library staff would write the names and addresses of customers on each card and then retrieve the book cards when items were loaned and returned.

Through sharing these photos, many users shared their tales from the library with us, highlighting the role of libraries as community hubs from past to present.

Stay tuned, as we prepare for our Easter Holiday events programme.

LIBRARY COMMUNITY

Regular Activity at Our Libraries

Storytime



If your child is under 5 why not come along to our free Storytime sessions? Join us for stories, songs and play. No need to book, just come along!

Winton Library
Boothstown Library
Walkden Library

Mon 10:30 - 11:00am
Tues 10:00 - 11:00am
Tues 09:30 - 10:30am
10:45 - 11:45am

Broughton Library
Pendleton Library

Tues 2:00 - 3:00pm
Wed 09:30 - 10:30am
10:45 - 11:45am

Eccles Library
Height Library
Worsley Village Library
Swinton Library

Thurs 10:30 - 11:30am
Thurs 10:30 - 11:30am
Thurs 2:00 - 3:00pm
Fri 10:30 - 11:30am

Stay & Play

Our Stay & Play sessions are a great way to make new friends while your children play with a selection of toys.



Cadishead Library
Irlam Library
Little Hulton Library

Mon 9:30 - 10:30am
Thurs 9:30 - 10:30am
Mon 9:30 - 10:30am
Thurs 1:30 - 2:30pm
Fri 10:00 - 11:00am

Ordsall Library

Manchester Literature Festival



Little Reads

Little Reads

A fun, interactive session using stories, songs, dance, and drama to explore children's picture books.

Broughton Library

First Thursday of every Month
11:00- 11:30am

LIBRARY COMMUNITY

Regular Activity at Our Libraries

Knit & Natter



Did you know that you could pop into the library and join our Knit and Natter groups? Open to beginners and experienced knitters, our libraries are a warm and welcoming space where you can chat, knit, and develop new skills alongside friends. Our Knit and Natter groups can be found at:

Height Library **Every Friday- 2-4pm**

Walkden Library **Every Thursday - 1:30pm - 2:30pm**

Broughton Library **3rd Tuesday of the Month
10:30am- 12:30pm**

Creative Writing and Book Club @ Height Library

On January 4th 2024, we launched our brand new Creative Writing & Book Club at Height Library.

On the first Thursday of the month, join us in discussing a diverse selection of books and channel your inner writer with our creative writing sessions on the second, third, and fourth Thursday of the month.

You don't have to attend every session - you can choose the book club, creative writing or do both.

For more information, please contact claire.gorton@scll.co.uk or go to our website at <https://salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/libraries/reading-groups/>



LIBRARY COMMUNITY

Schools' Library Service

Salford Schools' Library Service lends project loans and many other children's book resources.

Most schools in Salford subscribe to the service – contact the Schools' Library Service to find out what you can borrow. They can also arrange to lend books to schools outside Salford. Contact the team for further details.

As well as lending books, they provide the following services to subscribing schools:

- Advice on developing your school library
- Telephone helpline during opening hours
- Email bulletins
- For secondary schools – networking meetings for the librarian or teacher in charge of the school library
- For secondary schools – participation in the Salford Children's Book Award

Opening Times

Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 5pm

Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm

The Schools' Library Service is open as usual during all school holidays, except Christmas.

Contact

Address: Salford Schools' Library Service, Ordsall Neighbourhood Office, 2 Robert Hall Street, Salford, M5 3LT

Tel: 0161 778 0936

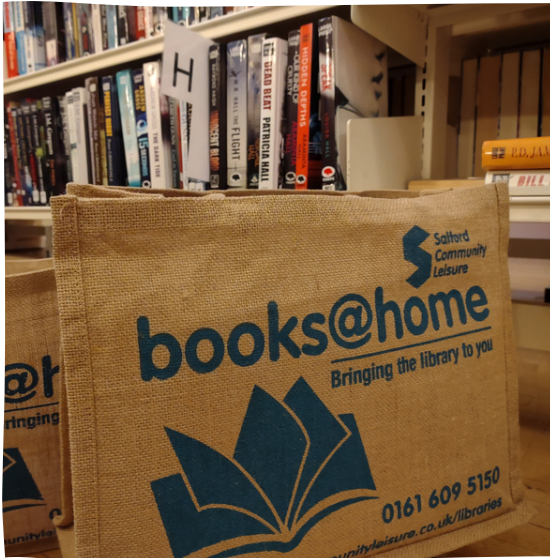
Email: schools.library-service@scll.co.uk

"Excellent selection of books, an extremely useful resource - all well used for sharing, as resources and by individual children. Thank you."



LIBRARY COMMUNITY

Books@Home



Can't make it to your library? We'll bring the library to you!

Books@Home offers a bespoke service from our library staff as they select books/audio books for you, based on your preferences, and deliver them directly to your door.

This is a free service, but you do need to apply.

We offer:

- The facility to request books
- A visit every 4 weeks
- Small and large print books
- Audio books and e-audio books
- E-books
- The opportunity to discuss with staff the type of books you enjoy

If you or someone you know would benefit from this service, follow the link for more information.

<https://salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/libraries/library-services/bookshome/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

World Book Day

We have a selection of World Book Day giveaways available to collect in our libraries.

Book tokens can be exchanged at any of our 16 libraries from Thursday 7th March. Books can also be collected from the Library Corner at the Pavilion Café in Parr Fold Park, Walkden, and library staff will be at the Library Corner in Irlam and Cadishead Leisure Centre after school on Thursday 7th March to give books out then. If your child has lost their book token, they will still be able to collect their free book.



***Note: World Book Day Books are not available at Walkden Den or Ordsall Hall Library Corner ***

International Women's Day

Local History Talk with Beryl Patten - Isabel Mary Haywood

Eccles Library - Thursday 7th March - 6:30pm - 8:00pm - FREE

(Booking Essential - <https://salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/whats-on/>)



Creative Writing Session Celebrating Women

Height Library - Thursday 7th March - 1:30 - 3:30pm - FREE (Drop In)

Mindfulness - Swinton Library - Friday 8th March - 1:00 - 4:00pm - FREE (Drop In)

In Discussion With Justice of the Peace (Magistrate) Joyce Fletcher

Former Broughton library staff member discusses her journey to becoming a Justice of the Peace magistrate with insight to the work they do and cases they oversee, with questions from the audience to follow.

Broughton Library - Wednesday 6th March - 2:00pm - FREE (Booking Essential)

For more information and to reserve your place contact Broughton Library at broughton.library@scll.co.uk 0161 686 5405

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Get the skills and confidence you need to succeed.

The workshops we deliver are specifically designed to support new businesses, people who are in the process of setting up a business or just have a business idea.

All workshops and events are held at Eccles Library including:

Business Basics: Getting started

Marketing: The Essentials

Know Your Customer: Get Competitive!

Intellectual Property: Protect Your Assets

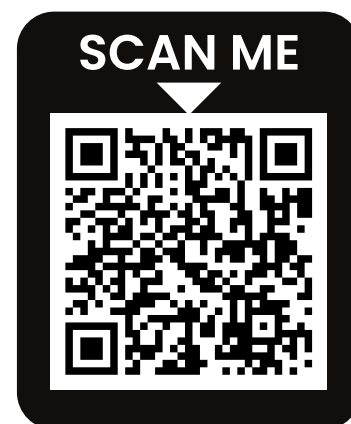
March Events

These tailor made events are led by experts in their field and will provide vital tools in developing your business and promoting growth.

Smartphone Photography For Your Business
Eccles Library - March 7th - 1:30 - 3:30pm

Traditional Marketing Methods
Eccles Library - March 18th - 10:00-12:00pm

These are all FREE workshops, but booking is essential You can book through the website at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/build-a-business-salford-116239>
You can also scan the QR code to book.



BUILD A BUSINESS

Business Information Databases

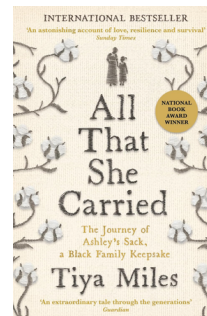
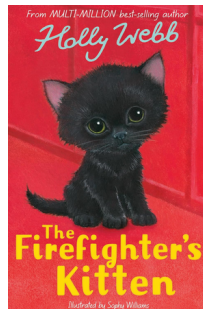
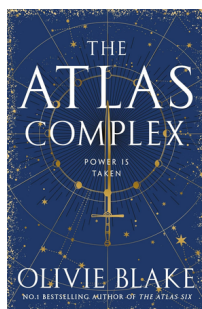
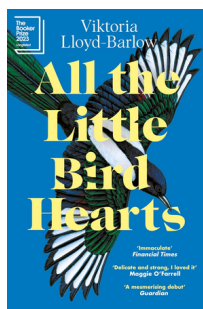
Through Build a Business in GM Libraries you can access a range of business information databases.

What's Included?

- **COBRA (Complete Business Reference Adviser)** – accessible inside and outside libraries. COBRA is a comprehensive and continually updated online encyclopaedia and reference resource.
- **Espacenet** – accessible inside and outside libraries. Free access to over 120 million patent documents.
- **Frost and Sullivan** – only accessible in libraries. Industry and market research on a wide range of sectors
- **GRANTfinder** – only accessible in libraries. A huge regularly-updated database of funding opportunities.
- **Local Data Online** – only accessible in libraries. A huge database covering the retail and leisure sectors.
- **Statista** – only accessible in libraries. Consumer and market intelligence.
- **Ibis World**– Available on Eccles Library computers. Industry market research reports, statistics, analysis, data, trends and forecasts.



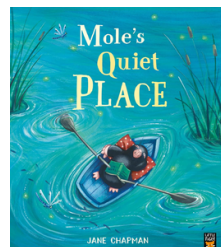
NEW BOOKS



Attention Span

Finding Focus for a Fulfilling Life

Gloria Mark



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BOOK REVIEW

► The Travelling Cat Chronicles by Hiro Arikawa



"Much of this book lies in quiet moments. It's a gentle tale that touches on the beauty of connection. It's in the people (and pets) that weave in and out of our lives and the impact, as minimal as it may be, they have on us. It's as tender as it is moving, one that will tug at the heartstrings."

Review by Lois

Reserve a copy <https://salfordlibraries.spydus.co.uk/>

WORLD BOOK DAY

Book Reviews

From Eccles Sixth Form College

Heroes of Olympus: The Blood of Olympus by Rick Riordan



I would recommend this book to my friends that like Greek and Roman mythology as the book intertwines the ancient world with the modern world as if the Greek and Roman gods of these ancient lands are still here in the present day.

If people do want to read this book series, I would recommend reading the Percy Jackson series as well before reading this one.

The author of this book has done lots of research to make the mythology as accurate as possible so it can also be used as an educational resource for those who want to learn more about Greek mythology, all of the books in the series have a glossary at the end with all of the terminology that the reader might not understand or know.



This is the last book in a five-book series called the Heroes of Olympus where seven demigods, the mortal children of the Greek/ Roman gods, have had to join forces to sail or fly to Greece in their flying warship the Argo II and stop the giants from raising their mother Gaia the earth Goddess and destroying the world. As well as preventing a war between the Greek and Roman demigods.

In this book the seven demigods of The Argo II are nearly at their destination of Athens in the ancient lands on their quest to stop the giants from waking up Gaia from her slumber and destroying the world, they just have to get one more thing for their plan to work, and they need help from the God of medicine to make them a cure for death. My favourite part of the book is when Zeus, the god of the sky and king of Olympus, grows to be a hundred feet tall and slaps the demigods in their warship, like a volleyball halfway across the world so they can stop Gaia who they failed to prevent from being awakened.

Review by Daniel



WORLD BOOK DAY

Book Reviews From Eccles Sixth Form College

Near the Bone by Christina Henry



I like this book because it has horror and mystery and that's what I enjoy in books.

I would recommend it to a friend because it has mystery and monsters in it too.

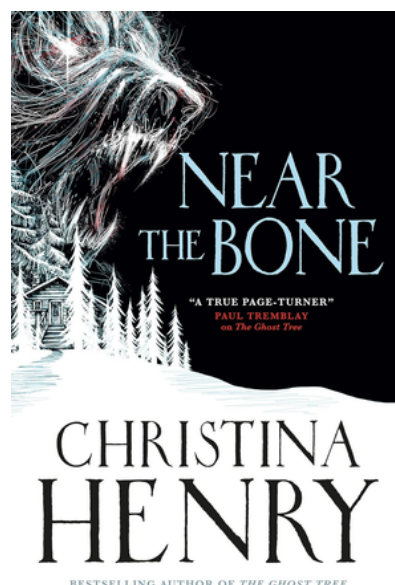
Mattie, the main character, is my favourite. Mattie cannot remember her past before living alone in the mountain with William.

Mattie was kidnapped when she was a kid, but William was the one that kidnapped her. He kept her in the mountain and manipulated her to do his bidding.

But they are not alone in the mountains...

Review by Nakita

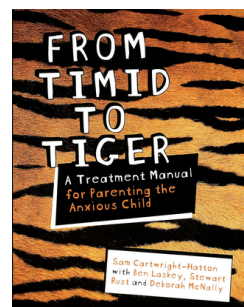
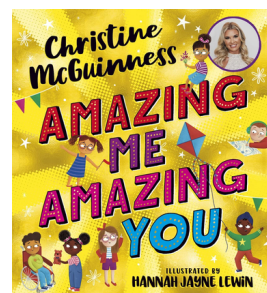
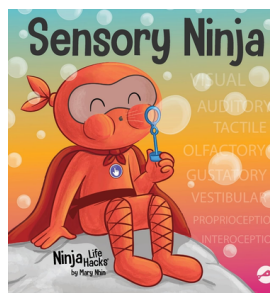
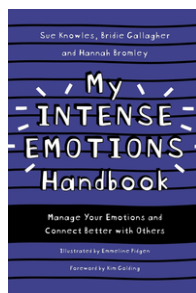
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We would like to send out a big thank you to students at Eccles Sixth Form College for sending us your reviews. We loved reading them and we're definitely going to be adding your recommended books to our must-read suggestion list.

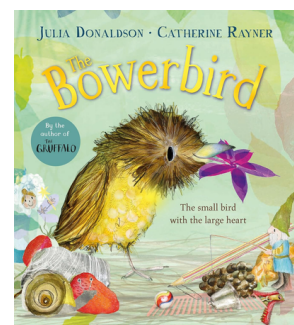
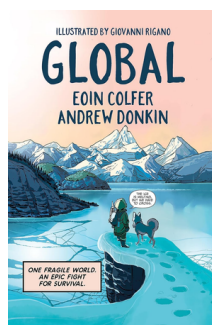
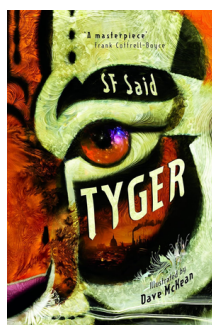
BOOK COLLECTION

Neurodivergent Collection



Did you know that around 15-20% of the population are neurodivergent? What do you know about neurodiversity? Working with health professions, we've created a selection of books that can help you learn about the unique challenges and talents of neurodivergent people and how you can support them.

Yoto Carnegie Nominated Books



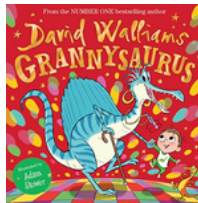
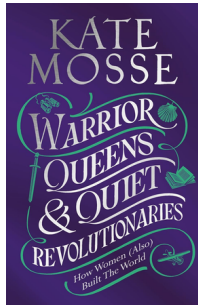
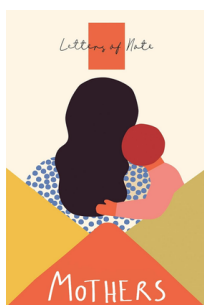
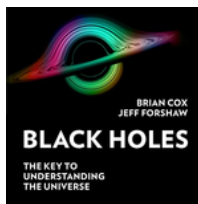
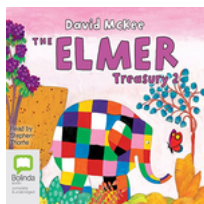
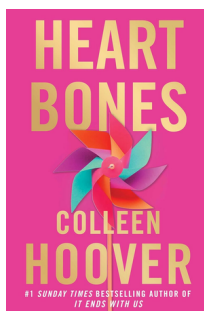
The Yoto Carnegies are the UK's longest running and best-loved children's book awards. There are two awards for writing and illustration and these past and present nominees spotlights books that are thought-provoking, empathy-building and immersive reading experience for children.

Search the curated collection [here](https://salfordlibraries.spydus.co.uk/)
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BORROWBOX

Spotlight Titles

Skip the queue with this monthly collection of books always available to borrow.



Heart Bones by Colleen Hoover

The Famous Five Short Story Collection by Enid Blyton

Dirty Bertie Volume 1 by Alan MacDonald, David Roberts

The Elmer Treasury: Volume 2 by David McKee

Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

Black Holes by Brian Cox, Jeff Forshaw

The Darlings of the Asylum by Noel O'Reilly

Grannysaurus by David Walliams

Elizabeth Taylor by Kate Anderson Brower

Sinister Spring by Agatha Christie

Barking Up the Right Tree by Leigh Russell

Maybe Next Time by Cesca Major

Once & Future by Amy Rose Capetta, Cori McCarthy

Thunderbolt by Wilbur Smith

When Women Were Dragons by Kelly Barnhill

Lilibet by A.N. Wilson

The Middle Daughter by Chika Unigwe

Letters of Note: Mothers by Caitlin Moran, Sylvia Plath, Louisa

May Alcott, Martin Luther King Jr et al.

Fight Night by Miriam Toews

Dream Town by David Baldacci

Warrior Queens & Quiet Revolutionaries by Kate Mosse

The Woman Who Saved the Children by Clare Mulley

Old God's Time by Sebastian Barry

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NEWS FROM PARTNERS

Corinth Business and Community Training

Do you need support with digital tasks for employment?

Starting in February and running up through to June, our friends at Corinth Business and Community Training will be holding Digital Drop Ins for Employment where you can get the best digital tips and tricks to help with your employment.

Digital Drop in for Employment Part of Digital Inclusion in Salford

- Support with digital tasks for employment
- Support updating a CV
- Support uploading documents
- Support searching for opportunities

Little Hulton Library:	10:00am – 12:00pm		21/03/24	16/05/24
Irlam Library:	10:00am – 12:00pm		18/04/24	30/05/24
Broughton Library:	10:00am – 12:00pm		25/04/24	06/06/24
Eccles Library:	10:00am – 12:00pm	07/03/24	02/05/24	13/06/24
Pendleton Library:	10:00am – 12:00pm	14/03/24	09/05/24	20/06/24
Hope Library:	10:00am – 12:00pm	21/03/24	16/05/24	27/06/24

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www.corinth-training.com

NEWS FROM PARTNERS

Working Class Movement Library

The Working Class Movement Library is an archive and resource that provides an inclusive and welcoming space for working people to learn from and interpret their history. They offer open access to their large collection, tours, events and exhibitions to the public from their home at Jubilee House in Salford.

The library's large archive documents over 200 years of organising and campaigning by working class people in Britain, Ireland and all over the world. It support research, organising and community projects and offer meeting and event space for activist and community groups.

The library is open for readers from 10-4:30PM Tuesday to Friday, and open to drop-in visitors from 10-4:30PM Wednesday to Friday. They also have a weekly tour, which takes place every Friday at 2PM.

Email – enquiries@wcml.org.uk

Phone – 0161 736 3601

Events

The Working Class Movement Library have some exciting event throughout March including a discussion on the crucial role that women played in the 1984-1985 Miners' Strike and a hands-on event offers you the chance to work with items from the library's collection.

"Women and the Miners' Strike" - Thursday 28th March - 6:30pm - FREE (Booking Essential)

Radical Motherhood Digitisation Event - Saturday 9th March
10:30am & 1pm - FREE (Booking Essential)

To book, head on over to the website or scan the QR code.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/working-class-movement-library-2295086931>



STAY IN TOUCH

Write a Review

Enjoying your latest read? Why not share your thoughts and write us a book review to be included in the Newsletter.

With so many books to read, your review could inspire someone to pick up a book or discover their new favourite author.

Send your review to salfordlibraries@scll.co.uk

Share your Story

It's the readers that make the library.

Are you a regular at your local library? Would you like to share your fondest library experiences with us?

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