



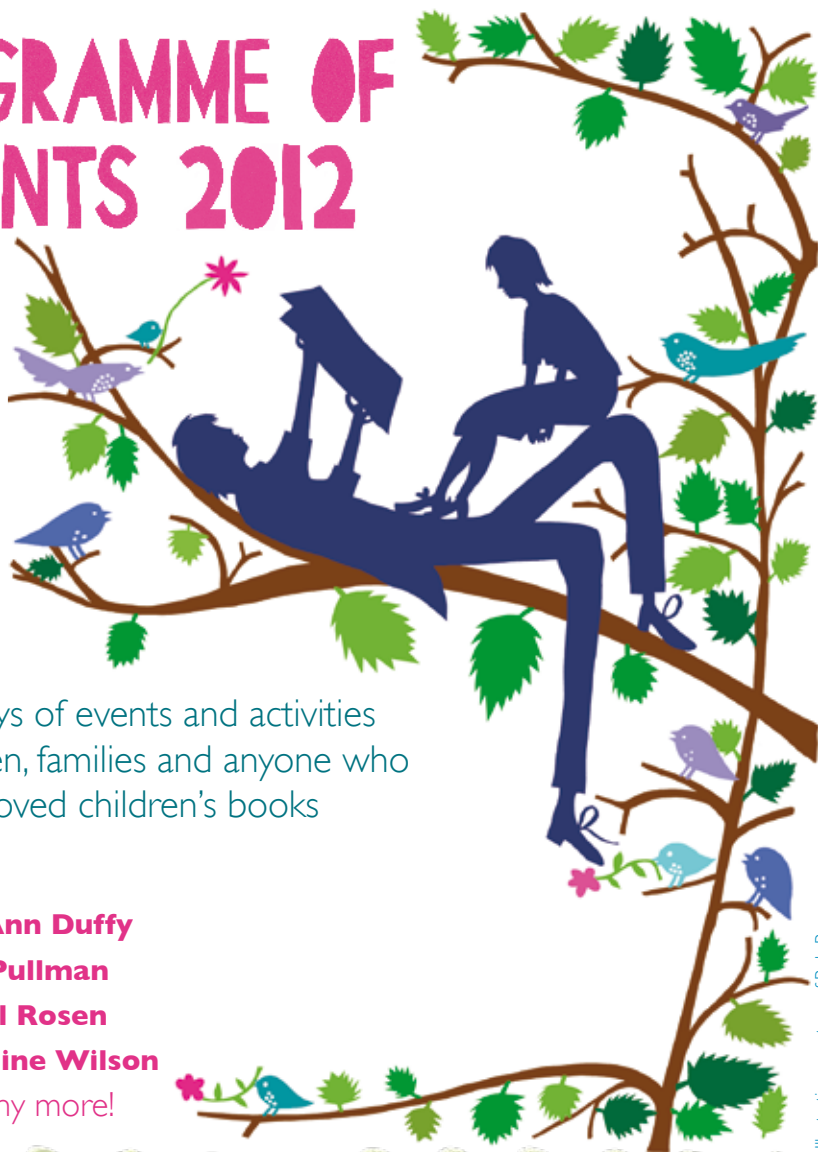
Manchester  
Children's  
Book Festival

28 June - 8 July 2012



Manchester  
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University

# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2012



Eleven days of events and activities  
for children, families and anyone who  
has ever loved children's books

Featuring

- ✦ **Carol Ann Duffy**
- ✦ **Philip Pullman**
- ✦ **Michael Rosen**
- ✦ **Jacqueline Wilson**  
and many more!

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the ticket hotline on **0843 208 0500**



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# WELCOME



## Welcome to the second Manchester Children's Book Festival...



Since I became a mother, I've found myself writing more and more for children, so, when I was appointed Poet Laureate, it felt

natural that my first major event should be a children's book festival. With my team in the Manchester Writing School at Manchester Metropolitan University, we staged a four-day pilot in 2010 - and I was delighted with the response.

The 2012 Festival is even bigger and better - truly a festival for the city. We're working in partnership with many of Manchester's major cultural and educational organisations to offer an exciting programme of events and activities - here at MMU and in schools, libraries, theatres, museums and galleries across the region. And if you can't make it to Manchester, you can still get involved in our virtual *Reading and Writing Relay* or by entering our Festival competitions.

I'm excited about this year's programme and hope you can join us.

**Carol Ann Duffy**  
Poet Laureate and Festival Creative Director

## ...and to Manchester Metropolitan University

The Manchester Children's Book Festival is a wonderful way for Manchester Metropolitan University to share the very best of what it has to offer with our local communities and the wider world, and I'm delighted with the 11-day programme of activities that Carol Ann and the team have put together for 2012.

Whether you're a young person, family or school group wanting to meet your favourite authors, illustrators and characters, or a teacher or arts practitioner looking for professional development opportunities or activities to run in school, there really is something for everyone.

I am proud to present the second Manchester Children's Book Festival and hope to see you there.

**Professor John Brooks**  
Vice-Chancellor  
Manchester Metropolitan  
University



# FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

## THURSDAY 28 JUNE

### Continuing Professional Development

#### Surviving and Subverting

A two-day suite of masterclass workshops, seminars, talks and panel discussions, giving teachers, writers, librarians and arts practitioners opportunities to develop their own writing for children, explore critical engagements with children's books, or get 'hands-on' in arts and craft sessions. The days will feature keynote speeches from poets and educators Mandy Coe and Michael Rosen on the theme of developing cutting-edge approaches to maintaining passionate and positive creativity in the class room in the face of funding cuts. They'll be joined by special guest, educational development expert Mick Waters. Come along, join the debate and collect ideas and resources that will have an immediate impact in the classroom or workplace.

### "Have you ever thought about writing for children?"

#### Panel discussion

Sherry Ashworth and Jacqueline Roy from the Manchester Writing School at MMU host this panel discussion on the role that degree courses can play in the success of aspiring children's authors. Their guests include successful MMU graduates Iris Feindt, Liz Kessler and Lorrie Porter. They will also be joined by authors and lecturers N M Browne (University of Kingston) and Julia Green (Bath Spa University).



For the full programme of workshops and sessions, and to book tickets, go to [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) and click on 'CPD' or call 0843 208 0500

Thursday 28th and Friday 29th June

9am - 5.30pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building ①

Tickets £106 per day or £170 for both days. Includes lunch and refreshments.

*Accommodation at the Midland Hotel is available at special rates for anyone attending the CPD days. See page 36 for details.*



Thursday 28th June

6.00 - 7.30pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building ①

Tickets £5.50 (or free for those attending the CPD days - see above for details)

Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

## FRIDAY 29 JUNE

### Official Festival Opening Event with Carol Ann Duffy

Friday 29th June

6.00 - 7.30pm

MMU Holden Gallery ②

FREE (tickets not required)



The Manchester Children's Book Festival's Creative Director, Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, will officially open the 2012 Festival in the Holden Gallery at Manchester Metropolitan University. This gala event will feature poetry from Carol Ann and a musical performance by local schools, as well as the official opening of *Graphic History of the Future*, an exhibition of childhood sci-fi annuals and novels from the Malcolm Garrett Archive, and the 2012 *Out of Schools* exhibition of artwork produced by children from the region. The Holden Gallery will be open to the public for the duration of the Festival.

For sponsors and official Festival partners there will be a special, invitation-only, pre-event reception hosted by Carol Ann.



# FAMILY FUN DAY

A full programme of activities for the Family Fun Day will be posted on the MCBF website as the Festival approaches!




## SATURDAY 30 JUNE

**Open day of events and interactive activities for children and families of all ages**

The Manchester Children's Book Festival welcomes everyone to the 2012 Festival Family Fun Day - a full Saturday of free events, activities and performances at Manchester Metropolitan University's All Saints Campus (on Oxford Road). Come along and join the fun - there'll be something for everyone, from pre-readers and nursery-age children to teens and families. And, as well as activities events and workshops on the day, there'll be a bustling market-place of stalls and exhibitions to browse and enjoy.




**kidsunlimited story telling tent - specially decorated by children from kidsunlimited nurseries.**

 Hear stories read in a host of community languages, including Mandarin, Arabic, Urdu, Italian and Japanese.

**Capitol Theatre Showcase: performances from local groups, including Huaxia Chinese School's *Monkey King: Journey to the West*.**




 Exhibitions: *Out of Schools* - artwork by children from the region and Special Collections' *Old Friends and New Faces: Illustrated Characters from Children's Literature*.

 Interactive arts and crafts zone, including pop-up book workshops with expert Paul Johnson, and the Portico Library's draw your favourite Dickens character - with the

best to be exhibited at the Portico! And mix up colours, make wiggly lines, feel funny textures and squidge some shapes to make your own mini artwork with the Manchester Art Gallery Art Explorers.




**MMU students reading from their sparkling new anthology of stories for children with animals as characters.**

 The Manchester Writing School's Sherry Ashworth and Jacqueline Roy and a variety of guest authors will be reading from and talking about their own writing for children and young adults in free sessions.

**How quickly could zombies take over the world? Can you create a monster? Join MMU's Monsters, Maths and Microbiology team to look at stories about the 'undead' and how diseases are spread.**


**Royal Exchange Theatre workshop: *The Story Thief* - use your imagination to follow clues, find stolen stories and bring them to life.**

 The Little People's History Museum storytelling showcase: explore historical events through multi-sensory, interactive story sessions with puppets, song and dance.




**The John Rylands Library launch their 'favourite book' activity, and Manchester Libraries launch their summer reading challenge.**



 Historical characters Mr and Mrs Chadwick from the Museum of Science and Industry tell the story of the coming of the railways.

**What have a parrot, a coconut and a motorbike got in common? IWM North presents the adventures of Able Seaman Wally Tobin and looks at how people from different cultures work together in times of war.**

 Special Blackwell's bookshop on-site.

 Man Met Munch cafe.



Saturday 30th June

10am - 4.30pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building ①

MMU Holden Gallery ②

MMU Special Collections ③ and

MMU Capitol Theatre ④

**Free entry - all welcome**

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Manchester Metropolitan University

**Meet your favourite characters!**



**Car parking**

Visitors to the Festival Family Fun Day will have access to free parking (subject to availability) at Manchester Metropolitan University between 10am and 5pm on Saturday 30th June. The Salutation and John Dalton car parks will be open. There is additional on-road and multi-storey parking around the All Saints campus, which must be paid for.

In addition to the free events and activities, there will also be a programme of ticketed author events featuring Curtis Jobling, Jackie Kay and Liz Kessler. For details and booking instructions, see pages 6 and 7.

# SATURDAY 30 JUNE

## Curtis Jobling

Raa Raa the Noisy Lion and friends

Meet the illustrator: interactive event

Early work on Aardman Animation's *Wallace and Gromit: A Close Shave* and Tim Burton's *Mars Attacks* led author and illustrator Curtis Jobling to pick up his crayons in 1997 and design *Bob the Builder*. Since then he's gone on to create CBeebies' *Raa Raa the Noisy Lion*, the notorious - and award-winning - *Frankenstein's Cat* and Nickelodeon's *Curious Cow* animations.

Watch as he brings Raa Raa, Bob and their friends to life in front of your eyes and reveals the magic that goes into making your favourite television shows.



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Saturday 30th June

11.00am - 12.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building 1

Tickets £6.60/£4.40 concessions

Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

3+ years

## Jackie Kay

Poetry in the story-telling tent

Meet the author: poetry reading

The enchanting Jackie Kay will be reading from her award-winning children's poems in the intimate surroundings of the Festival's story-telling tent. Come inside, get comfy and let Jackie's words spring to life.



5+ years

Saturday 30th June

12.00 - 1.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building 1

Tickets £6.60/£4.40 concessions

Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

## Liz Kessler

Emily Windsnap, Philippa Fisher... and introducing Poppy the Pirate Dog!

Meet the author: story reading

Come and meet author Liz Kessler as she returns to Manchester Metropolitan University, where she studied in the Manchester Writing School while beginning to write her internationally successful Emily Windsnap series. The series is being re-launched this summer, with exclusive behind-the-scenes chapters, and will be followed in the autumn by a brand new adventure, which Liz is working hard on as we go to press. Liz's latest book, *A Year Without Autumn*, asks the question, "If you could see into the future, would you look?" She is also the creator of the *Philippa Fisher* stories and has a book out for younger readers, new for 2012: *Poppy the Pirate Dog* - the first in a series inspired by Liz's own Dalmatian, Poppy!

Saturday 30th June

1.00 - 2.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building 1

Tickets £6.60/£4.40 concessions

Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

8-13 years



And now for 5+

## Curtis Jobling

Wereworld

Meet the author: story reading

Join author Curtis Jobling and enter Lyssia - the Wereworld. *Rise of the Wolf*, *Rage of the Lions* and *Shadow of the Hawk* are the first three novels in the fantasy horror series featuring young werewolf Drew Ferren and his adventures as he battles against the werereatures and the Catlords - and struggles to control the beast within.

Curtis will be talking about, and reading from, the stories and will be meeting fans and signing copies of the books at the end of the event.

Saturday 30th June

2.00 - 3.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building 1

Tickets £6.60/£4.40 concessions

Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

10+ years




# SUNDAY 1 JULY

## Storytime

### Interactive story-telling

Join our presenters in this Museum of Science and Industry storytime session, including singing and puppets.

 Sunday 1st July  
10.30am and 2.00pm (20 minute sessions)  
Museum of Science and Industry **5**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details, including booking, go to [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)

## Mix and Match Story

### Interactive story-making

Join our presenters at the Museum of Science and Industry to work as a group and make one story using a selection of sentences and images.

 Sunday 1st July  
11.00am and 2.30pm (1 hour sessions)  
Museum of Science and Industry **5**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details, including booking, go to [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)

For up to 10 children, each accompanied by an adult.



## Anansi the Spider

Anansi is a spider who stars in stories told in Africa and around the world. Weave a web of stories about spiders and add your story to our giant spider book.


 Sunday 1st July  
11.30am - 4.00pm  
The Manchester Museum **19**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details go to [www.manchester.ac.uk/museum](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/museum)



## Theatre Explorers

### An exciting journey round the theatre

Journey through the Royal Exchange theatre, searching for stories, and discover a place with coloured lights and space to move, where you can become whoever you want to be. This workshop is designed to give young children a first time experience of the theatre through role-play, movement and story-making.


 Sunday 1st July  
11.30am - 12.30pm and 2.30 - 3.30pm  
Royal Exchange Theatre **6**  
For further details and booking, go to [www.royalexchange.co.uk](http://www.royalexchange.co.uk)



## Oskar's Tale

### Interactive storytelling

Meet our charming cat puppet character Oskar at IWM North and discover his tale of adventure on a journey across a divided city as he seeks out a friend on the other side of the Berlin Wall. The session uses puppets, multi-sensory resources including sounds and smells, and object handling including the chance to see a real piece of the Berlin Wall.

 Sunday 1st July  
11.30am  
IWM North **7**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details go to [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



## Engineer Eric

### Interactive science show


Discover how a steam locomotive works by helping to get Pender the engine started at the Museum of Science and Industry.

 Sunday 1st July  
12.00pm (20 minute session)  
Museum of Science and Industry **5**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details, including booking, go to [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)

## Roald Dahl's The Witches


### Film-screening (the film is PG rated)

The Library Theatre Company in partnership with Cornerhouse present an interactive film-screening of Roald Dahl's *The Witches*. With a follow-up drama workshop at 2pm.

 Sunday 1st July  
12.00pm  
Cornerhouse **8**  
Tickets £5.50/£4 concessions  
£3 for children  
For further details and booking, go to [www.librarytheatre.com](http://www.librarytheatre.com) or [www.cornerhouse.org](http://www.cornerhouse.org)

## Drama workshop

The Library Theatre Company in partnership with Cornerhouse present an interactive drama workshop exploring the magical and gruesome tale of Roald Dahl's *The Witches*.

 Sunday 1st July  
2.00pm  
Cornerhouse **8**  
For further details and booking, go to [www.librarytheatre.com](http://www.librarytheatre.com) or [www.cornerhouse.org](http://www.cornerhouse.org)



# SUNDAY 1 JULY

## Art explorers

Help make our story bags come alive with an afternoon of exciting art activities. Then, borrow a story bag and start a creative adventure around the gallery. Each bag contains a story to read, a blanket to sit on and activities to play with. There are four to choose from: colour, line, texture and shape.

**All ages**  
Sunday 1st July  
1.00 - 3.00pm  
Manchester Art Gallery **9**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details go to [www.manchestergalleries.org](http://www.manchestergalleries.org)



## It's all about the books!

Interactive activities

A family-friendly afternoon of bookish craft activities at The John Rylands Library - bring your favourite book.

**All ages**  
Sunday 1st July  
12.00 - 4.00pm  
The John Rylands Library **10**  
For further details, and booking, go to [www.library.manchester.ac.uk/deansgate](http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/deansgate)



## Timestack Session

Interactive storytelling

20 minute sessions using objects from IWM North's handling collection, looking at the personal stories linked to the artefacts.

**6+ years**  
Sunday 1st July  
12.30pm and 3.30pm (20 minute sessions)  
IWM North **7**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details go to [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



## Space Adventures

Interactive science show

Visit our Planetarium at the Museum of Science and Industry and join Baby Bear on a journey to the moon.

**Under 5s**  
Sunday 1st July  
12.30pm (30 minute session)  
Museum of Science and Industry **5**  
Tickets £2.00/£1.50 concessions  
For further details, including booking, go to: [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)



## Waterstone's Deansgate Children's Party

Interactive party

Dress up as your favourite character and come along to this celebration of children's literature at the Deansgate Manchester branch of Waterstone's bookshop. Full of party games and activities, there are also prizes to be won in our colouring and character design competitions.

**All ages**  
Sunday 1st July  
1.00 - 3.00pm  
Waterstone's Manchester Deansgate **11**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details, including booking, contact 0161 837 3000 or [events@manchester-deansgate.waterstones.com](mailto:events@manchester-deansgate.waterstones.com)

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## Make Believe

Interactive story-telling

Colourful characters, atmospheric sounds and the power of the spoken word... This interactive story-telling session at the Royal Exchange Theatre will inspire children to let their imaginations run wild!

For up to 20 children.

**7-11 years**  
Sunday 1st July  
Royal Exchange Theatre **6**  
2.00 - 3.30pm  
For further details and booking, go to [www.royalexchange.co.uk](http://www.royalexchange.co.uk)



## Historical Characters

Interactive performance

Meet the Museum of Science and Industry's historical characters. Our award-winning performers provide an entertaining show telling stories of local history.



**All ages**  
Sunday 1st July  
2.30pm (30 minute session)  
Museum of Science and Industry **5**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details, including booking, go to [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)

# SUNDAY 1 JULY

## Cathy Cassidy at Cloud 23

Meet the author: story reading

Join the much-loved Cathy Cassidy for the Northern launch of her new book, *Summer's Dream* - the third in her *Chocolate Box Girls* series - at this special event at Cloud 23 on the 23rd floor of the Hilton Hotel. Enjoy 'mocktails' (non-alcoholic cocktails) in the clouds and take in the panoramic views of Manchester's iconic skyline. Cathy will be reading from her new novel, answering questions from the audience and then meeting fans and signing books.

Presented in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival and Hilton Manchester Deansgate.



9+ years

Sunday 1st July  
5.00 - 7.00pm  
Cloud 23, Hilton Manchester Deansgate 12  
Tickets £11/£7.70 concessions (includes free 'mocktail' on arrival)  
Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



### Special offer

Those attending the event are welcome to dine with Cathy in the Hilton Manchester Deansgate's Podium Restaurant from 7.30pm, after the reading and signing. Enjoy a family-friendly, two-course menu at the special price of £15/£10 concessions. To browse the menu and book dinner, go to [www.hilton.co.uk/manchesterdeansgate](http://www.hilton.co.uk/manchesterdeansgate) or call 0161 870 1600 and quote 'Manchester Children's Book Festival'.

# MONDAY 2 JULY

## Timestack Session

Interactive storytelling

20 minute sessions using objects from IWM North's handling collection, looking at the personal stories linked to the artefacts.

6+ years

Monday 2nd July  
12.30 and 3.30pm (20 minute sessions)  
IWM North 7  
Tickets FREE  
For further details go to [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



## Andrew Cope

The Art of Being Brilliant

An ideal 'transition' event for year 6 and 7 pupils

Meet the author: inspirational talk

Being a teenager is cool. You've worked out the system and what works for you. You've developed some good habits. And probably a few bad ones, too! But the step up to adulthood is a big one. There's a lot of growing up to do. Wouldn't it be great to learn some stuff that would give you the edge? Wouldn't it be cool to have bags of confidence? What if you could learn to be your best self? That's what *The Art of Being Brilliant* is all about.

10+ years

Monday 2nd July  
1.00 - 2.30pm  
MMU Geoffrey Manton Building 1  
Tickets £3.30 (on sale generally with discounted places available to Widening Access Schools)  
Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



## Andrew Cope

Spy Dog Rollercoaster

Meet the author: story reading

One of the most popular events of the 2010 Manchester Children's Book Festival was *Spy Dog* - and author Andrew Cope returns in 2012 with the latest book in the series, *Spy Dog Rollercoaster*. His dog Lara, the inspiration behind the series, is back, too! Come along, meet them both and find out about Lara's next secret mission.



8+ years

Monday 2nd July  
6.00 - 7.30pm  
Waterstone's Manchester Deansgate 11  
Tickets £6.60/£4.40 concessions  
Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

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Presented in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival and Waterstone's Manchester Deansgate.

With *Spy Dog* craft activities run by IWM North!



# TUESDAY 3 JULY

## Willow Tree Showcase

School group reading

IWM North present the work of young creative writers from Willow Tree Primary. Hear pupils read original work from a project linking to the *Once Upon a Wartime* exhibition.

Tuesday 3rd July  
11.15am  
IWM North 7  
Tickets FREE  
For further details go to  
[www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



## Timestack Session

Interactive storytelling

20 minute sessions using objects from IWM North's handling collection, looking at the personal stories linked to the artefacts.

Tuesday 3rd July  
12.30 and 3.30pm  
(20 minute sessions)  
IWM North 7  
Tickets FREE  
For further details go to  
[www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



## Kate Fox

The Starting Line

Interactive poetry and fitness show

Stand-up poet Kate Fox is actually much better at sitting down. However, when she became Poet in Residence for the Bupa Great North Run she discovered that running and writing had more in common than she had ever imagined. She also discovered that it's not what your body looks like that matters - it's what your body can do. A funny, thoughtful spoken-word show suitable for a family audience and involving optional interaction with brains and bodies. Warning: may include rhymes!

Kate Fox by Colin Davidson



Tuesday 3rd July  
1.00 - 2.00pm  
Moss Side Powerhouse Library 13  
Tickets £3.30 (on sale generally with discounted places available to Widening Access Schools)  
Book on 0843 208 0500 or via  
[www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



Manchester Metropolitan University



## Commonword Children's Diversity Writing Prize Award Ceremony

This collaboration between the North West's foremost grassroots literary organisation, Commonword, number one international children's publisher, Puffin, and top literary agency, Rogers, Coleridge and White, is leading the way in seeking out new children's writing talent that reflects ethnic diversity in society.

Tuesday 3rd July  
5.00 - 6.15pm  
MMU Geoffrey Manton Building 1  
FREE - tickets not required



## Jacqueline Wilson

Meet the author: story reading

The Manchester Writing School at Manchester Metropolitan University is thrilled to welcome Dame Jacqueline Wilson, one of today's most successful and well-loved children's writers. Her work is cherished across the world and has sold over 30 million copies in the UK alone.

Come and hear the utterly brilliant Jacqueline talk about her fantastic stories, such as *Hetty Feather*, *The Story of Tracy Beaker* and her new book *The Worst Thing About My Sister*. Hear about how she first became a writer and about her writing routine. There will be a chance for you to ask your own questions, and a limited book signing after the event.

Tuesday 3rd July  
6.30 - 8.00pm  
MMU Geoffrey Manton Building 1  
Tickets £11 / £7.70 concessions  
Book on 0843 208 0500 or via  
[www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



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As we only have Jacqueline for a limited time, the holders of the first 200 tickets sold will be able to get their books signed - so book early! We will contact you as the event approaches to let you know if you have one of the 200 'golden tickets'. Please note that the signing is limited to one book per person.

## WEDNESDAY 4 JULY

### Roald Dahl's *The Witches*

Film-screening  
(the film is PG rated)

The Library Theatre Company in partnership with Cornerhouse present an interactive film-screening of Roald Dahl's *The Witches*.

Wednesday 4th July

12.00pm

Cornerhouse 8

Tickets £5.50/£4 concessions  
£3 for children

For further details and booking, go to  
[www.librarytheatre.com](http://www.librarytheatre.com) or  
[www.cornerhouse.org](http://www.cornerhouse.org)



### Timestack Session

Interactive storytelling

20 minute sessions using objects from IWM North's handling collection, looking at the personal stories linked to the artefacts.

Wednesday 4th July

12.30pm and 3.30pm (20 minute sessions)

IWM North 7

Tickets FREE

For further details go to  
[www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



### Ian McMillan and Luke Carver Goss

Flipchart and Squeezebox musical show

Musical comedy show

Ian McMillan, presenter of BBC Radio 3's *The Verb*, is one of the most entertaining performers on the poetry circuit today and the Manchester Children's Book Festival is delighted to welcome him back to the city to present this hilarious show, performed with musical ring-master Luke Carver Goss. Join them for a scintillating night of poems, music, comedy and improv - like nothing you've ever seen before! Not to be missed - you'll laugh yourself silly!



Wednesday 4th July

6.30 - 7.45pm

Royal Northern College of Music 14

Tickets £11/£7.70 concessions

Book through the Royal Northern College of Music Box Office on 0161 907 5555 or via [www.rncm.ac.uk/whatson](http://www.rncm.ac.uk/whatson)



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# THURSDAY 5 JULY

## Timestack Session

Interactive storytelling

20 minute sessions using objects from IWM North's handling collection, looking at the personal stories linked to the artefacts.



## Carol Ann Duffy and Company

Meet the authors: poetry reading

Joining Carol Ann Duffy and musician John Sampson for this lively celebration of poetry, music and art, will be award-winning poets, John Agard, Mandy Coe, Philip Gross and Grace Nichols. Come and join the party! A fantastic transition event to inspire young readers of poetry.

Also featuring artwork produced in response to the poetry by young artists from across the region. See [www.mcbf.org.uk/competitions](http://www.mcbf.org.uk/competitions) for details about how to get involved.



Philip Gross by Stephen Morris



Thursday 5th July

1.00 - 3.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building ①

Tickets £5.50 (on sale generally with discounted places available to Widening Access Schools)

Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



Thursday 5th July

12.30pm and 3.30pm (20 minute sessions)

IWM North ⑦

Tickets FREE

For further details go to [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



## Philip Pullman

Meet the author: reading and talk

The Manchester Writing School at MMU is delighted to welcome Philip Pullman, one of the UK's most successful and well-known authors.

Philip is coming to the Manchester Children's Book Festival to read from and talk about his writing, including his *The Adventures of John Blake* comic strip, his latest novel *The Good Man Jesus and the Scoundrel Christ*, the *His Dark Materials* trilogy - and what he's working on next.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to see Philip in Manchester, where he'll be happy to sign copies of his books for you, and answer your questions. This is sure to be one of the Festival's most popular events so get your tickets early!



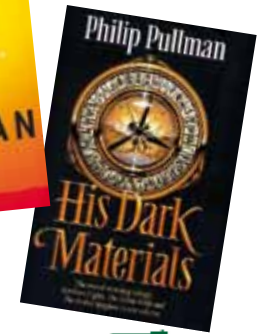
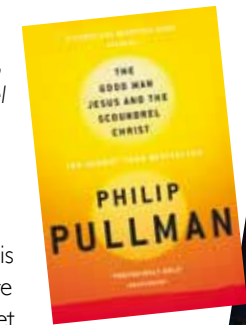
Thursday 5th July

6.30 - 8.00pm

MMU Geoffrey Manton Building ①

Tickets £11 | £7.70 concessions

Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



Manchester Metropolitan University



# FRIDAY 6 JULY

## Timestack Session

Interactive storytelling

20 minute sessions using objects from IWM North's handling collection, looking at the personal stories linked to the artefacts.



Friday 6th July  
12.30pm and 3.30pm (20 minute sessions)  
IWM North **7**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details go to [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



## Science Meets Fiction

Julie Bertagna, Saci Lloyd and Jane Rogers

Meet the authors: story reading and panel discussion

Join authors Julie Bertagna, Saci Lloyd and Jane Rogers for this special event to celebrate the Midland Future Manchester Young Writers Competition. They'll each be reading from their own stories and talking about how science has inspired their writing. The event will close with the exciting announcement of the competition winners.

Friday 6th July  
1.00 - 3.00pm  
Museum of Science and Industry **5**  
Tickets £3.30 (on sale generally with discounted places available to Widening Access Schools)  
Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



Presented in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival, Manchester Literature Festival, and the Manchester Science Festival and sponsored by Q Hotels, the Midland Manchester, and the Ernest Cook Trust.



# Festival Gala Dinner

with Carol Ann Duffy and Tony Warren

Charity fund-raising dinner

Join Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and her special guests for this gala evening in the glittering surroundings of Manchester's iconic four-star Midland Hotel. Carol Ann will be reading from her poetry and introducing after-dinner speaker Tony Warren - Honorary Fellow of the Manchester Writing School at MMU and creator of the world's longest-running and best-loved continuing drama, *Coronation Street*.

The theme for the night will be 'strictly come dining'; there'll be live big band music and ballroom dancers to keep you entertained while you dine - and a chance for you to take to the floor at the end of the night if you've been inspired by the Fox Trot or the Cha Cha Cha.

This 'gala dinner with a difference' will be a lively evening and you're sure to leave on a high, whether you want to sit back and delight in the top-class food and entertainment, celebrate the end of the teaching year in style, or enjoy dancing the night away with celebrity guests and representatives from some of Manchester's major cultural organisations and businesses.

There'll be a charity auction and raffle with profits from the night going towards future Manchester Children's Book Festival widening access projects in Manchester schools and with community groups. Keeeeeeeeeeep dining!

Friday 6th July  
7.30pm - late

The Midland Hotel,  
Manchester (15)

Tickets £74.20 per person,  
£689 for a group booking  
(table of ten people).

Each table will be provided  
with two complimentary  
bottles of wine.

Book on 0843 208 0500 or  
via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)

Accommodation at the  
Midland Hotel is available  
at special rates for anyone  
attending the Gala Dinner,  
or other Manchester  
Children's Book Festival  
events, see page 36 for  
details.



# SATURDAY 7 JULY

## MMU Out of Schools Family Fun Day

Visit the Manchester School of Art's *Out of Schools* exhibition - get messy *Being Jackson Pollock...* and join in with a host of other practical arts and craft activities.

Saturday 7th July  
10.00am - 5.00pm  
MMU Holden Gallery **2**  
FREE tickets not required



## Storytime

### Interactive story-telling

Join our Museum of Science and Industry presenters in our storytime session, including singing and puppets.



Under 5s

Saturday 7th July  
10.30am and 2.00pm  
(20 minute sessions)  
Museum of Science and Industry **5**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details, including booking, go to [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)



## Michael Rosen: Going on an Art Hunt

### Meet the author

### Poetry workshop

Been on a bear hunt? How about an art hunt? Exploring Manchester Art Gallery, and using its creations as inspiration, poet (and former Children's Laureate) Michael Rosen will lead an intimate and exciting children's poetry workshop. Very limited numbers so book early!

Presented in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival and Manchester Art Gallery. Manchester Art Gallery will be open from 10.00am - 5.00pm on the day.

Saturday 7th July  
11.00am - 12.30pm  
Manchester Art Gallery **9**  
Tickets £13.20 per child (accompanying adults go free)  
Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



## Mix and Match Story

### Interactive story-making

Join our Museum of Science and Industry presenters to work as a group and make one story using a selection of sentences and images.

## The Adventures of Able Seaman Wally Tobin

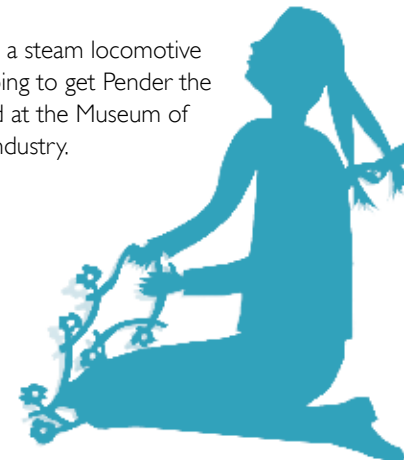
### Interactive storytelling

What have a parrot, a coconut and a motorbike got in common? Find out in this special storytelling session revealing the adventures of Able Seaman Wally Tobin and discover how people from different cultures and countries work together in times of hardship and war.

## Engineer Eric

### Interactive science show

Discover how a steam locomotive works by helping to get Pender the engine started at the Museum of Science and Industry.



Saturday 7th July  
11.00am and 2.30pm (1 hour sessions)

Museum of Science and Industry **5**  
Tickets FREE

For further details, including booking, go to [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)



Saturday 7th July  
11.30am

IWM North **7**  
Tickets FREE

For further details go to [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



All ages

Saturday 7th July  
12.00pm (20 minute session)  
Museum of Science and Industry **5**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details, including booking, go to [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)



# SATURDAY 7 JULY

## Space Adventures

Interactive science show

Visit our Museum of Science and Industry Planetarium and join Baby Bear on a journey to the moon.



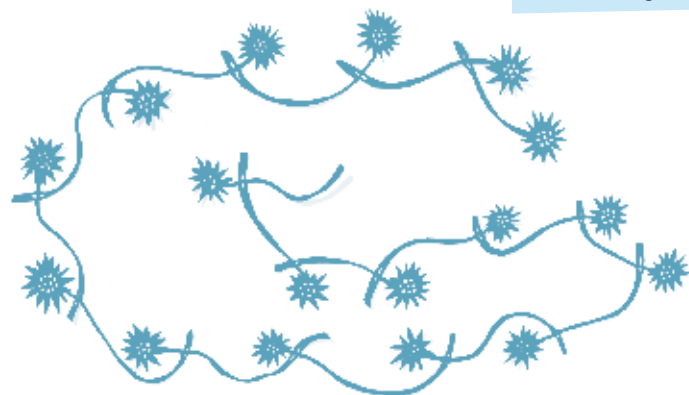
## Timestack Session

Interactive storytelling

20 minute sessions using objects from IWM North's handling collection, looking at the personal stories linked to the artefacts.

## IWM North Open Studio Drop-in Craft Session

Themed drop-in sessions for families, including storytelling, craft, artefact handling, music, dressing up and archive film screenings.



Saturday 7th July  
12.30pm (30 minute session)  
Museum of Science and Industry **5**  
Tickets £2.00/£1.50 concessions  
For further details, including booking, go to [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)



Saturday 7th July  
12.30pm and 3.30pm (20 minute sessions)  
IWM North **7**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details go to [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



Saturday 7th July  
1.00 - 4.00pm  
IWM North **7**  
Tickets FREE  
For further details go to [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



## Afternoon Tea at the Midland with Michael Rosen

Meet the author

Poetry reading

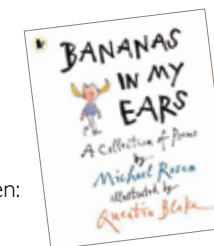
Join the ever-inspiring, former Children's Laureate Michael Rosen for Saturday afternoon tea, and luxury sandwiches, pastries and cakes, in the relaxing atmosphere of the Wyvern Suite at Manchester's four-star Midland Hotel. The Manchester Children's Book Festival is delighted to welcome Michael back in 2012 and he'll be captivating diners with an energetic performance from his two latest collections for children: *Even My Ears are Smiling* and *Bananas in My Ears*.

Presented in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival and Q Hotels, the Midland, Manchester.

Saturday 7th July  
2.00 - 4.00pm  
The Midland Hotel, Manchester **15**  
Tickets £22/£16.50 concessions (children aged 12 and under)  
Book on 0843 208 0500 or via [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)



The Midland  
Manchester



## Michael Rosen Family Poetry Show

Meet the author

Poetry performance

Don't miss the ever-energetic Michael Rosen while he's in town for this hilarious, non-stop, full-length poetry performance show ...and let him tell you about his *Centrally Heated Knickers!*

Presented in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival and the Zion Arts Centre.

Saturday 7th July  
5.00 - 6.30pm  
The Zion Arts Centre **16**  
Tickets £11/£7.70 concessions  
Book via the Zion Arts Centre box office 0161 232 6089 or via [www.zionarts.com](http://www.zionarts.com)



# SUNDAY 8 JULY

## Storytime

### Interactive story-telling

Join our Museum of Science and Industry presenters in our storytime session, including singing and puppets.

Sunday 8th July  
10.30am and 2.00pm (20 minute sessions)

Museum of Science and Industry 5

Tickets FREE

For further details, including booking, go to [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)

Under 5s

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Sunday 8th July  
11.00am and 2.30pm (1 hour sessions)

Museum of Science and Industry 5

Tickets FREE

For further details, including booking, go to [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)

Under 8s

## What Nancy Did Next

### Interactive storytelling

Meet Nancy at IWM North and hear her tales of life in the Land Army in the Second World War. Learn about her wartime experiences away from home and making new friends... especially with a quiet and timid horse called Rufus.

Sunday 8th July  
11.30am

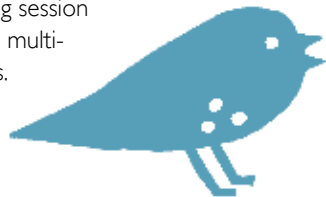
IWM North 7

Tickets FREE

For further details go to [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

Ages 4 - 10

In this interactive Family Friendly session, visitors can choose what happens and so each story-telling session will be different. The session uses puppets and multi-sensory resources including sounds and smells.



## Engineer Eric

### Interactive science show

Discover how a steam locomotive works by helping to get Pender the engine started at the Museum of Science and Industry.

Sunday 8th July  
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Museum of Science and Industry 5

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All ages

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Museum of Science and Industry 5

Tickets £2.00/£1.50 concessions

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Under 5s



## Timestack Session

### Interactive storytelling

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Sunday 8th July  
12.30pm and 3.30pm (20 minute sessions)

IWM North 7

Tickets FREE

For further details go to [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

6+ years



# SUNDAY 8 JULY

## Mr Ordinary's Prize - book launch

Interactive performance, book launch and party

Come along to the People's History Museum for a fun-filled afternoon of stories, puppets and crafts and help us celebrate the launch of our new book for early years, *Mr Ordinary's Prize*. Meet children's author and founder of Peoplescape Theatre Emily Capstick and illustrator Adam Pryce. Watch a special performance of interactive story-telling session *Mr Ordinary's Prize*. Someone has stolen Mr Ordinary's Thinking and Doing! What will he do without them? Join in the adventure as Mr Ordinary and his friends try to get them back. Supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Sunday 8th July  
1.30 - 3.30pm  
People's History Museum  
Book via People's History Museum 17  
on 0161 838 9190 or via  
info@phm.org.uk



## Historical Characters

Interactive performance

Meet our Museum of Science and Industry historical characters. Our award-winning performers provide an entertaining show telling stories of local history.

Sunday 1st July  
2.30pm (30 minute session)  
Museum of Science and Industry 5  
Tickets FREE  
For further details, including booking, go to [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)



## Carol Ann Duffy and John Sampson

*The Princess' Blankets and The Gift*

Interactive musical poetry show

Join us for the official closing event of the 2012 Manchester Children's Book Festival - an enchanting, full-length musical show, based on Carol Ann Duffy's haunting children's stories *The Princess' Blankets* and, new for 2012, *The Gift*. Enter a magical, musical wonderland created by Manchester's much-loved Poet Laureate and her ever-energetic musician, the wonderful John Sampson. Come ready to shout out loud and join in!

After the show, Carol Ann will be signing copies of her books and audience members will have a chance to meet John and see his amazing instruments, from the Far East and the Middle Ages, close-up.

Presented in partnership between the Manchester Children's Book Festival, the Royal Exchange Theatre and Barefoot Books.



Sunday 8th July  
3.00 - 5.00pm  
Royal Exchange Theatre 6  
Tickets £11/£7.70 concessions  
Book through the Royal Exchange Theatre Box Office on 0161 833 9833 or via [www.royalexchange.co.uk/bookonline](http://www.royalexchange.co.uk/bookonline)





# FESTIVAL EXHIBITIONS

## Once Upon a Wartime

Moving tales of loyalty, separation, excitement, survival and identity are brought to life in this major exhibition for children and adults alike. Explore some of the best loved children's novels about war and the true events that inspired them.

On display for the first time, see the jacket worn by Albert and pages of film script straight from the set of Steven Spielberg's *War Horse* film alongside personal items lent by author Michael Morpurgo. Pull up a chair in Hepzibah's kitchen where the scene is set straight out of *Carrie's War* and crawl into the gang's secret fortress from *The Machine Gunners*. Follow the children's voyage across Europe in *The Silver Sword* and immerse yourself in the imposing tower blocks of London's gangland in *Little Soldier*. Get creative with free reading and storytelling activities for families on offer every weekend and school holidays.

11th February - 2nd September

IWM North 7

For further details, see [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)



## Charles Dickens 1812-1870

An exhibition celebrating the bicentenary of Dickens' birth

Celebrating the bicentenary of Dickens' birth, the Portico Library presents an exhibition of books, letters, portraits, film and objects focused on the theme of *Children and Childhood in Dickens*, with an associated programme of talks, poetry competitions and book launches. During the Manchester Children's Book Festival (28th June - 8th July), Lynne Allan will lead workshops looking at extracts from Dickens' texts, transforming them into poetry.

8th June - 27th July

The Portico Library 18

For further details, including booking, see [www.theportico.org.uk](http://www.theportico.org.uk)



## 'Old Friends and New Faces'

Illustrated characters from children's literature

An exhibition of children's books from the Children's Book Collection at Manchester Metropolitan University's Special Collections will be on display in the Gallery on the third floor of the MMU Library at the All Saints campus.

During the main week of the Manchester Children's Book Festival (2nd - 6th July 2012), there will be a programme of schools workshops tailored around the exhibition, and MMU MA Creative Writing students will be producing original writing inspired by the books on show.

There will be a special *Paper Engineering* workshop on Monday 2nd July with expert Paul Johnson. Well-known for his book making and paper skills and author of over fifteen books, Paul is currently completing a pop-up manual to be published by Routledge next year. See [www.specialcollections.mmu.ac.uk](http://www.specialcollections.mmu.ac.uk) for details and booking.

## Mr Ordinary's Prize

The Story of the Story - exhibition of illustrations

Someone has stolen Mr Ordinary's Thinking and Doing! What will he do without them? Join in the adventure as Mr Ordinary and his friends try to get them back. Find out the story of our project to transform Mr Ordinary's Prize from an interactive performance to a beautiful children's book.

18th June - 24th August

MMU Special Collections 3

For further details see [www.specialcollections.mmu.ac.uk](http://www.specialcollections.mmu.ac.uk)



23rd June - 15th July

Peoples History Museum 17

For further details go to [www.phm.org.uk](http://www.phm.org.uk)

Supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.



# SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

## MCBF Schools' Programme

See pages 13 to 20 for details of events that run throughout the school week. Some of these can be booked direct with the venue but tickets for:

- Andrew Cope: *The Art of Being Brilliant* (an inspirational talk for 10+);
- Kate Fox's *The Starting Line* (an interactive show that explores issues around health, fitness, nutrition and body image through the medium of poetry for 8+);
- *Carol Ann Duffy and Company* (a celebration of poetry, art and music for 10+ featuring a selection of high-profile poets);
- *Science Meets Fiction* event (a panel discussion about futuristic science fiction featuring Julie Bertagne, Saci Lloyd, Jane Rogers and announcing the winners of the Midland Future Manchester Young Writers short story competition);

should be booked via the Quay tickets box office on **0843 208 0500** or online via our website [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk).

With the support of funding from Manchester Metropolitan University we are able to offer discounted tickets for these events to Greater Manchester schools with Widening Participation cohorts. If you wish to book tickets and think that you may be eligible please email [mcbfschools@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:mcbfschools@mmu.ac.uk) and, if you are, we will allocate a WP promotional code that will allow you to book tickets at a cost of £1.10 (including booking fee. The

£1.10 tickets can be redeemed against book purchase on the day of the event).

**Please note** we cannot pay for transport; schools must book their own, and event tickets, once purchased, are not refundable.

See [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) and click on 'Schools' for details of:

- Free 'Trailblazer' events. These author events are organised in partnership with Manchester Library Services and will be offered in the months leading up to the Festival;
- Author visits to schools including Cathy Cassidy, Liz Kessler and Ian McMillan, historical romance writers Mary Hoffman (*Stravaganza, David*) and Adele Geras (*Dido, My Ballet Dream*), and many more;
- A range of author/practitioner-led, school-based creative writing and art workshops;
- Extended projects linked to Festival events that will include workshops, visits and events;
- Competitions - including *The Poetry of Art, All Write!, Mother Tongue/Other Tongue* and *Future Manchester*;
- The *Reading and Writing Relay*: schools everywhere can join in by hosting their own events or workshops or just by reading and uploading details to the MCBF website. See [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) for details;

- MMU's Creative Week (featuring the Manchester School of Art's *Being Jackson Pollock* workshops and other workshops based around the *Out of Schools* and MMU's Special Collections exhibitions);
- Author/illustrator Curtis Jobling's schools-only event at Manchester Metropolitan University;
- Swashbuckling *Vampirates* author Justin Somper and Gothic creative writing workshops at the John Rylands Library;
- A host of other bookable workshops and activities offered by IWM North, Manchester Art Gallery, Museum of Science and Industry, People's History Museum, Portico Library and the Zion Arts Centre.

Register on the mailing list as a teacher to receive notification of new additions to the Schools' Programme. In doing so you will automatically be added to the Manchester Creative Learning Network (MCLN) which includes educational and cultural organisations from across Greater Manchester and beyond.

The MCLN was formed to share information about the many creative opportunities offered all year round to schools by libraries, museums, galleries, theatres, universities and festivals. The network aims to promote creativity across the curriculum, with activities relevant to all subject areas.

For full details, go to [www.mcln.org.uk](http://www.mcln.org.uk) or email [mcbfcln@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:mcbfcln@mmu.ac.uk).

## The Manchester Writing School at MMU

Hosting a suite of ambitious degree programmes, a vibrant series of public events and a major international writing competition, the Manchester Writing School at MMU is a thriving centre of creative excellence, working to benefit the literary community at large under the direction of Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy.

Creative programmes of study based in the school include our BA (Hons) English and Creative Writing programme and our internationally-recognised MA in Creative Writing – available to study on campus in Manchester and also from anywhere in the world via online distance learning in the 'Virtual Writing School'. The MA offers specialist routes in Novel, Poetry and Writing for Children, and there are optional units in Teaching Creative Writing.

Tutors include Sherry Ashworth, Heather Beck, Andrew Biswell, Carol Ann Duffy, Gregory Norminton, Adam O'Riordan, Michael Symmons Roberts, Jacqueline Roy, Nicholas Royle and Jean Sprackland.

For full details, go to [www.mmu.ac.uk/writingschool](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/writingschool) or contact the Manchester Writing School's Manager James Draper on +44 (0)161 247 1787 or [j.draper@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:j.draper@mmu.ac.uk).

# VENUES

See [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) for maps, and transport and parking details

- 1 MMU Geoffrey Manton Building  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
All Saints Campus  
Rosamond Street West  
Manchester  
M15 6LL  
0161 247 1361  
[www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)
- 2 MMU Holden Gallery  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
All Saints Campus  
Grosvenor Building  
Cavendish Street  
Manchester  
M15 6BR  
0161 247 1708  
[www.mcbg.org.uk](http://www.mcbg.org.uk)
- 3 MMU Special Collections  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Sir Kenneth Green Library  
All Saints  
Oxford Road  
Manchester  
M15 5BH  
0161 247 6107  
[www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)
- 4 MMU Capitol Theatre  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Mabel Tylecote Building  
Cavendish Street  
Manchester  
M15 6BG  
0161 247 1306  
[www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk)
- 5 Museum of Science and Industry  
Liverpool Road  
Castlefield  
Manchester  
M3 4FP  
0161 832 2244  
[www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)
- 6 Royal Exchange Theatre  
St Ann's Square  
Manchester  
M2 7DH  
0161 833 9833  
[www.royalexchange.co.uk](http://www.royalexchange.co.uk)
- 7 IWM North  
The Quays  
Trafford Wharf Road  
Trafford Park  
Manchester  
M17 1TZ  
0161 836 4000  
[www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)
- 8 Cornerhouse  
70 Oxford Street  
Manchester  
M1 5NH  
0161 200 1500  
[www.cornerhouse.org](http://www.cornerhouse.org)  
[www.librarytheatre.com](http://www.librarytheatre.com)
- 9 Manchester Art Gallery  
Mosley Street  
Manchester  
M2 3JL  
0161 235 8888  
[www.manchestergalleries.org](http://www.manchestergalleries.org)
- 10 The John Rylands Library  
150 Deansgate  
Manchester  
M3 3EH  
0161 306 0555  
[www.library.manchester.ac.uk/deansgate](http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/deansgate)
- 11 Waterstone's Manchester  
Deansgate  
91 Deansgate  
Manchester  
M3 2BW  
0843 290 8485  
[www.waterstones.com](http://www.waterstones.com)
- 12 Hilton Manchester Deansgate  
303 Deansgate  
Manchester  
M3 4LQ  
0161 870 600  
[www.hilton.co.uk/manchesterdeansgate](http://www.hilton.co.uk/manchesterdeansgate)
- 13 Moss Side Powerhouse Library  
140 Raby Street  
Manchester  
M14 4SL  
0161 227 2758  
[www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries)
- 14 Royal Northern College of Music  
124 Oxford Road  
Manchester  
M13 9RD  
0161 907 5555  
[www.rncm.ac.uk](http://www.rncm.ac.uk)
- 15 The Midland Hotel  
Peter Street  
Manchester  
M60 2DS  
0845 074 0060  
[www.qhotels.co.uk](http://www.qhotels.co.uk)
- 16 Zion Arts Centre  
335 Stretford Road  
Manchester  
M15 5ZA  
0161 232 6089  
[www.zionarts.com](http://www.zionarts.com)
- 17 People's History Museum  
Left Bank  
Spinningfields  
Manchester  
M3 3ER  
0161 838 9190  
[www.phm.org.uk](http://www.phm.org.uk)
- 18 The Portico Library  
57 Mosley Street  
Manchester  
M2 3HY  
0161 236 6785  
[www.theportico.org.uk](http://www.theportico.org.uk)
- 19 The Manchester Museum  
The University of Manchester  
Oxford Road  
Manchester  
M13 9PL  
[www.manchester.ac.uk/museum](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/museum)



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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Booking Tickets

Details of how to book tickets for individual events are given under each listing in the main programme (pages 2 to 29). Tickets for most main events can be booked through the Quay Tickets box office by calling **0843 208 0500** or online via our website [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk).

All tickets booked through the Quay Tickets box office are subject to a booking fee of 10% for tickets priced up to £20 each, and 6% for tickets priced £70 or over; the booking fee is already included in the ticket price quoted next to each event on pages 2 to 29. You can choose at check-out whether to receive e-tickets by email at no further cost, or to have printed tickets sent out to you for an additional £1.25 postage fee.

Concessionary rates (unless otherwise specified) are available to anyone aged 16 or under; pensioners, students in possession of a valid college or university ID card, carers attending with disabled guests and current members of Manchester Metropolitan University staff.

## School Bookings - Widening Access Schools

With the support of Manchester Metropolitan University Widening Participation we are able to offer discounted tickets for many of our events for pupils and students from Widening Access schools. See page 32 for details.

## Accommodation

Accommodation at the Midland Hotel on Peter Street in the centre of Manchester is available at special rates for anyone attending Manchester Children's Book Festival events:

**Double room** (single or double occupancy)

One night stay	£105
Two night stay	£95 (per night)

**Family room** (up to two adults and two children aged 11 or under)

One or two night stay	£125 (per night)
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## Programming

The Festival programme is coordinated under three strands: Public Events; Schools' Programme (including Festival Projects); Continuing Professional Development.

To the best of our knowledge, all information given in this brochure was correct at the time of going to press but all details may be subject to change. Please visit [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) for up-to-date information.

## Mailing List

To join the Manchester Children's Book Festival mailing list and be kept up-to-date with all the latest developments and announcements, please go to [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) and complete the online form or contact **0161 247 1787/1966; mcbf@mmu.ac.uk**.

## Become a Festival Volunteer

If you would like to volunteer for the 2012 Manchester Children's Book Festival, please sign-up via the online form on Festival website [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk) or contact **0161 247 1787/1966; mcbf@mmu.ac.uk**.

## Book Signings

Where possible, a selection of books by participating authors will be available to purchase at relevant events, and many of the authors will be happy to sign copies afterwards.

## Access

The Manchester Children's Book Festival welcomes disabled visitors and we aim to make our events accessible to the broadest possible audience. Many of our venues are equipped with hearing aid induction loops, are wheelchair-friendly, have 'speaking lifts' with controls at wheelchair level and in Braille, and disabled toilets. Wheelchair users will be able to indicate when booking tickets for most events that they will be attending in a wheelchair. Carers attending with disabled guests are entitled to book tickets at the concessionary rate where applicable – but will need a ticket in order to attend. Please contact us on **0161 247 1787/1966** or [mcbf@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:mcbf@mmu.ac.uk) to discuss your individual access needs.

## Age Restrictions

Children aged under 16 attending any aspect of the Manchester Children's Book Festival must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Babies-in-arms aged two years and under are permitted to attend events for free provided that they remain on an adult's knee throughout the performance. Manchester Metropolitan University adheres to Health and Safety regulations, but cannot be held responsible for any child left alone on its premises or at Festival events held at outside (non-MMU) venues.

Photographers and film-makers will be present at the Festival and images captured may be used in print or online by Manchester Metropolitan University and other outside organisations (including partner institutions and regional and national media). If you would prefer not to be photographed and/or would prefer a child accompanying you not to be photographed, please inform the photographer.

## Organisation and Charitable Status

The Manchester Children's Book Festival is a biennial event coordinated and directed by the Manchester Writing School based in the Department of English at the Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU). The University enjoys charitable status as an exempt charity under Schedule 2 to the Charities Act 1993 (amended by the Charities Act 2006). It is therefore subject to charity legislation but is not required to register with the Charity Commission and is not regulated by it. As an exempt charity, the University does not have a registered charity number.

## Support the Festival

The Manchester Children's Book Festival relies on financial support from partners, sponsors, and charitable donations in order to deliver its ambitious programme of author events, activities for schools and professional development training. In return for this support, the Festival can offer high-profile branding opportunities for your organisation, with a guaranteed longevity of exposure. Our team is happy to discuss association with existing activities, or to work closely with you, taking a unique, creative approach to developing a bespoke sponsorship package.

If you would like further details, or to discuss any of the above, please contact the Festival Directors, James Draper and Kaye Tew, on [mcbf@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:mcbf@mmu.ac.uk) or **0161 247 1787/1966**. A series of model packages, ranging from £500-£20,000, can be viewed on the Festival website [www.mcbf.org.uk](http://www.mcbf.org.uk).



# AT A GLANCE

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## Thursday 28th June

Continuing Professional Development Day	Geoffrey Manton Building	9am - 5pm	2
Have you ever thought about writing for children?	Geoffrey Manton Building	6.00 - 7.30pm	2

## Friday 29th June

Continuing Professional Development Day	Geoffrey Manton Building	9am - 5pm	2
Official Festival Opening Event with Carol Ann Duffy	Holden Gallery	6.00 - 7.30pm	3

## Saturday 30th June

Festival Family Fun Day	Geoffrey Manton Building Holden Gallery MMU Special Collections Capitol Theatre	10am - 4.30pm	4
Curtis Jobling: Raa Raa the Noisy Lion	Geoffrey Manton Building	11.00am - 12.00pm	6
Jackie Kay	Geoffrey Manton Building	12.00 - 1.00pm	6
Liz Kessler	Geoffrey Manton Building	1.00 - 2.00pm	7
Curtis Jobling: Wereworld	Geoffrey Manton Building	2.00 - 3.00pm	7

## Sunday 1st July

Storytime	Museum of Science and Industry	10.30am and 2.00pm	8
Mix and Match Story	Museum of Science and Industry	11.00am and 2.30pm	8
Anansi the Spider	The Manchester Museum	11.00am - 4.00pm	8
Theatre Explorers	Royal Exchange Theatre	11.30am and 2.30pm	8
Oskar's Tale	IWM North	11.30am	9
Engineer Eric	Museum of Science and Industry	12.00pm	9
Roald Dahl's The Witches: screening	Cornerhouse	12.00pm	9
Roald Dahl's The Witches: workshop	Cornerhouse	2.00pm	9
Art Explorers	Manchester Art Gallery	1.00 - 3.00pm	10
It's all about the books!	John Rylands Library	12.00 - 4.00pm	10
Timestack Session	IWM North	12.30 and 3.30pm	10
Space Adventures	Museum of Science and Industry	12.30pm	10
Waterstone's Deansgate Children's Party	Waterstone's Manchester Deansgate	1.00 - 3.00pm	11
Make Believe	Royal Exchange Theatre	2.00 - 3.30pm	11
Historical Characters	Museum of Science and Industry	2.30pm	11
Cathy Cassidy at Cloud 23	Hilton Manchester Deansgate	5.00 - 7.00pm	12

## Monday 2nd July

Timestack Session	IWM North	12.30 and 3.30pm	13
Andrew Cope: The Art of Being Brilliant	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	1.00 - 2.30pm	13
Andrew Cope: Spy Dog Rollercoaster	Waterstone's Manchester Deansgate	6.00 - 7.30pm	13

## Tuesday 3rd July

Willow Tree Showcase	IWM North	11.30pm	14
Timestack Session	IWM North	12.30 and 3.30pm	14
Kate Fox: The Starting Line	Moss Side Powerhouse Library	1.00 - 2.00pm	14
Commonword Diversity Prize Ceremony	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	5.00 - 6.15pm	15
Jacqueline Wilson	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	6.30 - 8.00pm	15

## Wednesday 4th July

Roald Dahl's The Witches: screening	Cornerhouse	12.00pm	16
Timestack Session	IWM North	12.30 and 3.30pm	16
Ian McMillan and Luke Carver Goss	Royal Northern College of Music	6.30 - 7.45pm	17

## Thursday 5th July

Timestack Session	IWM North	12.30 and 3.30pm	18
Carol Ann Duffy and Company	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	1.00 - 3.00pm	18
Philip Pullman	MMU Geoffrey Manton Building	6.30 - 8.00pm	19

## Friday 6th July

Timestack Session	IWM North	12.30 and 3.30pm	20
Midland Future Manchester	Museum of Science and Industry	1.00 - 3.00pm	20
Festival Gala Dinner	The Midland Hotel, Manchester	7.30pm - late	21

## Saturday 7th July

MMU Out of Schools Family Fun Day	MMU Holden Gallery	10.30am - 5.00pm	22
Storytime	Museum of Science and Industry	10.30am and 2.00pm	22
Michael Rosen: Going on an Art Hunt	Manchester Art Gallery	11.00am - 12.30pm	22
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The Adventures of Able Seaman Wally Tobin	IWM North	11.30pm	23
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Space Adventures	Museum of Science and Industry	12.30pm	24
Timestack Session	IWM North	12.30pm	24
Imperial War Museum Craft Session	IWM North	1.00 - 4.00pm	24
Afternoon Tea with Michael Rosen	The Midland Hotel, Manchester	2.00 - 4.00pm	25
Michael Rosen: Poetry Show	The Zion Arts Centre	5.00 - 6.30pm	25

## Sunday 8th July

Storytime	Museum of Science and Industry	10.30am and 2pm	26
Mix and Match Story	Museum of Science and Industry	11.00am and 2.30pm	26
What Nancy Did Next	IWM North	11.30am	26
Engineer Eric	Museum of Science and Industry	12.00pm	27
Space Adventures	Museum of Science and Industry	12.30pm	27
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Mr Ordinary's Prize Book Launch	People's History Museum	1.30 - 3.30pm	28
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Carol Ann Duffy and John Sampson present: The Princess' Blankets and The Gift	Royal Exchange Theatre	3.00 - 5.00pm	29

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**Discovery Afternoon**

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Monday 25 June, 4.30pm-5.45pm

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## The John Rylands Library

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0161 306 0555 [jrul.events@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:jrul.events@manchester.ac.uk)

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## The Portico Prize for Young Writers 2012

The Portico Library, The Manchester Writing School at MMU and the Manchester Creative Learning Network present the Portico Prize for Young Writers - a literary competition mirroring The Portico Prize for Literature and celebrating the region through its young writers.

Students across the North West of England have the opportunity to attend workshops with professional writers and are mentored by Manchester Metropolitan University's writing students to produce entries for the Portico Young Writers' Prize. Winners in fiction, poetry and journalism are presented with their awards at the Portico Prize dinner in November 2012.

The inspiration for the Portico Prize for Young Writers is the Portico Prize for Literature which has been running since 1985 and is a biennial prize awarding £10,000 each for a published work of Fiction and Non-Fiction set in or about the North of England.

For further information visit [www.theportico.org.uk](http://www.theportico.org.uk)  
or contact Lynne Allan at [lynneallan@mac.com](mailto:lynneallan@mac.com) telephone +44 (0)161 236 6785

## The Portico Library presents

"Children and Childhood in Dickens"

The Portico Library is celebrating the Dickens' bicentenary with a multimedia exhibition focused on Children and Childhood in Dickens, with an associated programme of talks, poetry competitions and book launches for children and adults. During the Manchester Children's Book Festival (28th June-8th July), we will host workshops and a competition looking at extracts from Dickens' texts, transforming them into poetry.

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All entrants are asked to submit a portfolio of three to five poems, which can be on any subject, and written in any style, but must be new work, not previously published, or submitted for consideration elsewhere during this competition. The prize will be awarded at a gala ceremony hosted as part of the 2012 Manchester Literature Festival.

For further details, to enter online, or to download a printable entry form for postal submission, go to:

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