

THE
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Summer Reading Challenge

Story Garden






**Join us at Halton Libraries this summer to
celebrate nature and the great outdoors with
lots of story sessions, crafts and reading!**

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**Most events are drop-in sessions (for 5 years +) but some are bookable.
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Week One: Creepy Crawlies

Monday 21st July	Story Garden: Butterfly crafts	Widnes library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Monday 21st July	Nature Postcards with Read Now Write Now	Halton lea library	2-4	Bookable
Tuesday 22nd July	"My creepy crawlies Story Garden" collage	Widnes and Halton Lea libraries	11-12:30	Drop-in
Tuesday 22nd July	Story Garden: Butterfly Suncatchers	Ditton library	3-4:30	Drop-in
Wednesday 23rd July	Nature Postcards with Read Now Write Now	Widnes library	2-4	Bookable
Wednesday 23rd July	Story Garden: Butterfly crafts	Halton Lea library	11-12	Drop-in
Wednesday 23rd July	FREE packed lunches @ Halton lea and Widnes libraries		12-1	Drop-in
Thursday 24th July	Story Garden: Bee and Ladybird crafts and bookmarks	Widnes library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Thursday 24th July	Nature Postcards with Read Now Write Now	Ditton Library	10:30-12:30	Bookable
Friday 25th July	Story Garden: Spider Web paper plate art	Ditton library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Friday 25th July	Story Garden: Bee and Ladybird crafts	Halton Lea Library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Friday 25th July	Nature Postcards with Read Now Write Now	Halton Lea Library	2-4	Bookable

Week Two: How does your garden grow?

Monday 28 th July	Story Garden: 3D tree art	Widnes library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Monday 28 th July	Story Garden: flower suncatchers crafts	Runcorn library	11-11:45	Bookable
Tuesday 29 th July	"My Story Garden" collage	Widnes and Halton Lea libraries	11-12:30	Drop-in
Tuesday 29 th July	Story Garden: Flower bookmarks craft	Ditton library	3-4:30	Drop-in
Wednesday 30 th July	CHaS science fair	Halton Lea library	12-5pm	Drop-in
Wednesday 30 th July	FREE packed lunches @ Halton lea and Widnes libraries		12-1	Drop-in
Thursday 31 st July	Story Garden: Flower and clay pinch pots	Widnes library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Friday 1 st August	Story Garden: Garden Gate flower crafts	Ditton library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Friday 1 st August	Story Garden: 3D tree art	Halton Lea library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Saturday 2 nd August	Science Club	Halton Lea library	12-1	Drop-in (ages 7+)

Week 3: Little Woodland Creatures

Monday 4 th August	Story Garden: Bird's nest crafts	Widnes library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Tuesday 5 th August	Musical Storytellers with Rachel R	Widnes library	11-12	Bookable
Tuesday 5 th August	Musical Storytellers with Rachel R	Halton Lea library	1:30 – 2:30	Bookable
Tuesday 5 th August	Story Garden: Community Colouring – woodlands	Halton Lea	10-12	Drop-in
Tuesday 5 th August	Story Garden: Community Colouring – woodlands	Ditton library	3-4:30	Drop-in
Wednesday 6 th August	FREE packed lunches and BOOKNICS (picnic with books)	Widnes and Halton Lea library	12-2	Drop-in
Thursday 7 th August	Story Garden: Cute and easy owl crafts	Widnes library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Friday 8 th August	"My little woodland creatures story garden" collage	Ditton library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Friday 8 th August	Story Garden: Cute and easy owl crafts	Halton Lea library	11-12:30	Drop-in

Week 4: Things that grow

Monday 11 th August	Story Garden: Gnomes and poems	Widnes library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Monday 11 th August	Story Garden: Monet's Water Lillies art	Runcorn library	11-11:45	Bookable
Tuesday 12 th August	Story Garden: Gnomes and poems	Halton Lea Library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Tuesday 12 th August	Story Garden: Flower fuzzy art	Ditton library	3-4:30	Drop-in
Wednesday 13 th August	FREE packed lunches and BOOKNICS (picnic with books)	Widnes and Halton Lea library	12-2	Drop-in
Thursday 14 th August	"My flowery story garden" collage	Widnes library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Friday 15 th August	Story Garden: Watering can art event	Halton Lea library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Friday 15 th August	Community Colouring in	Ditton library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Friday 15 th August	Short story session with Read Now Write Now	Halton Lea library	2-4	Bookable
Saturday 16 th August	Science Club	Widnes library	12-1	Drop-in (7 +)

Week 5: Rivers, Lakes and Seas

Monday 18 th August	Story Garden: Lighthouse arts and crafts	Widnes library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Monday 18 th August	Short story session with Read Now Write Now	Halton Lea library	2-4	Bookable
Tuesday 19 th August	Story Garden: sail boat crafts	Halton Lea library	11-12:30	Drop-in

Tuesday 19th August	Story Garden: Tropical fish suncatchers	Ditton library	3-4:30	Drop-in
Wednesday 20th August	FREE packed lunches and BOOKNICS (picnic with books)	Widnes and Halton Lea library	12-2	Drop-in
Thursday 21st August	Story Garden: Dolphin mosaic art	Widnes library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Friday 22nd August	Story Garden: star fish art event	Ditton library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Friday 22nd August	"My underwater story garden" collage	Halton Lea library	11-12:30	Drop-in

Week 6: Weather and the environment

Tuesday 26th August	"My weather filled Story Garden" collage	Widnes and Halton Lea library	11-12:30	Drop-in
Tuesday 26th August	Story Garden: Weather crafts	Ditton library	3-4:30	Drop-in
Wednesday 27th August	FREE packed lunches and BOOKNICS (picnic with books)	Widnes and Halton Lea library	12-2	Drop-in
Thursday 28th August	Summer Reading Challenge – catch up event	Widnes and Runcorn library	All morning	Drop-in
(come and read those last few chapters and collect your Summer Reading Challenge rewards)				
Friday 29th August	Summer Reading Challenge – catch up event	Widnes and Runcorn library	All morning	Drop-in
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Regular events timetable:

Monday	Rhymetime at Halton Lea 11am	Lego Club at Ditton 3-5pm	
Tuesday	Rhymetime at Ditton and Runcorn 11am	Lego Club at Halton Lea and Widnes at 3-5pm	
Wednesday	Rhymetime at Widnes 11am		
Thursday	Rhymetime at Halton Lea 11am	Brilliant Builds at Widnes, Halton Lea and Ditton 3-5	Lego at Runcorn 3-5
Friday	Rhymetime at Widnes 11am		
Saturday	Saturday Stories at Halton Lea and Widnes 11am		

Halton Libraries out and about: Join us for stories and activities

Tuesday 22nd July – Victoria Park Bandstand 2-3pm (with Sports Development)

Tuesday 29th July – Norton Priory Walled Gardens 2-3pm (please note you will need to pay for entry to Norton Priory to join us: <https://www.nortonpriory.org/>)

Tuesday 5th August – Victoria Park Bandstand 2-3pm (with Sports Development)

Tuesday 12th August – Norton Priory Walled Gardens 2-3pm (please note you will need to pay for entry to Norton Priory to join us: <https://www.nortonpriory.org/>)

Tuesday 19th August – Victoria Park Bandstand 2-3pm (with Sports Development)

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