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Welcome to the Spring 1 edition of the Newcastle Libraries Children's Newsletter! For more information on any of our clubs or events, please pop into your local branch, find us at [facebook.com/newcastlelibraries](https://www.facebook.com/newcastlelibraries) or email us at [library.childrens@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:library.childrens@newcastle.gov.uk).

## Chinese New Year

**Lunar New Year Stories - Level 3, City Library**  
**Saturday 1st February, 11am and 2pm**

We're sharing stories to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Drop in to the children's area on Level 3 at 11am or 2pm to hear a story or two, and take part in a traditional Chinese craft. Suitable for all the family!

**Lunar New Year Crafts - All branches**  
**27 January - 1 February**

Celebrate the Year of the snake with Lunar New Year crafts at your local library. Drop in during our usual opening hours to make your own lucky snake. Suitable for children of all ages.

## February Half Term

Help us to celebrate one of our favourite authors this half term - Michael Rosen! Listen to a fantastic story and create your own Rosen-inspired craft. These sessions are free and suitable for all the family.

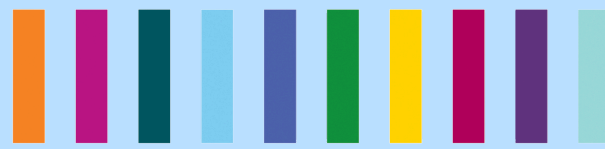
**Monday:** Fenham Library (11am), West End Library (2pm)

**Tuesday:** Gosforth Library (2pm)

**Wednesday:** Blakelaw @ Leisure United, City Library (11am), Newburn Library (2pm)

**Thursday:** Denton Burn Library, Kenton Library, Outer West Library, High Heaton Library, Cruddas Park Library (all 11am)

**Friday:** East End Library (10:30am), Walker Library (11am)



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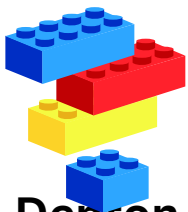
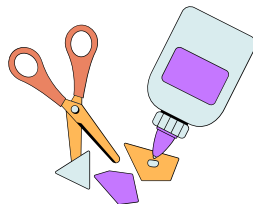
## Love Your Language

**City Library - Monday 24th February, 1-3pm**

A fun, family-friendly celebration of storytelling, language and world cultures!

Gather round for special multi-lingual stories delivered in Spanish, Arabic and more, get creative with crafty activities that celebrate language, and hear your favourite music in your mother language. You can also borrow books from our world language collection!

This is a free, drop in event - no need to book!



## Lego Clubs

Drop in to any of these groups, held during term time:

**Kenton Library** - Mondays 3:30 - 4:45pm

**Denton Burn Library** - Mondays, 3:30 - 4:30pm & Saturdays, 12-1pm

**West End Library** - Mondays 4 - 5pm

**Gosforth Library** - Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5pm

**City Library** - Thursdays 4-6pm

**Fenham Library** - Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30pm & Saturdays 11am - 1pm

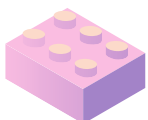
**East End Library** - Saturdays, 11am - 12pm

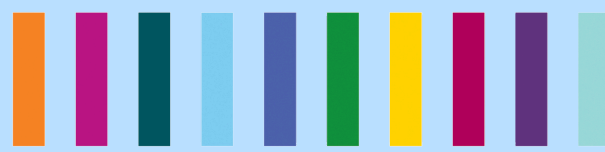
**Newburn Library** - Saturdays, 10.30am-12.30pm

**High Heaton Library** - Saturdays, 11am - 12pm

**Cruddas Park Library** - Saturdays, 11am - 12.30pm

**Outer West Library** - Saturdays, 11am - 1pm





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## Under Fives at Newcastle Libraries

### Story and rhyme time (term time only):

Enjoy a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, explore what the library has to offer, make friends and listen to stories that will encourage young children to develop a life-long love of books from an early age.

**Drop in sessions, no need to book!**

**Mondays:** Fenham 10:30am, City 10.30am, Outer West 10.30am, West End 2pm

**Tuesdays:** Gosforth 11am

**Wednesdays:** Blakelaw 10.30am

**Thursdays:** Kenton 10:30am, High Heaton 10.30am, Denton Burn 10.30am, Outer West 10.30am

**Fridays:** Gosforth 10.30am, Newburn 10:30am,

East End 11am, Blakelaw 4pm

**Saturdays:** Cruddas Park 10.30am, Walker 11am

### Baby Weigh In:

Kenton Library,  
during opening hours

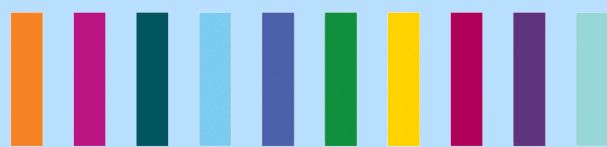
### Sling Library:

City Library, 2nd Monday of  
the month, 11am - 12pm



## What's New!

There's a new creative writing group for 8 - 12 year olds starting at **Gosforth Library** - develop your storytelling skills in these fun, drop in sessions (last Tuesday of the month, 3.30 - 4.30pm - first session 28th January)! A new after school club will also be starting at Outer West Library every Tuesday from 28th January - come along for crafts, space to do your homework, and different fun activities every week.



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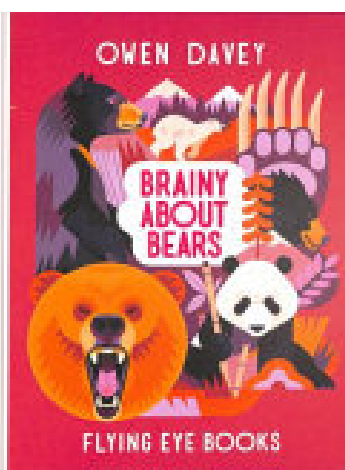
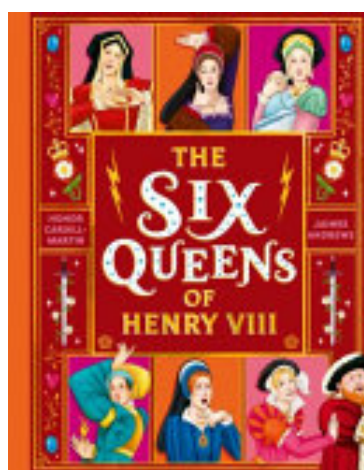
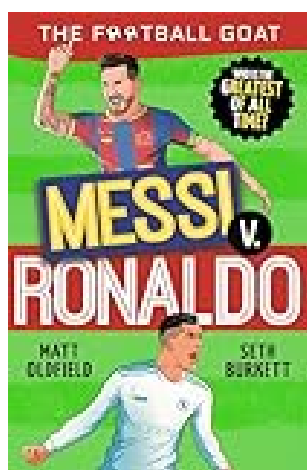
## National Storytelling Week

We'll be sharing the BookTrust Storytime Prize books at our story time sessions this week, to celebrate National Storytelling Week.

Drop in to your local library for story time and listen to five brilliant books shortlisted for the 2025 BookTrust Storytime prize - you can even vote for the winner!



## New books!



Want to reserve any of these, or explore the rest of our collection?

Visit [libraries.newcastle.gov.uk](https://libraries.newcastle.gov.uk) to search for titles, find out where they are, make a reservation (for free) and select which branch you what to collect from!