

Bolton Library and Museum Services

Summer fun



July to September 2023

Imagination

Curiosity

Wonder

Bolton
Council

Let us entertain your family!

Join in a wide range of exciting and inspiring activities at Bolton Library and Museum venues.

Events are suitable for children aged 4 to 11. The activities are **free** and no need to book unless otherwise stated.

For more information visit www.boltonlams.co.uk call **01204 332853** or email askboltonlibraries@bolton.gov.uk



**SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE
2023**

Ready, Set, Read!

Sat 8 July to Sun 17 September

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun and free activity for children to read books, play games and earn rewards over the summer holidays. This year's theme is Ready, Set, Read! We're celebrating sport, play and creativity in partnership with Youth Sport Trust.

To complete the challenge read any six or more books from the library or online. There are stickers and other rewards for every book read, with a medal and certificate for every child who completes their goal!

To find out more go to your local library or head online to summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

SRC launch event

Sat 22 July, 11am to 3pm

Come along to an exciting SRC launch event. You'll hear lots of stories and join in activities with the Bolton Octagon Theatre!

Free

No booking

Summer of Stories

Mon 24 July to Sat 2 September

Do you love stories? Come to Bolton Libraries every week and enjoy free storytelling for 4-11 year olds. You'll have fun, make friends, and complete your Summer Reading Challenge faster!

Mondays 10.30am Westhoughton Library

Thursdays 10.30am High Street Library

Fridays 10.30am Horwich Library

Fridays 10.30am Farnworth Library

Saturdays 2pm (exc Sat 26 Aug) Central Library



**Activities at the Library in the
Crompton Place Shopping Centre
Sat 22 July to Sat 2 September
1pm to 3pm**

Join us for colouring, stories and playtime in the children's library daily.

**Activities at Bolton Museum
Sat 22 July to Sat 2 September
11am to 3pm**

Come along for craft and activities daily.



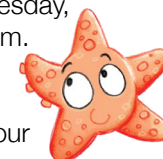
**Friday Film
Sat 22 July to Sat 2 September**

Watch a free family friendly film in our Lecture Theatre at **1pm every Friday during the summer holidays** (apart from 25 August as it's the Food and Drink Festival so come along and join us in the children's beach party marquee!)

**Fish feeds
Sat 22 July to Sat 2 September**

There will be fish feeds on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1pm.

Meet the Aquarium experts who will tell you more about our freshwater fish collection.



Family events

Pop along to our events and activities this summer!



New exhibition celebrating 150 years of Bolton Town Hall



Come see Jack! at Bolton Library Theatre
Photo credit: Darren Robinson



Bolton Town Hall - 150 years

Sat 15 July to Sun 1 October
Visit our new exhibition.

Take a tour

11am, Town Hall
2pm, Museum exhibition

Take a tour to discover more about the history of Bolton Town Hall and explore the Museum exhibition on the following Thursdays:

24 July **10 Aug** **24 Aug** **7 Sept**

Octagon Theatre Library Tour

This summer, join in the Octagon Theatre's tour across Bolton Libraries with a variety of special story events and activities.

Sat 22 July 11am to 3pm
Central Library

Fri 28 July 10.30am and 1pm
Farnworth Library

Tues 1 August 10.30am and 1pm
Brightmet Library

Fri 11 August 10.30am
Horwich Library

Thurs 17 August 10.30am
High Street Library

Mon 21 August 10.30am
Westhoughton Library



Bolton Library Theatre

Watch family fun theatre performances by Bolton Library and Museum Services! Discover many stories through engaging family theatre and storytelling.

Jack!

Sun 23 July 11am and 2pm

Come on, tell us a tale, when you need a good story, Jack never fails! Find the truth behind the original fairy tale hero in this new and exciting musical for families.

[www | eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) **£6.50**

Recommend age: 6+
Children under 12 months free

Tortoise and the Hare

Thurs 27 July 11am and 1pm

Get ready to hop like a hare and travel like a tortoise. Who will win, slow and steady or fast and furious? Join us for an unexpected dash to the finish line in an interactive story with live music, puppetry and a tale you thought you knew.

[www | eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) **£6.50**

Recommend age: Children under 6
Children under 12 months free

Tortoise and the Hare
Photo credit: Kitchen Zoo

Lookout for festive performances in Autumn!

Family events

Smithills Hall events

Adventure Walk

Fri 4 August 11am and 2pm

Join Adam Blake, the intrepid storyteller, on a thrilling adventure through the magnificent grounds of Smithills Hall. Discover hidden gems and collect natural objects along the way to inspire your very own unique work of art. Unleash your creativity all in one exciting day!

age
5+

Tickets required
per child

Fantastic Fridays, Smithills Hall

11am to 12.30pm

Themed activity session every Friday throughout the summer holidays. The sessions are suitable for children aged 4 to 11.

28
July

4
Aug

11
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18
Aug

25
Aug

1
Sept

[www | eventbrite](http://www.eventbrite) £3



The Crossroads Show

Fri 11 August 11am and 2pm

Once upon a crossroads a mysterious tree stands, and a traveller is lost. Kronos the Wizard needs your help to face their biggest fears and finish their story.

Using masks, puppets and ridiculous physicality Adam will guide you on a magical and very silly quest to finish Kronos' story. No one knows how it will all go but it's sure to be a lot of fun getting there.

[www | eventbrite](http://www.eventbrite)

£6.50

Recommend age: 5+. Children under 12 months free



Bolton Food & Drink Festival 2023

FRI 25 TO MON 28 AUGUST

In association with



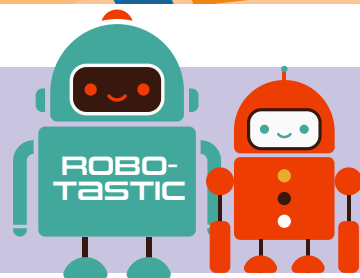
Join us at Bolton's biggest event of the year...

'Food and Drink'!

And it's the festival's 18th birthday!

We're having a beach party! We'll be there every day in the children's marquee so come and see us for lots of fun!

For more info head to boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com



The Robots are coming!

Sat 21 October

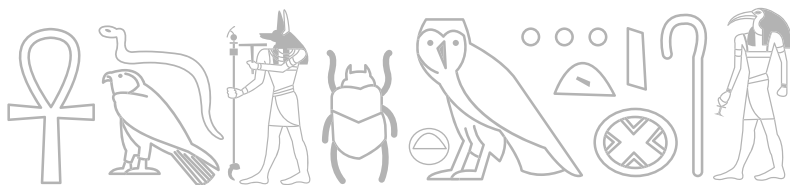
Lookout for the 'Robot' exhibition coming to Bolton Museum along with a robo-tastic activity programme.

Libraries

Museums

Archives

Aquarium



Visitor Information

Bolton Museum

Le Mans Crescent, Bolton, BL1 1SE
Tel: Museum **01204 33 2211**
email: museum.customerservices@bolton.gov.uk

Crompton Library (temporary venue for Central Library)

Crompton Place Shopping Centre,
Mealhouse Lane, Bolton, BL1 5BU
Tel: Library **01204 333173**
Email: central.library@bolton.gov.uk

Please see www.boltonlams.co.uk
for opening times.

Community Libraries

For information and contact details for
all our community libraries please see
our website or visit www.boltonlams.co.uk

Smithills Hall

Smithills Dean Road, Bolton, BL1 7NP
Admission: **FREE**

Tel: **01204 332377**
email: historichalls@bolton.gov.uk

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for opening times.

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would love to see you so please let us
know when you intend to come.

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