

Hackney Libraries Shakespeare Week 18-24 March

Join Hackney Libraries in celebrating the works, life, and times of William Shakespeare.

Become one of Will's Word Warriors by learning forgotten words from Shakespeare's day.



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Hackney Central Library

Technology and Learning Centre
1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ

Be not afraid of greatness

Shakespeare coined the words bedazzled, eyeball and fashionable. But plenty of words he created didn't catch on. So stop your bibble-babble and drumble along to learn more, and look out for our treasure competition, running all week.



Shakespeare quiz

How many of Shakespeare's plays can you name? Why was Romeo exiled from Verona? And who or what was Bottom? Test your knowledge for the chance to win a prize.

Monday 18 March, 4-5pm
Ages 8-12

Will's Word Warriors Chatterbooks Shakespeare Special

Children can become Will's Word Warriors at our festival of creativity, which includes fun literacy activities, quizzes, games and more.

Wednesday 20 March, 4-5pm
Ages 8-12

Meet the Archaeologist

The Curtain Playhouse in Shoreditch is where many of Shakespeare's plays were performed in the 1500's. Meet archaeologists from MOLA who uncovered the remains of the Curtain and handle archaeological finds.

Wednesday 20 March, 4-5pm

Skimble-Skamble stuff

'Skimble-skamble' means nonsense or gibberish. Create a badge with your favourite lost words from Will's world.
Thursday 21 March, 4-5pm
All ages

The Isle is full of Noises

As Caliban says in The Tempest, 'This island is full of noises, strange sounds and sweet melodies that make you feel good'. Join the Arts Club for interactive storytelling and Shakespeare-themed craft-making.

Saturday 23 March, 2-4pm
All ages



Clapton Library

Northwold Road, E5 8RA

Chatterbooks Group Shakespeare wands and spells

Experience Will's magic first-hand as we create wands and write spells.

Tuesday 19 March, 4-5pm
Ages 8-12

Ruff Selfies

Back in Shakespeare's day no fashion-conscious Elizabethan went out without a ruff - pleated collars worn by men and women. Make your own and then snap a selfie in front of our Shakespearean backdrop.

Saturday 23 March, 10.30-4pm

Shoreditch Library

80 Hoxton Street, N1 6LP

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All week, ages 8-12

Shakespearean quote treasure hunt

Search the library for Shakespearean quotes. How many will you find?

Tuesday 18 March, 3.30-6pm

All ages

Stamford Hill Library

Portland Avenue, N16 6SB

Family Afternoon with Shakespeare

Join us to create a Midsummer Night's Dream frieze. Then play a game of Insult-or-Compliment and enjoy some Shakespearean colouring.

Monday 18 March, 4-6pm

All ages

Shakespeare special rhyme session

Who better than the Bard to lull your little ones?

Wednesday 20 March, 2-3pm

Age under 5s

All the world's a stage

Enjoy the work of the world's greatest storyteller and make masks of your favourite characters.

Friday 22 March, 4-5:30pm

All ages

Stoke Newington Library

Stoke Newington Church Street, N16 0JS

Shakespeare Manga Reading Group

The greatest stories ever written meet awesome Japanese animation.

Choose a title from our manga collection and chat with fellow readers.

Saturday 16 March, 2-3pm

Ages 11-17

Storytime and Shakespeare craft special

Listen to a story or two and take Will's words as your inspiration at our craft session.

Wednesday 20 March, 2-3pm

All ages

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Thursday 21 March, 4-5pm

Ages 8-12

Woodberry Down Library

Kayani Avenue N4 2HF

This island is full of noises, strange sounds and sweet melodies

Come and see our Shakespeare week themed display. Learn all about Shakespeare and his wonderful world with coloring and activity sheets.





Dalston CLR James Library

Dalston Square, E8 3BQ

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What's In a Name?

Take some of the fantastic forgotten words from Shakespeare's day and include them in your own fill-in-the-blanks story.

Tuesday 19 March, 4.30-5.30pm

Ages 8-14

Shakespearean wand-making

Shakespeare's stories are full of strange forces and magical characters. We'll show you how to make a wand that'll be a match for the fairies Puck and Titania from *Midsummer Night's Dream*.

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All ages

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A Midsummer Night's Dream Special

Join us for a special retelling of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Children can create finger puppets to help tell the story along with Will.

Thursday 21 March, 11-12pm

Age under 5



Shakespeare Manga Reading Group

The greatest stories ever written meet awesome Japanese animation. Choose a title from our manga collection and meet fellow readers.

Sunday 24 March, 2-3pm

Ages 11-17

Gnomeo and Juliet

The Family Film Club presents this retelling of the classic play. Free popcorn included!

Saturday 23 March, 11:30am and 2:30pm

All ages



Homerton Library

Homerton High Street, E9 6AS

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Shakespearean quotes treasure hunt

Search the library for Shakespearean quotes. How many will you find?

Tuesday 19 March, all day

All ages

Fashion - Shakespearean style

Discover the amazing clothes worn in Shakespeare's time and put some drama into your dressing-up by making your own ruff - the pleated collar no fashionable Elizabethan would have been seen without.

Thursday 21 March, 3.30-5pm

All ages

Family Film Club

Contact the library for more information.

Saturday 23 March

All ages, 2-4pm