



What's on at

Aberdeen City Libraries

January - March 2019

# Diary

All events are free to attend and open to all. Unless otherwise stated, booking is essential. To book or find out more information, contact the Central Library on **01224 652500** or email [LibraryEvents@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:LibraryEvents@aberdeencity.gov.uk).

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## Introduction

Welcome to the first What's On edition of 2019. January, for many people, is a time to turn a new page and make resolutions. Whether that is to work your way through that "must read" list or discover new and exciting authors, the library service can help you achieve those goals.

Perhaps you are looking to go more "green". Well we can help there too because all our products are recyclable. Just borrow a book, read it and return it to be used by someone else. Simple!

You can also cut down on your paper use by signing up to Borrowbox, the brand-new app that provides you access to thousands of fantastic eBooks and eAudiobooks to your mobile device with your library membership.

It might be the start of a New Year but we welcome back an old friend in the form of Granite Noir, Aberdeen's Crime Writing Festival, on 22nd – 24th February. This year we have a fantastic line up of events and delighted that the programme has something for children, families, young people and adults.

Other highlights include a look at copywriting for websites, Esther Woolfson talking about the world of nature on our doorstep and Climate Week 2019. There is also our usual array of children's, local studies and business workshops so remember whatever you are looking for, "when in doubt, go to the library".

**Fiona Clark**  
Libraries Manager



## Faerie Trails and Traveller Tales

Wednesday 16 January | 6pm – 7.30pm  
Aberdeen Central Library

Bob Knight, a musician and songwriter of Doric and Scots songs, will read from his book *Faerie Trails and Traveller Tales*. Some of his stories are based on the songs he has written, but many are stories drawn from his rich, traveller family heritage, while yet others are derived purely from his own imagination.



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## Explore more with our eLearning offer

Aberdeen City Libraries provide a range of eLearning services and actively supports course delivery and eLearning opportunities to all. We provide a range of courses in different locations across the city and give access to free eLearning resources covering a variety of subjects.

Visit [www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/elearning](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/elearning) to learn more about the resources and courses available in all libraries.

## Book Groups



**ABZ Reading Group** @ Inchgarth Community Centre, Aboyne Road, Garthdee  
Second Wednesday of every month | 7.30pm to 9pm

**Bridge of Don Book Group** @ Bridge of Don Library, Scotstown Road  
First Wednesday of every month | 5.45pm

**Bucksburn Book Group** @ Bucksburn Library, Kepplehills Road  
Third Tuesday of every month | 2pm

**Central Book Group** @ Central Library, Rosemount Viaduct  
Last Saturday of every month | 2.15pm

**Cornhill Book Group** @ Cornhill Library, Cornhill Drive  
First Tuesday of every month | 2pm

**Culter Book Group** @ Culter Library, North Deeside Road  
Last Monday of every month | 5.30pm

**Dyce Book Group** @ Dyce Library, Riverview Drive  
Last Wednesday of every month | 5.45pm

**Ferryhill Book Group** @ Ferryhill Community Centre, Albury Road  
Second Monday of every month | 7.30pm

**Midstocket Book Group**  
@ Community Association rooms in Mile End Nursery building  
Third Thursday of the month | 1pm – 3pm

**Rosemount Book Group** @ Rosemount Community Centre, Belgrave Terrace  
Last Wednesday of every month | 7.30pm – 9pm

Already part of a book group in Aberdeen? Why not borrow your next title from the library? Get in touch at [learningdevelopment@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:learningdevelopment@aberdeencity.gov.uk) to find out more about our Book Group Collection.

## Creators' Club

Let's build together with themed creative sessions this New Year. Age 8-11 years. Booking Essential



### Children's Library – 01224 652507

Wednesday 9 January | 4pm – 5.15pm

Wednesday 6 February | 4pm – 5.15pm

Wednesday 6 March | 4pm – 5.15pm

### Ferryhill Library – 01224 581576

Monday 21 January | 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Monday 18 February | 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Monday 18 March | 3.30pm – 4.30pm

### Kaimhill Library – 01224 498160

Monday 7 January | 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Monday 4 February | 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Monday 5 March | 3.30pm – 4.15pm

### Kincorth Library – 01224 872572

Tuesday 8 January | 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Tuesday 5 February | 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Tuesday 5 March | 3.30pm – 4.15pm

### Woodside Library – 01224 484534

Wednesday 9 January | 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Wednesday 6 February | 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Wednesday 6 March | 3.30pm – 4.15pm

## Valentine's Day Story & Crafts

Join us for Valentine's Day-themed story and craft sessions at the following libraries. Suitable for age 4-8. Booking essential. To book, call your local library:

Children's Library – 01224 652507

Wednesday 13 February | 2pm – 5pm

Cornhill Library – 01224 696209

Tuesday 12 February | 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Culter Library – 01224 732587

Monday 11 February | 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Cults Library – 01224 868346

Tuesday 12 February | 11am – 12pm



## Room Hire

Here at Aberdeen City Libraries we have a number of meeting rooms available for booking by members of the public or library members.

The meeting spaces in Central Library can fit between 4 and 30 people and there are meeting rooms in Airyhall and Cove Library. All rooms feature free WiFi and power points plus equipment such as projectors and screens can be hired on request.

For full details, prices and availability, email [EwScott@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:EwScott@aberdeencity.gov.uk) or call **01224 652538**.

## Intellectual Property Advice Clinics

Wednesday 16 January | 20 February | 20 March, 3.45pm – 7.05pm  
Aberdeen Central Library

Book a free 30 minute 1:1 appointment with a registered IP attorney. In partnership with firm members of CIPA (Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, we are delighted to offer free access to expert practical advice, support & guidance on your intellectual property rights including patent, trade mark, designs and copyright information.

## Get IP Savvy!

Intellectual property – in its words, logos, pictures, products, designs or a combination – can be a valuable asset to your business. Join at these lunchtime sessions to discover basic information about how to protect your own intellectual property with our Business & Enterprise Librarian.



## Trademark & Copyright Basics

Thursday 24 January | 28 February | 28 March | 12.30pm – 1.30pm | Central Library  
Practical & useful information on how to best protect your business name, logo and creative works.

## Patents & Design Basics

Thursday 14 February | 14 March | 12.30pm – 1.30pm | Central Library  
Benefits & basics of patent & design protection for your product/idea.

45 minute 1:1 appointments with our Business & Enterprise Librarian are available for booking following the lunchtime sessions to discuss the specific intellectual property needs of your own business & how our services & resources can be of assistance to you.

## Creative Copywriting for Websites with Noelle Harrison

Saturday 9 March | 2.30pm – 4.00pm  
Aberdeen Central Library

The written content of your website is as important as its visual design. In the workshop you will focus on creating a narrative for your website where each aspect works in alignment to create a comprehensive whole. Through a series of practical exercises, you will delve into the concept and character of your brand while developing creative writing skills to produce engaging copy. Please note the course focuses on writing content, not how to build a website.



Noelle Harrison lives in Edinburgh where she splits her time between writing fiction, freelance copywriting for website content and blogs, and running creative writing courses through [www.aurorawritersretreats.com](http://www.aurorawritersretreats.com).

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## Local and Family History Workshops

Do you want to learn more about your family or your local history? Join our Local Studies team at these free and entertaining workshops where you will be led through how to use a variety of digital and more traditional resources to dig deeper into your past.

### Introduction to Family History

Monday 28 January | 2pm - 4pm | Aberdeen Central Library

Develop your genealogical skills in using both digital and traditional resources to find out more about your ancestors.



### Old News, Gateway to new knowledge

Wednesday 20 February | 2pm - 4pm | Ferryhill Library

Workshops last for approximately 90 minutes with additional time for practice. Previous knowledge of using computers is not required.

## Esther Woolfson: Aberdeen and the Natural World

Wednesday 6 March | 6pm - 7.30pm | Aberdeen Central Library

Join *Corvus: A Life with Birds and Field Notes from a Hidden City: an Urban Nature Diary* author, Esther Woolfson, as she talks about the natural life of Aberdeen, our relationships with the species with whom we share space and her work as a writer of both natural history and fiction



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## Granite Noir 22 - 24 February

Granite Noir, Aberdeen's crime writing festival, returns this February with the Central Library hosting several events. The Media Centre will become a hub of activity for the weekend with Waterstones selling the best crime novels around, Locked Room mini games, pop-up readings and café. For the full line up of events taking place across the city, pick up a brochure from your local library or visit [www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/graniteoir](http://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/graniteoir)

Tickets for all the Granite Noir events must be booked through Aberdeen Performing Arts by calling **01224 641122** or visit [www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/graniteoir](http://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/graniteoir)



### Criminal Portraits – 19th Century Mugshots from Aberdeen City & Shire Archives

Friday 22 – Sunday 24 February

Within the records of Grampian Police held by Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives is an album containing nearly 2000 mugshots of criminals incarcerated at HM General Prison, Perth in the early 1880s. Each of these spellbinding sepia images is accompanied by a card containing personal details of the individuals and the crime they had committed. Together, they hint at stories of hard lives, poverty and desperation.

### Exhibition Talk

Friday 22 February | 3pm  
Aberdeen Central Library

Archives contain stories – real-life stories. The experiences of the wealthy, the wicked, the exceptional and the very ordinary, can be found, often in minute detail, amongst the letters, ledgers, minute books and official records that have been kept for their historical value.

City Archivist, Phil Astley, will highlight some of the original and fascinating sources relating to crimes and misdemeanours available at Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives.

### The Hidden

Saturday 24 February | 10am, 1pm, 3.30pm  
Aberdeen Central Library | Tickets: £10/£8 concession

**YOUR MISSION, IF YOU CHOSE TO ACCEPT IT, IS TO CRACK THE CODE!**

Someone has gone missing but have they left messages behind? Hidden in books, written on index cards, scribbled on the back of an old photograph; there is a mystery waiting to be solved. Played out in an atmospheric library setting, your task is to piece the story together using all the clues you can find, but don't get caught, you never know who's watching! Work as a team to rewrite the history books, just be careful which path you chose to go down...

The Hidden is an interactive experience for groups of teenagers and adults. Participants will work as a team to make sense of clues and come up with their own theory to solve the mystery. Recommended Age: 12+

## Draw Your Own Mystery Workshop

Saturday 23 February | 11am – 12pm | Aberdeen Central Library  
Free/Ticketed | Recommended Age: 5-7 years

Learn how to draw super sleuths and no-goodniks, find out how sketch the scene of the crime, and decide which clues to add to your picture to help detectives solve the puzzle. Paper and pencils will be provided, just bring your imagination!

## Building Verse, Chorus and Bridge(s): Lyric Writing with The Bookshop Band

Saturday 23 February | 1pm – 2pm | Aberdeen Central Library  
Tickets £9.50 | 16+ only, unless accompanied by an adult with a ticket

From murder ballads like Northumbria's *The Twa Sisters* (circa 1656), to Neil Young's *Down by the River*, Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody*, Cole Porter's *Miss Otis Regrets*, and Coolio's *Gangsta's Paradise*, murder and mayhem have inspired songwriters through the ages, in every genre. Will you be next?

Ben Please and Beth Porter, aka **The Bookshop Band**, write bespoke songs based on some of literature's biggest names. Find out how one of the country's most prolific bands crafts lyrics and let them guide you in writing a song based on your favourite crime novel.

You'll come away with the beginnings of a masterpiece of your own.

## Poisoned, Strangled, Burned or Bludgeoned: How Murder is Detected

Saturday 23 February | 3.30pm – 4.30pm | Aberdeen Central Library  
Tickets £9.50 | 16+ only, unless accompanied by an adult with a ticket

Are you a crime writer keen to bump off your baddies with scrupulous accuracy? Wondering how poisons work? Or what's really detectable from viewing a crime scene or corpse?

Science communicator **Dr Kathryn Harkup** is a chemist, author of *A is for Arsenic*, and host of Granite Noir's popular *Poisoned High Tea*. **Vaseem Khan**, author of the Mumbai-set Ashwin Chopra series, works at University College London for the department of Security and Crime Science, and knows all about how science is used to tackle crime.

## Spine Tingling Mysteries with Fleur Hitchcock

Sunday 24 February | 11am – 12pm | Aberdeen Central Library  
Free/ticketed | Recommended Age: 8+

Join **Fleur Hitchcock**, author of two new books, *Murder at Twilight* and *The Boy Who Flew*, to hear all about how she went from a childhood spent reading Tintin and Batman and digging for treasure, to writing spooky books of her own. She'll talk about her books and offer inspiring top tips about her writing process.

## Scotland's Most Notorious Poisoners with Dr. Kathryn Harkup

Sunday 24 February | 1pm – 2pm  
Aberdeen Central Library  
Tickets £9.50

Kathryn Harkup is a science communicator known for her fun, informative talks, and the author of two books: *A is for Arsenic*, about the 14 poisons used in Agatha Christie's novels, and *Making the Monster*, about the science behind Frankenstein.

In today's talk you'll meet a host of Scottish poisoners, including Madeline Smith, the Glasgow socialite caught up in a sex scandal when accused of poisoning her lover with arsenic in 1857, and London-based Thomas Neill Cream, whose weapon was strychnine, who was a candidate for Jack the Ripper.

## Meet Tomorrow's Stars Today with Claire Askew, Ruth Mancini and Harriet Tyce

Sunday 24 February | 2.30pm – 3.30pm | Aberdeen Central Library  
Tickets £9.50

Introducing three exciting new voices in crime fiction. *All the Hidden Truths*, by Claire Askew, begins with the facts: Ryan Summers walked into Three Rivers College and killed thirteen women, then himself. But why did he do it, and how do his actions affect those closest to the events?

This is a moving exploration of forgiveness, grief, and our collective reaction to tragedy. Ruth Mancini's *In the Blood* is the story of a troubled woman accused of murdering her son, and the lawyer assigned to her case, who's struggling to juggle the demands of work with caring for her disabled five-year-old.

A criminal defence lawyer herself, and the mother of a disabled son, Ruth drew on personal experience to pen this chilling study of class and motherhood. *Blood Orange*, by Harriet Tyce, is a dark psychological exploration of desire, jealousy and betrayal that's already being compared to *Anatomy of a Scandal* and *Apple Tree Yard*. Originally from Edinburgh, Harriet practised as a criminal barrister before turning to writing full time.

Chaired by Fiona Stalker.

## Locals In The Limelight

Granite Noir is proud to offer a stage to North-east writers.

This year five of the region's most talented authors will read extracts from their noir fiction ahead of some of the festival's main events.

Saturday 23 February | 3pm  
Emily Utter, Jan Simpson & Marka Rifat

Sunday 24 February | 12.30pm  
David Ewen & Eric Davidson

Sunday 24 February | 2pm  
Lexie Coningham

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## Climate Week North East

Wednesday 20 March | 6.30pm – 7.30pm | Aberdeen Central Library

Join us during Climate Week North East for an event where you get to ask the questions of the experts. Do you want to go Green but are not sure how? Reduce your plastic and become more consumer savvy? Understand how carbon counting works? Well this is the event for you. Come along to quiz the experts and learn how small differences in your lifestyle can create big changes in our world.

The logo consists of the letters 'CW' above 'NE19' in a bold, sans-serif font, with a small green leaf icon to the right of 'CW'. The text is contained within a white square with a thin black border, which is itself inside a larger white circle with a green border.

To book a place at this free event email [libraryevents@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:libraryevents@aberdeencity.gov.uk) or call 01224 652500.

For more information and the full programme of events please visit [www.climateweekaberdeen.org/programme.html](http://www.climateweekaberdeen.org/programme.html) and [www.facebook.com/climateweeknortheast](https://www.facebook.com/climateweeknortheast)



## Human trafficking; fiction reflecting real life with Peter Ritchie

Wednesday 27 March | 6pm – 7.30pm | Aberdeen Central Library

Crime novelist and retired police officer Peter Ritchie's books follow the stories of fictional detective Superintendent Grace Macallan. The plight of sex workers and trafficked women features throughout the stories. With statistics in recent years showing Aberdeen as uncovering more brothels than any other Scottish city – trafficking is not just a theme in fiction but a reality in our city.



Peter will join us to talk about his considerable real experience of this subject and how he has incorporated it into his writing. Peter started his career working in the fishing industry before moving into the Police which saw him work on a number of high profile cases with the Serious Crime Squad, Murder Squad and Regional Crime Squad in Scotland, the Organised Crime Unit in the National Criminal Intelligence Service and Europol.

The talk will be followed by a Q&A session, book signing and a selection on Peter's titles will be available to purchase on the night. The event has been organised in partnership with the modern slavery charity City Hearts Aberdeen.

To book a place at this free event email [libraryevents@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:libraryevents@aberdeencity.gov.uk) or call 01224 652500.

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