

Wakefield Libraries

Events and Activities – Listed by Category

Active Minds

The adult social event of the week. Each session is different with quizzes jigsaws dominoes and much more plus lots of reminiscence memorabilia to kick start a fun hour of conversation and camaraderie guaranteed to leave you feeling great for the rest of the day

Sandal Library

- Monday 11am-12noon

South Elmsall

Jigsaws Puzzles Sudoku and Doodle Art Enjoy a cuppa and a chat while you puzzle

- Wednesday 10am-11am

Bookstart Storytimes

Fun, friendly and free sessions for under 5s with a mixture of stories, song, rhymes and crafts – no booking required, just turn up, new faces are always made very welcome. All occur weekly unless stated otherwise.

Airedale Library

- Monday: 10am–11am (fortnightly)

Featherstone Library

- Thursday: 9:30am-10:30am

Hemsworth Library

- Friday: 10am–10:30am

Horbury Library

- Tuesday: 2:15pm-3pm
- Friday: 2:15pm–3pm

Normanton Library

- Tuesday: 10:30am-11am
- Thursday: 10:30am–11am

Ossett Library

- Wednesday: 10:30am–11am
- Friday: 10:30am–11am

Pontefract Library

- Monday: 10am–11am (fortnightly)
Forthcoming dates are: 11th May, 8th June and 22nd June



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Sandal Library

- Tuesday: 10:30am-11am

South Elmsall Library

- Tuesday: 9:30am–11am
- Friday: 10am–12 noon

Stanley Library

- Monday: 11:30am–12 noon (term time only)

Wakefield Library

- Tuesday: 1:30pm–2:15pm
- Friday: 10am–11am

Baby mornings

Friendly easy going groups set in a relaxed environment, aimed at new mums and dads and their little ones. Each session includes a mixture of stories, song, rhymes and crafts. Afterwards you can stay and play, and chat with other parents and exchange your books

Castleford Library

- Thursday: 10am-11am

Pontefract Library

- Two sessions on Wednesdays:
 - 9:15am–10:15am
 - 10:30am–11:30am

South Elmsall Library

- Monday: 9:30am–10:30am

Jobs and careers

Get free expert help and advice on searching for a job, work related training and career changes, plus assistance with compiling a CV, completing a job application and interview techniques. Drop-in at one of these sessions. Please note that the sessions at Featherstone and South Elmsall are for Wakefield District Housing Tenants Only

- **Airedale Library**
Tuesday: 9am–12 noon
- **Feathersone Library**
Wednesday: 1pm-3pm



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- **Hemsworth Library**
 - Friday: 9.30am-1pm
- **Knottingley Library**
 - Tuesday: 1pm-3pm
- **Normanton Library**
 - Monday: 10am–12 noon
- **South Elmsall Library**
 - Tuesday: 9:30am–11:30am
- **Stanley Library**
 - Thursday: 10am-2pm
- **Pontefract Library**
 - Friday: 9:30am–12 noon

Councillor's surgeries

Drop-in sessions with your local elected member

- **Airedale Library**
 - Wednesday: 6pm–7pm
 - 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month:11am-12noon
- **Featherstone Library**
 - Saturday: 10am-11am
- **Hemsworth Library**
 - 2nd Friday of the month:10am-12noon
 - Cllrs Picken and Lloyd surgery
- **South Elmsall Library**
 - Saturday: 11am-12noon
- **Wakefield Library**
 - Wednesday: 5:30pm–6:30pm

Stuff for teenagers

- **Wakefield Library**
 - *Teenage reader group*



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First Wednesday of each month: 4pm–5:15pm

Crafts and Gadgets

- **Castleford Library**

Children's craft club

Let your imagination go wild with this brilliant all-day long drop-in craft club for children
Saturday: 9am–3:30pm

- **Hemsworth Library**

Knit and Natter

A lively and friendly gathering where you can take your own project, exchange tips, swap patterns and have a cuppa while you knit. Knitters of all expertise levels are welcome

Thursday: 1pm–3pm

- **Normanton Library**

Craft Club

Drop-in for all types of crafts, including: quilting, knitting, card making, and beading. Come along to swap patterns, materials and magazines, plus share tips and perhaps learn a new craft

Monday: 2:30pm–3:30pm

- **Pontefract Library**

Gadget Man' sessions

Flummoxed by a technology glitch? Get help by bringing your question or hand-held gadget to this session. Put our technology expert to the test

Tuesday: 1:30pm–3pm

Craft Bee

Drop-in for all types of crafts, including: quilting, knitting, card making, and beading. Come along to swap patterns, materials and magazines, plus share tips and perhaps learn a new craft

Friday: 1:30pm–3:30pm (third Friday of each month)

- **South Elmsall Library**

Adult crafts

A lively and friendly gathering for all types of crafts, including quilting; knitting; card making and beading. Come along to swap patterns, materials and magazines, plus share tips and perhaps learn a new craft. All levels of expertise are welcome

Monday: 10:30am–12 noon

Family Crafts

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Seasonally themed craft event for families
Third Saturday of each month: 10am–12 noon

- **Sandal Library**

Knit & Natter
Adult crafts drop in session
Friday: 11am-12noon

Chatterbooks and Crafts

Afterschool event for children 8+ Includes book reviews and craft activities
Mondays 3.30-4.30 (Term time only)



Readers' Groups

Our readers' groups are informal, fun and free of charge. They help you get more from your reading and share your experiences with other readers. You will discover new authors and genres by reading books you would never have thought of trying. You needn't worry if you didn't manage to finish a book or even if you didn't like it, you can still come along and join in the lively debate.

- **Castleford Library**
Third Monday of each month: 10am-12noon
- **Hemsworth Library**
First Friday of each month: 2pm–4pm
- **Horbury Library**
Last Monday of each month: 5:45pm–6:45pm

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- **Knottingley Library**
First Wednesday of each month: 10am–11:30am
- **Ossett Library**
Second Wednesday of each month: 2:30pm–3:30pm
- **Pontefract Library**
Every Monday: 10:15am–12:15pm
Second Monday of each month: 7pm–9pm (term time only)
- **Sandal Library**
Last Monday of each month: 2:15pm–3:15pm
- **South Elmsall Library**
Second Monday of each month: 2:30pm-3:30pm (Readers Group)
Last Monday of each month: 2:30pm-3:30pm (Poetry Group)
- **Stanley Library**
First Monday of each month: 11am-12 noon (Unravel a Book Readers Group)
Third Thursday of each month: 6:30pm–8pm
- **Wakefield Library**
Second Tuesday of each month: 11am–12 noon (Historical Readers Group)
First Wednesday of each month: 4pm–5:15pm (Teenage reader group)
First Saturday of each month: 2pm–3pm (Cookery Readers Group)



Computer help and advice

Free drop-in sessions for adults of all abilities from 'newcomers' to 'know it all's'. Get help with Microsoft software packages, internet browsing or setting up an email account.

Castleford Library: Tuesday: 9:30am–12:30pm

Featherstone Library

- Thursday: 9:30am–12:30pm

Hemsworth Library

- Thursday: 9:30am–12:30pm

Horbury Library



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- Monday: 2pm-4:30pm

Normanton Library

- Tuesday: 9:30am-12:30pm

Pontefract Library

- Wednesday: 2pm-4:30pm

Sandal Library

- Monday: 2pm-4:30pm

South Elmsall Library

- Wednesday: 9:30am-12:30pm

Stanley Library

- Tuesday: 2pm-4:30pm

Wakefield Library

- Thursday: 2pm-4:30pm

Coffee mornings

Enjoy a cuppa while you catch up with friends and exchange your books

Hemsworth Library

- Last Thursday of every month: 10am-12noon (All proceeds raised go to local charities)

Sandal Library

- Friday: 10am-12noon

Health and Money advice sessions

Hemsworth Library

Walking Group

Do you enjoy walking and taking in the scenery with a lively friendly group? Come along to Hemsworth library and join the Hemsworth Walking Group. The library is a meeting point for the group which meet weekly. You can also contact the walking group by telephone on: 01977 277858 or by email: KevinRodders@talktalk.net

- Monday at 10am (except Bank Holidays)

Money Advice Sessions

Confidential appointments with trained advisors from the Money Advice Service. Get clear,

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unbiased advice on all money matters such as budgeting, credit, mortgages, insurance, benefits and pensions. Call the library to book an appointment.

Bee Happier Café

Are you happy and want to share what makes you happy, or do you feel that you could be happier? Pop into our Bee Happier Café experience the happiness

- Tuesday: 10am-12 noon (First Tuesday of every month)

Caring for Dementia

Receive help and advice from health professionals. Please contact the library for further details

- Monday: 10am-12noon (First Monday of every month)

NHS Health Check

Free drop-in sessions offering blood pressure tests, smoking cessation, and advice on diet, exercise and lifestyle with an NHS trainer

- Thursday: 1pm-5pm

Pontefract Library

- Concern bereavement group, drop-in session for the over 50s
Monday: 9:30am–12 noon
- Live at home, drop-in session
Monday: 1pm–3pm

Local and family history

Castleford Library

- Local and Family History Sessions
A different local or family history topic is covered each month
- Monday: 2pm–3:30pm (First Monday of each month)
- Genealogy Sessions
Doing your Family Tree just getting started or stuck in a rut or an expert willing to share your knowledge
Second and fourth Monday every month: 2pm-4pm



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Normanton Library

- Family Historian - drop in advice session

Get help tracing your family tree with your expert volunteer
Friday: 10am–12 noon

Pontefract Library

- History Society
Saturday: 2pm–4pm (monthly)

Sandal Library

- Family history, explore your past with our expert. These sessions are popular booking is essential please contact the library to reserve a place
3rd Monday monthly 2pm-4pm

Stanley Library

- Local history, drop-in sessions
Saturday: 10:30am–12 noon (monthly)

Wakefield Library

- Family history, advice drop-in session with our expert volunteer
Monday: 9:30am–5pm
- Local history network group - Monday: 1:30pm–3:30pm (monthly)