There are so many wonderful activities happening in your local library throughout the summer, so do pop in or follow St.Helens Libraries on Twitter or Facebook to find out more:

@STHLibraries
www.facebook.com/STHLibraries

*All of the information contained in this brochure is accurate at the time of going to print - however, sometimes things change - please check for updates via Twitter, on Eventbrite or call us on 01744 677446*
CULTURAL HUBS IS...

an Arts Council England funded programme of arts adventures and accessible performances across St.Helens network of 13 libraries. This sixth programme sees us focussing on family activities for the summer holidays.

To keep up to date with upcoming unique arts events then please sign up to our fabulous monthly e-zine via www.sthelens.gov.uk/arts or follow St.Helens arts on Twitter @sthelensarts.

ARTS AWARD

Arts Award is a range of unique qualifications that support young people under 25, inspiring them by taking challenges in any arts activity. Trained Arts Award advisers based across St.Helens network of libraries, guide and support young people in gaining arts experiences towards their nationally recognised awards.

Arts Award Week
2 - 10 July 2016

Come along and meet a local Arts Award Advisor in your local library to find out more and to join in the national Arts Award 10th birthday celebrations!

Drop in sessions for young people, Monday-Friday from 3.30pm-4.30pm:

Monday 4th July: Eccleston Library
Tuesday 5th July: Central Library
Wednesday 6th July: Haydock Library
Thursday 7th July: Billinge Library
Friday 8th July: Newton Le Willows Library & Chester Lane Library

John Kirk

THE TWITS

Wednesday 13th July, St.Helens Central Library, 4.00pm

Launching the 2016 national Summer Reading Challenge The Big Friendly Read in St.Helens, storyteller John Kirk retells the magical world of Roald Dahl’s ‘The Twits’.

Mr and Mrs Twit are ready to welcome you and your family to a magical world, but be warned - this story contains twits being vile to each other!

The Twits is presented with the kind permission of Casarotto Ramsay and the Roald Dahl estate.

“From the very beginning John had the children captivated and fully engaged”

Teacher, Bournemouth

“If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.”

Ticket prices & concessions
We have tried to keep ticket prices low or FREE to ensure as many people as possible can attend our wonderful programme of events.

Cost & booking info: £3, £8 for a family/group of 4. Book online at www.culturalhubs.eventbrite.co.uk or call into any library in St.Helens to purchase your tickets.
St. Helens libraries are celebrating 100 years of the world’s favourite storyteller Roald Dahl and children can celebrate with us by joining the 2016 Summer Reading Challenge, The Big Friendly Read.

To get started all you have to do is sign up at your local library. For each book that you read, you will receive a collector card that makes up a set of six to complete your own folder. It’s FREE and fun to do!

The Big Friendly Read is here!

Join us for our Phizz-whizzling Summer Reading Challenge launch parties.

Central Library
Wednesday 13th July, 4.00pm

Billinge Library
Thursday 14th July, 3.45pm

Garswood Library
Thursday 14th July, 2.00pm
(Read & Rhyme Time)
Thursday 14th July, 4.00pm

Moss Bank Library
Thursday 14th July, 3.45pm

Newton-le-Willows Library
Thursday 14th July, 3.30pm
Monday 18th July, 10.30am
(Read & Rhyme Time)

Rainford Library
Thursday 14th July, 10.30am
(Read & Rhyme Time)
Friday 15th July, 3.30pm

Eccleston Library
Thursday 14th July, 3.30pm
Monday 18th July, 2.00pm
(Read & Rhyme Time)
Friday 22nd July, 10.30am
(Read & Rhyme Time)

Chester Lane Library
Friday 15th July, 3.00pm*
Please note: Space is limited, please book your place by speaking to a member of staff or calling 01744 677081

Haydock Library
Friday 15th July, 4.00pm
Monday 25th July, 10.30am
(Read & Rhyme Time)

Rainhill Library
Friday 15th July, 10.30am
(Read & Rhyme Time)
Friday 15th July, 3.30pm

Parr Library
Saturday 16th July, 10.30am

Peter Street Library
Monday 18th July, 4pm

Matilda
Saturday 16th July
St. Helens Central Library, 3.00pm

This film adaptation of a Roald Dahl classic is the story of a wonderful little girl, who happens to be a genius, and her superb teacher vs. the worst parents ever and the worst school principal imaginable!

Audience: Families (certificate PG).
Cost & booking info: £3, £2 (concs), or £5 for group/family of four. Book online at www.culturalhubs.eventbrite.co.uk or call into any library in St. Helens to purchase your tickets.
A Small Cinema/Reading Hack presents

**WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (1971)**

**Saturday 13th August, St.Helens Central Library, 3.00pm**

Enter a world of pure imagination.... A colourful mix of song, Oompa Loompas, humour and life lessons, and of course... chocolate!

Don’t let the tour leave without you!

**Audience:** Families (certificate U).

**Cost & booking info:** £3, £2 (concs), or £5 for group/family of four. Book online at www.culturalhubs.eventbrite.co.uk or call into any library in St.Helens to purchase your tickets.

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**BOOKSTART READ & RHYME TIMES**

Each of our Libraries host a FREE popular Read & Rhyme Time aimed at preschool children. Why not come along and listen to stories and sing along to your favourite nursery rhymes?

- **Billinge Library**
  - Fridays, 10.15am
- **Central Library**
  - Tuesdays, 10.30am
  - Thursdays, 10.30am
- **Chester Lane Library**
  - Mondays, 11.00am
  - Fridays, 11.00am
- **Eccleston Library**
  - Mondays, 2.00pm
  - Fridays, 10.30am
- **Garswood Library**
  - Thursdays, 2.00pm
- **Haydock Library**
  - Mondays, 10.30am
- **Moss Bank Library**
  - Thursdays, 2.15pm
- **Newton-le-Willows Library**
  - Mondays, 10.30am
- **Parr Library**
  - Tuesdays, 11.00am
- **Peter Street Library Express**
  - Tuesdays, 2.30pm
- **Rainford Library**
  - Thursdays, 10.30am
- **Rainhill Library**
  - Fridays, 10.30am
- **Thatto Heath Library**
  - Wednesdays, 10.30am

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**Booster Cushion Theatre for Children**

**OLD MCDONALD AND THE THREE PIGS PLUS**

**Monday 22nd August, Chester Lane Library, 11.00am**

The Three Little Pigs are fed up with singing “*Eee aye eee aye oh!*” every day and bravely decide to move away from Old McDonald’s farm. Join the kind farmer and all of their animal friends in helping the little pigs build homes of their own, but beware, the big bad Wolf is on the prowl.

A comical, colourful, and fun interactive show, full of props, pop ups and audience participation!

*“Children are left in no doubt that books lend colour to life when they take part in the tall tales sketched out”* Ronnie Haydon, Time Out London

**Audience:** Families 6+. **Duration:** 45 minutes.

**Cost & booking info:** FREE - just drop in.

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Comments from some of our library visitors participating in the Cultural Hubs family programme...

- Excellent. Well done. Can’t wait to tell my family
- Fantastic interactive play. Captivating for adults and children
- Thank you for putting on a lovely show for the kids
- The scenery and costumes were so simple yet so effective
- Very good for children of all ages, my two totally enjoyed it
- Very ‘hands on’ which the children loved!

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**Old Donald and the three pigs plus**