

Launch Programme

Friday 20 – Saturday 21 May

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10.15am – 11.30am

Rhyme time and Stay & Play

Come along to this extended session to celebrate the grand opening.

10.30am – 11.30am

Tour of the library reserve stock

(6–8 spaces) Why not come in and have a look behind the scenes at the hidden gems in the Library Reserve Stock and browse at stock areas of interest to you. Each session lasts approximately 45 minutes. Booking is recommended. The tour will leave from the ground floor help point in the library.

10.30am – 11.30am

Save time – do it online

(4–6 spaces) The easiest way to access Council services is online. Why not come to one of our sessions where we can show you just how easy it is? Online access is available 24/7 from your home computer, tablet, or smart phone. Alternatively you can log on to one of our PCs using your library card. Meet at Solihull Connect to join this session.

10.30am – 1.30pm

Job Shop drop-in session

Solihull Council's Employment & Skills Team will be onsite promoting the range of support available for job seekers in the borough. Drop in and find out more about the local labour market and how to promote yourself to local employers.

11.00am–1.00pm

Family history taster sessions

Drop in to the foyer to find out how to begin researching your family history. Library staff, together with members of some of the family history groups that meet at The Core Library, will be on hand to explain how to start your research, and how to make the most of free access to Ancestry and Find My Past from all Solihull Libraries.

11.00am–1.00pm

Crunch Lunch Time craft group in residence at the Courtyard Gallery

11.00am–1.00pm

Meet our Big Read Book Bench artist Milan Topalovic in the foyer

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Tablet taster session

Do you like reading magazines, newspapers, and books? Do you have a tablet, smartphone, or eReader? Solihull Libraries have a range of eResources that you can access through a tablet, smartphone, or eReader including eBooks, eMagazines, and eNewspapers, either at home or in the library using our new improved WiFi.

If you need a hand to access these resources The Core Library is having a free drop in event to show you how. Please bring your tablet with you and your library card in order to access the resources.

Please call 0121 704 6077 or email 247library@solihull.gov.uk to book a slot.

11.30am–4.00pm

Haiku Highs! A free drop-in writing activity with Sara-Jane Arbury

Have you left The Core Library on a high? Then why not leave us a haiku? Haiku is a Japanese verse form, traditionally three lines with seventeen syllables. Haiku poems can be strung together like a necklace to create a longer poem called a Renga. Join writer Sara-Jane Arbury to add your haiku to The Core Library Renga! There's no need to book-drop by for a short while or stay as long as you like!

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10.00am **Britain’s Got Talent finalists The Neales perform in The Core Theatre**

10.00am–11.00am **Coding taster session (age 8–12 years)**
Come and join us for our free Coding Taster Session for beginners!

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Bhangra Tots try it sessions with Sohan Kailey

11.00am–1.30pm

Meet our Pantomime Dame!

11.00am–2.00pm

Poetry on demand with Fergus McGonigal

Would you like a personalised poem written? Maybe you have an anniversary on the horizon, or a friend's birthday, or a motivational poem which is needed for your lovely children? Or perhaps you'd just like a poem all for yourself! You can commission, for free, a poem from our 'Poetry on Demand' poet for the day Fergus McGonigal.

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Story time and childrens craft activity

Come and join in with our children's craft session. Children of all ages welcome.

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1.00pm

Solihull Music Service's Jazz Matters in the Studio

1.30pm–2.30pm

Book Doctor drop-in

Come along and get ideas and suggestions for a good read, both fiction and non-fiction.

In Courtyard Gallery:

Faces and Places Exhibition by the G&Q Art Club

Straight Stitch sewing group

Young Embroiderers group

Taster craft activities with artist Helen Lane

Plus tours of the building and auditorium across both days.