

Newsletter Summer 2018

Your local Library – More than just books!

"Feast of Folk": An evening of traditional and contemporary folk music Friday 15 June at 7.30pm

Following last year's successful event, this year's line up will be joined by the acclaimed singer **Judy Dunlop**, accompanied by **Jon Scaife.** Also featuring solos and three-part harmony from Pete Garratt, Ken Atkinson and Geoff Heppel. Jon Scaife, Charlie Smallwood and Geof Trend play ceilidh music on lots of strings with their mandolin pieces being a delight to hear.





Tickets £10 on sale at the library With a line-up this good, it's sure to be popular so book early! Please note the later-than-usual start time for this event.



We'll be participating again in this year's **Summer Reading Challenge** from The Reading Agency.

The theme this year is **Mischief Makers**, inspired by the much-loved children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary. Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers! To complete the challenge, children must read 6 books. They can be whatever they like - fiction, fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library. **Registration opens on 14th July.** The scheme is free to join and continues throughout the summer holidays.

Friday Evening Events

20 July at 7pm: Artistry in Stone, Bronze and Wood with Dr Sylvia Dunkley

The fine carvings of Frank Tory & Sons, the Sheffield firm of architectural sculptors, can be seen on and within many public, ecclesiastical and commercial buildings in Sheffield and in other English towns and cities. Their work is an important aspect of Sheffield's late nineteenth and early twentieth century history and can still be admired on buildings such as the City Hall, the Central Library, St John's Ranmoor and St Matthew's, Carver Street.

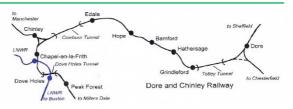


17 Aug at 7pm: "All the Fun of the Fair: Swings and Roundabouts" with Bob Pullin



Bob Pullin is the 6th generation of a Yorkshire travelling fairground family who have run fairgrounds since the mid 19-century. Hear about the travelling fairground families lifestyle, history, traditions, fairground season and fairground children's education based on his personal experience. You'll learn how many funfairs are held each week, how the earliest were licensed, and how the Showman's Guild regulates the industry.

21 Sept at 7pm: The Hope Valley Line with Stephen Gay



In this illustrated talk, Stephen takes the traveller on a 20-mile journey from Sheffield to Edale along the magnificent Hope Valley. Highlighting beautiful scenery, fascinating history and incorporating the odd poetry reading. Sit back and enjoy the ride.

Tickets for most evening events are £5 and usually go on sale about a month before.



Don't miss our next Farmers and Artisan Market!

Sunday 9th September

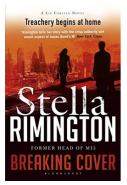


Focus on Books

More shelves please! A recent allocation of £2,800 of books from the council has resulted in the addition of 400 new titles, a few of which are shown here with volunteer Vera Dyer. This is in addition to almost 300 new donated books added to our "yellow sticker" stock in the last three months.

If there are books you would like to see in the library, please fill in the suggestion form at http://www.greenhill-library.org/book-suggestions/

Recommended Reading



"Liz Carlyle remains one of the most interesting characters in the male dominated world of the spy thriller" – Daily Express. This series of 8 books have been written by Stella Rimington, a former head of MI5, giving an authenticity to these exciting stories. They cover the major events in our recent history – some based in Northern Ireland, others Islamic terrorism and the final one about an internal mole. Highly recommended if you enjoy thrillers and /or want to learn more about MI5. (From our chairman Patrick Coghlan.) We have 2 of them in Greenhill and you can borrow the rest by ordering them from other libraries. See below ...

Borrowing books from other libraries



A national survey in 2017 asked both library users and non-users what would lead them to borrow more books. Over 40% said being able to borrow from other libraries. So it's good to remember that although Greenhill Library is run by volunteers it remains very much part of Sheffield Library Services and you can easily reserve books from any library. You can do it on-line at http://library.sheffield.gov.uk/uhtbin/webcat (you'll need your library card number and PIN), or you can ask the volunteers on the front desk to do it for you – please come with title and author's full name. Note that inter-library loans are *not* available for donated book stocks, such as our "yellow sticker" titles or Totley's "orange sticker" books.

Cinema

Friday 29 June at 7.30pm: Black Panther



In June comes one of the latest movies in the hugely popular Marvel superhero film series starring Chadwick Boseman that has become one of the most popular movies of all time. He stars as T'Challa, the King of Wakanda, a technologically advanced African nation. However his claim is challenged by a vengeful outsider.

Friday 27 July at 7.30pm: Sound Of Music Singalong



Following our popular Mama Mia Singalong comes a few of your favourite things with arguably the most popular musical of all time. On the eve of World War II, a woman leaves an Austrian convent to become a governess to the children of a Naval officer widower. The Academy Award winning film stars Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer.

Friday 7 September at 7.30pm: Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope



The blockbuster sci-fi movie that started it all. Luke Skywalker joins forces with a Jedi Knight, a princess, a cocky pilot, a Wookiee and two droids to save the galaxy from the Darth Vader's world-destroying battle-station. Starring Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher, Harrison Ford and Alec Guinness, the movie is described by Variety as the "biggest possible adventure fantasy".

Friday 5 October at 7.30pm: The Pink Panther



Peter Sellers stars as Inspector Clouseau in the movie that spawned a long running comedic series. The bumbling Inspector travels to Rome to catch a notorious jewel thief known as "The Phantom" before he conducts his most daring heist yet: a priceless diamond known as "The Pink Panther". The movie also stars David Niven and Robert Wagner.

Our Friday cinema events are ticketed – a suggested donation of £5 gets you refreshments and a raffle ticket. Please note: The time is changing slightly to 7.30pm for movie start. Refreshments will still be provided from 7pm, with no interval. Also from September the cinema nights will be moving to the first Friday of every month (with none in August).

Children's Cinema

Saturday 30 June at 2pm: Paddington 2



Saturday 28 July at 2pm: Peter Rabbit

After showing the original in February, we're proud to bring you the bigger and better sequel with the continuing adventures of the marmalade loving bear from Peru. This time Paddington picks up a series of odd jobs to buy the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, only for the gift to be stolen. It can't possibly be actor Phoenix Buchanan (Hugh Grant) who is responsible.... can it?

Everyone's favourite rebellious rabbit by Beatrix Potter appears in this 2018 movie starring Domhnall Gleeson, Sam Neill and James Corden. The movie sees Peter Rabbit pitted against Farmer McGregor in order to sneak into his vegetable garden. Empire describes the "animation of all the animals is faultless and pleasingly fluffy" and the Independent says that the offbeat humour is "bracing and refreshing".

Saturday 15 September at 2pm: Despicable Me 3



Saturday 6 October at 2pm: Coco



Gru's back and this time he's with his long-lost brother. In the third outing for the gang, Gru's more successful brother Dru who wants to team up with him for one last criminal heist. Featuring the voices of Steve Carrell, Kristen Wiig and Trey Parker the film is said by Entertainment Weekly to shine through with "visual wit and innate sweetness".

In October we're showing the latest Pixar movie from the directors of Toy Story 2 and 3 which won Best Animated Movie at this year's Academy Award. In the movie an aspiring musician Miguel is confronted with his family's ancestral ban on music, so enters the Land of the Dead to find his great-great-grandfather, a legendary singer. A movie about memory and family that lives up to expectation.

Our Saturday cinema events are not ticketed – just turn up. Suggested donation £3 adults, £2 children. Refreshments are available. These events provide an easy-going cinema experience ideal for younger viewers.

Volunteering

Have you ever thought about giving a little of your time to keeping the library open, but feel that being on the front desk is not your cup of tea? Well, there's more to running the library than that! We need folk to manage the book supply, run the book shop, decorate the library for



events, make small repairs, keep the library clean, tidy and safe - and many other "invisible" activities such as fundraising and publicity.

Regular visitors, and readers of this newsletter, will know that we're no longer just somewhere to borrow books. We also provide a constantly evolving range of events and activities for the local community, and this is something else you could help with. Many of us only do one morning or an afternoon once a fortnight for regular activities in the library, such as manning the front desk, and a wide variety of roles have very flexible time commitments. You'll find a list of specific things that we need help with on our library web site (greenhill-library.org/volunteering) and on a poster by the checkout machines in the library. If you want to have a chat about doing something then just ask for a paper form at the front desk, or you can complete it on-line on our web site and that will come directly to our Volunteering mailbox. Have a look; there may be something that suits you! – Mick Black.



Mick Black started in the key role of volunteer coordinator back in January. "Some recent changes in my life afforded me a few hours of free time each week so I decided to give some of it to something worthwhile, something of value to the community", explained Mick. "One of the first things I had to do, in order that we always have the people available to keep the library running well, was to try to learn a little bit about every job in the library, mainly by talking with the people doing these jobs. This was quite a challenge at first as many volunteers are in the library only once a week for

a few hours; but I'm slowly getting there!" Mick is nothing if not organised, and has also put a lot of effort into rationalising our chaotic proliferation of "volunteering" documents. That done, he's now on a mission to fill some long-standing gaps in our workforce.

A library book, I imagine, is a happy book. -Cornelia Funke

Behind the Scenes

We'd like you to meet a couple of the unsung heros who help keep the library open.



Never happier than when wearing a hi-vis vest, retired schoolteacher **Rob Goodrum** describes himself variously as "Health and Safety Officer", "Maintenance Man", and "General Dogsbody". We caught up with him painting the railings. Rob is the go-to person for maintenance jobs, many of which he does himself, though for some he'll bring in outside contractors. Along with Keith Wilson, he's also the lead organiser of our Farmers' markets. One of our core volunteers, Rob estimates he donates between 4 and 20 hours a week of his time to the library. And he's been involved ever since the library came under volunteer control in 2014.

"It's a team effort", says Rob. "Without support from the others, I'd give up". "We could do with some more cleaners", (he helps with that, too!) "and it would be good to have more tradespeople such as plumbers or electricians involved, even if it's just to offer professional advice."

Fundraiser Margaret Davis is another volunteer who has been with us from the very beginning. You'll find her on the front desk most Wednesdays, but her real speciality is in applying for grants. Successes include awards from the Ward Pot, the Freshgate Trust, and more recently an Awards for All grant to fund a feasibility study to provide extended community space in the building. "This is all restricted funding", explains Margaret, "because it has to be spent on the specific, costed items stated in the application. It's guite different from the all-important unrestricted income derived from events like the Farmers' Market and the cinema, which is needed to pay the running expenses of the library." Once our feasibility study is complete, Margaret's next major challenge will be to raise the five-figure sum needed to fund the building work. A former trustee, she has also played a leading role in negotiating the terms of our lease (see below).

We are pleased to announce that after three years of negotiation and delay, we have finally **signed the lease** on the library building. It's initially for 5 years, with an option to extend to 25 which we plan to take up. That's important because a 25 year lease is generally a pre-requisite when applying for major funding.

Our Opening Times Monday 10am – 6.30pm Wednesday 10am – 5.30pm Friday 10am – 5.30pm Saturday 10am – 12.30pm

Our Services

 Second-hand bookshop Free Public Computers Internet, printing, scanning Free Wi-Fi Hearing Aid Batteries Monthly e-newsletter 	 Children's Groups Evening talks Cinema Room hire Audio books and library books of course!
Web: http://greenhill-library.org	Email: admin@greenhill-library.org

New Computers!

Hemper Lane, Sheffield S8 7FE



We have recently replaced our old "People's Network" computers with our own newer (and much faster) machines – three in the children's library and six in the adult library. These machines run Windows 10 and have the full Microsoft Office Suite installed, plus Google Chrome. Log-on requires a simple ticket, available from the front-desk. Each ticket gets you one hour, though you can extend your time if necessary. There's also a new scanner and a new colour laser printer. Access remains free to library users (so bring your library card with you, even though you don't need it to log in).

Thanks to SPAR and Morrisons for donating items for event refreshments.