



Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2023

Blowing our own trumpet

Since volunteers took over the library in 2014 we have:

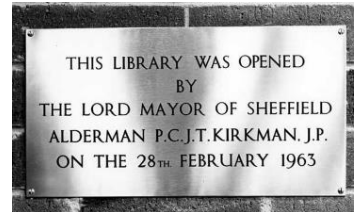
- Organised 40 community-wide events
- Hosted 4,700 group meetings
- Raised £250,000 in funding
- Invested £133,000 back into library delivery
- Loaned out 178,000 books
- Found new homes for 53,000 books through our bookshop
- Had 400,000 library visits
- Benefitted from over 130 volunteers giving 41,000 hours



Anniversary Celebration Sunday 16 April

Greenhill Library celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, having opened in Feb 1963.

Join us for an informal celebration of sixty years of library service in Greenhill, and meet some of the staff who were there when the library opened.



11.00 Event start / 11.30 Cutting of the cake / 12.00 Children's Entertainer (Barney Baloney)/ 13.00 Lunch break / 13.30 1960's dance demo and lessons. There will also be a bouncy castle, a hula hoop competition, party games, photo opportunities with a 1960's fancy dress box, balloon modelling, and more. Check our web site and Facebook page for updates. In the evening we're showing the 1963 film "The Great Escape".

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We are open: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am –5pm
Thursday and Saturday: 10am –12.30pm

Our library at Lowedges



On Wednesday mornings we have an arts, craft and coffee group for adults. No money, materials or talent required, our volunteers supply them all! Come for breakfast at 9 and stay on to craft, or just come at 10 and have a tea or coffee and get stuck in. Here is Carolyn in action, teaching Wendy to knit. Our energy advice sessions with National Energy Action have finished for now, and will return on **Monday 4th September**.

To find out what's happening at Lowedges, 'like' Lowedges Community Library on Facebook, or come in and talk to us. Our hours are

Monday 9:00-12:30 and 1:30-4:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:30 and 1:30-5:00

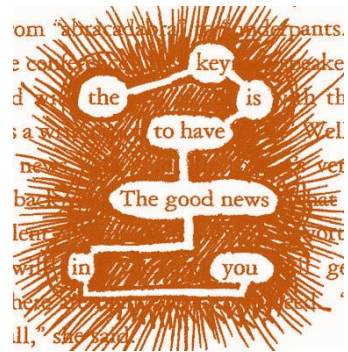


Lowedges library is supported by grants from the National Lottery "Reaching Communities" Fund

Try your hand at a blackout poem

We're offering you the chance to draw all over an old book and see if you can create a new piece of literature from it. Blackout poetry gives you the challenge of deleting words from another text and 'discovering' the poem that is left behind. The results are often surprising, as well as beautiful, funny, silly or sad.

Over the next couple of months the library will be providing some unwanted books so that you can give it a try. We'll build up a display of your efforts and there might be a prize or two for our favourites.



Evening Talk: Friday 21 April "The Work of Rhubarb Farm"

Come and hear the inspiring story of Rhubarb Farm, as told by its founder and Managing Director, **Jennie Street**. Rhubarb Farm is a horticultural social enterprise based at Langwith, near Bolsover. It supports vulnerable people with a wide range of needs and abilities. Doors open / refreshments 7.00 pm, talk starts 7.30. Tickets (£5) on sale on-line (greenhill.bookwhen.com) and at the library

Featured Volunteer

Tessa Bainbridge



By her own admission, Tessa is a bit of a Jack-of-all trades, having worked in hospitality, tourism, marketing, communications, and (as a qualified personal trainer) in gyms and leisure centres. She holds a degree in hospitality and tourism management and her most recent job was as head of academics for a tourism college, before leaving to be a stay-at-home mum for her two children Henry (3) and Ruby (5). They moved to Greenhill towards the end of Covid restrictions.

"We used to come to the library", she explained, "and meet Wendy at the door each week to change our library books for the children. This was instrumental in us feeling at home in Greenhill and the kids finding somewhere to be." When the library re-opened she started bringing the children to story time, and after our story-tellers Laura and Janet left, she volunteered to be part of the team that now runs the story time mornings. "It was a fairly seamless transition from bringing my kids to story time to actually helping to run the sessions" she says. She has subsequently started working with our craft club, and more recently in setting up a running group which has had a great initial take-up.

Asked what she gets out of volunteering, Tessa said "The library provides us with community contacts, especially for the kids to interact with a range of people of different ages and backgrounds. And the events ... like the Narnia readathon and the trip to the Lord Mayor's parlour. These are things that we otherwise wouldn't have opportunity to do."

We're thankful for the contribution of young mums like Tessa; it's such an important part of maintaining the vibrancy and continuity of life in our library.

Friday 21 July: Sheffield Ukulele Group at 7.30



Sing along, hum to the strum and join Sheffield's finest ukulele group for an evening of live, toe tapping music from a mix of eras and styles with all the fun and unique sound of the ukulele.

Please check our web site greenhill-library.org or booking site greenhill.bookwhen.com for tickets details nearer the time.

Evening Cinema

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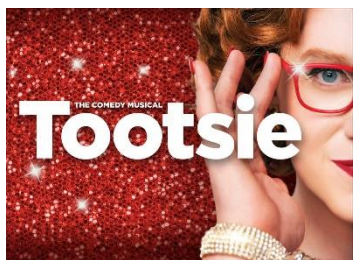
Friday 5 May at 7.30pm: Mrs Harris goes to Paris



(Cert PG. Mild Bad Language)

Mrs Harris, a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own. The film, starring Lesley Manville and Jason Isaacs, was described by Empire's Olly Richards as "entirely uncynical niceness".

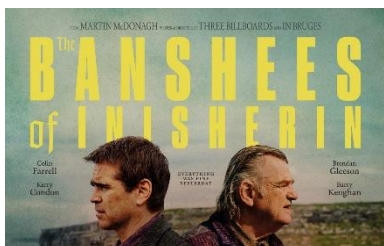
Friday 2 June at 7.30pm: Tootsie



(Cert 15)

We take a trip back to the 1980s this month to bring you this classic. Michael Dorsey, an unsuccessful actor with an impossible reputation, disguises himself as a woman in order to get a role on a trashy hospital soap. The film, starring Dustin Hoffman, is directed by Sydney Pollack, director of Three Days Of The Condor and Out Of Africa

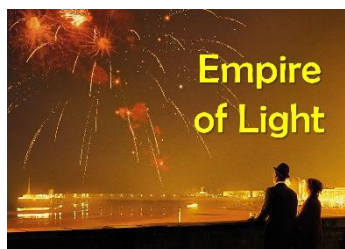
Friday 7 July at 7.30pm: Banshees of Inisherin



(Cert 15. Strong language, injury detail)

Recently successful at the Academy Awards, the movie, set in 1923 on an island off the Irish Coast, tells of two friends, Pádraic (Colin Farrell) and Colm (Brendan Gleeson) who engage in a row when Colm declares "I just don't like you anymore." Baffled, Pádraic persists in trying to make amends, but the row escalates.

Friday 4 August at 7.30pm: Empire of Light



Cert 15: Racism, strong language, sex)

Sam Mendes latest movie is based loosely on his childhood. Olivia Colman plays a cinema manager struggling with her mental health, and Micheal Ward is a new employee longing to escape the provincial town where he faces daily adversity. Together they experience the healing power of music, cinema, and community.

For our evening cinema events, doors open/refreshments at 7pm, film starts at 7.30. Audience sizes are limited; to guarantee a place please book ahead at [greenhill.bookwhen.com](https://www.greenhill.bookwhen.com) Film showings are free; you may make a donation (suggested £5) on the night.

Children's Cinema

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Saturday 29 April at 2.30pm: Matilda the musical



(Cert PG mild threat, comic violence)
The film version of the Matilda musical. The film, starring Alisha Weir, Emma Thompson and Lashana Lynch, was described by Peter Bradshaw as a "tangy bit of entertainment, served up with gusto". It's the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a sharp mind and a vivid imagination, dares to take a stand to change her story.

Saturday 3 June at 2.30pm: Ratatouille



(Cert PG: comic violence, mild bad language)
Disney's classic animation starring the voices of Brad Garrett, Patton Oswalt and Peter O'Toole. A rat named Remy, who can cook, makes an unusual alliance with a young kitchen worker at a famous Paris restaurant. Their passion for cooking soon sets into motion hilarious events that turns the culinary world upside down.

Saturday 1 July at 2.30pm: Lightyear



(Cert PG: mild threat, violence)
last years Pixar movie where Space Ranger Buzz Lightyear embarks on an intergalactic adventure alongside ambitious recruits Izzy, Mo, Darby, and his robot companion, Sox. As this motley crew tackles their toughest mission yet, they must learn to work together as a team to escape the evil Zurg and his dutiful robot army

Saturday 5 August at 2.30pm: The Amazing Maurice



Based on the 2001 novel "The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents" by Terry Pratchett. The story follows Maurice, a goofy streetwise cat, who has the perfect money-making scam. He finds a dumb-looking kid who plays a pipe and has his very own horde of rats, who are strangely literate.

Our Saturday cinema events open their doors at 2pm for refreshments (sweets, ice creams, drinks). Film starts at 2.30. Films showings are free; you may make a donation when you visit. These events provide an easy-going cinema experience ideal for younger viewers.

Regular Events

Our "**Knit and Natter**" group meets in the library from 10.00 to 12.00 on the first and third Wednesday each month. Just turn up!

Book club meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 7pm to 8pm. If interested, please email kirsty.atkin1@gmail.com

Craft Club meets after school on Fridays. Simple crafts to make and take home for children aged 5-8.

Coffee morning is every Thursday from 10.00 – 11.30. Tea, coffee, biscuits and sometimes cake. A very popular session – you're sure of a warm welcome!



Storytime is going really well with lots of lovely regulars and new faces every week! Along the way we have met Winnie the Pooh, made emotions thermometers and discovered birds and farm animals. We are looking forward to the completion of the building work and welcoming everyone to our springtime storytimes – who knows where the stories might take us?!

Thursdays from 10am. No need to book

An evening of Digital Delights

Do you lack confidence in using online services, or are you just unsure what's available? On **Friday 26 May at 7pm** we're hosting an informal evening that aims to improve your awareness of the many services, delights, and sources of information available online, mostly for free. Join us for coffee and cake and learn how to talk to (and see) distant family whenever you want using WhatsApp or Zoom, explore your local neighbourhood (or the entire planet) using Google Earth, read books and magazines for free using the on-line library Libby, go shopping without going out, find out who won the FA cup in 1966, and more.

Afterwards help will be on hand as you try things out for yourself. Bring your own device, or we have tablet computers available for loan. There is no charge for this event.

As a reminder, we run also drop-in sessions **every Friday morning** offering help to get you online and gain confidence. Drop in or email support@greenhill-library.org



Supporting the Library

Although the library receives support from the council, we are also dependent on donations and fundraising to finance our services, events and upkeep. You can help by:

- Coming to our events
- Becoming a Friend - for as little as £2 each month
- Identifying contacts for sponsorship (e.g. of our newsletter)
- Charity Shopping via easyfundraising.org.uk
- Volunteering a skill or passion to help raise funds.
- Spreading the word to friends, family and neighbours about us and what we offer.



See greenhill-library.org/support for more information on how you can help.

Book Review: The Book of Stolen Dreams by David Farr. Reviewed by Isabelle.



The book tells the story of two children, Robert and Rachel out to save the world. The children live in a town controlled by a mean, elderly president called Charles Malstain. He makes the town a horrible place to live. One day their Dad shows them the book of stolen dreams which is kept in a special room in their local library where he works. This book has the power to open the gates for the dead to come back to life, so it could keep the mean president alive and in charge of the town forever. When their Dad is taken by the police it becomes the children's duty to keep the book safe and out of the hands of the president. The book follows their adventure to save the world and includes dreams, escapes and risky journeys. I would definitely recommend it for children who like mystery and adventure aged around 9-11 years.

Situations Vacant

BOOKCLUB

Our **book club** is full, with a waiting list, and we'd be interested in hearing from anyone willing to set up and run a second club. You would need to organise the books for the club read, remind club members of the next meeting, and put together some questions to discuss the recently read book. If interested, contact kirsty.atkin1@gmail.com

Help us to keep the library clean and safe. We're looking for someone to assist with **general cleaning duties**. There is some flexibility in work hours. If interested, email Linda at l.stevenson36@hotmail.co.uk





Now an annual favourite, our **Open Gardens Weekend** this year is on **8 and 9 July**. A ticket (£5) gets you into all gardens and is valid both days. They'll be on sale at the library nearer the time, at participating gardens, and on the library lawn on the day.

We would be interested to hear from a few more gardeners willing to open. Horticultural excellence is not a pre-requisite; more important is an enthusiasm for your garden and willingness to share it with others. You should live within a 15 minute walk of the library. If interested, email gardens@greenhill-library.org

Saturday 22 April at 11.30

“**Cardboard Cosmos**” is an interactive, live event from **Stute Theatre**. A mysterious cardboard craft has crash landed right here in the local area! *Your* local area! As local people arrive to a sight of a cardboard wreckage from outer space, everyone is wondering who could possibly have been flying it.

Come along and welcome two mysterious visitors from a hidden corner of the galaxy. Can you help them find their way around the local area, mend their broken spaceship and finally find a place to call home?

Expect cardboard creativity, crafting, a sustainable message and a little musical mayhem in this innovative new performance from the Stute Theatre team.

With gentle opportunities to get involved and interact, this live show is perfect for families and children aged 4 and up.

Numbers will be limited and advance booking is essential. Tickets (£5) online at greenhill.bookwhen.com

