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May – August 2018



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Welcome to our ninth live@thelibrary season

Our summer season is packed with a host of live theatre and author visits to commemorate Refugee Week and The Suffrage Centenary as well as our usual array of drama, family shows, comedy, music and new writing.

We welcome the return of our third Open Space Festival, showcasing the work of writers and performers from Oldham and across Greater Manchester.

Through live@thelibrarylocal we're bringing something for everyone right to your doorstep. There's something for all ages and tastes and we look forward to seeing you soon. www.oldham.gov.uk/liveatthelibrary

Events at a glance

May

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Monday	18	No Petticoats Here	7pm
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July

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Tuesday	10	Ode@Oldham	7pm
Wednesday	11	Code Blue	7pm
Wednesday	18	Operatastic	7pm
Thursday	19	And May Your God Go With You at Limehurst Library	1.30pm
Saturday to Fri	21–27	Charlie and the Lost Treasure	Various times and venues
Monday	23	Missing Hypnos	7pm
Wednesday	25	Cuts of the Cloth	1pm
Thursday	26	The Rumba Bar	7pm
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August

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Cover image: Louise Jordan presents No Petticoats Here

Drama, New Writing and Comedy

Conscious Theatre presents

Joan, Babs and Shelagh too

Wednesday 9 May, 7pm
Tickets £5

A whirlwind journey through the life of Joan Littlewood, one of the 20th century's greatest theatrical visionaries. Unquestionably brilliant, undoubtedly maverick, undeniably rude, Joan, Babs and Shelagh Too chronicles the life of a fascinating character ahead of her time. This solo performance by award-winning writer and actor Gemskii uses cabaret, finger puppetry and music.



AIK Productions and Turtle Key Arts presents

Love, Bombs and Apples

Tuesday 29 May,
7pm. Tickets £5

Love, Bombs and Apples is the comic and poignant new play from award-winning playwright Hassan Addulrazzak. A tale of four men, each from different parts of the globe, all experiencing a moment of revelation. A Palestinian actor learns there is more to English girls than pure sex appeal and a Pakistani-born terror suspect figures out what is wrong with his first novel. This one man play is extremely funny with a sharp cutting edge for today's multi-cultural Britain.



Produced by Open Clasp and Live Theatre

Rattle Snake

Friday 1 June, 7pm
Tickets £5 (age 15+)

Spine-tingling and visceral, Rattle Snake will take your breath away. An epic tale based on real life stories of women who have faced and survived coercive controlling domestic abuse. "Subtle, sensitive and deeply moving, and a worthy successor to Open Clasp's phenomenally successful Key Change." British Theatre Guide.

Please be aware that this play contains references to domestic abuse and violence.



Refugee Week, 18 – 24 June

MIRO Trio

Thursday 14 June, 7pm

Free – advanced booking essential

The Manchester International Roots Orchestra is a unique, musically diverse orchestra which aims to nurture musical collaboration between refugee and other culturally diverse musicians, and Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM) students. Join us for an evening of exciting new music that draws on a range of genres.

Amani Live

Thursday 21 June, 7pm

Free – advanced booking essential

Amani Creatives will be showcasing some of the freshest new talent from the African diaspora and highlighting the diversity, complexity and enduring cultural influence of Africa. An interactive journey to discover Contemporary African music.

Qaisra Shahraz

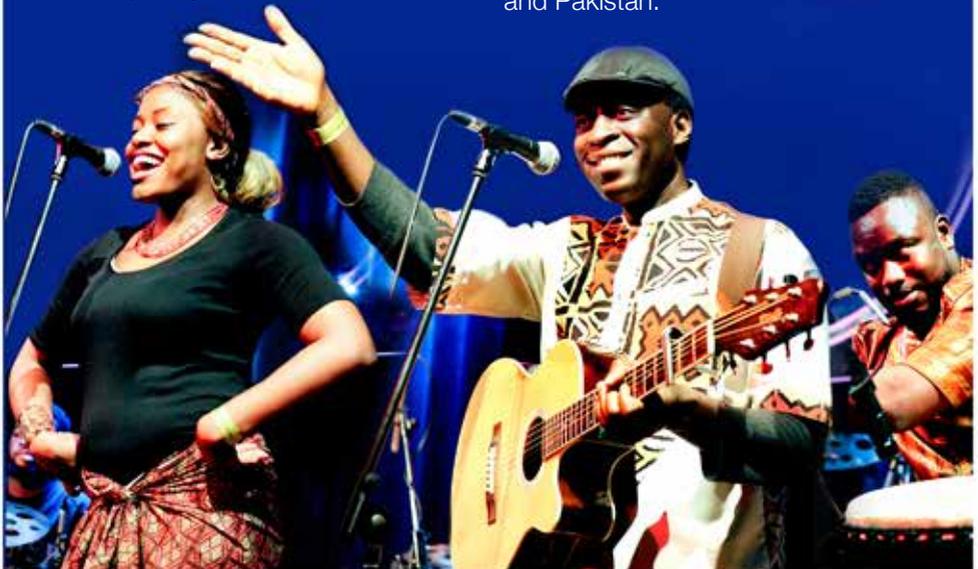
Tuesday 19 June, 7pm

Free – advanced booking essential

Join Qaisra, National Diversity Lifetime Achiever award

winner and Manchester's most influential woman in 2017. Qaisra will be launching her new collection of short stories, *The Concubine and the Slave-Catcher* and reading from her story *The Journey*, highlighting the biggest refugee crisis in the world with millions migrating to Pakistan from India overnight.

The stories focus on the drama of human relationships, played out against various scenarios: the daily struggles for survival of Jews in a Polish concentration camp and the tragedies of the partition of India and Pakistan.



Suffrage 100



Mikron Theatre presents

Revoluting Women

Thursday 31 May, 7pm

Tickets £5

The Suffrage story through the eyes of a less well-known Pankhurst, Sylvia, who fought for the vote alongside working women in the East End. Sylvia meets Lettie and together they push to Parliament, to bend the ear of the Cabinet.

A story of absolute commitment or dangerous obsession?

Full of political satire, song and more suffrage societies than you can shake a stick at, *Revoluting Women* unravels a contentious and momentous movement in history.

Louise Jordan presents

No Petticoats Here

Monday 18 June, 7pm

Tickets £5

Award-winning singer, songwriter and musician Louise Jordan tells the stories of inspirational women who challenged expectations. From the woman who dressed as a soldier on the Western Front to the women football players banned by the FA, the ambulance drivers running the gauntlet of enemy fire in Flanders and the so-called 'surplus million' single women. Inspirational women, working in a time of conflict, leaving a legacy.

Author

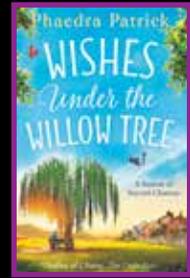
Books and Brunch with Phaedra Patrick

Saturday 30 June, 11am

Tickets £5 (includes brunch)

The bestselling author returns with a warm, poignant new novel about family, forgiveness and finding your own way to shine.

Benedict and Estelle thought they'd found their happy ever after but their marriage has hit the rocks. Benedict vows to win her back – he just doesn't know how. The unexpected and uninvited arrival of his estranged teenage niece, Gemma, could hold the answer. Join us for the launch of *Wishes under the Willow Tree* and a tasty brunch.



Family

Children under 12 months are free. All accompanying adults must buy a ticket to attend children's performances.

Booster Cushion presents

Old McDonald and the Three Pigs Plus

Wednesday 30 May, 12noon and 2.30pm. Tickets £3 ages 4+ (younger children welcome)

The Three Pigs are fed up with singing "Eee aye eee aye oh!" and decide to move away from Old McDonald's farm. They need to build homes of their own, but beware, the Big Bad Wolf is on the prowl. A colourful and fun interactive show, full of props, pop ups and audience participation.

Travel Companion presents

Five More Minutes

Saturday 2 June, 12noon and 2.30pm. Tickets £3 ages 3+ (younger children welcome)

A magical show about bedtime, exploring the frustration and fantasy that can be had in that magical time between awake and asleep.

HandMade Theatre presents

Flying the Nest

Wednesday 6 June, 12noon and 2.30pm. Tickets £3 ages 2+ (younger children welcome)

To celebrate National Bookstart Week, join us at Hatchling College, an egg-citing place to learn all about native birds. Filled with a mix of music, puppetry, facts and fun, this humorous show brings to life native bird characters in a new and engaging way.

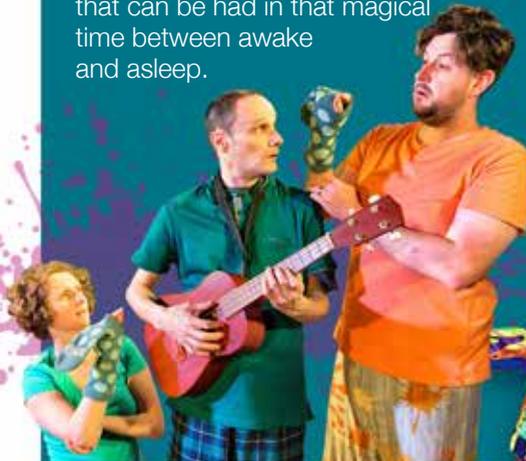


Oldham Theatre Workshop presents

Hunt for the Giggle

(part of July's Open Space Festival)
Saturday 28 July, 12noon and 2.30pm ages 5+ (younger children welcome) Free – advanced booking essential

Join Jackson and Squiggle for an adventure to hunt for the lost giggle. A fun, interactive family show.



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Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge

Sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library, read six books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exciting Mischief Maker rewards to collect along the way.

Oldham Coliseum's Young Rep Company presents

Charlie and the Lost Treasure

Free – advanced booking essential

Join Charlie as he reads his favourite book: 'A Pirate's Adventure'. Captain Jack and Skullduggery are sailing the seven seas in search for the missing treasure but first they need to find the map. Suddenly, the crew ends up where you would least expect it... at Charlie's house. Come and witness the chaos that follows.



Saturday	21 July	12noon & 2.30pm	Oldham
Tuesday	24 July	2pm	Crompton
Thursday	26 July	2pm	Fitton Hill
Friday	27 July	11am	Limehurst



Dementia Awareness Week

Emma Decent presents

I Don't Know

Tickets £3

'I don't know what I'm supposed to be doing' was something Emma's mum said repeatedly in the early days of her dementia. Over ten years later, now her mother has died, Emma finds herself asking the same question. Her mum was a librarian, Emma is a library assistant. Especially created for libraries, this show goes on a journey through time, mother-daughter love and life re-evaluation. A funny, moving, inspiring tale using poetry, theatre and books.



Tuesday	22 May	2pm	Royton
Wednesday	23 May	2pm	Lees
Wednesday	23 May	7pm	Oldham

Green Room Creative Productions presents

And May Your God Go With You

Thursday 19 July, 1.30pm

Limehurst Library

Free – advanced booking essential

A prematurely retired undertaker makes a series of discoveries which shake his suitcase and his world. "What", he wonders, "would Dave Allen do?" This dark comedy and one-man show is a collaboration between stand-up comedian, Chris Boyle and writer, Julie McKiernan. Comedy is a serious business but we could all learn from laughing at ourselves a little more.

Open Space Festival

Presented in association with The Arts Room, PANDA Arts, and The Greater Manchester Fringe.

Our third Open Space Festival continues to support emerging local theatre makers.

Cold Star Media presents

Sentinel

Thursday 5 July, 7pm

Tickets £5

A journey through the effects of climate change from synth player Richard Evans, Sentinel is a multi-sensory journey through the effects of global warming. A mesmerising soundtrack of analogue synths mixes with classical vocals alongside stunning visuals created directly from climate and migrant data.



BAPS Theatre Presents

North West Wonders

Saturday 7 July, 2pm

Tickets £5

A selection of brand new writing showcasing the best of the North West's emerging theatre talent, featuring 'Someone's Got To Do It' by Clarke McWilliam a story of John, a lavatory attendant whose obsession with hygiene is beginning to encroach on his personal life; and Sophie Toland's new adaptation of Anne Brontë's classic novel *Agnes Grey*.

Young Identity presents

Ode@Oldham

Tuesday 10 July, 7pm

Free – advanced booking essential

Ode is one of Manchester's most compelling open mic events. Featuring special guest Reece Williams performing material from his latest EP, Ode is for those craving a creatively curated blend of spoken word, live literature, emcee culture and live music under the same roof.

Code Blue

Wednesday 11 July, 7pm

Tickets £5

The show tells the story of Code Blue – a highly advanced healthcare technology in its initial phase of clinical trials...

"Your health consultant will discuss your options fully and you will be asked to agree to full terms before your consultation commences. Thank you for choosing Code Blue. Your journey to health and happiness begins today."

Little Pixie presents

Operatastic!

The Accessible Guide to Opera

Wednesday 18 July, 7pm

Tickets £5

Are you wowed by Wagner or puzzled by Puccini? Let Little Pixie Productions take you on an informal but informative trip through the music of Opera. Featuring soprano Helena Leonard, pianist Carl Penlington-Williams and actress Rebecca Little, this is a fabulous show for opera new-comers or aficionados alike.

Missing Hypnos

Monday 23 July, 7pm

Tickets £5

Ollie has chronic insomnia. What started as a few sleepless nights on holiday in New York quickly turned into a decade-long struggle. The play gives a humorous and poignant take on the severity of the psychological effects of insomnia, exploring the prevalence of mental illness in the 21st century.



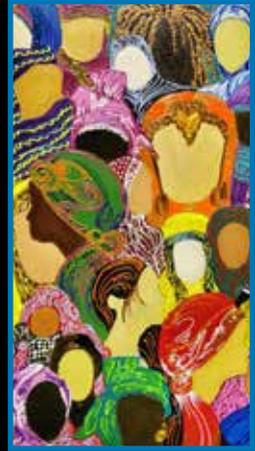
Outside the Frame Arts presents

Cuts of the Cloth

Wednesday 25 July, 1pm

Tickets £3 ('work in progress' performance)

'But this cloth defies you and becomes my resistance, For what good is freedom if you deny my existence.'



A satirical and poignant one woman show exploring the complexities of Muslim women's relationship with the cloth.

Women the world over are constantly policed to unveil, veil, cover and uncover, but in a country built on freedom of expression, what does it mean for a Muslim woman to speak out?

The Rumba Bar

Thursday 26 July, 7pm

Free – advanced booking essential ('work in progress' performance)

'Ex-pats are immigrants too you know' Dhillion's is a South Asian man having a midlife crisis and running off to Spain to set up a bar. Being on holiday is very different to living in a resort and he can't pull a pint.

The Rumba Bar was first shared as part of Open Space in 2016. This is a rehearsed reading and a showing of more scenes to give a taste of the finished piece.

Digital Theatre

Enjoy filmed performances of acclaimed stage productions featuring some great classics as well as ground-breaking theatre. All screenings are £3.

True West

Wednesday 16 May, 2pm

(Running time: 1hr 59mins)

Often hailed as Sam Shepard's masterpiece, True West deconstructs the damaged relationship between two estranged brothers who are striving for success.

Eugene O'Hare and Alex Ferns clash magnificently as brothers, Austin and Lee, in this character driven piece which cleverly combines comedy and chaos in two tension-filled acts.

Contains strong language and violence.



The Container

Wednesday 27

June, 2pm

(Running time: 1hr)

The Container by Clare Bayley, tells the story of a group of asylum seekers



being smuggled across Europe inside a shipping container, seeking refuge in England. This production, was captured by Digital Theatre live inside a real shipping container parked outside the Young Vic Theatre. With an audience of only 28, all locked inside the container in the dark with the actors, the production was directed by Tom Wright, and met with much critical acclaim.

The Soap Myth

Tuesday 31 July, 7pm

(Running time: 1hr 20mins)

More than a half century after World War Two, at the desperate urging of a passionate survivor, a young



investigative reporter finds herself caught between numerous versions of the same story. Played out against the backdrop of deadline reporting and journalistic integrity, the critically acclaimed The Soap Myth by Jeff Cohen questions who has the right to write history and what is our responsibility once we know the truth?

The Small Cinema



Family Films

Every month The Small Cinema hosts a classic family film here in the Performance Space at Oldham Library. Visit the website at www.themallcinema.com for a list of dates and full movie listings. Tickets for family films are priced at £3 and include a free goodie bag with drink, popcorn and a treat for children.

The Small Cinema and
Oldham Libraries present

Casablanca (U)

Thursday 17 May, 1pm

Free – book online at

www.themallcinema.com

Dementia Friendly Screening

Join us for a dementia friendly screening of the classic romantic drama.

Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman star in this masterpiece of cinema, full of wit and quotable one-liners. Here's looking at you, kid.

This is a relaxed screening. Enjoy free tea, coffee and biscuits 30 minutes before the film starts.



The Small Cinema and
Oldham Libraries present

The Lego Ninjago Movie (U)

Thursday 2 August, 1pm

Free – book online at

www.themallcinema.com

Autism Friendly Screening

Get set for this year's Summer Reading Challenge with a special autism friendly film screening over the school holidays.

This year's theme is Mischief Makers and the reading list includes a guide to this fun martial arts comedy full of wisecracking ninjas.



This screening is autism and sensory friendly, with low level lighting and volume levels turned down for a relaxed environment for all ages.

The Small Cinema is delivered by
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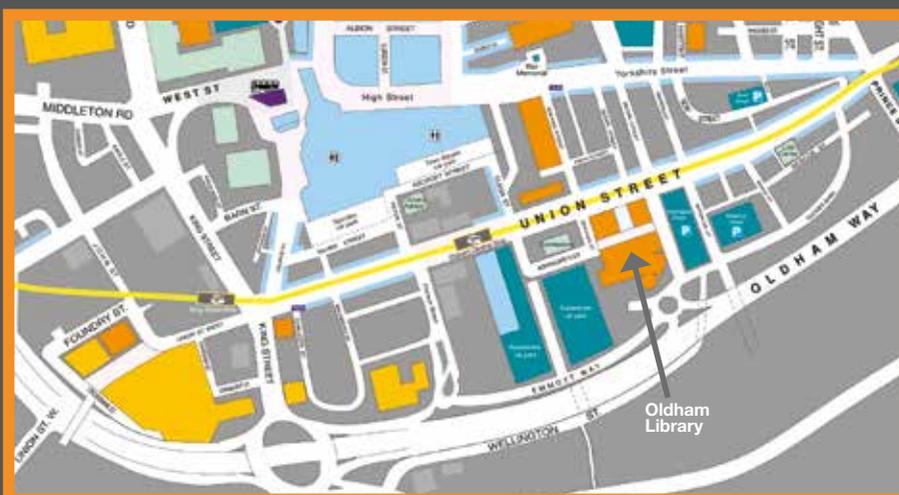
How to book

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