

live@thelibraryfamily



Matthew Linley Creative Projects  
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### The Mystery of the Raddlesham Mumps

Saturday 29 February, 12noon and 3pm, £3

After the windswept double funeral of his parents, 7-year-old Crispin (or Crispin de Quincy de Faversham Clumps to give him his full name) inherits his ancestral home – Raddlesham Mumps. He finds himself in a huge empty house with only an ancient butler for company. And when that butler begins to tell him about the bizarre deaths of his deeply eccentric ancestors, the story takes flight on darkly comic wings.

The Herd  
**SLIME**

Saturday 4 April, 11am and 2pm, £3

Being a slug is hard. Everyone thinks you're disgusting.

Slug and Caterpillar are starving, and the only leaf left in the garden is out of reach. Slug thinks they should work together. Caterpillar doesn't.

Enter the undergrowth to SQUISH, SQUELCH and PLAY your way through this hilarious, surreal show for 2-5 years and their families, told with a handful of words and lots of SLIME.

Includes 15 minutes of slime play.



## Bookmark presents



### Harry Potter Night

Thursday 6 February, 7pm, £5  
Ages 16+

Hagrid is coming to Oldham to test your Harry Potter knowledge. Take your seat in the Great Hall, choose your house, keep an eye out for pesky poltergeists, and tuck into some Hogwarts' treats. This is one night you won't want to obliterate!

### Ladies That Bus! Writing Workshop

Tuesday 25 February, 2pm,  
free – booking essential

Ladies that Bus is a new comedy which will be performed at Oldham Coliseum Theatre on Wednesday 26 February. This 90 minute workshop, led by Joyce Branagh, will share the research behind Ladies That Bus, and participants will be encouraged to write a short piece of dramatic writing.



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Cover image: Coliseum present, Chanje Kunda, Plant Fetish.

### David Nolan\*

Wednesday 4 March,  
7pm, Royton Library,  
free – booking essential

Join multi award-winning author, television producer and crime reporter, David Nolan, to discuss his upcoming book, The Mermaid's Pool. It's the follow up to Black Moss – part two of David's 'Manc Noir' trilogy set in Oldham.



### Bonnie Meekums\*

Monday 9 March, 7pm,  
Lees Library, free –  
booking essential

Local writer, Bonnie Meekums, celebrates the launch of her debut novel, A Kind of Family. The book challenges traditional ideas about what constitutes family, overcoming grief, healing the past and ultimately hope.

\*Authors will be selling and signing books at the events.



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# live@thelibrary

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Discover a world of comedy, drama, new writing, family theatre and storytelling with Oldham Libraries

live@thelibrary's Spring season is packed with a great selection of live theatre and music for all ages. We invite you down to your local to take part in The Last Quiz Night on Earth as well as an unusual experiment – Could you survive without your phone for one whole day?

**Tickets for all live@thelibrary events are available from:**  
[www.oldham.gov.uk/liveatthelibrary](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/liveatthelibrary)

Please note that children under 12 months are free. All accompanying adults must buy a ticket to attend children's performances. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer refunds.

### live@thelibrarylocal

live@thelibrary and Oldham Coliseum Theatre present Box of Tricks

### The Last Quiz Night on Earth

**Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March, 7.30pm. Bank Top Tavern, 1 King Street, Oldham, OL8 1ES**

**£10 (includes pie and peas)**

It's the final countdown. Landlady Kathy invites you to the last quiz night on earth with Quizmaster Rav. He's the host with the most. But with time ticking, some unexpected guests turn up out of the blue. Bobby wants to settle old scores and Fran wants one last shot at love. Expect the unexpected to the bitter end. So grab a drink and join us for a night you won't forget with plenty of drama. Let's get quizzical, quizzical!

### live@thelibrary Little French Cinema

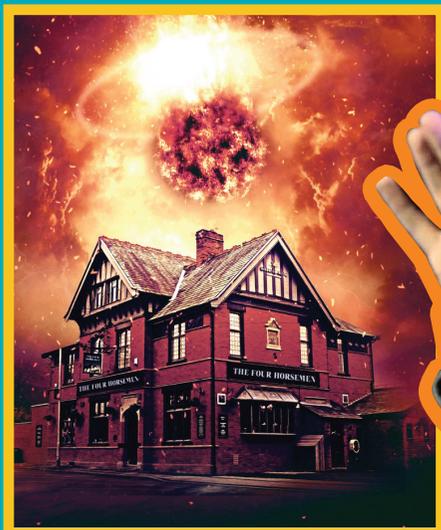
A group of enthusiasts for all things French present a programme of popular French cinema. All screenings will be shown in French with English subtitles.

### La Vie en Rose

**Thursday 12 March, 7pm, £5 Certificate 12A, 2hrs 20mins**

From the slums of Paris to the limelight of New York, Piaf's life was a battle to sing and survive. Raised in poverty, Edith's unique voice and her passionate romances and friendships with the greatest names of the period made her a star all around the world.

The 2020 season launch includes a complimentary wine and cheese reception from 6.15pm. For full details of the 2020 season, visit: [www.facebook.com/littlefrenchcinema](http://www.facebook.com/littlefrenchcinema)



### The Flat Cap 3

**Monday 20 January, 7pm, £5**

Forget that it's Blue Monday and get your dancing shoes on for an evening with The Flat Cap 3 who will be playing good time tunes from right now till way back when. Expect everything from Moves Like Jagger to Over The Rainbow performed live.

Quentin Crisp

### Naked Hope

**Thursday 13 February, 7pm, £5**

Fresh from its off-Broadway debut and milestone 100th performance, Mark Farrelly's hugely acclaimed solo play comes to live@thelibrary. Naked Hope depicts Quentin at two phases of his extraordinary life: alone in his Chelsea flat in the 1960s, certain that life has passed him by, and thirty years later, giving a performance of his one man show An Evening with Quentin Crisp in New York. Packed with witty gems, Naked Hope is a glorious, uplifting celebration of the urgent necessity to be your true self.



### live@thelibrary Inspiring Women

### An Audience with Kate Fox

**Thursday 5 March, 7pm, £5**

In the week of International Women's Day, join Kate Fox for an evening of stand-up comedy with spoken word. Kate includes material from her popular Radio 4 series "The Price of Happiness".



live@thelibrary and Oldham Coliseum Theatre present Chanje Kunda

### Plant Fetish

**Tuesday 10 March, 7pm, £5**

Performance artist Chanje Kunda was suffering with anxiety when she discovered that plants reduce stress and that some women in Mexico, fed up with men, were getting married to trees. The trees aren't very talkative, but they are tall, do great things for the planet, and are renowned for their wood. This show maps her love affair and features a harem of stunning tropical plants, music, movement and dramatic narrative.



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**Human Story Theatre (in partnership with Turning Point) DRY**

**Thursday 23 January, 7pm, free – booking essential**

The Wilsons may be middle class and middle aged but there is nothing middling about their alcohol intake. Can they keep the 'toxic' out of 'intoxicated' and keep the family together, or is it a case of sorrows drowned? DRY is a one-hour drama, originally commissioned by the NHS, with music and humour alongside its serious message.

Avital Raz

### My Jerusalem

**Thursday 19 March, 7pm, £5**

A unique solo performance combining live music with storytelling and projected images. My Jerusalem is a politically-charged tale of a drunken one-night stand, infused with stories of growing up in the turmoil of 1980's Israel.

Romiley Little Theatre

### One Big Blow

**Thursday 26 March, 7pm, £5**

This influential play was written fifteen years before 'Brassed Off!' and tells of a colliery brass band going to the Mineworkers Championship in Blackpool. This colourful, emotive and witty production features six actors but no instruments, with all the songs and band pieces being performed a capella.



Rose Condo

### The Empathy Experiment

**Thursday 16 April, 7pm, £5**

Could you survive without your phone for a day? Award-winning Canadian poet Rose Condo embarks on her own Day of No Mobile Phones, exploring tech addiction and compassion. Rose uses herself as the test subject... but can her experiment save empathy?

**Best Spoken Word Show, 2019 Greater Manchester Fringe.**

