

FREE EVENT

11th and 12th July 2026

Children's

LitFest

A weekend of stories, workshops and fun for children aged 3-16, celebrating the Year of Reading

Free places can be booked from 1st June

Hosted by the Friends of Clifton Centre and Library (FoCCaL) in collaboration with Waterstones and Clifton BID



Green Poems for a Blue Planet

Suitable for ages 8+

11th July 10 - 11am and 2 - 3pm Clifton Library

Write a poem for a blue planet! Perform your planet-saving rhymes and eco-chuckling verse for Earth, and unleash the power of poetry to turn you **GREEN!**

You will be guided by Martin Kiszko, fondly known as the "UK's green poet" who has performed around the world and published collections of engaged poems for children and for adults.



Pokemon Cards Swap

Recommended for ages 8 - 16 Free ticketed

Sat 11 July 1 - 1.30pm, 2 - 2.30pm, 3 - 3.30pm Pavey House (upstairs)

Celebrate all things Pokemon and come meet fellow fans and collectors to trade your cards and share your excitement.

Photo: Anya Shrimpton



Meet Hannah the Mermaid!

Suitable for ages 3+

11th and 12th July 12 - 12:45pm Outside Clifton Library

Calling all little ocean warriors, sea explorers and story lovers! Bristol's very own Mermaid, Hannah Pearl, reigning Mrs Ocean World UK, is making a splash for some magical family fun.

Dive into an enchanting mermaid storytime packed with singalongs, bubbles, shellfies, laughter and ocean sparkle.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. You need only book one ticket per child.



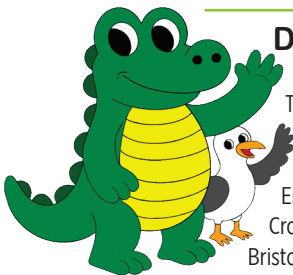
Hannah-Rose: Story Makers with Drama

Aimed at children ages 8 - 10

11th July 12:30 - 1:15pm Pavey House

A creative theatre-making workshop where children will collaborate, develop ideas, create characters and bring original stories to life through drama and performance.

Hannah-Rose will guide you to explore storytelling in a more independent and imaginative way!



Do you know the Bristol Crocodile?

Recommended for ages 3+

11th July 1 - 1:30pm and 3:30 - 4pm Clifton Library Meeting Room

There's a kind and mysterious crocodile who lives beneath the Clifton Suspension Bridge... come and meet his creator for a fun, interactive family workshop inspired by the much-loved Bristol Crocodile children's books for ages 3-5.

Enjoy Bristol Crocodile badge making, colouring-in, "Find the Crocodile and Seagull" spotting fun with free badges and Bristol Crocodile goodies to take away.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. You only need to book one ticket per child.

Hannah-Rose: Story Explorers with Drama

11th July 1:30 - 2:15pm Pavey House Aimed at children ages 4 - 7

A playful, imaginative drama adventure where children jump into a story using role play, props, games and storytelling. Together with Hannah-Rose, you'll explore exciting worlds, meet characters and go on an interactive adventure!



Speak in Tongues: Italian & Mandarin Storytimes

11th July 1:30 - 2pm Clifton Library Suitable for ages 3+

Come learn new words and train your budding polyglots with some classic stories read in English and another foreign language! Children must be accompanied by an adult. You need only book one ticket per child.

Picture Book Workshop with Yasmeen Ishmail

11th July 2 - 2:45pm Heron Books, Regent Street Suitable for ages 3+

As part of the Clifton Children's Literature Festival, join author-illustrator Yasmeen Ismail for a fun afternoon at Heron Books. Yasmeen will read from her most recent book, The Family Quiz written by Robert Tregoney, and guide you through a crafting activity. There will also be an opportunity to get your books signed!

Children must be accompanied by an adult. You only need to book one ticket per child.



Ready, Set, Play! Recommended for ages 8+

11th July 2 - 5pm Coppa Club

Coppa welcomes young players to borrow from their collection of board games - tuck into an old favourite or try something new!

Speak in Tongues: Spanish & French Storytimes

11th July 4 - 4:30pm Clifton Library Suitable for ages 3+

Come learn new words and train your budding polyglots with some classic stories read in English and another foreign language! Children must be accompanied by an adult. You need only book one ticket per child.

Pets Tell Tales! Suitable for ages 8+

11th July 4.30 - 5.30pm Clifton Library Meeting Room

Discover ancient history like you've never seen it before - from the point of view of animals! In Egypt and in Rome, from myths to beloved pet cats or dogs, animals played a large role in everyday life thousands of years ago. These highly engaging introductions to ancient history in comic book format are packed with information and perfect for visual learners.



Jordan Collver is an illustrator who uses the power and possibilities of comics to tell non-fiction stories. He works with scientists, doctors, historians and educators to visualize complex ideas creatively for everyone to enjoy.

Bristol Bestiary Folklore Suitable for ages 8+

12th July 10:30 - 11:30am and 1:30 - 2:30pm Clifton Library

Bristol Bestiary is the brainchild of artist Tom Bonson.

Determined to bring that strange magic into the heart of the city he's called home for over a decade, Tom has reimagined Bristol through its own collection of quirky and fantastic creatures. The result is a playful yet uncanny pantheon that celebrate the city's character in all its odd glory.

Illustrated Stories with Mikey Please

12th July 12 - 1pm and 3 - 4pm

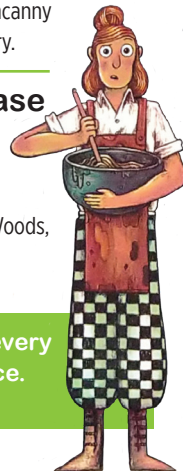
Clifton Library Suitable for ages 3+

We're delighted to be joined by Mikey Please to present his

Waterstones Book Prize and Book of the Year winning picture book, The Cafe at the Edge of the Woods, and the gloriously gruesome follow-up, The Cave Downwind of the Cafe.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. You need only book one ticket per child.

SAFEGUARDING all children must be accompanied by one adult at every event. Please book tickets to ensure your child has a guaranteed space. Details of how to book tickets are overleaf.



Ash Bond: Writing Workshop

Suitable for ages 8+

12th July 12 - 1pm in the Clifton Library Meeting Room and 4.30 to 5.30pm in Clifton Library

Ash Bond is author of the Peregrine Quinn series, and is here to offer young aspiring writers tips and ideas in her Heroes vs Villain workshop!

Mikey Please: Draw-along

Suitable for ages 3+

12th July 1:30 - 2pm and 4:30 - 5pm

Clifton Library Meeting Room

Join Mikey Please as he teaches you to draw his beloved characters Rene and Glumfoot, with their favourite cozy cafe ambiance music!

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www.waterstones.com/events/search/shop/waterstones-clifton/page/1



Venues for 2026

- 1 Clifton Library**
13 Princess Victoria Street, Clifton BS8 4BX
- 2 Pavey House**
Waterloo Street, Clifton BS8 4BT
- 3 Heron Books**
7a Regent Street, Clifton BS8 4HW
- 4 Coppa Club**
2-10 Regent Street, Clifton BS8 4HG

Getting here

By Bus: Numbers 5, 8, 77 and 505 or plan your journey via TravelWest website.

Bus stops marked on map with ●

By Car: Car parking is very limited.

 Disabled access.

