

Welcome to our first ever Holmfirth Children's Book Festival

About the Festival

The Children's Book Festival is for children, young people and their families in Holmfirth and beyond. We aim to inspire a love of reading and books. We are very excited about the line-up for our inaugural festival which takes place on 27th-28th September 2025.

In the years to come we hope to grow the festival further and become a destination for book lovers all over the UK.

We are a non-profit organisation, Holmfirth Book Festival CIC*, run by five local volunteers including the founders of Read Bookshop. We are passionate about getting children excited about books.

*Our company number is 16153142.

Our Mission

- 1 To promote a love of books and reading to all children aged 0-18 using a wide range of national and local authors tailored to the interests of local children.
- 2 To have a strong focus on accessibility so that whenever possible children are not disadvantaged by cost or additional needs.
- 3 To work with schools and libraries to ensure the children who this will make most difference to are able to attend.
- 4 As a non-profit organisation, once our costs are covered we will use any remaining funds to work with schools to promote books and reading and to secure the festival as an annual event.

Book tickets at: holmfirthbookfestival.co.uk



Book Sales

At each author or illustrator event you will be able to purchase signed copies of the featured books. By purchasing books you are supporting the authors and illustrators, the Book Festival and Read.

Donations

We welcome any donations on the day to support the festival but you are also able to donate money via our Crowdfunder at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/holmfirth-book-festival/ at any time. We will have a variety of Book Festival merchandise available at The Civic.



Saturday

- All ages are welcome
- Most suitable for early readers
- Suitable for confident readers
- Only suitable for older readers

Tickets:
Kids: £3.50
Adults: £5



Gruffalo Crafts and Story Trail

Come to Holmfirth Library to take part in a book trail and try out some fun and exciting craft activities. It will also be possible to apply for your own library card all day so just pop in and sign up! This is a FREE event and no tickets are required.

10am-3pm Ages: 0-8 Venue: Holmfirth Library



Beano: A Monstrous Mess with Hugh Raine

Hugh Raine writes and draws for The Beano and his Betty and the Yett books are full of fun and silliness! Hugh will show us how to draw comic characters so bring a pencil and some paper with you to join in the drawing fun.

10am-11am Ages: 5-9 Venue: The Civic, Main Hall



How to Spot a... with Suzy Senior

Suzy Senior will show us how to spot unicorns, dinosaurs and mermaids with her brilliant series of picture books. Bring your binoculars for spotting fun!

10am-10.45am Ages: 3-8 Venue: The Civic, Lesser Hall



Bim-Bam Boozle Bird with Eileen Morrison

Eileen Morrison's first book, The Bim-Bam Boozle Bird, is illustrated with beautiful print designs and Eileen will run a fun and creative craft session to make your own bird!

11.30am-12.15pm Ages: 3+ Venue: The Civic, Lesser Hall



Accessibility

We have made every effort to provide as many accessible events as possible. All of our tickets are low-priced to make sure that families can attend together and some are FREE. You will find more details of venue accessibility on our website.

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