

Retford Library programme – Autumn 2026

September

Exploring Old Occupations - Heritage Talk

Saturday 12th September, 13.30

Retford Library will host free events for Retford's annual Heritage Open Day on Saturday, 12th September 2026. Highlights include a drop-in display of hidden local treasures (10:00 – 15:00), an exhibition on Retford's trading past, and a pre-bookable heritage talk exploring old local occupation records

Connect & Create

Friday 18th September

Creative art workshop. £3. Booking required.

Mind & Movement

Friday 25th September

Free wellbeing session. Booking required.

Inspire Poetry Festival 2026: Leanne Moden at Retford Library Poetry Café

Monday 28 September, 14:00.

A special Poetry Festival event featuring Nottingham poet Leanne Moden, with readings from her latest collection. £3 including refreshments. Booking advised.

October

Autumn crafts/events for children over half term weeks:

Monday 19th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026. TBC.

November

Songs & Scones

Friday 6th November

Live music and refreshments. £3. Booking required.

Astronomy Society's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Evening

Friday 6th November 2026, 18:30, Retford Library

Celebrate 50 years of the Astronomy Society with talks on astronomy and astrophotography, telescope viewing in the library garden, and a special display of related library stock. Booking recommended £3 adults, £1 children to include refreshments (I think this is the plan!)

Francis Vivian: Nottinghamshire's Classic Crime Writer

Saturday 7th November

A heritage talk and author event focusing on Retford-born crime writer Francis Vivian. £3. Booking required.

In addition, we continue to run a range of regular activities including Poetry Café, Writers' Group, Keep Calm and Carry Yarn, Rattle Rhyme and Roll and other community events throughout the year.

See Inspire website or FB page for more details, or pop into the library.

Retford Library

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Find out what's on at Retford Library:

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/find-a-library/retford-library/>