

# The **Hive** at **Five**

5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

## **What's On at The Hive**

### ■ **Coming up:**

National Bookstart Week with Hairy Fairy Tails  
Animal Agents, Summer  
Reading Challenge 2017

The Hive at Five Anniversary Celebrations  
Open Mic and Poetry Night  
Bumper Bounce and Rhyme

**[www.thehiveworcester.org](http://www.thehiveworcester.org)**

# welcome

Welcome to Summer and The Hive at Five!

We are looking forward to celebrating our 5th anniversary with you in July. We have some great events planned and hope you will join us with your families and friends. Aside from the anniversary, we also offer support to all our students and young people revising and studying for exams. There are always people available to talk to, study spaces for everyone and a wealth of resources to help. Our Summer Reading Challenge will be launched in June with lots of activities for children around the theme of Animal Agents. Watch out also for The Bodyguards who will be performing outside The Hive as part of a dance weekend in the City on the first Saturday of the summer holidays.

The Hive has achieved so much to celebrate in the past 5 years and hopefully we can continue to inspire, educate, innovate and entertain for many more years to come! Thank you for supporting us and we look forward to your suggestions and comments as to how we move forward in the next 5 years.

Laura Worsfold  
Business Development Manager

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# season's programme:

This season's highlights include live dance and theatre performances, more talks and discussions, a full programme of workshops and courses and our 5th anniversary celebrations.

## Talks & Discussions

Mindfulness for children, evil spirits and human consciousness and a night of poetry.

### Mindfulness and Well-being for Children

The University of Worcester's Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMH) team of staff and students invites primary schools to join a workshop to help build resilience and support coping skills.

The day includes a mindfulness session for the children, hosted by Mindful Beginnings and several other activities. Holywell School, Rubery, will also be sharing some of their good practice including the 'Butterfly Effect' project they have implemented in their school.

**Monday 12 June**, 9.30am–2pm  
Booking essential, 10 places per school



### Demons of the Mind: Madness and Temptation in Tudor and Stuart England

Darren Oldridge, Professor of Early Modern History, University of Worcester

Once it was widely believed that evil spirits could manipulate human consciousness, and even plant thoughts in a person's mind. This lecture explores the role of this idea in Tudor and Stuart religion and medicine, and its implications for modern concepts of mental health.

**Wednesday 3 May**, 6–7pm

### 30-40-60 Kathy Gee, Nina Lewis and Claire Walker

30-40-60 is a combined reading on womanhood, sharing fun and fury – winning and losing, past, present and future.

Poems from Book of Bones by Kathy Gee, Fragile Houses by Nina Lewis and The Girl Who Grew Into a Crocodile by Claire Walker form the basis of this multimedia show. There will be an open mic beforehand, contact 304060@mail.com for a pre-booked slot.

**Sunday 11 June**, 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets £5.00 from Worcester Live Box Office 01905 611427 or [www.worcesterlitfest.co.uk](http://www.worcesterlitfest.co.uk)

This event is part of Worcestershire Literary Festival & Fringe.

# Exhibitions

A mixed programme including painting, illustration and photography produced by professionals and amateurs, local artists and students.

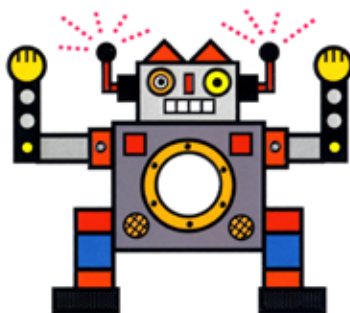


## Public Art Student Show

Work by second year students on the Art & Design and Fine Art Courses at the University of Worcester. The exhibition includes painting, sculpture and performance pieces and is one part of a series of exhibitions by the students, taking place across the city of Worcester.

**29 April–4 May**

#engageexhibition



## Amazing Books

The 2017 IBBY selection of outstanding books for young people with disabilities. Every two years IBBY (The International Board on Books for Young People) compiles an international catalogue of recently published outstanding books for young people with disabilities. IBBY seek to identify well-written and illustrated books for and about young people with different disabilities presented with dignity, placing emphasis on the person rather than the disability itself.

**9 May–13 June**

[www.picturebooksociety.org](http://www.picturebooksociety.org)

## Images of Research

Original photographic images by University of Worcester students and staff engaged with research. The images embody their research and are accompanied by a short commentary. This exhibition is a great opportunity to see and understand the research that the University carries out, and visitors have the opportunity to vote for their favourite image.

**16–29 June**



2015 winning image by Dr Alan Dixon.

## WW100

The display cases on Level 3 hold an exhibition commemorating the centenary of the First World War and particularly the history of Worcestershire's men and women, fighting and the Home Front. From 31 July the exhibition focuses on the battles of Third Ypres – "Passchendaele Campaign".

**July and August**

[www1worcestershire.co.uk](http://www1worcestershire.co.uk)



## Worcester Sixth Form College Student Show

A selection of current AS Art & Design student work in the areas of: fine art, graphics, photography and textiles. Students have developed original ideas in a variety of media responding to themes including people, places, objects and narrative.

**11–23 July**

## A Slice of Worcestershire Open Studios

A sample of work created by artists taking part in this year's Worcestershire Open Studios (26-28 August) in the café area and cabinets. A range of local artistic talent in a variety of styles and media will be on display including painting, printmaking, photography, textiles, jewellery, ceramics and mixed media.

**24 July – 20 August**

book tickets online [www.thehiveworcester.org](http://www.thehiveworcester.org) 7

## Special Events

A moving and funny piece of theatre, dance performances and films and an opportunity for you to be creative in our Great Hive Cake-off!

### The Murderer by Clown Funeral

Produced and performed by Christina Owen and directed by Sam George. A moving, thoughtful and funny piece of theatre based on the poem of the same name by Luke Kennard.

**Tuesday 13 June**, doors open 7pm, performance starts 7.30pm. Adults £8.00, students/concessions £6.00 when purchased in advance [worcslitfest.co.uk](http://worcslitfest.co.uk)  
This event is part of the Worcestershire Literary Festival & Fringe.

### Worcester Radical Films

Exciting, challenging and inspiring films.

**Friday 9 June** – Where to Invade Next

**Thursday 15 June** – Refugee Shorts

**Friday 23 June** – Into the Fire

**Friday 30 June** – Spirit of '45

All films in The Hive Studio

Doors open 7pm, film starts 7.15pm

Tickets on the door or from

[www.worfs.org](http://www.worfs.org)

### Local Learning Showcase

Come and meet local providers to find out more about learning opportunities in Worcester. Speak to the tutors or try out a range of leisure courses like Tai Chi, creative writing and guitar playing or learn new languages like Spanish or Russian. You can also get advice on your next career move and gaining professional qualifications in marketing, accountancy and lots more. Representatives from the University of Worcester, HoW College and the Adult Learning team will be on hand to discuss your options. Be inspired and try your hand at some of the courses available.

**Thursday 13 July**, 5.30–7.30pm

### Watch Out Worcester

Outdoor arts to surprise and delight in a new free event for the City. Theatre, dance, music, spoken word and visual arts in outdoor and unusual spaces performed and created by local and visiting artists and companies.

Popping up at The Hive will be infuseDANCE's Bodyguards – Protect and Serve, a team of highly trained dancing bodyguards in a fun filled interactive performance, and Accelerate youth dance platform.

**Saturday 22 July**, from 12 noon in Worcester city centre and The Hive  
[dancefest.co.uk/watch-out-worcester](http://dancefest.co.uk/watch-out-worcester)

**8 book tickets online [www.thehiveworcester.org](http://www.thehiveworcester.org)**



## Hive at Five!

The Hive is 5 years old this July.

During this time, The Hive has:

- Won 18 awards
- Welcomed over 12,500 school children
- Become recognised as an iconic symbol in Worcester
- Welcomed over 4 million people through the doors

We want you to help us celebrate and tell us why you love The Hive and help us move forward in the next 5 years to even greater things.

The celebrations start on Saturday 8 July and run for three weekends.

### **Saturday 8 July**

Children's activities, entertainment and the Great Hive Cake-Off – look out for details about the day and how to enter the competition.

### **Saturday 15 July**

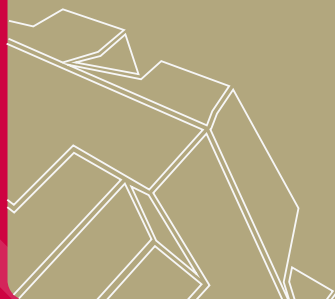
Come and meet our Living Library!

### **Saturday 22 July**

Watch Out Worcester Dancefest – meet the Bodyguards outside The Hive.

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There will also be an exhibition in the week leading up to 8 July, we would like your contributions, photos, memories, thoughts on what you would like to see in the future. Email to: **hiveadminteam@worcestershire.gov.uk** by 1 June.

Other Hive at Five events will take place throughout the year, including author talks, further exhibitions, workshops for schools and a keynote speaker conference in March 2018. For details see our website, join our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter.



## Children & Families

There is always something fun to do in the children's library. Rediscover favourite authors, uncover new ones, follow exciting trails – you never know what you will find.

Credits for the Children's University scheme [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk) can be gained for most of our 5–14 year-old activities with this symbol: 



### Bumper Bounce & Rhyme

Following on from the success of last year, join us for another Bumper Bounce and Rhyme session for pre-school children (0–4 years), parents and carers. There will be stalls from local retailers and providers as well as activities all aimed at the under 5s.

**Tuesday 23 May**, 10am–12.30pm

### Computer Coding for Children

Drop-in taster session introducing children aged 8–12 to computer coding.

**Thursday 1 June**, 11am–12.30pm



### Young at Art – exploring, listening, making

Art and story themed sessions for Under 5s.

No booking required. £3.00 per child, payable on the day at each venue.

**Thursday mornings**, 10.30am–12pm

**4 & 18 May, 8 & 22 June** – The Hive  
**11 & 25 May, 15 & 29 June** –  
Museum and Art Gallery

On Thursday 8 June Young at Art will be part of The Hive's Bookstart events. It will be £1.00 for this session only, no booking required.

Young at Art is run in partnership with Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum.

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/museums](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/museums)

**10 book tickets online** [www.thehiveworcester.org](http://www.thehiveworcester.org)

## Wildlife Week

### Saturday 27 May – Sunday 4 June

Every day between 10am–3pm follow our Really Wild Trail and enjoy a story at 11am and 2.45pm.

### Thursday 1 June

Attract wildlife to your garden with our mini make and take on the hour every hour 10am–2pm. £2.50 per child. Booking recommended.

## National Bookstart Week 5–11 June

A national initiative to encourage families to read every day as a fun shared experience.

Join us from 10am–3pm everyday as The Hive 'Explores Outdoors' with fun activity taster sessions, storytimes, outdoor themed play stations and Rat-a-tat Tales every day of the week at 11am and 2.45pm.

### Monday 5 June

#### Discover & Grow Bambino

10–11am (6 months–4 years)

#### Cheerful Cherubs Baby Massage

1.30–2.30pm (babies 8 weeks – non-crawling. Please ensure babies have had their 6–8 week check-up).

### Tuesday 6 June

#### Bounce & Rhyme

10–10.30am (1–4 years)

#### Jungle Jiggle\*

1.30–2.15pm (6 months–4 years)

### Wednesday 7 June

#### Baby Yoga\*

10–11am (under 1 year)

#### Wacky Wednesday

1.30–3pm (0–5 years)

### Thursday 8 June

#### Debutots\*

10–11am (1–4 years)

#### Young at Art

10.30am–12pm (under 5s)

## Hairy Fairy Tails by Open Sky

Open Sky proudly present their new show...Hairy Fairy Tails! Classic fairy stories retold as never before through rhyme, song, music, puppetry, mime and magical transformations. Fabulous furry fun for all.

11–11.50am (suitable for children under 5)  
Free, but booking is essential.

Hairy Fairy Tails is part of the Early Hurlly Burly Project, delivering early years music and arts engagement to children and their families in the West Midlands.

## The Creation Station\*

1.30–2.30pm (2 years+)

### Friday 9 June

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme

11–11.30am (0–1 year)

#### Tiny Talk\*

1.30–2.30pm (0–18 months)

\*Activity taster sessions are £1.00 per child. Places need to be booked for children only. Accompanying adults go free.

## Summer



### Animal Agents, Summer Reading Challenge 2017

This year's Summer Reading Challenge embraces the animal kingdom. The challenge, which is run by The Reading Agency, is encouraging all children aged 4 to 12 years to borrow and read six books between 24 June to 23 September.

#### **Saturday 24 June**

10am–4.30pm

Sign up to take part at Worcestershire's free launch event taking place at National Trust Croome, near Pershore.

Entry is free to families who are library members and whose children sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge on the day.

#### **Saturday 1 July, 10am–3pm**

Join us to celebrate a Hive launch where you can join the Summer Reading Challenge, take part in lots of free activities or book in to meet the real Animal Agents.

### Animal Encounters



Animal Encounters are bringing their team of animals to show off their special skills and instincts. Each session lasts approximately 45 minutes and children will have the opportunity to meet, touch or hold the animals during the session.

£4.50 per child. Only suitable for children 4–12 years. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults who wish to participate must also purchase a ticket. Children under 4 may not be admitted

#### **Saturday 1 July**

Sessions at 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, & 3.30pm.

### Every Day

Free activities will take place at The Hive every day during the holidays between 10am–3pm, including a daily storytime at 11am and 2.45pm. Our usual interactive Rat-a-tat Tales will run at 11am and 2.45pm on **Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays.**

### Every Thursday



Learn how animals use their skills and instincts to survive and on the hour every hour – make and take an animal agent surprise home with you.

£2.50 per child.

Booking recommended.

See our website for more details.

## Russian Children's Theatre Review

A showcase of short fairytales and plays by A.Pushkin, L.Tolstoy, K.Chukovsky, B.Zachoder, performed in Russian by children from an amateur creative theatre family group "Zhar-ptitza"(Firebird).

Free, everyone welcome.

**Sunday 2 July**, 12.30–2pm

For details, email:

[zharptitzatheatre@gmail.com](mailto:zharptitzatheatre@gmail.com)

## Computer Coding for Children

Drop-in taster session introducing children aged 8–12 to computer coding.

**Monday 31 July, Wednesday 9 August and Friday 18 August**, 10–11.30am

## Explorers' Activity Day

Come and explore with the Canal & River Trust. Treasure trail around the library, crafts and fun activities for all the family.

**Tuesday 22 August**, 11–1pm

## Study Happy

Study Happy is a year-round programme designed to help students in Worcester study healthier, happier and smarter.

## Study Happy Volunteers' Week Stand

To celebrate National Volunteers' Week the Study Happy team will be showcasing volunteering opportunities at The Hive.

**Wednesday 7 June**, 1–4pm

## Shut Up and Write... your EPQ

Completing an EPQ in the next academic year? Why not get a head start by joining this free drop-in session. Refreshments provided. Open to all sixth form students.

**Wednesday 23 August**, 1–4pm

## askalibrarian at The Hive

Visit the askalibrarian desk on Level 3 for help with resource finding and referencing queries.

**Monday–Friday**, 10am–7pm  
**and Saturday**, 10am–5pm  
(University term time only)

For full programme and resource details see: [library.worc.ac.uk/study-happy](http://library.worc.ac.uk/study-happy)

## Workshops & Courses

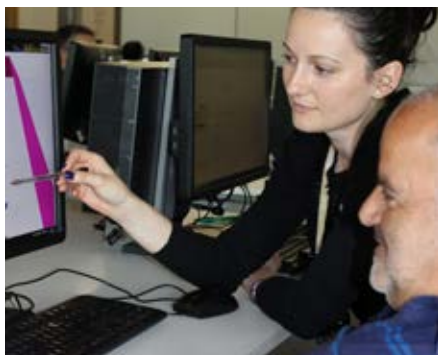
A range of courses provided by Worcestershire County Council Libraries and Learning Service, the University of Worcester, Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service and local businesses.

### Reduce Pain, Move Freely

90 minute workshops with Total Somatics. Ideal for people suffering with neck, shoulder and back pain. Learn gentle movement exercises to relax tight muscles and improve mobility.

**Saturday 10 June,**  
9.30am or 11.30am, £10.00  
Wear loose clothing. Bring a yoga/  
gym mat and cushion.

To book, contact  
[support@TotalSomatics.com](mailto:support@TotalSomatics.com)



## Leisure

### Tai Chi

**Wednesdays from 10 May**

7–8pm (10 weeks), £41.00

### **New!** Russian for Beginners

**Mondays from 15 May**

10am–12pm (10 weeks), £99.99

### Spanish

Post Beginners

**Wednesdays & Thursdays  
from 17 & 18 May**

6.30–8.30pm (10 weeks), £99.99

Improvers

**Tuesdays from 16 May**

6.30–8.30pm (10 weeks), £99.99

### Mum & Baby Yoga

**Wednesdays from 14 June**

1.30–2.30pm (3 weeks), £24.00

### Baby Massage

**Thursday 15 June**

1.30–2.30pm, £10.00

## Business and Workplace Skills

### Introduction to Business Accounts for Sole Traders

**Tuesday 6 June**

10am–3pm, £36.00

### Social Media to Promote your Business

**Tuesday 20 June**

10am–3pm, £36.00

### Android Tablet for Beginners

**Monday 26 June**

9.30am–12pm, £23.00

### iPad for Beginners

**Monday 26 June**

12.30–3pm, £23.00

### Websites for your Business Made Simple

**Tuesdays from 4 July**

10am–12pm (5 weeks), £50.00

There is a cost attached to ESOL courses but concessions are available if you are receiving means tested benefits. There are no concessions for the Leisure or Business and Workplace Skills courses. Please see [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses) to book a place on a course and for further details.

## ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

We have regular ESOL classes from absolute beginners up to preparing for IELTS. Our next intake will be September 2017. Please sign up for assessment days in September at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses)

**Thursday 14 September**

10am–12pm

**Friday 15 September**

10am–12pm

**Saturday 16 September**

10am–12pm

## Online Skills Mini Course

Want to learn something new? Learn how to use the internet for online services such as banking, shopping, Facebook or even emailing in our free bookable sessions. Basic keyboard and mouse skills required.

**Friday 19 May, 11am–12.30pm**

**Saturday 24 June, 1.30–3pm**

**Monday 17 July, 10am–11.30am**

**Friday 11 August, 10am–11.30am**

## Business Centre Events

### Business Startup Workshop

Are you setting up a business or in the process of developing your business idea? Hear talks from the University of Worcester entrepreneur team and locally based entrepreneurs about how to successfully develop your business idea.

At the workshop you can also sign up for the free Enterprising Worcestershire Summer Startup Boot Camp.

**Wednesday 24 May**, 4.30–6.30pm

### Augmented Reality in Live Performance

Augmented reality is an area of active interest the world over. Microsoft's HoloLens is on the cusp of being released and Pokemon Go was the hit game of 2016. In this seminar Dr Paul Golz and Dr Chris Bowers of the University of Worcester introduce the world of augmented reality within performance and show some of the work happening at the University of Worcester into developing a dynamic augmented reality system. The session includes a short dance performance by PE and Dance student Lauren Richards.

**Monday 12 June**, 5.15–7pm

To reserve a place email  
[s.docherty@worc.ac.uk](mailto:s.docherty@worc.ac.uk)

### Worcestershire's Annual Entrepreneurship Research Seminar

Entrepreneurship is a fast-moving discipline and in this session, the University of Worcester aims to show you a diverse portfolio of their research.

Each speaker slot will be a Pecha Kucha, 20 slides, each of 20 seconds with space for a discussion afterwards. This will ensure you get a real insight into Entrepreneurship and fuel true discussion, collaboration and opportunities.

**Tuesday 20 June**, 4.30–7.30pm

To reserve a place email  
[s.docherty@worc.ac.uk](mailto:s.docherty@worc.ac.uk)

### Business Workshop

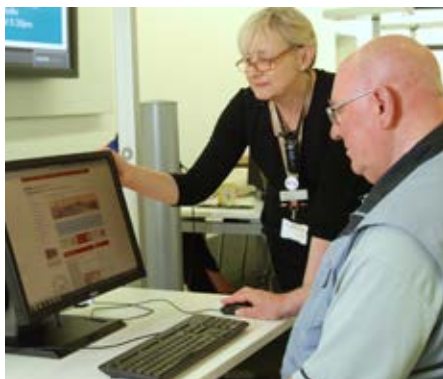
**Wednesday 19 July**, 4–6pm

See our website for details.



## Explore the Past Workshops

In the *Explore the Past* area on Level 2 in The Hive you can access information about Worcestershire's past through the many resources held by Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service. Trace your family history, look into the history of your house, discover more about the town or village you live in or about the county's archaeology.



Looking for People in the Archives

**Wednesday 7 June**

2–4pm, £6.00



First Steps in Family History

One hour introduction to guide you round the family history resources and give tips on getting started.

**Thursdays – 4 May, 1 June,  
6 July, 10 August**

11.30am, £5.00 per person

First Steps in House History

One hour introduction to guide you round the family history resources and give tips on getting started.

**Thursdays – 4 May, 1 June,  
6 July, 10 August**

10am, £5.00 per person

# Season's Programme at a Glance

## May

### 29 April–4 May

Public Art Student Show

### Wednesday 3 May, 6–7pm

Demons of the Mind  
Talk

### Thursday 4 May

10.30am–12pm

Young at Art

### Thursday 4 May, 10am

First Steps in House  
History

### Thursday 4 May, 11.30am

First Steps in Family  
History

### 9 May–13 June

Amazing Books  
Exhibition

### Wednesdays from 10 May

7–8pm

Tai Chi course

### Mondays from 15 May

10am–12pm

Russian for Beginners

### Tuesdays from 16 May

6.30–8.30pm

Spanish for Improvers

### Wednesdays from 17 May

6.30–8.30pm

Spanish for Beginners

### Thursday 18 May

10.30am–12pm

Young at Art

### Thursdays from 18 May

6.30–8.30pm

Spanish for Beginners

### Friday 19 May, 11–12.30pm

Online Skills Mini Course

### Tuesday 23 May

10am–12.30pm

Bumper Bounce  
& Rhyme

### Wednesday 24 May

4.30–6.30pm

Business Start Up  
Workshop

## June

### Thursday 1 June, 10am

First Steps in House  
History

### Thursday 1 June, 11.30am

First Steps in Family  
History

### Thursday 1 June

11am–12.30pm

Computer Coding  
Taster

### 5–11 June

National Bookstart Week  
Extra activities for under  
5's all week

### Tuesday 6 June

10am–3pm

Business Accounts  
Workshop

### Wednesday 7 June

1–4pm

Study Happy  
Volunteering Stand

### Wednesday 7 June, 2–4pm

Looking for People in the  
Archives Workshop

### Thursday 8 June

11–11.50am

Hairy Fairy Tails  
Theatre for under 5's

### Friday 9 June, 7pm

Where to Invade Next  
WoRF Film

### Saturday 10 June

9.30 & 11.30am

Reduce Pain, Move  
Freely Workshop

### Sunday 11 June, 7pm

Open Mic & Poetry  
Readings

### Monday 12 June

9.30am–2pm

Mindfulness and Well-  
being for Children  
Workshop

### Monday 12 June

5.15–7pm

Augmented Reality  
Talk

### Tuesday 13 June, 7pm

The Murderer  
Theatre

### Wednesday 14 June

1.30–2.30pm

Mum & Baby Yoga

### Thursday 15 June

1.30–2.30pm

Baby Massage

**Thursday 15 June**, 7pm  
Refugee Shorts  
WoRF Film

**16–29 June**  
Images of Research  
Exhibition

**Tuesday 20 June**  
10am–3pm  
Social Media  
Workshop

**Tuesday 20 June**  
4.30–7.30pm  
Entrepreneurship  
Seminar

**Thursday 22 June**  
10.30am–12pm  
Young at Art

**Friday 23 June**, 7pm  
Into the Fire  
WoRF Film

**Saturday 24 June**  
1.30–3pm  
Online Skills Mini Course

**Monday 26 June**  
9.30am–12pm  
Android Tablet for  
Beginners  
Workshop

**Monday 26 June**  
12.30–3pm  
iPad for Beginners

**Friday 30 June**, 7pm  
Spirit of '45  
WoRF Film

## **July**

**July & August**  
WW100 display Level 3

**Saturday 1 July**, 10am–3pm  
Summer Reading  
Challenge Hive Launch

**Sunday 2 July**, 12.30–2pm  
Russian Children's  
Theatre Review

**2–9 July**  
The Hive at Five  
Exhibition

**From Tuesday 4 July**,  
10am–12pm  
Business Websites  
Workshop

**Thursday 6 July**, 10am  
First Steps in House  
History

**Thursday 6 July**, 11.30am  
First Steps in Family  
History

**Saturday 8 July**, all day  
The Hive at Five  
Celebrations

**10 – 23 July**  
WSFC Art & Design  
Exhibition

**Thursday 13 July**,  
5.30–7.30pm  
Local Learning  
Showcase

**Saturday 15 July**, 1–5pm  
Living Library

**Monday 17 July**  
10–11.30am  
Online Skills Mini Course

**Wednesday 19 July**, 4–6pm  
Business Workshop

**Saturday 22 July**, 12 noon  
Dance Performance

**24 July–20 August**  
Open Studios Work

**Monday 31 July**  
10–11.30am  
Computer Coding  
Taster

## **August**

**Wednesday 9 August**  
10–11.30am  
Computer Coding  
Taster

**Thursday 10 August**, 10am  
First Steps in House  
History

**Thursday 10 August**  
11.30am  
First Steps in Family  
History

**Friday 11 August**  
10–11.30am  
Online Skills Mini Course

**Friday 18 August**  
10–11.30am  
Computer Coding  
Taster

**22 Tuesday August**  
11am–1pm  
Explorers Activity Day

**Wednesday 23 August**  
1–4pm  
Shut Up and Write...  
your EPQ Workshop

# regular activities:

As well as our special events we have activities, workshops, courses and drop-in sessions for babies, children, young adults and adults that take place throughout the year.

## Babies & Toddlers

Learn, play and share books and stories with our fantastic offer for babies and toddlers. Singing rhymes and reading with your child has never been easier with our world class collection of picture and board books for your child. Membership is free and it's never too young to join!

### Bounce and Rhyme

**Every Tuesday**

10–10.30am

Fun and friendly music-making sessions for pre-school children (1–4 years) and their parents and carers.

### Baby Bounce and Rhyme

**Every Friday**

11–11.30am

Fun and friendly Baby Bounce and Rhyme sessions aimed at 0-1-year-olds and their parents and carers.

### Wacky Wednesdays

**Every Wednesday**

1.30–3pm

A fun and free interactive parent and child session for pre-school children aged between 0–5 years.

### Baby Latte Worcester

**Every Friday**

11.30am–12.30pm


Meet other mums in a relaxed, child-friendly setting. Come along to Baby Latte Worcester for breastfeeding support and information.



## Children

Explore our popular children's library with our awesome range of books (including audio and e-books) regular trails and events.

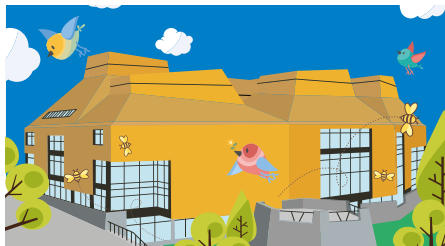
Reading for pleasure is more important to children's successes than education or social class – so with free membership and 1000s of books there are no excuses!

Credits for the Children's University scheme [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk) can be gained for most of our 5–14 year-old activities with this symbol: 

### Rat-a-tat Tales

**Every Saturday and Sunday during term time plus Wednesdays in school holidays**  
11am & 2.45pm

Listen out for the rat-a-tat in the children's library. Storytime is about to begin... Interactive stories suited to children aged 6 and under – but great fun for parents and older children.



### Code Club



**Thursdays, term time only**  
6.30–7.30pm

9–11 years. Learn the skills of computer programming by creating computer games, animations and websites.

For more information email [a.neacsa@worc.ac.uk](mailto:a.neacsa@worc.ac.uk)

### Chatterbooks



**Monthly, every second Monday**  
4.30–5.45pm

Chats, fun games and activities and the opportunity to discover new books and authors. Suitable for children aged 8–12 years.

### New Sustainability Trail

The Hive is full of sustainable design features and we have developed a self-guided Sustainability Trail so that you can discover them.

Borrow a trail map and supporting notes from the pod in the children's library and find out more about The Hive's sustainable features.

## Young People

It's not all about reading, there are monthly Open Mic nights and writing groups as well as a good selection of DVD's and games to borrow. Of course we hope you'll pick up a book or two from our extensive teen collection as well while you are here.



### Worcester Young Writers' Group

**Meets monthly on Saturday mornings, 10am–12pm**

If you are interested in creative writing, and aged between 9 and 14, join our Worcester Young Writers' Group and get inspired! The group meets once a month and is led by poet Nina Lewis. Places are limited so booking is essential.

To register visit:

**[www.writingwestmidlands.org/worcester-young-writers-groups/](http://www.writingwestmidlands.org/worcester-young-writers-groups/)**



### Open Mic Night

**Last Friday of every month –  
26 May, 30 June, 28 July,  
25 August**

6–8pm in the studio

For young people aged 12–19. Opportunity to showcase your own music, poetry or dance... just come as you are!

Book your act in:

**[thehivelibrary@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:thehivelibrary@worcestershire.gov.uk)**

or ask about our members'

Facebook page

## Adults

Job seeking and IT support, adult reading groups, help with reading, and health walks are just some of the opportunities on offer to develop new skills, meet new people and get the most out of the facilities and resources available at The Hive.

### IT Support

Want to set up an email account, get your head around online shopping or learn to create and save a Word document?

**Our digital champion volunteers are available Monday–Friday** 10am–3pm to help with your basic IT queries.

Any member of staff can call a digital champion on your behalf.

### Computer Basics

**Mondays** 2.30–3.30pm

**Thursdays** 10–11am

Free six week course covering first steps of using computers. Just turn up to join.

### Crafty Corner

**Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month.**

From 5.30pm, just drop in.

Informal knitting, crochet and assorted yarn-based craft group.

### Job Club

**Every Wednesday**

2.30–4pm

Drop in session offering help with your job search: writing a CV, covering letters, using the internet, sending emails and preparing for interview. Ask about joining MyWorkSearch when you visit Job Club.

### Health Walks

**Every Wednesday**

Approximately 1 hour walk, slow to medium pace, suitable for all ages.

Meet inside The Hive at 10.15am.

Walk starts at 10.30am.

For more information call Lin Tandy

**07948 580335**

### Meditation Classes For Everyone

**Most Mondays** 7.30–9pm

See website for dates

Learn how to bring meditation and daily life together in these practical classes. No need to book, drop-in to any class, perfect for beginners

Cost: £6.00 / £3.50 concessions.

[www.meditatejlc.org/worcester](http://www.meditatejlc.org/worcester)



## Reading Groups

### Adult Reading Group

**Monthly, every third Monday**

5.30–6.30pm

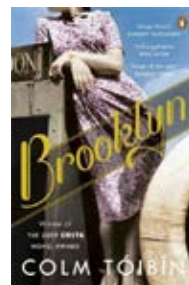
Friendly readers' group.  
No booking required,  
just drop in and join us.



**15 May:**  
*Mothering Sunday*  
by Graham Swift



**19 June:**  
*A God in Every Stone*  
by Kamila Shamsie



**17 July:**  
*Brooklyn*  
by Colm Tóibín

If you would like advice on how we can support your local reading group, please get in touch

**TheHiveLibrary@worcestershire.gov.uk**  
or take a look at [readinggroups.org](http://readinggroups.org)

### New Chapter – Reading Group

*(For adults with mild-moderate learning disabilities)*

**Twice monthly (every other Monday) from 8 May**

10.30–11.30am

The group looks at and discusses picture books designed for adults, with each member encouraged to contribute to the story by interpreting the pictures. The group is free to attend and new members are always welcome.

Worcestershire's Libraries and Learning Service offer one-to-one help with reading for adults who have little or no reading skills and are keen to improve them. Contact 01905 728537 for more information.

## Worcestershire Hub

### Home Choice Plus Surgeries

**Every Tuesday** 9.30am–12pm

### Licensing Surgeries

**Tuesdays** 11.30am–1pm

**Thursdays** 1.30–3pm

For advice on taxi/private hire licensing and all other licensing issues regulated by Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

### 2 Counties Training Support

2 Counties Training Programmes of Study include functional skills or GCSE as appropriate, plus vocational qualifications such as art, hospitality, construction and many more (work experience included).

Ask about our expanding Traineeship Programme covering all areas of the work place, and often a stepping stone to apprenticeships.

For more information contact:

**Kelly 07568 130478**

## Hive Shops



While you are at The Hive, take a look at the products for sale in the shops on Level 1 next to the café and Level 2 in the Explore the Past area. Items for sale include jewellery, pottery, homeware and lots of local interest books, you're bound to find something you love!

### Access Information

The Hive is fully accessible to wheelchair users, mobility scooters and pushchairs. In addition to the main entrance the building can be accessed via an external lift on The Butts and via glass doors at the rear of the building on level 0. There is ramp access to all areas on each floor and lifts give access to all five public floors within the building.

Disabled toilet facilities are available on every floor and there is a personal care suite on Level 1 for users with special support needs. Please email **hiveadminteam@worcestershire.gov.uk** to request an access card for the personal care suite.

## Opening Times

### The Hive

**Monday – Sunday** 8.30am–10pm

Please refer to The Hive website for Bank Holiday closures.

### Worcestershire Hub

(also in The Hive)

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** 9am–5pm

**Wednesday** 9.30am–5pm

tel: 01905 765765

### Original Archives

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and**

**Saturday** 10.30am–1pm,

1.30–4pm. **Wednesday** 1.30–7pm

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/waas](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/waas)

### Historic

### Environment Record

**Monday–Friday** 1.00–4pm.

### Café

**Monday–Sunday** 8.30am–9pm.

Selection of hot and cold snacks and drinks. Vending machines are available on Level 3.

## Prices & Making a Booking

Tickets and seat reservations for events detailed in this brochure can be purchased online through The Hive website:

[www.thehiveworcester.org/whats-on](http://www.thehiveworcester.org/whats-on) unless stated otherwise.

**Prices are stated where there is a charge. If no price is stated the event or activity is free.**

For Explore the Past workshop enquiries – email:

[explorepast@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:explorepast@worcestershire.gov.uk) tel: 01905 766352 or visit the

Explore the Past desk on Level 2.

For all other enquiries – email: [hiveadminteam@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:hiveadminteam@worcestershire.gov.uk)

tel: 01905 765576

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