



Leeds Big Bookend Festival with the first ever **Northern Short Story Festival**

Crossing City Limits

festival programme May - June 2016

Boundaries define us - the geographical boundaries of our city, the ethical or moral boundaries that help us to live alongside one another, the boundaries that shape our communities.

Sometimes these act as frames of reference, helping us understand who we are, giving shape to our identity, creating a sense of belonging or home. Other times, however, they can become rigid, limiting our imagination, confining and separating, rather than providing new horizons. We need to push against such limiting boundaries, challenging, questioning and often crossing them.

This year's Leeds Big Bookend Festival invites you to journey to the edges of the city, to reassess and re-think Leeds' limits!

So are you feeling brave enough to cross some boundaries with us this year? Let's face our fears, step out of our comfort zone, and embrace the diversity of this great, multi-faceted city.

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Book Launch

The Firebird Chronicles: The Nemesis Charm by Daniel Ingram-Brown

Fri 27 May @ 19:00 – 21:00 | £FREE
Waterstones, Albion St, LS1 5JS

Spoken Word

Nymphs & Thugs with Clare Sita Fisher, Rowan McCabe and Vicky Foster

Thu 2 Jun @ 19:30 – 22:30 | £PWYF
The Hyde Park Book Club, 27-29
Headingley Lane, Hyde Park, LS6 1BL

Interactive Installation

Through the Weather Glass by Lucy Burnett

Sat 4 June, 10:00 – 17:00 £free
Trinity Shopping Centre, Albion Street,
LS1 5AT

Discussion & Readings

Punking It Up with Armley Press Authors

Sat 4 Jun @ 12:00 -13:30 | £FREE
Central Library, Calverley Street, LS1 3AB



Northern Short Story Festival part of Big Bookend Festival on **Saturday 4 June**
Carriageworks Theatre, The Electric Press, 3 Millennium Square, LS2 3AD

Tickets

Individual tickets from Carriageworks:
carriageworkstheatre.org.uk or ring: 0113
376 0318. Day Tickets available at £20

Workshop

The Art of Murder

11:30 – 13:30 | £5
Interactive & practical Crime Writing
workshop with Alison Taft & Anna Chilvers

Book Launch & Talk

Three Leeds-based Sagas from Frances Brody

Sat 4 Jun @ 12:30 – 13:30 | £FREE
Central Library, Calverley Street, LS1 3AB

Talk

Notes from a Beijing Coffeeshop with Jonathan Geldert

Sat 4 Jun @ 12:30 – 13:30 | £FREE
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Performance & Workshops - Children (U10s)

Fantasy Fun with the Rainbow Factory

Sat 4 Jun @ 13:30 – 15:00 | £FREE
Children's Library, Central Library,
Calverley Street, LS1 3AB

Workshop - Children (5+)

Bookends! A 'Make-Your-Own' Bookends Workshop with Artist Claire Evans

Sat 4 Jun @ 14:00 – 16:00 | £FREE
The Stanley & Audrey Burton Gallery,
Parkinson Building, Woodhouse Lane, LS2
9JT

Poetry

Tea and Poetry with Luke Kennard

Sat 4 Jun @ 14:00 – 15:30 | £3
Central Library, Calverley Street, LS1 3AB

Play Preview

The Empress on the Corner by Chris Nickson

Sat 4 Jun @ 14:30 – 16:00 | £5
Central Library, Calverley Street, LS1 3AB

Book Launch & Performance

The Alphabet Club Anthology by Jamie Fletcher

Sat 4 Jun @ 15:45 – 16:45 | £FREE
Central Library, Calverley Street, LS1 3AB

Q & A

Independent Press Panel

12:30 – 13:30 | £4
With Jim Hinks (Comma Press) Jamie McGarry (Valley Press) & Ray Russell (Tartarus Press).

Festival Headliner

Carys Bray - Reading & Q&A

14:00 – 15:00 | £8/£6 (conc.)
Carys Bray is a short story writer and novelist. Her second novel The Museum of You will be published in June 2016

Reading

Bluemoose Books Event

15:15 – 16:15 | £4
With Michael Stewart (winner of the Not the Booker prize) & Anna Chilvers.

Workshop

Success in Short Story Competitions

15:15 – 16:15 | £5
With Avril Joy (winner of the Costa Prize) for beginners & experienced writers alike.

Bilingual Creative Writing Workshop

Belong/ 归属感, Gui Shu Gan. Part of the From Shore to Shore project.

Sun 5 Jun @ 11:30 -13:00 | £FREE
Central Library, Calverley Street, LS1 3AB

Open Rehearsal

Leeds Lads from Red Ladder Theatre

Sun 5 Jun @ 13:30 – 14:30 | £FREE
Central Library, Calverley Street, LS1 3AB

Spoken Word

Leeds Trinity Creative Writing Showcase

Sun 5 Jun @ 15:30 – 18:00 | £FREE
Outlaws Yacht Club, 38 New York Street,
LS2 7DY

Book Launches & Performance

Inside African Forests. An Evening of Story-telling, Poetry, Food and Drumming

Mon 6 Jun @ 19:00- 21:30 | £FREE
LCI, 20 New Market Street, LS1 6DG

Play

Conscientious by Pillbox Theatre

Wed 8 & Thu 9 Jun @ 19:30 – 21:00 | £5
Treasures of the Brotherton, Parkinson Building, Woodhouse Lane, LS2 9JT

Debate

The Index on Censorship Big Debate. Does Fiction have a Stronger Impact than Journalism?

Tue 14 Jun @ 18:30 – 20:00 | £FREE
Carriageworks Theatre, The Electric Press, 3 Millennium Square, LS2 3AD

Reading & Discussion

The Dark Side of the North

16:30 – 17:30 | £4
Short story writers Barney Walsh & David Martin.

Workshop

Flashbulb Flash Fiction

16:30 – 17:30 | £5
Interactive workshop in flash (or very short) fiction with Clare Sita Fisher.

Open Mic

17:45 – 18:45 | £FREE
Listen to short stories created at the NSSF workshops or bring your own to read.

Readings & Book Launch

Stories from the Forests of Leeds

17:45 – 18:45 | £4
With Daniel Ingram-Brown & local writers.

Afterparty

Benjamin Judge & The Three Amigos

20:00 - 23:00 | £3 door
at The Hyde Park Book Club



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