

Winchester Books Festival Family Events

Friday 17 April, our pre-school story time will take place at Winchester Library. These relaxed, welcoming events are a chance for little ones to hear delightful stories read aloud by the authors themselves.

Saturday 18 April, the Guildhall basement will be transformed into the Family Zone, a welcoming space where young readers can drop in and celebrate their love of books. With creative activities including writing, drawing, and crafts, families are invited to explore stories together and leave their own imprint on the festival.

Thank you to Winchester BID for sponsorship of our Family Events.

Go to winchesterbooksfestival.com for tickets!



FRIDAY 17 APRIL



Author: Zosienka

Zosienka will be reading her magical book about a sweet polar bear, the moon and the special connection they share.



10.00am
Winchester Library, Children's section
Age: 2+
Free*

Book:
The Moon Keeper



Author: Emma Challis

Come meet Emma who will be reading her colourful new book about Alfie a fun-loving red tractor who lives on a farm and is full of clever ideas.



11.00am
Winchester Library, Children's section
Age: 2+
Free*

Book:
Alfie Saves the Day

SATURDAY 18 APRIL



Author: Rose Lihou

Rose Lihou is a children's author illustrator based in Winchester. Her debut series, *Tiny Dogs*, follows a young girl named Bea and four magical, mouse-sized dogs who live secretly in her garden. The stories are warm, gently imaginative, and full of friendship and nature. During the event, children can make their own *Tiny Dogs* puppets whilst they listen to Rose talking about her books.



10.30am – 11.30am
The Guildhall
Room: **The Lecture Chamber**
Age: 6+
£5

Book:
Tiny Dogs

SATURDAY 18 APRIL



Author: Jon Lock and Nich Angell

WORKSHOP EVENT! Join Jon and Nich, creators of the brilliant comic book *Tiny Hercules*, for an interactive workshop of legendary proportions! They'll share lots of tips on how to make larger-than-life comics and characters of your own, as well as lead a live draw-a-long of some of their jam-jar-sized characters!



12.00pm – 1.00pm
The Guildhall
Room: **The Lecture Chamber**
Age: **7+**
£5

Book:
Tiny Hercules: The World's Tiniest, Mightiest Hero!



Author: Katy Hessel

Join Katy Hessel for an interactive journey to celebrate her new, beautifully-illustrated book for younger readers. Journey through history and across the globe to discover the stories of women who changed the world with their incredible art. Don't miss this chance to step into the lives of these amazing women artists – and to discover how to bring art into your every day. Suitable for ages 8 - 108.



2.00pm – 3.00pm
The Guildhall
Room: **The Lecture Chamber**
Age: **8 - 108**
£5

Book:
The Story of Art Without Men



Author: Rob Biddulph

Rob Biddulph is a bestselling, award-winning children's author, illustrator and YouTube sensation via his 'Draw with Rob' channel. He will be talking about his latest picture book, *When I Grow Up I'd Like to Be...*, a joyful, beautifully illustrated celebration of jobs, imagination and dreaming big, perfect for young readers. He may be doing some drawing too...



3.30pm – 4.30pm
The Guildhall
Room: **The Bapsy**
Age: **3+**
£5

Book:
When I Grow Up I'd Like to Be...



Author: Nathanael Lessore

Join multi-award-winning comedy author Nathanael Lessore for a fun, interactive masterclass packed with insider tricks to make your stories shine. Learn the formulas behind creativity and explore narrative structure. You'll leave confident, inspired, and ready to turn everyday moments into bold, brilliant creative pieces that truly stand out!



4.30pm – 5.30pm
The Guildhall
Room: **The Lecture Chamber**
Age: **11+**
£5

Book:
What Happens Online