

PERFORMANCE REPORT

Libraries & Heritage Children, Families & Schools Team

April - September 2019



Enhancing the lives of people in Salford

**Performance Report for the Libraries & Heritage Children, Families & Schools
team
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Key highlights include:

- Successful Summer Reading Challenge run across 16 libraries
- Busy summer programme of family activities run across libraries and museums
- Final season of Salford Libraries Live run in 4 libraries and 1 museum
- Salford Heritage Schools programme launched
- Museums Takeover Day run by Year 6 pupils from The Friars Primary School
- New children's library opened in Walkden as part of wider library changes
- Salford Museum & Art Gallery launched new offer for home educated children

Spotlight – Summer

This summer has seen a very busy Summer Reading Challenge, with 2,232 children joining the Challenge to read 6 books over the summer holidays, with the added incentive of a wristband giving the first 2,000 children to join half price swimming at Salford Community Leisure pools during the holidays. 67% of children completed the Challenge, receiving a medal and certificate. During the Summer Reading Challenge, 36,906 books were issued to children in Salford libraries.

The holidays were busy for families across libraries and museums, with 79 children's activities and events taking place across Ordsall Hall and Salford Museum and Art Gallery, 26 in Salford's libraries and 22 as part of the Arts Council-funded Salford Libraries Live programme, including some fantastic STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) events, from programming Doodlebots and creating Space Books to making a piano out of fruit!

Spotlight – School Takeover

On Friday 28th June, Salford Museum and Art Gallery was run by year 6 students from The Friars Primary School as part of the national Museums Takeover Day. The students greeted museum visitors, answered the phone, served in the shop, led tours around the galleries and manned a craft table for visitors. They all did a fantastic job, and were featured on Granada Reports after a news crew spent the morning with them. Museums Takeover Day is a national event to highlight the range of roles in museums and enthuse young people about their local museums and historic sites.

Spotlight - Salford Heritage Schools Programme

The Children & Families team at Salford Museum & Art Gallery and Ordsall Hall have partnered with Historic England to launch Salford's own Heritage Schools programme. This programme supports teachers in embedding and delivering local history in the curriculum. The partnership funds 3 free CPD events for teachers during the 2019-20 academic year, hosted at SCL's heritage venues. The first event was a huge success, with 17 teachers attending to find out more about helping children learn about Salford's fascinating history.

Customer Feedback:

“Our guide for the Heritage Learning Programme (Katy) was exceptional - she was superb with the children in a whole host of ways; behaviour management, imparting knowledge and piquing interest.

“The baby sensory class in the Victorian Gallery is FANTASTIC! Really enjoyed it, thank you.”

“The Takeover day is a great way to interest youngsters to feel proud of their heritage and their wonderful local museum, art gallery and library.”

#museumtakeoverday great idea! Well done to all involved @SalfordMuseum looked like lots of fun, inspiring young people & treating them with respect

“The Schools’ Library Service is a very valuable resource.”

Forthcoming events and activities:

- Visual Impairment Hub launch at Swinton Library
- Collaboration with Speech & Language team for Storytime resources
- Halloween half term activities
- Annual Salford Children’s Book Award

For more information please see:

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