

PERFORMANCE REPORT

Libraries & Heritage Children, Families & Schools Team

October - March 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 delivery of Salford Libraries Live family events at Swinton Library, Walkden Library and Salford Museum & Art Gallery
- High numbers of school visits from Salford and non-Salford schools to both heritage sites and all libraries
- Successful and engaging programme of family holiday activities delivered across all heritage sites and libraries
- Partnerships with Salford Artsmark primary schools
- Broughton Library hosted an Alluriat dance performance for two Key Stage 2 classes bringing dance theatre to 66 children for the first time
- Successful Salford Children's Book Award hosted at Salford University
- The development of a new Visual Impairment book hub at Swinton Library

Salford Libraries Live

Salford Libraries Live is an Arts Council England-funded 2 year programme of innovative and diverse arts events and performances across 5 venues in Salford. The autumn programme saw events delivered at Swinton Library and Salford Museum and Art Gallery, engaging with over 150 children, bringing high quality arts events and workshops to Salford. These included a theatre performance for early years, Library Lion, as well as an interactive Artist Takeover of the museum galleries for The Big Draw festival..

School Engagement

248 nursery, school and college classes have visited Salford Museum and Art Gallery, Ordsall Hall and Salford's 16 libraries (129 heritage facilitated and self-guided visits, 119 libraries class visits), engaging approximately 6,500 young learners in these high-quality sessions. The sessions vary from costumed historical workshops on the Victorians and Tudors, to ESOL sessions, and class visits on topics ranging from local history to dinosaurs in libraries. School outreach sessions delivered by the Children & Families Library Development Officers have engaged with over 2,100 children over 32 visits.



Salford Children's Book Awards

The 2019 Salford Children's Book Awards, organised by the Schools' Library Service, was a huge success, with the new venue of the theatre in the University of Salford's New Adelphi building received positively by staff, children and teachers alike. 4 authors attended the event, alongside over 120 children from 15 Salford schools and their teachers. This year's awards saw the inclusion of year 6 children for the first time, who had the opportunity to have their questions to the shortlisted authors answered in a video for their school. Many of the participants said they were inspired to read and write more by meeting real authors.

Forthcoming events:

- 2019 Summer Reading Challenge – Space Chase
- Salford Libraries Live summer programme

For more information please see:

<https://www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/live>
www.salfordmuseum.com
www.ordsallhall.com