



Happy World Book Day! How have you spent yours? We had around 300 *very* excited primary school children, as well as 15 happy toddlers and their parents, visiting three of our libraries for author talks, crafts and games. A huge thank you to all three schools, and the writer, families and groups involved!

Keep reading to find out how children can spend their free World Book Day Tokens in our libraries.

We've got so many activities coming up, we can't fit them all into each newsletter, so see our [What's On](#) pages for regular updates as new events are added.

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In Our Libraries This Month



Shouting Softly Swindon - International Women's Day

Saturday 8 March, 10.30 - 15.00, Central Library, free

SHOUTING Softly Swindon is taking over Central Library this International Women's Day (IWD), with activities including:

- Promenade performance by Grace Viora.
- Speeches and the launch of a new engagement resource 'Swindon Sisterhood' created by local young women.
- International Women's Day poetry competition winner reading.
- Creative activity for adults and children aged 8+.
- Share your drawings or stories about women of Swindon, and add to the SHOUTING Softly Swindon project archive.
- Local Studies tour, with a focus on items highlighting local women's stories.

SHOUTING Softly are also presenting IWD activities at Create Studios and The Hub. See the [full programme](#) for more information including timings.

About the project:

The SHOUTING Softly Swindon project has been working with young women in Swindon since March 2024 through creative workshops, community events and interviews. The main outcome is a new play called 'Fire and Milk' which will be performed in Central Library, Wyvern Theatre & STEAM in April.



Creative Writing Group

Tuesdays, 13.00 - 14.30 pm, Central Library, free

A friendly, weekly creative writing group for all abilities, with newcomers and new writers very welcome, and all materials provided.

For more information and to book a place see www.swindonstoryshed.co.uk.



Citizen's Advice Drop In Sessions

Are you worried about rising household costs? Come and speak to an [Advice and Financial First Aider](#) at:

[Central Library](#): Friday 28 March, 10.00 - 12.00

[Highworth Library](#): Monday 24 March, 10.00 - 11.30

[North Swindon Library](#): Wednesday 26 March, 10.00 - 12.00

[West Swindon Library](#): Friday 7th March, 10.00 - 11.30

Find out what they can help with [here](#).



Regular Events

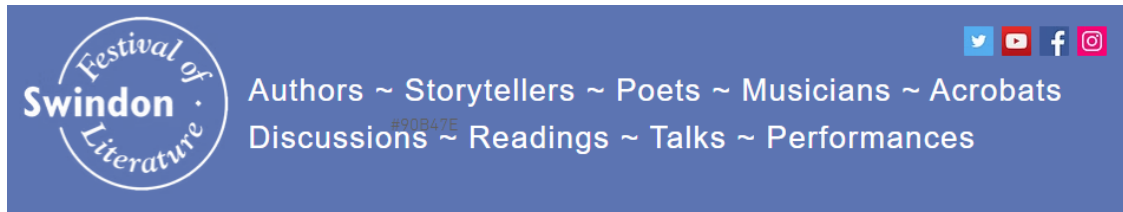
Discover what's on in libraries through our [events page](#), which showcases regular events, activities, courses and exhibitions. Filter your search by location or category to find events in your area.

Have a look within your local library for additional community events too.

Spotlight Event: [Highworth Camera Club - Barbara Thorpe Challenge](#)

To find out more about the exhibition, or joining the Camera Club who meet monthly alongside trips out, visiting speakers, technical workshops and other activities, see the [event page](#).

Save The Date



Swindon Festival of Literature Launch

Thursday 3 April, 12.00 - 12.30, Central Library, free

All are welcome to join the launch of the 2025 [Swindon Festival of Literature](#), with speeches from the festival team and friends as the programme is officially unveiled.

The Library Shop



Discover more about Swindon

The Library Shop holds a wonderful selection of items for anyone wanting to know more about Swindon.

Books on sale include works by local authors on the history of our town and its people, publications by our Local Studies department, and popular titles of local interest.

Library members can enjoy a 10% discount off all books. Just show your library card to a member of staff when paying for the discount to be applied.

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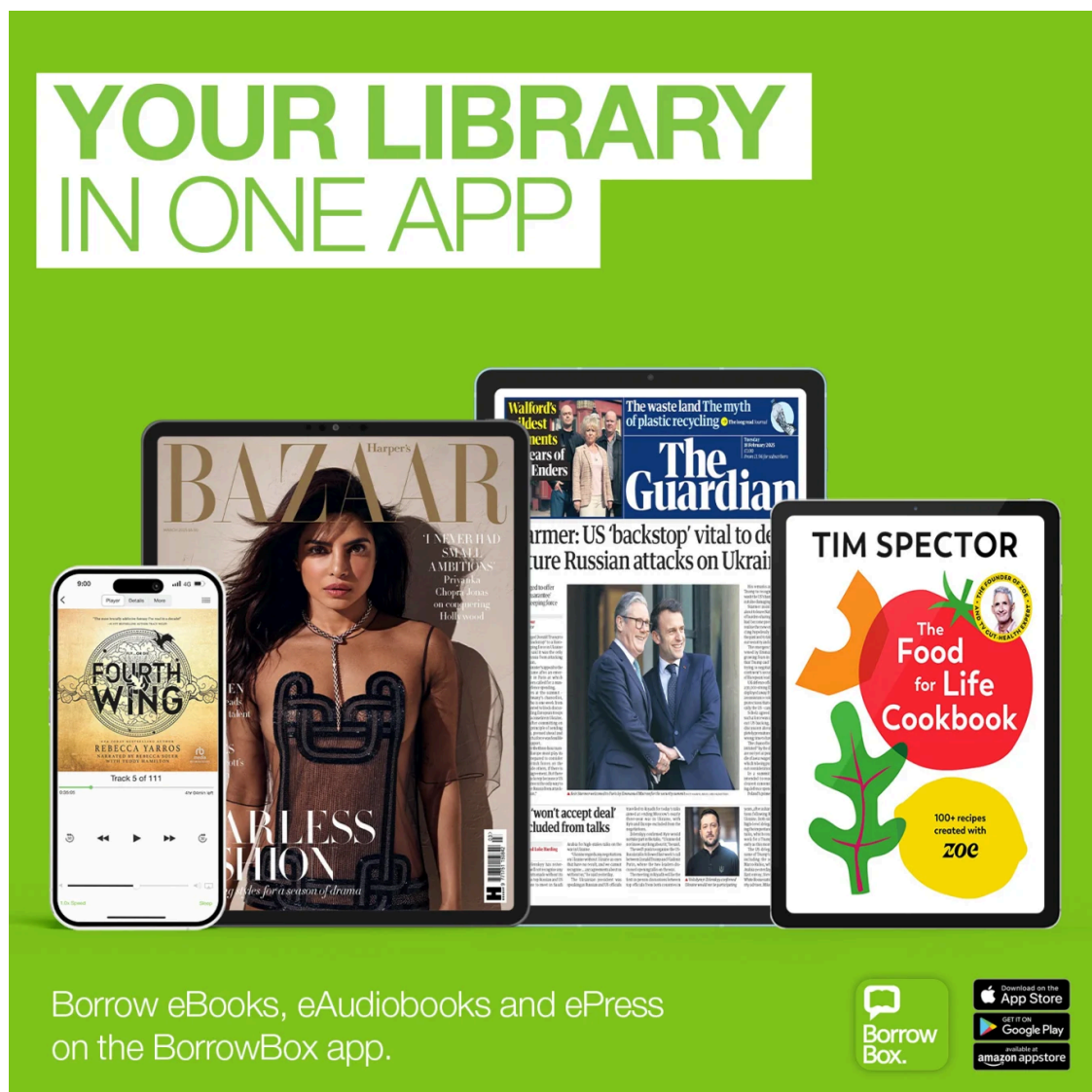
Find them on the ground floor of Central Library.

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Children and Families



World Book Day

Redeem World Book Day tokens with us

Did you know that 1 in 10 children don't own a book of their own?

[World Book Day](#) on Thursday 6th March aims to change this by encouraging children to read for pleasure and receive a book of their own for free.

To support this, three of our libraries are World Book Day exchange hubs. Any child with a [World Book Day 2025 book token](#) can go to the Library Shop in [Central Library](#), or [North Swindon](#) or [Park](#) libraries and use their token to choose one of the specially selected free books (while stocks last).

Tokens are distributed through schools and nurseries, a range of children's magazines, and McDonald's Happy Meals. All three libraries also have tokens

available for children who do not have one. Just ask at the Library Information Desk.

World Book Day tokens can be used until Sunday 23 March 2025.



We're Open Families

**Central Library, Thursdays as per dates above,
11.00 - 13.00, free**

For families new to Swindon with pre-school children. Come and join the team from [Swindon City of Sanctuary](https://www.swindoncityofsanctuary.org/) to chat, sing songs and rhymes, play games, craft, and share stories. No need to book, just drop in.

SIAS Drop In Sessions

The SEND Information, advice and support service have weekly drop in sessions during school term time. Pop into the central library if you have any questions about SEND, want to meet the team or just prefer to speak face to face!

Central Library

SN1 1QG

Every Wednesday - Term Time Only

12:30 - 16:30



SEND Information, Advice and Support Service

Wednesdays during term time, 12.30 - 16.30
Central Library ground floor

The SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Information, Advice and Support service have weekly drop in sessions during school term time.

Pop into Central Library if you have any questions about SEND, want to meet the team, or just prefer to speak face to face.

Spring and Summer dates:

- 26 February - 2 April
- 23 April - 21 May
- 4 June - 16 July

If any sessions need to be cancelled or dates changed, it will be communicated on their [Facebook Page](#).

Adult Community Learning



[Adult Community Learning](#) (ACL) provides more than 100 free courses, enrolling over 750 [eligible learners](#), in 40 locations a year.

They offer opportunities for residents to gain new skills in subjects like health and wellbeing, maths, English and IT, or to help prepare those returning to work.

To find out more, including the full range of courses, and how to contact ACL, see their [webpage](#).

Community Libraries

Swindon Library & Information Service consists of five statutory libraries which are managed by Swindon Borough Council. Nine community libraries are also supported by Swindon Libraries, but run by Parish and Trust groups.

While this newsletter focusses on events and services available within the five statutory libraries, the community libraries also support their local area with an array of services and events.

Details of these can be found through their social media channels and websites. Community library locations, open hours and contact details are available [here](#).

Stay in Touch

If this newsletter would interest anyone you know, send them this [sign up link](#).

We add new reading titles, information, events and activities throughout each month. To ensure you don't miss anything, follow our [website](#) and social channels.

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are proud to be



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