

Balloons, Beatboxing & Bubbles!



age 5+

Sat 3 May | 11am & 2pm
The Giant Balloon Show
By Dizzy O'Dare



age 1+

Sat 17 May | 11am & 2pm
The Ultimate Bubble Show
By Ray Bubbles

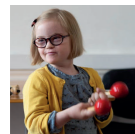


age 0+

Sat 31 May | 2pm
Shlomo's Beatbox Adventure for Kids
By SK Shlomo

Free stuff for all the family!

When?	Event	Age-range?
Sat 18 Jan 11am - 1pm	LibraryLab: Belly Bugs	for all the family
Fri 21 Feb 3pm - 5pm	LibraryLab: Mother Language Day	age 4+
Fri 21 Mar 3pm - 5pm	World Poetry Day	age 4+
Tues 15 - Fri 18 April 11am & 2pm	Easter Storytelling	for all the family
Sat 14 Jun 12pm - 4pm	Hulme is Where the Art Is	for all the family
Tue 29 Jul - Sat 23 Aug 11am - 2pm	Summer of Stories	for all the family
Wed 6 Aug 11am - 2pm	National Play Day	for all the family
Sat 2 Aug 1pm - 4pm	Haphazard	for all the family



Sun 16 Feb & Sat 7 Jun | 3pm-5pm
Z-access
Inclusive workshops in drama, music, circus, and art. The day is designed to cater especially to

families where a member may have an autistic spectrum condition, sensory or communication challenges, or identifies with a disability.



FREE

Join us in **Z-arts Children's Library** - home to lots of books that celebrate diversity! Plus, we have lots of free family-friendly library events throughout the year. Don't forget to get your **free** library card! Check out our regular timetable below.

ages 0-16



FREE

Little Reads	Pre-school	Every 1st Tuesday of the month	10:30 - 11:15am (Access friendly)
Wriggle & Rhyme	Pre-school	Every 2nd Tuesday of the month	10:30 - 11:15am (Access friendly)
Mini Move & Groove	Pre-school	Every 3rd Wednesday of the month	10:30 - 11:15am (Access friendly)
Baby Book Club	Pre-school	Every 4th Wednesday of the month	10:30 - 11:15am (Access friendly)
Rhyme Time	Pre-school	Every Thursday	10:30 - 11:00am (Access friendly)

Our regular library sessions from Tues 14 Jan - Sat 19 Jul 2025.

Events Calendar

Regular Bright Sparks classes, Holiday Activities and Library sessions run from Tues 14 Jan - Sat 19 July. Find out more on our website or pick up our timetable of activities!

When?	Event	Age-range?	What?
Sat 18 Jan 11am - 1pm	LibraryLab: Belly Bugs	for all the family	Library Event
Sat 25 Jan 11am & 2pm	Tales from the Lighthouse	age 5+	Family Theatre
Sat 8 Feb 11am & 2pm	The Velveteen Rabbit	for all the family	Family Theatre
Sun 16 Feb 11am & 2pm	Sandscape	ages 2-7	Family Theatre
Sun 16 Feb 3pm - 5pm	Z-access	for all the family	Access
Fri 21 Feb 3pm - 5pm	LibraryLab: Mother Language Day	age 4+	Library Event
Sat 22 & Sun 23 Feb 11am & 2pm	Soft or Spiky?	6-18 months	Family Theatre
Sat 1 & Sun 2nd Mar 11am, 2pm & 4:30pm	The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show	age 1+	Family Theatre
Sat 15 Mar 2pm	Punk Alley	age 5+	Family Theatre
Fri 21 Mar 3pm - 5pm	World Poetry Day	age 4+	Free stuff!
Sat 29 Mar 11am & 2pm	So Unfair	ages 7-10	Family Theatre
Sat 5 Apr various times available	Adventures in Wonderland Launch Party	ages 1-8	Activities
Tues 15 - Fri 18 Apr 11am & 2pm	Easter Storytelling	for all the family	Library Event
Sat 3 May 11am & 2pm	The Giant Balloon Show	age 5+	Family Theatre
Sat 10 May 12pm - 4pm	International Dance Day!	for all the family	Activities
Sat 17 May 11am & 2pm	The Ultimate Bubble Show	age 1+	Family Theatre
Sat 31 May 2pm	Shlomo's Beatbox Adventure	age 0+	Family Theatre
Sat 7 Jun 12pm - 3pm	Festival of Libraries	for all the family	Activities
Sat 7 Jun 3pm - 5pm	Z-access - Festival of Libraries	for all the family	Access
Fri 20 - Sun 22 Jun 11am, 1:30pm, 2pm & 5pm	The Smeds and the Smoos	age 3+	Family Theatre
Sat 14 Jun 12pm - 4pm	Hulme is Where the Art Is	for all the family	Free stuff!
Tue 29 Jul - Sat 23 Aug 11am - 2pm	Summer of Stories	for all the family	Free stuff!
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Pick me - fun for all the family in here!
January - August 2025

What's On

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We are Z-arts

The UK's only dedicated arts centre for children and families.

There's something for everyone at Z-arts!

A place to express yourself, celebrate your imagination, have fun, be entertained, and dream big! So, whatever your age and whether you're coming to see a show or make some amazing mini-masterpieces in one of our arts activities, we hope you enjoy your visit to Z-arts and are inspired by your own creativity.

- Theatre for the whole family
- Free classes, activities and events
- Z-arts Children's Library
- Z-café, featuring local produce
- Free kids corner and places to chill and play
- Interactive worlds of play and storytelling
- Family-friendly escape room
- Gift Shop
- Development and support for artists



Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday – Thursday: 10am – 6pm
 (Z-café & Box Office close at 5pm)
Friday: 9:30am – 9pm
 (Z-café & Box Office close at 8pm)
Saturday: 9:30am – 5pm
 (Z-café & Box Office close at 4pm)
Sunday: Closed (Unless we have an activity on!)



Sign up to our e-newsletter

Memberships & Tickets Offers!



This membership is for our Bright Sparks programme. Sign up to receive

£24 for the whole family!

annual access to classes, holiday activities, discounts and more!

M15 Resident? Get 20% off theatre tickets at Z-arts!

Help us reduce our carbon footprint, please pass on to a friend, reuse, or recycle me!



Family Theatre

Sat 25 Jan | 11am & 2pm

Tales from the Lighthouse

By Little Seeds Music
 Families and children are invited on a voyage of music, puppetry and storytelling, as a mysterious stranger helps a lonely lighthouse keeper rediscover the magic, beauty and power of the sea that surrounds his home.



age 5+

Sat 8 Feb | 11am & 2pm

The Velveteen Rabbit

By balletLORENT
 Toys come to life through the magic of storytelling, music, and dance. In this entertaining dance theatre performance, a toy rabbit and a boy embark on an adventure, discovering the essence of growing up and the meaning of love. Youngsters are invited to watch and wonder from a comfy cushion of their own up close, as the spectacle unfolds.



for all the family

Sun 16 Feb | 11am - 2pm

Sandscape

By Kininso Koncepts
 Sand the favourite plaything of many children! But how exactly does the sand feel when it runs through your hands, over umbrellas, and into buckets? Sand constantly creates new landscapes that want to be discovered. The result is a rhythmic and musical play with sand, completely without words, which ends in a dance with the audience.



ages 2-7

Sat 22 & Sun 23 Feb | 11am & 2pm

Soft or Spiky? Half Moon and Polka Theatre Presents

This playful and interactive new show is full of shapes, sounds and textures exploring different ways to connect and understand each other. Inspired by heartfelt conversations with new parents, this humorous production explores the multiple ways we communicate, ensuring that no one is left out. Stay and play session included.



6-18 months

Sat 1 & Sun 2 Mar | various times available

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show

A Rockefeller Production
 Dive into Eric Carle's bright and colourful world as his beloved stories are transformed from page to stage using a menagerie of 75 lovable puppets and charming music. Created by Jonathan Rockefeller, the critically acclaimed The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show is the perfect introduction to live theatre.



age 7+

Tickets from £9.50

Sat 15 Mar | 2pm

Punk Alley

By Moxie Brawl
 Punk Alley is a loud, wild, and unapologetic joyride of live original punk music and high energy dance for the whole family. A show full of heart that asks big questions, creating a vibrant and fun space for young people to explore what they want to use their voice to fight for. **BSL interpreted.**



age 5+

Sat 29 Mar | 11am & 2pm

So Unfair

By One Tenth Human
 Welcome to our interactive science demo – with a twist! We need YOU to take on some big challenges – and help us save the day. *How can we make things more fair? And what could go wrong if we don't?* Help Daniel Bye change the world, in an unexpectedly ridiculous adventure involving engineering challenges, bad dad jokes, and an extraordinary quantity of molten chocolate.



ages 7-10

Fri 20 – Sun 22 June | various times available

The Smeds and The Smoos

By Tall Stories
 A joyful tale of star-crossed aliens. Soar into space with this exciting adaptation of the award-winning book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.



age 3+

The Smeds and The Smoos © Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler 2019, published by Scholastic

Coming to Z-arts in April 2025...

Adventures in WONDERLAND

Tickets on sale Friday 24 January

Z-escape

Our family escape room!

Ever wanted to step inside a story? The Library of Enchantment is a fun-filled, thrilling, family-friendly escape room. It's full of seafaring adventures, time travelling tricks and a pesky old bookworm who's always up to meddling mischief!

Join us for an enchanting experience that requires your puzzling skills, logic, persistence and, most of all, teamwork. Ideal for birthdays, special occasions, or just for fun!

AMAZING!
 Still can't get over how good it was - definitely surpassed our expectations!
 The kids and adults loved it!

Scan the QR code to book now!