



IW STORY FESTIVAL

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Quay Arts Centre, Newport, Isle of Wight



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THURSDAY 20th FEBRUARY

- p5 18.15 Stone Crabs | Out on an Island 12+
- p5 18.30 Alex Sabine | Word Soup AI Exploration 12+
- p5 18.30 IW College | Street Art Live! 12+
- p6 18.30 IW College | Brutal performance snapshots 12+
- p6 20.00 Pink Cow Theatre | Brutal 12+
- p6 21.00 Pink Cow Theatre | Brutal Q&A 12+

One
Thursday ticket
gives you access to any of the
Thursday evening activities,
subject to a
'first come, first served' basis.

THURSDAY
TICKETS £4

Stories are all around us; not just in books and poems and plays and songs, but also in the news and history and the places we live. Over three days, the IW Story Festival lets you lose yourself in stories of all kinds...

The IW Story Festival is a special place for children and families to have fun together, where we can all

CREATE INSPIRE IMAGINE

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY

- p7 10.00 Pink Cow Theatre | Pinocchio 3+
- p7 10.00 Chris Stevens | The Lost Uncle and the Elixir of Life 7+
- p7 10.15 Morgan Outlaw | Fun with Folding Origami 5+
- p8 10.30 Jules Marriner | The Secret Library 7+
- p8 11.15 Sue Bailey | Jack Tales - and One for Jill too 4+
- p8 12.00 Steph Brittain | Mythology for All: Psyche and Cupid 8+
- p9 12.30 Paul Lyalls | Words are Frogs 5+
- p9 12.30 Trudie Wilson | Book Nooks 8+
- p9 13.45 Naomi Ishiguro | Unlikely Friendships Story Writing 10+
- p10 14.00 Morgan Outlaw | Roll Your Own Character! 8+
- p10 14.30 Maz Evans | Mythological Mayhem 8+



SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY

- p11 10.00 Pickled Image | Woodland Tales with Granddad 3+
- p11 10.00 Lord Louis Library at the Quay | Teddy Bears' Picnic all ages
- p11 10.15 Adam Gaterell | Dastardly Cartoon Rascals 7+
- p12 10.30 Holly Medland | The Olde Curiosity Shop 5+
- p12 11.15 Nanny Perry | Nanny Perry's Music & Puppets 3+
- p12 12.00 MG Leonard | **BSL signed** | Hunt for the Golden Scarab 7+
- p13 12.30 Gareth Peter | Storytime with Gareth 3+
- p13 13.00 Kathryn Rossati | Naturally Nic/k Q&A 8+
- p13 13.30 Indian Culture Club | Indian Dance Storytelling 5+
- p14 14.15 Neal Layton | What is AI? The curious kid's guide to artificial intelligence 6+
- p14 14.45 Wonderfell | The Tempest 7+
- p14 15.30 Roopa Farooki | Dr Roopa's Body Books 4+

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THURSDAY

STONE CRABS: OUT ON AN ISLAND

Thu 20 Feb 18.15-21.00 Michael West Gallery

age 12+

Thurs
ticket

'Out On An Island: Pride In Self, Pride In Place' is an exhibition to celebrate 20 years of LGBT History Month in the UK, presented by StoneCrabs' Out On An Island Project, at Quay Arts from Saturday February 15 to Wednesday March 26 2025

Highlights include: the striking LGBT Memorial Quilt inspired by the AIDS Memorial Quilt, created by the Isle of Wight community; the IW LGBT+ Trail Map highlighting everyday lives and notable figures who shaped our community.

IW COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS & PINK COW THEATRE: STREET ART DRAMA

Thu 20 Feb 18.30-20.00 Seminar Room

age 12+

Thurs
ticket

Students & theatre are working together to devise a performance on the theme of gang activity in the UK. It shows how easy it is for young people to be swept up into gang activity, without even realising it, and what the consequences are.

This snapshot precursor to the stage production of Brutal will take place in the setting of the Street Art exhibition, produced by the IW College Art students. Drop in.

ALEX SABINE: WORD SOUP – AI EXPLORATION

Thu 20 Feb 18.30-19.30 Rope Store

age 12+

Alex will explore the value of AI for the humanities, focusing specifically on the emergence of Large Language Models and the implications for our understanding of words, meanings and the human condition itself. The session will encourage participants to reflect on innovative uses of the technology for developing self-insights, characterisation, enriching experiences and other novel uses of AI as a linguistic tool.

Thurs
ticket



Thurs
ticket

PINK COW THEATRE & IW COLLEGE: BRUTAL

Thu 20 Feb 20.00-20.45 Theatre with Q&A after 21.00-22.00 Theatre

age 12+

If walls could talk they would have many stories to tell. 'Brutal' focuses on a house and its occupants. We examine why people get attracted to gangs, what the gang offers them and what it means to be in a gang. Suitable for an audience of 12+ years, we sensitively tackle one of the biggest issues facing young people today using the theatrical techniques of Brecht to inform and entertain.



age 12+

Thurs
ticket

IW COLLEGE ART DEPT: STREET ART LIVE!

Thu 20 Feb 18.30-20.30 Seminar Room

The IW College art department have developed an exhibition of street art. The students have responded to the work of other street artists and explored different techniques, showcasing their work on the walls in the Seminar Room. They have utilised their practical skills, communicated their ideas, investigated and researched and finally developed their own ideas and processes.

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FRIDAY

PINK COW: PINOCCHIO

Fri 21 Feb 10.00-11.00 Theatre

Remaining true to the original absolutely bonkers story, Pink Cow has chosen to highlight the wonderful attributes of Pinocchio's kind, caring and trusting nature as he discovers his own way in life. Full of laughter and charm as the poor puppet finds himself jostled from one disaster to another.

age 3+



tickets
£6

FRIDAY

JULES HARRINER: THE SECRET LIBRARY

Fri 21 Feb 10.30-11.30 Clayden Gallery

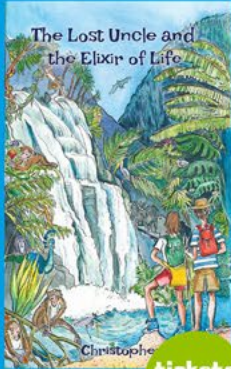
Use your imagination to find The Secret Library, a magical place full of tales and wonder, where you can ignite the story inside you. Ever wondered where those little knick-knacks come from and what their real purpose is? Here's your chance to write your own story about the teeny-tiny washing drying on a line, or the antique microscope or the man in the hot air balloon dangling from the ceiling.

Allergy advice: natural materials used in this setting, including nut shells.

age 7+



tickets
£4



CHRIS STEVENS: THE LOST UNCLE & ELIXIR OF LIFE

Fri 21 Feb 10.00-10.45 Rope Store

Chris tells of the people and places that have inspired his writing, with tales of shipwrecks, sharks, whales and more besides, along with a number of interesting and associated facts. And what presentation would be complete without a few spooky stories from the real world?

What experiences of your own might encourage you to write, and what "hook" might persuade people to read on?

tickets
£4

age 7+

SUE BAILEY: JACK TALES (AND MAYBE ONE FOR JILL TOO)

Fri 21 Feb 11.15-12.00 Rope Store

Do you know a Jack? You find them all over the place and they keep cropping up in stories.

Join Sue-the-storyteller for some highly interactive tales about Jacks who chop down beanstalks, build houses, eat no fat or just sit in corners. But why should Jack have all the fun?-let's make up a tale together for Jill.

age 4+



tickets
£4



age 5+

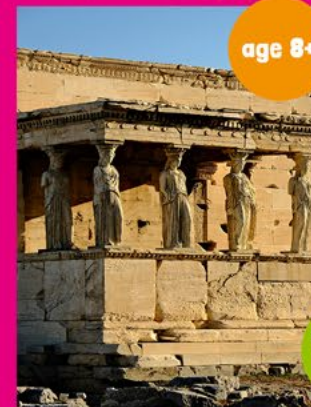
MORGAN OUTLAW: FUN WITH FOLDING! ORIGAMI CRAFT DROP-IN

Fri 21 Feb 10.15-11.00 Seminar Room

Pop in for some quiet folding fun and learn to make a number of wonderful paper creatures! Want to make a frog? A penguin? Five dinosaurs?! We've got the paper, so all you need to bring is your hands!

FREE

age 8+



tickets
£4

STEPH BRITTAIN: MYTHOLOGY FOR ALL, PSYCHE & CUPID

Fri 21 Feb 12.00-13.00 Seminar Room

Join dynamic storyteller Steph Brittain to meet some of the Greco-Roman Gods and Goddess and the humans that encounter them. We will follow Psyche up mountains and through rivers as she learns about love, fear, trust, and determination.

There will be laughs, surprises, suspense and magic all wrapped up in this wonderful myth.

Book your tickets: iwstoryfestival.com or Tel: 01983 822490

FRIDAY



PAUL LYALLS: WORDS ARE FROGS

Fri 21 Feb 12.30-13.30 Theatre

Star of the BBC's 'Big Slam Poetry House' & former Poet In Residence for the Roald Dahl Family & Museum, Paul brings a laugh out loud dazzling show for all the family,

'Paul is a kind of magic that makes you notice the world. Extremely good poetry but smiles too much' – John Hegley

age 5+

tickets
£6

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FRIDAY



MORGAN OUTLAW: ROLL YOUR OWN CHARACTER

Fri 21 Feb 14.00-15.00 Rope Store

A smash mix of Dungeons & Dragons and Top Trumps style statistics; roll the dice to see how your character moves and grooves. Find out why they've maxed out on strength, but are a certified butterfingers.

A character creation workshop perfect for budding writers, designers and all around creatives to build complex, multi-faced characters, with a little out of box dice rolling.

age 8+

tickets
£4

TRUDIE WILSON: THE SECRET LIBRARY BOOK NOOK

Fri 21 Feb 12.30-13.30 Rope Store

Create your own 'book nook diorama' to pop into a bookshelf at home, and see tiny life for yourself. Artist and creative Trudie will provide all the materials needed to make your woodland themed book nook. When you have finished, why not pop upstairs to The Secret Library and photograph your book nook on a shelf?

Free - but you need a ticket - limited spaces.

age 8+



FREE

MAZ EVANS: MYTHOLOGICAL MAYHEM

Fri 21 Feb 14.30-15.30 Theatre

Come and celebrate the next generation of hilarious adventures from 'Who Let The Gods Out?', with author Maz Evans, as she takes you on a journey through the Maya Underworld in Oh Maya Gods!

Learn about the mysteries and the magic of Mesoamerica and get an introduction to the ancient sport of Pok-a-Tok, with the usual dose of Maz's mythological mayhem.

age 6+

tickets
£4



NAOMI ISHIGURO: WRITING UNLIKELY FRIENDSHIPS

Fri 21 Feb 13.45-14.45 Seminar Room

Write Your Own 'Unlikely Friendship' Story: A Fun and Friendly Creative Writing Workshop. Naomi will take the theme 'unlikely friendship' as your starting point, as this was the inspiration for her novel 'Common Ground,' but you will be totally free to go wherever your imagination takes you!

age 10+

tickets
£4

You'll also have the chance to ask questions about writing, books and life as a writer.

THE SECRET LIBRARY DROP IN

Fri & Sat afternoons Clayden Gallery

Drop in to the Secret Library to get inspiration from the setting; write a book, make up a story, sing a song or listen to a tale. Authors from the festival will be dropping in to read or tell a story, so if you have a few spare minutes, come and wander around this magical space.

age 3+



SATURDAY



PICKLED IMAGE: WOODLAND TALES WITH GRANDDAD
Sat 22 Feb 10.00-11.00 Theatre

age 3+

Something is happening in the woods, voices can be heard. Machines are gathering at its edge and a mysterious call is heard across the valley. Velda the Vixen knows there's one person who can help them – Granddad. But is there enough time? Can they save the wood? And will the mystery stranger help? This is an incredible show with an important environmental message to share.

tickets
£6

SATURDAY



age 5+

HOLLY MEDLAND: THE OLDE CURIOSITY SHOP
Sat 22 Feb 10.30-11.30 Clayden Gallery

Come and marvel at the strange and wonderful treasures found in Mr Ledicott's Olde Curiosity Shop! You will see a gemstone from a knight's dagger, a strand of hair that once belonged to a princess, a stone you can see through and an ancient fire iron.

The collection may seem odd, but each piece has a story to tell. Discover what they are in this interactive storytelling session.

tickets
£4



LORD LOUIS LIBRARY at QUAY ARTS: TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC
Sat 22 Feb 10.00 - 10.30 Rope Store

Bring your teddy along to Quay Arts, and listen to some wonderful stories all about bears, read by Mandy, the children's librarian.

Well behaved bears welcome, and even the slightly naughty ones!

age 2+

tickets
free



NANNY PERRY'S PUPPETS
Sat 22 Feb 11.15-12.00 Rope Store

An interactive story session helping children to develop music and vocal skills whilst making stories come to life.

Lots of music, lots of instruments and lots of fun for the whole family.

age 3+

tickets
£4



ADAM GATERELL: DASTARDLY CARTOON RASCALS
Sat 22 Feb 10.15-11.15 Seminar Room

Eyepatch? Cape? Secret Lair? These are all important things to consider when making a villain and Adam will help you come up with and design a fun cartoon villain character. Bring your inner cartoonist!

All materials are supplied.

age 7+

tickets
£4

MG LEONARD: HUNT FOR THE GOLDEN SCARAB
Sat 22 Feb 12.00-13.00 Theatre

age 7+

tickets
£6

Epic blockbusting adventure meets the mystery of time travel in Hunt for the Golden Scarab, the first title of the Time Keys, bestselling, award-winning author of Beetle Boy, Twitch, Adventures on Trains, and The Ice Children.

Sim and his mum never live anywhere long. When dangerous strangers appear one night, Sim discovers why. His mum has been keeping secrets: she has the power to open doors in time.

This session is BSL interpreted.



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SATURDAY

STORYTIME WITH GARETH PETER

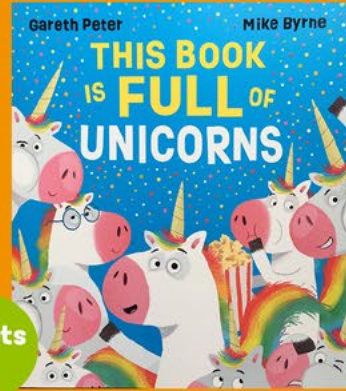
Sat 22 Feb 12.30-13.30 Seminar Room

age 3+

Did you know that unicorns are real? They're all around us but our world's so busy we can hardly see them... But I bet you can spot them if you look closely enough!

Dive into the colourful pages of this picture book and see unicorns do the most fantastic and hilarious things.

tickets
£4



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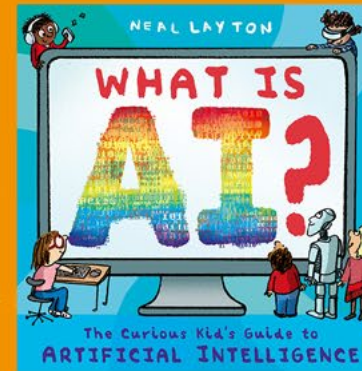
NEAL LAYTON: WHAT IS AI? THE CURIOUS KID'S GUIDE TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Sat 22 Feb 14.15-15.15 Seminar Room

age 6+

Enjoy Neal's interactive read-through of his books, including 'What is AI?' and 'The Invincible Tony Spears'. Accompanied with silly sound effects, live illustration and a futuristic fun quiz.

tickets
£4



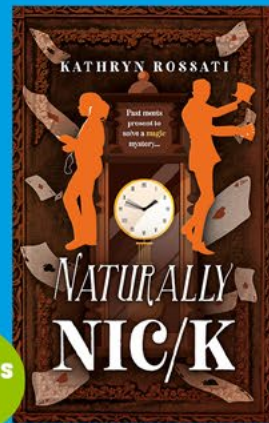
KATHRYN ROSSATI: NATURALLY NIC/K Q&A

Sat 22 Feb 13.00-13.45 Rope Store

age 8+

Listen to an extract of Kathryn's upcoming time travel novel, Naturally Nic/k, which features authentic autistic representation, magnificent magic tricks, and serious sleuthing, then ask the author any questions you like about the book, writing tips, neurodiversity, and anything else that comes to mind!

tickets
£4



WONDERFELL: THE TEMPEST

Sat 22 Feb 14.45-15.45 Rope Store

age 8+

Inspired by Shakespeare's final play : The Tempest, this multi-sensory workshop will immerse children onto a different island from our beloved biosphere island.

Come and explore the play's characters in our 'gallery in a gallery' and have a rummage through our 'Wonderfell Box of Trinkets and Treasures'. Expect curious sounds and smells, dressing up and a catwalk to boot!

tickets
£4



age 5+

ASIAN CULTURAL CLUB | INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE DRAMA

Sat 22 Feb 13.30-14.30 Theatre

Indian classical dance drama. Enjoy the performance and be part of the interactive session. Indian classical dance Bharatnatyam has been used as a means of storytelling for over 2000 years. Symbolic hand gestures (mudra), facial expressions and rhythmic foot work form the main pillars of this dance form. In this session you will witness story telling in four different types of expressions.

tickets
£4



DR ROOPA'S BODY BOOKS, THE BRILLIANT BRAIN AND MORE!

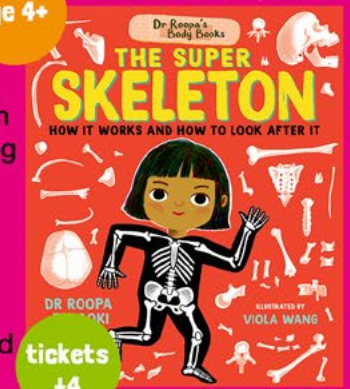
Sat 22 Feb 15.30-16.30 Theatre

age 4+

Dr Roopa's Body Books is a new series on the human body, written by NHS hospital doctor & award-winning writer.

Dr Roopa explores the wonderful workings of the BRAIN, the SKELETON and more! Join Roopa for a fascinating exploration of the brain. Roopa will also share some handy tips for looking after your brain and body. Not to be missed!

tickets
£4



WELCOME

to the 2025 IW Story Festival

There's so much to see, do, try and make; from discovering Egyptian time travel with M.G. Leonard to Neal Layton's AI for curious kids; unicorns, how skeletons work, and woodland puppet tales with Pickled Image.

Three days of interactive fun with national and local writers, actors, illustrators, storytellers and creators.

For sessions in the Rope Store and all workshops, only children need tickets, accompanying adults do not need a ticket. Everybody needs a ticket for events in the theatre.

Buy your tickets on our website iwstoryfestival.com or in person at Quay Arts Box Office or 01983 822490. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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