Coming up:
Not all Jam and Jerusalem
Young at Art
Films: Man Up & Far from the Madding Crowd
World Wide Picture Book Competition

www.thehiveworcester.org
Welcome to the autumn season at The Hive. We hope you will take the opportunity to join us at one of our many exciting events and activities to ease the prospect of darker nights and colder days leading up to Christmas.

With winter approaching, we urge you to come down and stock up on a good book or DVD box set to cheer up those longer evenings or enjoy a performance in the Studio, one of our colourful exhibitions or take a break with a hot chocolate in the café.

We have more films, lectures and talks for all tastes and a weekend of Christmas festivities to come, including our lantern parade which has become a bit of a Hive tradition and is growing year on year.

We also welcome back all our Worcester students, new and old and look forward to a new term and new faces in The Hive. Remember there is a wealth of knowledge and resource for everyone; do take advantage of the number of books and articles available to both students and the public in our unique facility.

As well as this guide you can find more information about The Hive and all our events on our website and Facebook page. For tickets book now on www.thehiveworcester.org

Thank you all for your support and please continue to give us your ideas and suggestions, as we enter our 4th year.

Laura Worsfold, Business Development Manager

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Season’s Highlights

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Making a Booking

book tickets online www.thehiveworcester.org
This season offers more live performances and an autumn of exciting and intriguing exhibitions. Plus a new film series, a resident artist and more lectures and talks for all tastes.
Each year the University of Worcester delivers a series of lectures at The Hive. The lectures are based on topical issues and current research and cover a wide range of topics.

Mental Wellbeing: strategies for maintaining mood and wellbeing  
Professor Jo Smith  
**Wednesday 7 October, 6.00pm**

Health and Children’s Literature  
Professor Jean Webb  
**Wednesday 4 November, 6.00pm**

Not all Jam and Jerusalem: the WI in the two World Wars  
Professor Maggie Andrews  
**Thursday 19 November, 6.30pm**

The professorial lectures and discussions are free to attend, but places are limited so we do advise reserving a seat via The Hive website.

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**The Great Hive Book Rescue**

Choose from hundreds of previously owned academic books donated by UW students and make a donation to the Student Union RAG charities.  
**Wednesday 21 October**  
1.00pm – 3.00pm

**Academic Book Week**

A national event, including an exhibition and events at The Hive celebrating the University of Worcester’s published authors.  
Come and discover what future academic books may look like, with events covering a range of topics including publishing in a digital world.  
**9 – 16 November**
There’s always something fun to do in the children’s library, with events designed to encourage children to learn about the huge pleasure and fun to be gained from books and reading.

**Autumn Activities**

Young at Art – exploring, listening, making

Themed object, art and song sessions for the under 5’s.

No booking required. £3.00 per child – payable on the day.

10 September – The Hive – Beautiful Butterflies and Lovely Lady birds
17 September – Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum – Dazzling and Daring Dragons
24 September – The Hive – Cool Cats and Dotty Dogs
1 October – Worcester City Art Gallery and Museum – Dancing Spiders and Mad Monsters
8 October – The Hive – Bumpy Snakes and Turtle Toys

Thursday mornings – starting
10 September, 10.30am – 12.00pm

**Rat-a-tat Tales**

Listen out for the rat-a-tat in the children’s library. Storytime is about to begin… Interactive stories suited to children aged 6 and under – but great fun for those with a big kid inside.

**Wednesday 28 October**
11.00am & 2.45pm

**book tickets online** [www.thehiveworcester.org](http://www.thehiveworcester.org)
Stories on The Island

On three Saturdays during the Festival, we will be joined by professional storytellers who will tell stories from around the world. Shows may vary in content and are aimed at particular age groups.

**Sally Tonge** – Saturday 10 October, 10.30am (5-7 years) 11.30am (8-11 years)

**Cat Weatherill** – Saturday 17 October, 10.30am (5-7 years) 11.30am (8-11 years)

**Peter Chand** – Saturday 24 October, 10.30am (5-7 years) 11.30am (8-11 years)

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event, no tickets required.

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Children’s Recycle Arts Workshops

Presented by The Green Eyed Monster Company

Artists Tina Walton and Karen Meiklejohn will be working with children and adults to create fabulous artworks from household waste materials and natural objects found in the local environment.

**Tuesday 27 October**

10.00am – 12.00pm Folded Bookworms (for 5-7 years) and 1.00pm – 3.00pm Book Sculptures (for 8-11 years).

Tickets £2.50

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The Selfish Giant

Presented by Sea Legs Puppet Theatre Company

Since building a wall to keep the children out of his garden, the only visitors the Selfish Giant gets are Lady Snow and her friends. One morning he hears the most beautiful music coming from his bedroom window and is delighted with the sight that greets him. Set in a magnificent steel sculpted garden, the story is told using beautifully crafted puppets, a brilliant musical soundtrack and superb storytelling.

**Thursday 29 October**

2.00pm. Tickets £4. (Family audience 5+)

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book tickets online [www.thehiveworcester.org](http://www.thehiveworcester.org)
Christmas at The Hive

Creative workshops, a lantern parade, Christmas singing, two performances of our Christmas show, Christmas Rat-a-tat Tales and Get Santa the film are all part of our Christmas programme in December.

Lantern Making Workshops

**Saturday 28 November & 5 December**

10.00am – 1.00pm, £2.50

Lantern Parade

Have fun making and then show off your creation in our magical Christmas parade.

**Thursday 10 December**, 6.00pm

After the parade Choirs in Harmony will be singing in The Hive atrium from 6.30pm – 7.15pm.

Elizabethan Decoration Making

Find out how the Elizabethans celebrated Christmas, discover how they decorated their homes and learn about their fantastic festive feasts. You can also make an Elizabethan Christmas decoration to take home.

**Saturday 12 December**

10.30am – 3.30pm

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6 book tickets online [www.thehiveworcester.org](http://www.thehiveworcester.org)
Get Santa (U)
Jim Broadbent does a fantastic job as Santa Claus banged up in jail and deemed insane just days before Christmas. Will 9 year old Tom and father Steve be able to break him free and help him back to Lapland?

**Sunday 20 December**
6.00pm. Tickets £3.50

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The Amazing Adventures of Librarian Lil
Presented by Rhubarb Theatre

Librarian Lil has worked in the library for forty-five years. She is old, tired and bored with her life. But you can’t judge a book by its cover. For once the pages start to rustle, Librarian Lil is sucked into a whirlwind of words where tales of bravery become reality. Transported to other worlds, she sails the seas, performs great feats of daring and wins the hearts of princes and audiences alike.

This is a show full of humour and poignancy told through visual inventiveness, puppetry, mask, dance and physical theatre, with live music and song throughout.

**Saturday 12 December**
3.00pm & 6.00pm
Suitable for 5 years and upwards.
Tickets Adults £5, Children £3, babes in arms free.

Chadsgrove Special School Choir will be singing in The Hive atrium between performances at approximately 2pm and 4pm.
Exhibitions

A rich and varied programme influenced by The Hive’s desire to support the work of new and emerging artists.

IBBY Honour List Exhibition

IBBY (International board on books for young people) biannually releases an honour list of its member countries’ best books in the categories Illustration, text and translation. This exhibition is a display of the 2014-15 IBBY honour books for Illustration with some reproduced illustrations.

14 September – 4 October

World Wide Picture Book Competition

Featuring the five winning UK illustrators – Reza Dalvand, Hannah Blackman-Kurz, Lauren Suzman, Roisin Swales, Reece Wykes (UK) and five winning illustrators from the other participating countries; The Netherlands, Germany, South Africa. The competition, previously known as the Lemniscaat Competition is being promoted in the UK by the International Centre for the Picture Book in Society and Walker Books.

4 – 31 October

Exhibition event: Wednesday 14 October, 6.00pm.

Everyone is invited to this event with Alexis Deacon, one of the UK judges and award winning British picture book illustrator and Louise Power of Walker Books.

8 book tickets online www.thehiveworcester.org
WHOLE EARTH?
Aligning human systems & natural systems

Based on the premise that the future belongs to today’s young people and that young people everywhere can play a major role in making society more sustainable. The exhibition provides the kind of evidence young people need to join the debate about their future. But it’s not prescriptive – it’s an invitation to school and university students to articulate the kind of world they want to live in. WHOLE EARTH? will launch simultaneously in the UK, Scandinavia and Australia.

12 – 30 October

Beneath the Surface
Artwork by members of Art in Minds Foundation (AIMs), marking World Mental Health Day 2015 on Saturday 10 October.

29 September – 29 October
Work is on display in the glass cabinets next to the café.
www.artinminds.org.uk

Worcestershire Landscapes
A Headway Silver Anniversary Event

Celebrating the work of Worcestershire artist David Birtwhistle. Organised by the charity Headway who will be explaining their work with people who have an acquired brain injury during the exhibition.

2 – 8 November

Not all Jam and Jerusalem:
the WI in the two World Wars

Images, artefacts and information about the history of the Women’s Institute Movement, formed 100 years ago by women’s suffrage campaigners to improve the nation’s food supply in WW1.

17 – 22 November

Images of Research
Student research projects creatively explained through a single image. Showcasing the world-leading research activity of The University of Worcester. Part of the Graduate Research School Researcher Development Programme.

3 – 10 December

Cattlemarket Exhibition
History and archaeology of the site of The Hive and the Cattlemarket. Exhibition produced by Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service.

12 – 31 December
A mix of fine films and rare gems, thrillers and humour alongside different and innovative live theatre performances, all screened and performed in The Hive’s intimate studio space.

**Far from the Madding Crowd**
[15] (Runtime: 119 minutes)
A tale of passion, hardships and the choices made in relationships. Stunning natural cinematography by Charlotte Bruus Christensen, a beautiful score by Craig Armstrong and heartfelt performances by the cast. A timeless classic.
**Sunday 13 September, 7.00pm**
Tickets £3.50

**Man Up**
[15] (Runtime: 88 minutes)
Best British rom-com in years starring Simon Pegg and Lake Bell. A cynical but warm observation of the modern dating game with an excellent performance by Bell as she portrays 34 year old Nancy who, when mistaken for a younger blind date, decides to just go for it in the hope of meeting her Mr Right. Hilarious times ensue until Nancy’s deceit is discovered. Will they be able to ‘man-up’ and make a future together?
**Sunday 11 October, 6.00pm**
Tickets £3.50
A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night
[18] (Runtime: 101 Minutes)
Last year at The Hive we “Let the right one in”, this year we go even further and will be screening arguably the “best vampire film ever made” Independent. A Persian tale from multiple award winning director Ana Lily Amirpour tells the troubled story of Arash and the hijab-wearing vampire that stalks the streets of a fictional Iranian town. A stylishly shot black and white film.

**Sunday 1 November**
7.00pm, Tickets £3.50

Get Santa
[U] (Runtime: 102 minutes)
See page 7 for film description.

**Sunday 20 December**
6.00pm, Tickets £3.50

Grandma Remember Me
Written by Belinda Lazenby, presented by AZ2B Theatre Company.
A beautiful story about a special relationship between a Grandma and her Granddaughter. Drawing on the experiences of living with someone with dementia, Grandma Remember Me is a moving story told through a mix of puppetry, drama and storytelling.

“An incredibly powerful play, emotionally compelling, funny and poignant in equal measure.”

**Thursday 15 October**
7.00pm, Tickets £6

For more information about films at The Hive, or to sign up to the mailing list, please email wolib@worcestershire.gov.uk

book tickets online www.thehiveworcester.org
Challenging films about contemporary issues.

**Autumn Season:**

**NHS and big business**

**Privatisation**

**Thursday 17 September**
Doors open at 6.00pm, starts at 6.30pm

Double bill – McLibel *(85mins)*
& A Time Comes *(20min)*

**Thursday 24 September**
Doors open at 6.00pm, starts at 6.30pm

**Sell Off** *(57mins)*

**Thursday 1 October**
Doors open at 6.45pm, starts at 7.15pm

**Autumn Season tickets:**
Standard tickets for WoRFs are £5, concessions £1. Autumn season tickets £10 & £2 for 3 events.

**Winter Season:**

**Another view on democracy**

**The Square**

**Thursday 8 October**
Doors open at 6.45pm, starts at 7.15pm

**The Revolution Will Not Be Televised**

**Thursday 12 November**
Doors open at 6.45pm, starts at 7.15pm

**The Spirit of 45**

**Friday 27 November**
Doors open at 6.45pm, starts at 7.15pm

**It Happened Here**

**Friday 4 December**
Doors open at 6.45pm, starts at 7.15pm

**Winter Season tickets:**
Standard tickets for WoRFs are £5, concessions £1.
Season tickets £15 & £3 for 4 events.

Brought to you with the support of Worcester TUC, Amp Worcs, University of Worcester, Past Pixels and the Tolpuddle Radical Film Festival.

To book tickets visit [www.worfs.org](http://www.worfs.org)
Everyone Who Ever Lived
A performance writing challenge.

For two days, artist in residence Phil Ormrod will sit in the atrium of the Hive, writing without stopping about everything he sees, and the results will appear live on the walls. They might be a sort of hyper-local history, or a script for a play that’s always been happening, or even just a series of songs.

Come along to see what emerges: just by being there, you’ll change it.

9 & 10 October, in the atrium

Volunteering
The Hive is committed to developing, encouraging and supporting volunteer involvement and has a number of volunteer roles available that anyone can apply for.

If you’re a friendly person and you enjoy meeting and helping a wide variety of people, are looking for an opportunity to develop new skills and meet new people, volunteering at The Hive might be something you want to consider.

Each role comes with its own job description which you can look at on the website www.thehiveworcester.org/jobs

If you are interested please send us your application, we are really keen to hear from you.

www.thehiveworcester.org
A range of history and archaeology workshops, breakfast meetings and business events as well as leisure and adult learning courses are available across the year.

Programme contributors include Worcestershire County Council Libraries and Learning Service, Worcestershire Archives and Archaeology Service, the University of Worcester and local businesses.

**Leisure Courses**

**What’s Your Big Idea?**
– help with setting up your own business
8 September – 13 October (6 sessions)
9.30am – 12.30pm. £30

**Women Working It Out!**
– a career MOT for women
11 September – 2 October (4 sessions)
10.00am – 12.00pm. £65

**Acoustic Guitar for Beginners**
11 September – 9 October (5 sessions)
6.30pm – 7.30pm. £30

**Acoustic Guitar for Intermediates**
11 September – 9 October (5 sessions)
7.30pm – 8.30pm. £30

**Mindfulness, Harnessing the Power of Mindful Thinking**
26 September, 10.00am – 3.00pm. £40

**Spanish for Beginners**
5 October – 23 November (7 sessions)
6.00pm – 8.00pm. £65

**Making Soft Toy Robotic Dinosaurs**
“Do-You-Think-He-Saurus?”
10 & 17 October, 10.00am – 4.00pm. £49

**Digital Photography for Beginners**
4 November – 2 December (5 sessions)
10.00am – 12.00pm. £47.50

**Starting a Blog**
7 November – 5 December (5 sessions)
10.00am – 12.00pm. £65
Adult Learning Courses

ESOL (English as a second language) Entry Level 1 & 2, ESOL for Employability and ESOL for Families.
British Sign Language Level 1 & 2.
Computing for improvers.
Basic Maths for keeping up with the children (starts 12 October).
GCSE Maths for keeping up with the children (starts 28 September).

To make a course booking and for details of all Leisure and Adult Learning Programme courses visit the Council website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses. Printed prospectuses are also available in all libraries. There is a cost attached to each course but concessions are available on some courses. Please refer to the website or prospectus for details.

All adult learning courses start the week beginning 14 September unless stated otherwise.

For further enquiries telephone 01905 822722

Business Centre Events

Best Ways to Grow Your Business

Working with local business coaching firm Action Coach, you will gain an understanding of basic strategies to sustainably grow your business. The workshop will provide a number of hints and tips and you will leave with clear goals and tools ready to implement.

**Tuesday 22 September**
4.00pm – 6.00pm.

Business Breakfast
sponsored by Haines Watts

**Tuesday 29 September**
& **Tuesday 24 November**
7.30am – 9.30am

Sales Masterclass
with Stuart Allen

In this session Stuart will challenge many of the preconceptions and myths about selling in a business to business environment. You will learn practical and useable ideas to improve both turnover and profit in your business.

**Tuesday 20 October**, 4.00pm – 6.00pm

UCAS Statement Surgeries

**Saturday 26 September,**
**17 October & 21 November**
9.30am – 11.30am
**Tuesday 27 October**
11.00am – 3.00pm
Book your 30 minute appointment via The Hive website.

book tickets online www.thehiveworcester.org
First steps in Family History
Tuesdays, 1 September, 6 October, 3 November, 1 December
11.30am, £5 per person

First steps in House History
Tuesdays, 1 September, 6 October, 3 November, 1 December
10.00am, £5 per person

Home Front Legacy Day School
Part of a UK wide project helping communities record and map our First World War sites.
5 September, 10.30am – 4.00pm

Starting Family History
Tuesday 29 September & 6 October
10.00am – 12.30pm
Saturday 10 & 17 October
10.00am – 12.30pm. £15

Explore House History
Saturday 3 October
10.00am – 1.00pm. £10

Exploring Ancestry.co.uk
Ancestry is one of the best family history websites. Workshops focus on researching family history using the website. Participants should be familiar with computers and the internet.

All Ancestry workshops are £6 and must be booked in advance.

Starting Ancestry – The Census
Thursday 8 October
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Further Ancestry – Beyond the Census
Thursday 15 October
2.00pm - 4.00pm

What’s new on Ancestry.co.uk
Thursday 22 October
2.00pm - 4.00pm

WWI in the Archives
Workshop highlighting what you can discover within our collections, including researching soldiers on war memorials.
Friday 6 November
10.00am – 12.30pm. £8

book tickets online www.thehiveworcester.org
Not all Jam and Jerusalem Activity Day
Watch re-enactments of early Women’s Institute (WI) meetings, enjoy some of the activities that WI’s undertook in wartime such as knitting and needlework. Take part in evacuation surveys, swap wartime recipes, join a pig-club, plan the post-war world or your ideal home and help construct a virtual quilt.
**Wednesday 18 November**
10.00am – 4.00pm
Booking essential.

Behind the Scenes Tour
What happens behind the scenes of Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service? Watch our conservator in action, handle archaeological artefacts found in the county, and see documents such as Shakespeare’s marriage bond and a letter from the Titanic.
**Wednesday 18 November**
2.00pm – 3.30pm. £5 per person

Worcestershire Women’s Institutes
**Friday 20 November**
How to research your WI’s History
10.30am – 12:00pm
How to look after and preserve your WI’s records and archives
1.30pm – 3.00pm
Booking essential.

Child Development Talks
with Mary Nolan, Professor of Perinatal Education
**Tuesday 29 September:**
Getting through the challenges of becoming a parent.
**Tuesday 27 October:**
Helping your baby become a happy and healthy child.
**Tuesday 24 November:**
What to expect in the first year of your baby’s life.
**Tuesday 15 December:**
Why babies love stories.
10.30am – 11.30am, £3 per person

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Season’s Highlights at a glance

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24 September, 6.00pm
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26 September
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UCAS Statement Surgery

26 September
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29 September
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Business breakfast

29 September – 29 October
Beneath the Surface exhibition

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Getting through the challenges of becoming a parent

29 September & 6 October
10.00 – 12.30pm
Starting Family History

**October**

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Sell Off – WoRFs

3 October
10.00 – 1.00pm
Explore House History

4 – 31 October
World Wide Picture Book Competition

5 October – 23 November
Spanish for beginners

10 & 17 October
10.00 – 12.30pm
Starting Family History

7 October, 6.00pm
Mental Wellbeing: strategies for maintaining mood and wellbeing

8 October, 10.30 – 12.00
Young at Art

8 October, 2.00 – 4.00pm
Starting Ancestry

8 October, 6.45pm
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9 & 10 October
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10, 17 & 24 October
10.30am & 11.30am
Stories on the Island

10 & 17 October
Making soft toys workshop

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It happened here – WoRFs

5 December
10.00 – 1.00pm
Lantern making workshops

5 & 6 December
11.00am & 3.00pm
Rat-a-tat Tales

10 December, 6.00pm
Lantern Parade

12 December
10.30 – 3.30pm
Elizabethan Decoration Making

12, 13, 19 & 20 December
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Why babies love stories

13 – 31 December
Cattlemarket exhibition

20 December, 6.00pm
Get Santa (U) – film

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As well as our special events we have activities, workshops, courses and drop-in sessions for babies, children, young adults and adults that take place throughout the year.
**Babies & Toddlers**

**Wacky Wednesdays**  
**Every Wednesday**  
1.30pm – 3.00pm  
A fun and FREE interactive parent and child session for preschool children aged between 0-5 years organised by Worcester Children’s Centre.

**Baby Bounce and Rhyme**  
**Every Friday**  
11.00am – 11.30am  
Fun and friendly Baby Bounce and Rhyme sessions aimed at 0-1-year-olds and their parents and carers.

**Baby Latte Worcester**  
**Every Friday**  
11.30am – 12.30pm  
Meet other mums in a relaxed, child-friendly setting. Come along to Baby Latte Worcester for breastfeeding support and information.

**Children**

**Bounce and Rhyme**  
**Every Tuesday**  
10.00am – 10:30am  
Fun and friendly music-making sessions for pre-school children (1-4 years) and their parents and carers.

**Chatterbooks**  
**Monthly, every second Monday**  
4.30pm – 5.45pm  
Book chats, fun literary games and activities and the opportunity to discover new books and authors. Suitable for children aged 8-12 years.

**Drama Club**  
**Every Wednesday**  
4.00pm – 5.00pm  
Drama games and activities for 5-7-year-olds. Organised by University of Worcester staff and students. £2 per week. Just turn up. Email discover@worc.ac.uk for more information.

**Rat-a-tat Tales**  
**Every Saturday & Sunday, Wednesdays during school holidays**  
11.00am & 3.00pm  
Listen out for the rat-a-tat in the children’s library. Storytime is about to begin... Interactive stories suited to children aged 6 and under – but great fun for those with a big kid inside.

Activities are free unless stated otherwise.

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Young People

It’s not all about reading, there are monthly Open Mic nights and regular gaming sessions as well as a good selection of DVD’s and games to borrow. Of course we hope you’ll pick up a book or two from our extensive teen collection as well while you are here!

Chapter 5 Teen Book Club
Second Thursday of every month –
25 September, 30 October,
27 November, 18 December
7.00pm – 8.00pm, 13-17 years

Come along and join in with lively discussions about a variety of books. Members also help display, buy and promote books, write reader reviews and recommend reads on Pinterest.

Open Mic Night
Last Friday of every month –
25 September, 30 October,
27 November, 18 December
6.00pm – 8.00pm, 12-18 years

Showcase your own music, poetry or dance... just come as you are! Book your act in: WoLib@worcestershire.gov.uk or ask about our members’ Facebook page.

Young Writers’ Group
Saturdays – 12 September,
17 October, 14 November
& 12 December
2.00pm – 4.00pm, 12-16 years

Be inspired and explore all sorts of creative writing. Booking advised. Email: joanne@writingwestmidlands.org www.writingwestmidlands.org

book tickets online www.thehiveworcester.org
Job seeking and IT support, adult readers’ groups, help with reading, and health walks are just some of the opportunities on offer to develop new skills, meet new people and get the most out of the facilities and resources available at The Hive.

Job Seeking Support
Staff and volunteers are on hand to support you with your job searching. Sign up to MyWorkSearch and be the first to hear about the latest job opportunities.

IT Support
Our Digital Champion volunteers are available Monday – Friday 10.00am – 3.00pm to help with your basic IT queries. Any member of staff can call a Digital Champion on your behalf.

Job Club
Every Wednesday
2.30pm - 4.00pm
Drop in session offering help with your job search: writing a CV, covering letters, using the internet and sending emails.

Computer Basics
Mondays 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Thursdays 10.00am – 11.00am
FREE 6 week course covering first steps of working online. Course places bookable in advance.

Health Walks
Every Wednesday
Start time 10.30am
Walks are from 30 minutes up to an hour. All walks are on the flat and tarmac paths. All ages and abilities welcome. Meet in The Hive entrance. No booking necessary.
For more information call 01905 766155

Creative Writers’ Group
Mondays – 14 September, 12 October, 9 November, 7 December, 7.00 – 9.00pm
Monthly two hour meeting to share work in an informal and friendly setting and gain supportive feedback from those attending. Aimed at experienced writers or writers at the very beginning of their writing journey. Space is limited so you do need to reserve a place.

Craft Group
Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Starting 1 September, 5.30 – 7.30 pm. No booking required
Informal knitting, crochet and assorted yarn-based craft group.
Readers’ Groups

Adult Reading Group

**Monthly, every third Monday**
5.30pm – 6.30pm

Friendly reader group. No booking required, just drop in and join us.

**September** – Far From the Madding Crowd, Thomas Hardy

**October** – The Unknown Bridesmaid, Margaret Forster

**November** – The Children Act, Ian McEwan

**December** – Noah’s Compass, Anne Tyler

**Help with reading**

Worcestershire’s libraries offer one-to-one help with reading for adults who have little or no reading skills and are keen to improve them. Contact 01905 728537 for more information.

**New Chapter – Reading Group**

*(For adults with mild-moderate learning disabilities)*

**Twice monthly** (every other Monday), 10.30am – 11.30am

The group looks at and discusses picture books designed for adults, with each member encouraged to contribute to the story by interpreting the pictures. The group is free to attend and new members are always welcome.

**Dementia Aloud**

**Fortnightly** from Tuesday 22 September, 10.30am – 11.30am

A reading group for people with dementia. Read along, or listen, to some wonderful poems and book extracts. Take part in discussion as much or as little as you want. Family, friends, carers welcome to come along and join in.
Home Choice Plus Surgeries

Home Choice Plus is a web based system enabling people to register and be considered for properties that become available on a weekly basis.

Home Choice Plus Surgeries are run from The Hub at The Hive every **Tuesday 9.30am – 12.00pm**.

Licensing Surgeries

**Worcestershire Hub, every Tuesday** 11.30am – 1.00pm **and Thursday** 1.30pm – 3.00pm

For advice on taxi/private hire licensing and all other licensing issues regulated by Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

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Making a booking

Tickets and seat reservations for all of the events detailed in this brochure can now be purchased online through The Hive website: [www.thehiveworcester.org/whats-on](http://www.thehiveworcester.org/whats-on)

For Explore the Past workshop enquiries – email: [explorethepast@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:explorethepast@worcestershire.gov.uk) tel: 01905 766352 or visit the Explore the Past desk on Level 2.

For all other enquiries – email: [hiveadminteam@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:hiveadminteam@worcestershire.gov.uk) tel:01905 765576
Opening Times

**The Hive**
8.30am – 10.00pm
Monday – Sunday
Please refer to The Hive website for Bank Holiday closures.

**Worcestershire Hub**
(also in The Hive)
9.00am – 5.00pm
Monday – Friday
Tel: 01905 822866

Please check The Hive website for the Archive and Archaeology Service opening times.

**Café**
8.30am – 9.00pm
Monday – Sunday
Selection of hot and cold snacks and drinks.

Access Information
The Hive is fully accessible to wheelchair users, mobility scooters and pushchairs. In addition to the main entrance the building can be accessed via an external lift on The Butts and via glass doors at the rear of the building on level 0. There is ramp access to all areas on each floor and lifts give access to all five public floors within the building.

Please note the information in this guide was correct at the time of going to print.

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