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# History of Magic Events



## HARRY POTTER: HISTORY OF MAGIC EXHIBITION

Run extended until 31 January

Open during library opening hours

Let's Talk Space, Granville Street

Journey to where magic and myth began with Harry Potter: A History of Magic. Have you ever wanted to delve into Divination, ponder the peculiarities of Potions and discover magical creatures? Now you can! In partnership with the British Library, the Mitchell Library is capturing the traditions of folklore and magic at the heart of the Harry Potter stories. We're delving deep into our collections to bring a display of magical treasures and tales, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the publication of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. The regional displays feature images from JK Rowling's archive and the British Library's collection and has been created in association through the Living Knowledge Network, an innovative partnership with 21 major libraries across the UK. Join in the conversation #BLHarryPotter.

Catch up on the other lectures in the Harry Potter: History of Magic series at the Let's Talk Space every Tuesday and Thursday in January at 2pm and 6pm.



## THE HOGWARTS CURRICULUM LECTURES: HISTORY OF MAGIC WITH DR IRVING FINKEL

Saturday 13 January, 2–3.15pm

Let's Talk Space

Places are limited, please book at Granville Street reception desk or at [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

Forget troll rebellions and learn the real history of ancient magic with the British Museum's Dr Irving Finkel, as he unveils the historic practices of Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia.

This is a live screening in association with the British Museum and the British Library.



## SCOTTISH WITCHES

Tuesday 16 January, 6–7pm

Let's Talk Space

If you liked Harry Potter: A History of Magic, you'll love this intriguing pop-up display featuring items from our Special Collections which shed light on the Scottish witch trials in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries.



## THE HOGWARTS CURRICULUM LECTURES: DEFENCE AGAINST THE DARK ARTS WITH CHRISTOPHER FRAYLING

Tuesday 23 January, 6–7.30pm

Lef's Talk Space

Places are limited, please book at Granville Street reception desk or at [Eventbrite.co.uk](http://Eventbrite.co.uk)

Join us for a recorded broadcast from the British Library in London. History contains no Death Eaters, but plenty of vampires! Cultural historian Christopher Frayling explores the history and myths surrounding these bloodsucking fiends over the centuries and gives a lesson on the various methods of protecting ourselves. How has their appearance changed? What are their weaknesses? And how have they been appropriated by the Gothic imagination?

## FROM THE RIPLEY SCROLL TO HARRY POTTER

Monday 22 January, 2.30-3.30pm

Lef's Talk Space

How do you curate an exhibition about the history of magic when you have 3000 years' worth of material to choose from? Join the British Library's Julian Harrison, curator of Harry Potter: A History of Magic, to learn how the exhibition was put together.

This will be a live screening in association with the British Library.



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## TWILIGHT TOUR OF THE SECRET LIBRARY

Thursday 25 January, Tour 1: 5pm, Tour 2: 5.45pm

Places are limited, please book at Granville Street reception desk or on [Eventbrite.co.uk](http://Eventbrite.co.uk)

Meet at the Harry Potter: History of Magic Exhibition at Granville Street

A glimpse behind the scenes in our stack area – the Mitchell's secret library – where many of the items in our Harry Potter exhibition normally live!

Please note the tour is not suitable for those with mobility issues.

## HARRY POTTER TEAM QUIZ

Thursday 25 January, 7.15–10pm

Tickets: £5 per person\*, book at Granville Street reception desk or at [Eventbrite.co.uk](http://Eventbrite.co.uk).

(Small fee applies to Eventbrite bookings)

Lef's Talk Space, Granville Street

Could you pick Hermione's wand out of a line up? We are armed with questions from the experts at Pottermore for this finale event of our exhibition



before it moves to its new location. Test your knowledge of JK Rowling's wizarding world, see how you fare against our curator's conundrum and win some brilliant prizes! Teams can be a maximum of six members and everyone needs a ticket. In association with Pottermore and The British Library.

\*Ticket price includes a glass of wine or juice.

**All events are FREE and drop in unless otherwise stated.**

# History and Heritage



## GLASGOW SCRAPBOOKS - DISPLAY

Monday 8 January – Friday 30 March

Level 5 Foyer

Don't miss this chance to see some rare items from Special Collections' range of scrapbooks relating to Glasgow. Many refer to bygone buildings, events and local worthies. The scrapbooks contain some unique illustrations and offer interesting perspectives on the city's social history.



## ST MUNGO FESTIVAL WEEK

### THE STORY OF ST MUNGO

Saturday 13 January, 11.30am-12.15pm

Granville Street Foyer

Hear the story of St Mungo in words and song on the anniversary of his death and his feast day.

### GLASGOW'S EARLY HISTORY – TRANSITION FROM CHURCH TO BURGH DISPLAY

13 January–28

February, during

Archives opening hours

Level 5 (Archives  
Searchroom)



A display from the City Archives collection showing the changes in how Glasgow was governed and the impact of the 1560 Reformation.

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## SPRIT OF REVOLT – ARCHIVES OF DISSENT SHOW AND TELL - DISPLAY

Monday 12 February, 12–2pm

Blythswood Room

Limited places, please book on 0141 287 2999 or at Granville Street reception desk

The Natives Are Revolting – over 40 years of organising & direct action in Castlemilk and beyond. A display of material from the John Cooper Collection. John Cooper and Paula Larkin (Project Archivist) will be on hand to answer any questions and inform the session.

## IRISH AND THE POOR LAW - TALK

Thursday 15 February, 6–7pm

Blythswood Room

Limited places, please book on 0141 287 2999 or at Granville Street reception desk



Talk by Dr Irene O'Brien on Irish applicants for poor relief in Glasgow and West of Scotland. Suitable for family historians and those with an interest in their ancestors' experience of the system.



## SQUARE MILE OF MURDER - ACTIVITY

Tuesday 6 March, 6–7.30pm

Old Glasgow Room (meet at North Street reception).

Places are limited, please book on 0141 287 2999 or at Granville Street reception desk.

Join The Mitchell's librarians and archivists to explore resources relating to four notorious cases that took place in Glasgow's historical 'square mile of murder'.

# Mitchell Open Tours

Tuesdays 16 January, 13 February, 20 March; Thursdays 22 February, 15 March, 2:30–3:30pm

Places are limited, book at Granville Street reception desk or call 0141 287 2999.

Meet in the Let's Talk Space at Granville Street entrance.

Join us on our fascinating tours behind the scenes of the famous Mitchell Library. We can also offer tailored tours for groups, please call to discuss.

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# Business @ The Mitchell

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Business @ The Mitchell deliver a series of workshops and one-to-one sessions to help you get the most out of our Business resources. All workshops take place in Business @ The Mitchell on Level 1 unless otherwise stated.

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Places are limited on these workshops so to secure your place, please phone 0141 287 2904 or email

**business@glasgowlife.org.uk.**

Alternatively, contact us to arrange an appointment.

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More information can be found at [glasgowlife.org.uk/businessinfo](http://glasgowlife.org.uk/businessinfo) or on [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk).

## RESOURCES FOR BUSINESS START-UP

Tuesdays 16 January, 13 February, 13 March,  
3–4pm

This workshop will explain how to make the best use of FREE access to COBRA (Complete Business Reference Adviser) and premium market research resources.

## A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Wednesdays 17 January, 14 February, 14 March,  
3–4pm

An understanding of Intellectual Property (IP) and its protection is important for anyone with a business idea. This session will give you the knowledge to identify the IP assets contained within your business and how best to protect them.

## MINT UK: HOW TO CREATE TARGETED SALES AND MARKETING LISTS

Wednesday 24 January, 14 February, 7 March,  
3–4pm

Looking for marketing leads? Then register for our free Mint Workshop, with instruction in using the Mint database to obtain b2b marketing lists especially tailored to your needs.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CLINIC

Mondays 15 January, 19 February, 3–6pm

In partnership with Creation IP Ltd we are offering a free 30 minute appointment for you to discuss your ideas, products, designs and brands with a CIPA registered patent attorney.

We also host bookable workshops and one-to-one sessions run by our partners:

## BUSINESS GATEWAY

Start-up Awareness

Saturday 13 January, 1.30-3.30pm

Stirling Room

Support for business start up and growth  
Visit [www.bgateway.com/local-offices/glasgow/events](http://www.bgateway.com/local-offices/glasgow/events) for upcoming workshop dates and to reserve your free place.

## JOBS & BUSINESS GLASGOW

Social Enterprise Start-Up Sessions

Tuesdays 23 January, 20 February, 20 March,  
2–5pm

Stirling Room

To book email [enterprise@jbg.org.uk](mailto:enterprise@jbg.org.uk) or phone 0141 274 3333.



# Family History

All sessions are free to attend but places are limited, please book by calling 0141 287 2999 or ask at the Granville Street reception desk.



## LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR FAMILY HISTORY

Tuesday 30 January, Wednesday 28 February,  
Thursday 29 March, 2.30–3.45pm

Family History Centre, Special Collections, Level 5

An introduction to print and online resources for family history beginners.

## FAMILY HISTORY ADVICE

Wednesday 17 January, Tuesday 13 February,  
Thursday 15 March, 2–4pm

Family History Centre, Special Collections, Level 5

Book a 30-minute session with one of our Librarians – suitable for those with family history experience.

## IRISH FAMILY HISTORY ADVICE SESSIONS

Wednesday 7 February, Thursday 1 March,  
2–4pm

Archives Searchroom, Level 5

Need advice on researching your Irish Family History? Why not book a 15 minute session with one of our archivists?

## ARCHIVES SOURCES FOR FAMILY HISTORY

Thursday 1 February, 2–4pm  
Blythswood Room

A friendly introduction by one of the City Archivists to the unique sources in the Archives for family history research. Suitable for family history beginners.

## INTRODUCTION TO ANCESTRY

Tuesday 6 March, 2–3.30pm

Level 3 Learning Suite.

Find out about the family histories of various people whose scrapbooks are in our collection.



# Hurricane Book Club

## Season 3

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First meeting on Thursday 22 February, 6–7pm

Fairfield Room

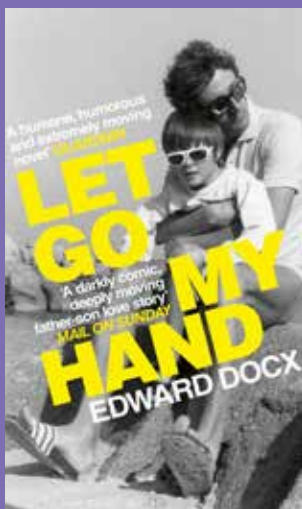
For more information and to register: [libcat.csglasgow.org/web/arena/bookgroup](http://libcat.csglasgow.org/web/arena/bookgroup)

Glasgow Libraries and Orkney Library & Archive are delighted to welcome Falkirk Community Trust Libraries for the third season of the popular Twitter book club – The Hurricane Book Club.

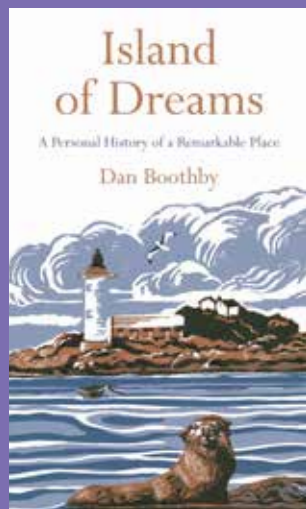
The Hurricane Book Club runs January to June 2018, with three titles specially selected by Picador's Senior Commissioning Editor Kris Doyle:



**Girl in Snow** by **Danya Kukafka** – a major American debut about the mysterious death of a small-town golden girl and the secret lives of three people connected to her.



**Let Go My Hand** by **Edward Docx** – a brilliant, darkly funny and deeply moving novel about a dysfunctional family and their final chance to fix things.



**Island of Dreams** by **Dan Boothby** – an intensely personal memoir about the search for home.

Readers anywhere can follow and participate in the discussion on Glasgow Libraries Twitter @GlasgowLib, Orkney Library's award-winning Twitter account @orkneylibrary, Falkirk Community Trust Libraries @LibFalkirk and #HurricaneBookClub.

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# Let's Talk

## MITCHELL CODING CLUB

Wednesdays 10 January, 7 February, 7 March,  
6-7.30pm

Let's Talk Space, Granville Street

Places are limited, please book on  
0141 287 2929 or at [Eventbrite.co.uk](http://Eventbrite.co.uk)

Learn everything you need to become a great programmer in a fun and social environment. The sessions are suitable for 8-14 years and no previous coding experience is necessary. If you would prefer to bring your own laptop along please sign up for a ticket with a laptop.

## NEW - AUTHOR WATCH!

This is your chance to discover a new (often local) author in our informal free sessions in the Let's Talk Space at Granville Street.

For this season:

Liam Leddy on his novels and short story collections  
18 January, 6-7pm

Gail McPartland on *Code 998*  
25 January, 6-7pm

Jerry Brannigan on *Robert Burns in Edinburgh*  
15 February, 6-7pm

John Rankin on *A Bear Named Boris*  
22 February, 6-7pm

Get more information at  
[glasgowlife.org.uk/whatson](http://glasgowlife.org.uk/whatson).

## #mitchellcurious



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## #MITCHELLCURIOUS

Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday,  
12.30-12.45pm

Let's Talk Space at Granville Street

Each week we'll bring out some unique items from our rich and varied collections. Reflecting the constantly changing world events, social conditions, technological advancements and cultural ideas since The Mitchell opened in 1877, our collections cover books, photographs, maps, journals, music scores and historical documents.

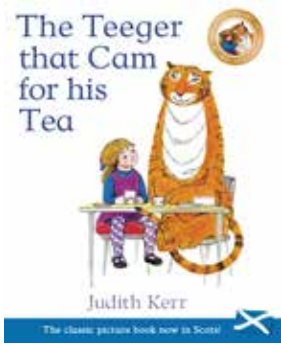
Come along and find out about some of the marvellous and often quirky items we have stored behind the scenes – what will you discover each time?

Look for #MitchellCurious on the Glasgow Libraries Twitter feed or get daily listings for the Let's Talk programme at [events.glasgowlife.org.uk](http://events.glasgowlife.org.uk).

## NEW SELF-ISSUE SERVICE IN LEISURE AND LIFESTYLE SECTION

Take time out to relax, browse and read for pleasure in our Leisure and Lifestyle Section. Our new self-issue machine offers a streamlined experience for customers and gives our staff time to help you get the most out of your visit. Why not find out more about our e-products, what's happening in Let's Talk or get a recommendation for your next great read?

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# aye write!

Glasgow's Book Festival

## AYE WRITE! 2018 – GLASGOW'S BOOK FESTIVAL

15–25 March

Aye Write! is back for another bumper year of all things literature, politics, crime, memoir and more. Appearing this year will be Sir James MacMillan, Kathleen Jamie, Cameron McNeish, Susie Orbach, Tim Marshall, Peggy Seeger and Stuart Cosgrove. The full programme will be announced in early January and you can get tickets at [ayewrite.com](http://ayewrite.com)

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Susie Orbach  
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Sir James MacMillan  
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# wee write!

Glasgow's Book Festival  
for Children & Young People

## WEE WRITE! 2018 FAMILY DAYS

Glasgow's Book Festival for Children and Young People

3–4 March

Looking for a fun day out for the little bookworms in your life? Fire their imaginations at the Wee Write! Family Days - a weekend of creative, literary fun on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 March! There will be a fantastic mix of children's authors, illustrators and storytellers, plus theatre shows, puppets and lots more!

We're really looking forward to *The Teeger that Cam for his Tea*, the fantastic, brand new Scots language edition of this children's classic by Judith Kerr.

The free Wee Write! Schools Programme takes place 1-9 March.

Look out for the full programme from mid-January, with details on how you can donate to support children's reading and literacy through the Wee Write! Reading and Literacy Fund.

[weewrite.com](http://weewrite.com)