

Welcome to The Master’s House spring season

Once again we have a wonderful selection of events and activities to offer all our visitors. Our collaboration with The Courtyard, Hereford has brought us the **Cabinet of Curiosity** and the **Reading Room**, both lovely opportunities to be inspired and get creative. **Our translation project** has been completed and the upcoming exhibition in March will reveal the participants’ hard work translating The Master’s House leaflets into different languages. It’s also our 2nd birthday 9th March so come and join the Friends and the staff for some birthday cake!

Have a look through the brochure and put some dates in your diary; come and visit, get involved, be inspired!

Get in touch at:
ledburylibrary@herefordshire.gov.uk

Events are free unless otherwise stated.
Please check if you need to book, you will be asked for your ticket at the event.
Children under 8 years old must be supervised at all times.
Event details are correct at time of going to print.

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Opening Times	
Monday	9:30am - 4:30pm
Tuesday	9:30am - 6:00pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9:30am - 4:30pm
Friday	9:30am - 4:30pm
Saturday	9:30am - 12:30pm
Sunday	Closed

Booking & tickets
Call: 01432 383499
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The Master’s House Ledbury

Activities & Events
February - May 2017



Library • Culture • Community

Monday 23 January - Saturday 4 February
Library opening hours
Exhibition - Herefordshire History
Herefordshire History is a digitisation project run by Herefordshire Libraries that brings together material from our libraries, archives and museum collections. This exhibition will showcase a selection of the images and materials available online that illustrates the history of Herefordshire people. The website includes photographs, historic maps, postcards, posters, school logbooks and letters from across the county. www.herefordshirehistory.org.uk

Free

Saturday 4 February
10am - 12 noon
Ledbury Young Writers’ Group
Professional writer and poet, Sara-Jane Arbury, leads a young writers’ group to explore creative writing in a fun and imaginative way. Come and think about crafty characters and beginnings, middles and ends - you’re sure to be inspired! Booking is essential, visit www.writingwestmidlands.org to reserve a place. Suitable for 9 - 14 year olds.

£6 per session

Tuesday 7 February
4.45pm - 5.45pm
Ledbury Readers’ Group
A friendly readers’ group held in Ledbury Library. No booking required, just drop in and join us and books will be provided. This month we’ll be discussing *Three Men in a Boat* by Jerome K. Jerome.

Free

Friday 10 February
11am - 12.30pm
A Good Read? Readers’ Group
A good read, or not a good read? Bring along a book you’ve read, share your thoughts and perhaps a short snippet from the book, in this friendly and informal readers’ group. Second Friday of each month. The perfect way to get some new reading inspiration.

Free



Saturday 11 February
10am - 12.30pm
Landscape of the Imagination
Beginning in November 2016, this series of workshops continues through into the spring, exploring the relationship between poetry and nature. Inspired by Ledbury’s beautiful natural and historic environment, creations from the course will be shared in an exhibition 27 May - 10 June 2017. To find out more about the workshops, please ask at Ledbury Library or contact rachel.lambert@herefordshire.gov.uk

£5 per session

Thursday 16 February
11am - 1pm
Cabinet of Curiosity - Family workshop
Come and see The Courtyard’s Cabinet of Curiosity and make your own poems in this family workshop. Inspired by collections of strange and curious objects gathered from across the globe by early explorers, this project invites you to delve into our very own cabinet of curiosities and imagine the purpose and past of these intriguing items.

Free tickets

LEDBURY POETRY SALONS
Thursday 16 February
7pm - 9pm
Ledbury Poetry Salon - Featured poet Pia Tafdrup and Open Mic
Pia Tafdrup in conversation with Herefordshire poet in residence Fiona Sampson. Pia Tafdrup is one of Denmark’s leading poets and has received the Nordic Literature Prize - Scandinavia’s most prestigious literary award. She has published three collections with Bloodaxe Books including most recently *Salamander Sun And Other Poems*. www.poetry-festival.co.uk

£5 (on the door)

Saturday 18 February
10am - 12 noon
Cabinet of Curiosity - Young Writers’ workshop
Come and see The Courtyard’s Cabinet of Curiosity and make your own poems in this young writers’ workshop. Inspired by collections of strange and curious objects gathered from across the globe by early explorers, this project invites you to imagine the purpose and past of these intriguing items. Suitable for 9 - 14 year olds.

Free tickets

Tuesday 21 February
2pm - 4.30pm
Landscape of the Imagination
A series of poetry and drawing workshops. See main feature for details.

£5 per session

Monday 27 February
6.30pm - 8pm
Tickets / donations gratefully received
Master’s House Tour
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Tuesday 7 March
2pm - 4pm
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£5 per session

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Free

LEDBURY POETRY SALONS
Tuesday 7 March
7pm - 9pm
Ledbury Poetry Salon - Featured poet Nichola Deane and Open Mic
Trieste by Nichola Deane is one of the Laureate’s Choice series of pamphlets, chosen by Carol Ann Duffy and published by The Poetry Business. Nichola Deane was born in Bolton and now lives in Warwickshire. “Nichola Deane’s poems leave me with the very distinct feeling that what we have here is the work of a future English Elizabeth Bishop-sculptured, vocal and beautiful”. (Douglas Dunn) www.poetry-festival.co.uk. Ledbury Poetry Festival at The Master’s House is supported by Herefordshire Libraries.

£5 (on the door)

Friday 10 March
11am - 12.30pm **Free**
A Good Read? Readers’ Group
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Saturday 11 March - Friday 24 March
Library opening times **Free**
Exhibition - Cabinet of Curiosity
This exhibition will share the curious objects and the poems inspired by them from The Courtyard’s Cabinet of Curiosity workshops. These workshops were held at The Master’s House, local schools and residential care homes, to imagine the purpose and past of these intriguing items.

Wednesday 15 March
10am - 11.30am **Tickets / donations gratefully received**
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Saturday 25 March
10am - 12.30pm **£5 per session**
Landscape of the Imagination
A series of poetry and drawing workshops. See main feature for details.

Thursday 30 March - Saturday 15 April
Library opening times **Free**
Exhibition - Translate The Master’s House
To celebrate the culmination of the Translation Project at The Master’s House, join us for an exhibition of the translated materials produced and an open access interactive timeline of the key events happening across Europe. Over the past five months, volunteers from across the county have come together to translate The Master’s House leaflet into different languages. From Welsh to Spanish and from French to Polish, this exhibition is a celebration of all the languages spoken, read and written within Herefordshire’s boundaries and places the history of The Master’s House into the context of wider European events over the centuries.

Tuesday 4 April
10am - 12 noon **Free tickets**
An Absolute Beginners’ Guide to Tablets
Get started on a tablet in this two hour beginners’ workshop. Learn simple computer skills, including how to use the internet, and pick up plenty of tips. Tablets will be provided or you can bring your own. Booking is essential.

Tuesday 4 April
4.45pm - 5.45pm **Free**
Ledbury Readers’ Group
A friendly readers’ group held in Ledbury Library. No booking required, just drop in and join us and books will be provided. This month we’ll be discussing *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck.

Tuesday 4 April
7pm - 8.30pm **Tickets £3**
Herefordshire in the Great War - talk by Bill Laws
Herefordian author and historian, Bill Laws, talks about his latest book *Herefordshire’s Home Front in the First World War* with a focus on Ledbury and the surrounding area. His book reveals how the king turned former chauffeur George Butcher into England’s most famous ploughman; the gaoling of plucky Welsh munitioneer Elsie Abel who saved the Rotherwas National Filling Factory from an explosion; the fate of the German mistress Mary Bernstein and her child caught hiding in Hereford; and the wounded Orcop soldier given his family home by public subscription. This is the story of Herefordshire at home during the Great War.



LEDBURY POETRY SALONS
Thursday 6 April
7pm - 9pm **£5 (on the door)**
Ledbury Poetry Salon - Rhiannon Hooson and Open Mic
Rhiannon Hooson's debut collection is *The Other City*, published by Seren. She was born in Mid Wales and now lives in the Welsh marches after time spent living in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. “This is a beguiling debut.” (Graham Mort)



Tuesday 11 April
10am - 12 noon **Free drop-in**
Mythical Monster Masks and Storytime
Become a beastly mythical monster in this family workshop. Create your own mythical monster mask, draw a page for the library’s *Monster Book of Monsters*, and listen to some stories for plenty of inspiration. Suitable for little monsters under 9 years old.

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Monday 17 April
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Tuesday 25 April
2pm - 4.30pm **£5 per session**
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Wednesday 26 April
10am - 11.30am **Tickets / donations gratefully received**
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Tuesday 2 May
10am - 12 noon **£5 per session**
Shakespeare’s Love’s Labour’s Lost – Reading Room session
The Courtyards' highly successful play reading group, Reading Room, comes to Ledbury Library for a three session special. Explore this comedy about young love on the page and the stage with theatre practitioner Toni Cook. Committing to a life of study and self-improvement for three years, the King and his friends pledge to avoid all thoughts of women. But the Princess of France and her three ladies-in-waiting arrive, and the King and his men struggle to keep their promise. A series of three workshops getting to grips with Shakespeare's text, crossed wires, and love letters. Booking is essential.

Tuesday 2 May
4.45pm - 5.45pm **Free**
Ledbury Readers’ Group
A friendly readers’ group held in Ledbury Library. No booking required, just drop in and join us and books will be provided. This month we’ll be discussing *Breathing Lessons* by Anne Tyler.

Saturday 6 May
10am - 12.30pm **£5 per session**
Landscape of the Imagination
A series of poetry and drawing workshops. See main feature for details.

Tuesday 9 May
10am - 12 noon **£5 per session**
Shakespeare’s Love’s Labour’s Lost – Reading Room session
A series of three workshops looking at characters from Shakespeare's comedy *Love’s Labour’s Lost*. Run by The Courtyard, Hereford. See main feature for details.

Friday 12 May
11am - 12.30pm **Free**
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Saturday 13 May
10am - 12.30pm **£5 per session**
Landscape of the Imagination
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Tuesday 16 May
10am - 12 noon **£5 per session**
Shakespeare’s Love’s Labour’s Lost – Reading Room session
A series of three workshops looking at characters from Shakespeare's comedy *Love’s Labour’s Lost*. Run by The Courtyard, Hereford. See main feature for details.

Saturday 20 May
10am - 12 noon **£6 per session**
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Wednesday 24 May
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Saturday 27 May - Saturday 10 June
Library opening hours **Free**
Exhibition - Landscape of the Imagination
An exhibition to showcase the beautiful work created during the Landscape of the Imagination course. Run over the last eight months at The Master’s House, this series of workshops has been inspired by Ledbury’s beautiful natural and historic environments, and the town’s connections with poetry.

Tuesday 30 May
10am - 12 noon **Free drop-in**
Terracotta Gargoyles
Come and get crafty with clay and create a terracotta gargoyle in this family workshop. Eastnor Pottery returns to The Master’s House with this popular session. Will your gargoyle be giggling, gorgeous or gruesome?



The Friends of The Master’s House

welcome requests for private tours.
Please get in touch via their website themastershouseledbury.org to arrange a booking. All we ask for is a donation that goes directly towards funding future heritage events and activities in the building.

