WordUP! Festival of Words Programme

Saturday 23rd June 10am-5pm *in Frome, Somerset*

Please note

The WordUp Festival of Words can be a busy place so please stay with your children for their safety and that of others. This is a family event so we ask that an adult accompanies children under 12 at all festival events and activities. We maintain a Safeguarding policy but cannot act in loco parentis during the festival.

Please be aware that the WordUp team may be filming and photographing this event, please speak to a member of WordUp staff if you do not wish to be photographed.

10:00-11:00am / 1:00-2:00pm / 3:30-4:30pm

WordUP Street Art

Graffiti art with graffiti artist Tom Sturgess

@ CHEESE & GRAIN

Come and join local artist Tom Sturgess in painting a large-scale community themed street art / graffiti mural. You can expect to learn; the safest and most effective ways of using aerosol paint, work collaboratively with people of all ages and abilities, and make your mark on a piece of work that will remain on display at the Cheese and Grain in Frome.

Suitable for ages 5+

10:00-11:00am

'In These Shoes'

Writing workshop with workshop leader Crysse Morrison

@ARCHANGEL

What's in a shoe? Join veteran workshop leader, Crysse Morrison, in an exciting workshop exploring the stories that shoes can tell. Daps, boots, flip-flops, baby-booties, slingbacks - they all have memories and stories to tell... come along and see what's afoot!

Suitable for young adults & adults

10:00-5:00pm

Not Bored Games

@CORDERO LOUNGE

Board games and word fun with the family – bring your own or use ours.

Suitable for all ages

10:30-11:15am / 1:30-2:15pm

'The Last Chip' Author Book Reading

Storytime & art session with author and illustrator Duncan Beedie

@HUNTING RAVEN

Drawing and pigeon-related silliness. You bet we're in! Join celebrated children's author, Duncan Beedie, for a reading of his latest picture book 'The Last Chip' with lots of ridiculous activities to follow.

Suitable for ages 3-6

11:15-12:15pm

'Off the Page & Into the Mouth'

Storytelling workshop with master storyteller Jane Flood

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Nationally acclaimed storyteller Jane Flood has had 25 years experience of working with traditional story in numerous settings. Her workshops are fun interactive and thought provoking. Off the Page and into the Mouth will leave participants with the confidence to tell a story having learnt ideas and tricks of the storyteller's trade. No notes required!

Suitable for ages 3+

11:30-12:45pm

'The First Page is the Hardest'

Writing workshop with author Keith Stuart

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Lots of people wonder if they could write a novel, but often find it difficult to start. What does the first page of a novel actually do? What works and what doesn't? In this workshop event author Keith Stuart will talk a little about his own writing experience, as well as looking at some classic first pages from literary history before helping attendees to write the first page of a novel.
You don't need any writing experience at all, and this will be a very relaxed and informal event (it's in a pub after all) – just bring some paper or a laptop and give it a go.

Suitable for young adults & adults

1:30-2:30pm

Come Sing

Singing Workshop with singer Doug Watts

@HUBNUB CENTRE

SING – this workshop does just that. Who doesn't love a little sing-song. We sure do. Join Doug Watts for a fun, engaging singing workshop for 5-10 year olds. Just turn up and sing.

Suitable for ages 5+

1:45-3:45pm

Murder in the Library

Drop-in murder mystery activity with author Fleur Hitchcock

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Join award-winning author Fleur Hitchcock for a crime-fighting adventure in Frome Library. Find the clues hidden in the library to solve the case and find the culprit.

Suitable for ages 7-11

1:45-3:45pm

Animal Alphabet

Drop-in crafting session with toymaker and artist Ian McKay

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Help toymaker extraordinaire Ian McKay fill the library with animals from your imagination. Let's see if we can make the whole alphabet of animals.

Suitable for ages 4-7

2:00-3:00pm

People and Places

Writing workshop with writer Rachel Ward

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People and Places – exploring the place where exciting stories can happen. A fun, encouraging interactive writing workshop for young adults led by writer Rachel Ward.

Suitable for ages 12-16

2:00-3:15pm

Stories from the Greenwood Tree

Storytelling performance with master storyteller Jane Flood

@ARCHANGEL

Join master storyteller Jane Flood in a fantastic performance of stories, music and song woven together to create a tapestry of images. In this performance you will journey through the imagination to the place where trees hold ancestral knowledge.

Suitable for 8+ and families

2:30-4:30pm

It's Raining Poetry

Poetry workshop with spoken word poet Liv Torc

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Led by professional performance poet, Liv Torc, this will be a fun, inspiring and accessible journey into the making of a Frome community poem, using the words, wisdom and whimsy of the people who live here. Some of the lines you create will be incorporated into a rain poetry installation in the town. See the poem only when it rains.

Suitable for all ages

2:30-3:30pm

Rhythm and Poetry

Slam poetry workshop with spoken word poet Jake Hight

@CHEESE & GRAIN

Join artist and wordsmith, Jake Hight, for an battle of words. Starting with the sound of your heartbeat, create a poem with a beat.

Suitable for ages 11-16

3:00-3:45pm

Write What You Know

Author Talk on *Days of Wonder* and *A Boy Made of Blocks* with Keith Stuart

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Keith Stuart is the author of *A Boy Made of Blocks*, a Richard and Judy Book Club selected novel, which has now sold over 200,000 copies in the UK and has been published in 25 countries. His second novel, *Days of Wonder*, was released in hardback on 7 June. Join Keith to hear more about writing what he knows. Keith will be signing copies of his books following the talk.

Suitable for young adults & adults