# **Reading Pictures: Seeing Stories Festival**

## **April – May 2022**

# Free Art Events for all the Family



The Reading Pictures: Seeing Stories Festival is a unique visual literacy festival from ASCEL (the Association of Senior Children's and Education Librarians) Yorkshire and Humberside and the Arts Council.

Reading Pictures: Seeing Stories will give children and young people the opportunity to meet and learn from illustrators & artists and offer children and their families the chance to discover the power of pictures while enjoying some creative fun.

We have art workshops with textile artists; collage story-making for children with autism; storytelling performances based on Martin Waddell's *Owl Babies* and a Star Wars drawing workshop.

**Read on** to find out more and see posters for how to book.

To find out contact details and opening times for libraries in Bradford visit www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries



#### Stitched Story Bookmarks with textile artist Ellie Taylor

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1pm – 3pm Wyke Library Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 1pm – 3pm Idle Library Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1pm – 3pm Laisterdyke Library

Inspired by your favourite story, children will draw a simple image to transfer onto felt. Then, using basic stitches embroider and embellish their drawing guided by textile artist, Ellie Taylor, completing a stitched bookmark to take home.

Ellie is a textile artist who uses mostly patchwork and simple stitches to make her work - preferring natural materials, upcycled fabrics and indie dyers







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@ Idle Library 1pm – 3pm

Free event. Suitable for 8 – 12 year olds with parents. Limited places and booking essential via T: 01274952057



# Stitched Story Bookmarks Workshop

## with Textile Artist Ellie Taylor Thursday 21st April



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@ Laisterdyke Library 1pm – 3pm

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#### Owl Babies Story performance with Sian Williams and Dan McGlade

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> April 11am – 11.30am Burley Library

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – 2.30pm Shipley Library

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> April 11am – 11.30am Manningham Library

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – 2.30pm Menston Library

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April 11am – 11.30am Laisterdyke Library

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – 2.30pm City Library

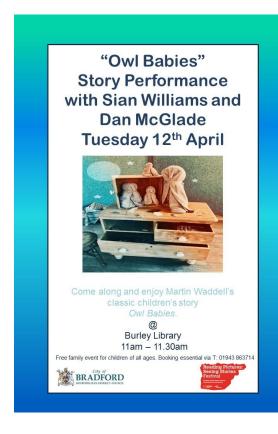
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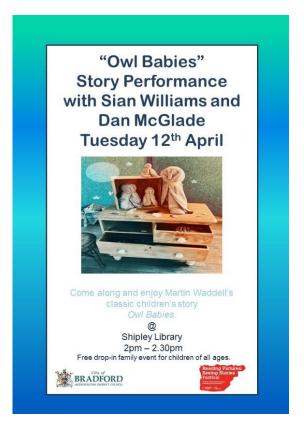
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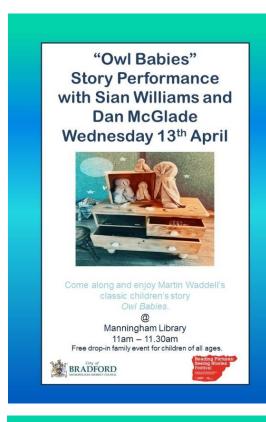
Wed 20th April 11am – 11.30am Thornton Library

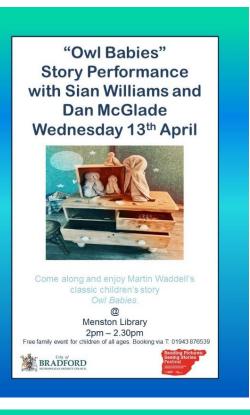
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Apr 2pm – 2.30pm Eccleshill Library

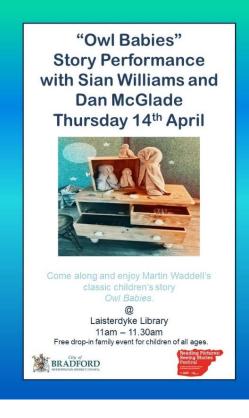
A magical, playful story performance based on Martin Waddell's *Owl Babies*, for children and families of all ages. Watch baby owls, woodland creatures and a grumpy magpie come to life through puppetry and storytelling.



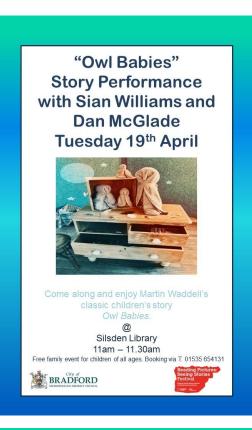


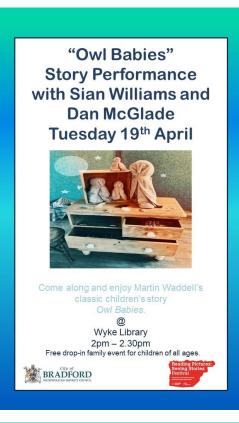


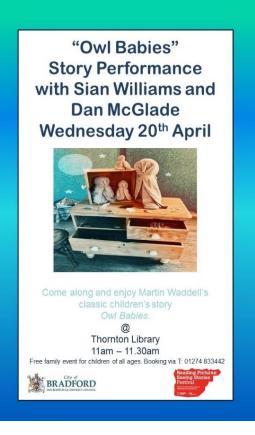


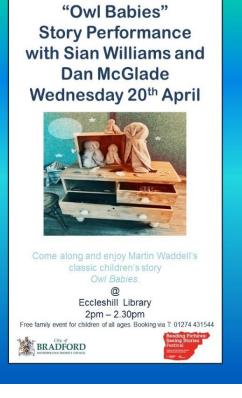












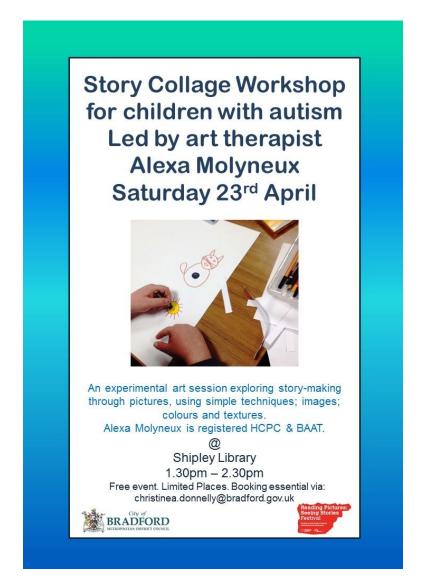
### Story Collage Workshop for children with autism

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1.15pm – 2.15pm @ Shipley Library

Alexa Molyneux, HCPC & BAAT registered art-therapist and artist will lead an experimental art session exploring story-making through pictures for children with autism.

This session is for a small group of children with autism and their parents/carers. They will be invited to create their own stories, using simple story-making techniques and bringing the stories to life with images, colours and textures.

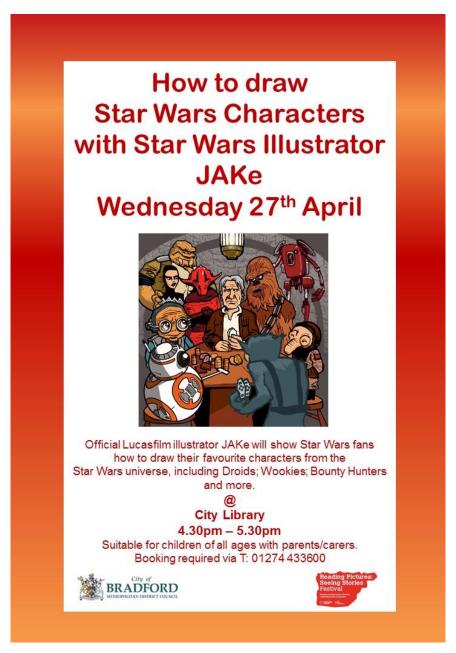
The session is limited to 8 places and is suitable for children from 4 to 8 years old.



#### How to Draw Star Wars Characters Workshop, with JAKe.

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 4.30pm – 5.30pm @ City Library

Not so long ago, in a studio not too far away! a little boy entered a felt-tip drawing of Darth Vader into a competition and won a king-size chocolate bar. That boy grew up to be JAKe Detonator - an official illustrator for Lucas film. The first book was *How to Speak Wookiee*, the saga continued with *How to Speak Droid with R2 D2* and now the trilogy is complete with *How to Speak Astromech with BB-8.* JAKe will show the children how to draw some of their favourite characters from the Star Wars universe, including Droids, Wookiees, Bounty Hunters and more. A free family event for children of all ages.



# Art for All Seasons – Collage-Making using natural materials and simple drawing

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am – 12 noon @Menston Library

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm – 4pm @ Eccleshill Library

Saturday 21st May 10.30am – 12noon @ Wyke Library

Saturday 21st May 2.30pm – 4pm @ Café West Allerton Library

A family collage-making workshop for children of all ages led by artist Lucy Kent, looking at the Seasons and the using natural materials to create your own story. Lucy's art is focused on the environment, working with natural and reclaimed materials with drawing underpinning the making process.







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