Reading Newsletter

Half-Term Events and Meet the Author!

As the half –term break is fast approaching, I thought I would share a selection of fun events taking place in Tameside this February.

There are two opportunities to meet an author at Hattersley Library and Denton Library this half-term. These workshops are completely **_free_** and booking is not required.

Half Term events
in Tameside Libraries
Meet the Author

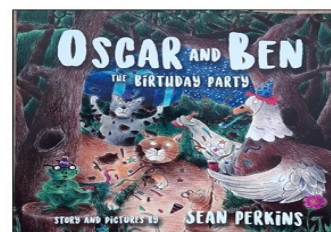**Thursday 23 February 2.30 - 3.30 pm**

Hattersley Library The Hub, Stockport Road, Hattersley, SK14 6NT

For children and families

Sean Perkins

Meet author Sean Perkins who will read one of his stories and bring along some exciting activities to do based on his Oscar and Ben books!
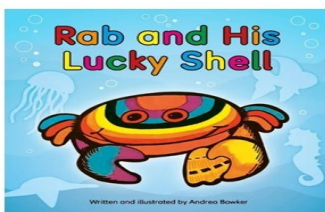
No need to book, just come along on the day!

Friday 24 February 10.30 - 11.30 am

Denton Library Town Hall, Market Street, Denton M34 2AP

For children and families

Andrea Bowker

Meet author Andrea Bowker for a storytime and craft session based on the Rab the Rainbow Crab books!
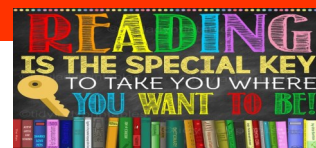
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More information:
www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/halfterm or 0161 342 2031

Visiting a library is an exciting opportunity for everyone. If you are unable to visit in person, why not download the Tameside library app? It's **free** and there's a great selection of books and audiobooks to borrow.

READING IS THE SPECIAL KEY TO TAKE YOU WHERE YOU WANT TO BE!

If you love reading comics, you may be interested in attending a comic workshop held at Dukinfield Library and Ashton Library.

Please note, to book a **free** place on one or both of the comic workshops, you will need to book beforehand.

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Comics Workshops

Tuesday 21 February 10-11am and 1-2pm
Dukinfield Library Concord Way, Dukinfield, SK16 4DB

👶 **For children aged 6 +**

Join comics artist Marc Jackson and learn to draw your own cartoon characters!

Marc Jackson is a UK based cartoonist. He has created comics and characters for BEANO, Aces Weekly, Comic heroes magazine, Comicscene, The Brooklyn Red Hook Star revue, Moose Kid comics, Hey kids comics, Spiralbound/Medium, and Freaky mag.

He regularly self-publishes comics this year launching his fan-comic 'MR T and the fools of the future' and regularly publishes web-comics on ko-fi.com. Last year Marc and his wife Jane opened Room for comics, a comics and cartoon art studio in their hometown of Macclesfield in Cheshire, dedicated to teaching and promoting all things comics and cartooning. He also visits schools, libraries and festivals around the country (and sometimes the world) and organises a comic art festival in Macclesfield MACC-POW!

🌐 www.marcmakescomics.co.uk

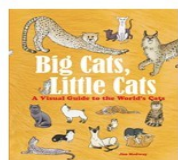Book a place at **tamesidelibraries.eventbrite.co.uk**

Wednesday 22 February 1.30 - 3.30 pm
Ashton Library Market Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6BH.

👶 **For teenagers aged 12+**

Join Jim Medway for Creating Comics, all the basics to drawing your own comic strips and stories, including character design, expression, speech and thought, and black & white contrast. through a variety of drawing games and activities.

Jim Medway is an artist and writer whose work mostly features distinctive cat characters. He publishes his own work under the label Paw Quality Comics and was a regular contributor to The DFC, drawing and writing "Funniest Land Mammal!", "New at the Zoo" and "Crab Lane Crew".

🌐 jimmedway.com

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Did you know….
Researchers at Kingston University in London have found that regular reading makes you kinder and more empathetic. According to these researchers, frequent readers are also more inclined to see things from other people's points of view.