

## World Book Day 2021 – celebrating reading!

**World Book Day 2021** is taking place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, and there is plenty of fun to be had with Hertfordshire Libraries and other fantastic online platforms including The British Library and Hay Festival Programme for Schools – both of which are free. <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Some lovely children’s authors are offering **free virtual events**, including:

### **Danny Pearson, who writes for The Beano**

Available for free via the Library app and Pressreader

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 4:30PM, Microsoft Teams

Click here to register <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/danny-pearson-comic-writer-tickets-141829358429>

### **Tom Palmer, author of After the War and Over the Line (as well as Roy of the Rovers)**

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Click here to register <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tom-palmer-author-of-after-the-war-and-over-the-line-tickets-141830891013>

If you would like to **find out more about Tom Palmer, there is a Chatterfamilies session** where Tom reads a chapter from his book Secret FC with discussion questions and activities for all the family.

Click here <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/chatterfamilies-family-reading-group-posts>

### **Hertfordshire Libraries**

Every **Ready Read** pack for children and teenagers will include a *World Book Day* voucher while stocks last. Ready Reads can be ordered online and collected from the library door. The vouchers can be exchanged for books in supermarkets as well as bookshops (although not online).

Click here

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Libraries-and-archives/Other-library-services/Ready-Reads.aspx>

Some wonderful authors have written books especially for *World Book Day* that can be bought for just £1. Other books by these authors can be reserved free on the Hertfordshire Libraries website. You can also visit World Book Day’s website for more information about the £1 books, as well as activities, story videos, a monthly book club (the first book is *High Rise Mystery*) and the **Bookclubbing – Reading is Power podcasts for teens**

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Libraries-and-archives/Libraries-and-archives.aspx>

**Hertfordshire Libraries’ Facebook pages** will have more information, reviews of books by the *World Book Day* authors and images of families’ book-sharing. Anyone can add their #ShareAStory images, and book reviews/artwork relating to books by the special *World Book Day* authors.

### **The British Library - #StepInsideYourStory**

Anyone can be the author or star of a story.....this March The British Library are inviting school children across the UK to take part in our new project to celebrate and promote diversity in children’s books. With #StepInsideYourStory children can explore their identities, make concertina books, and place themselves at the heart of their own stories. They can start with reality and add a sprinkle of magic. Send us your creations on Twitter @BL\_Learning, and together we’ll create a virtual library of All Our Stories. We have fantastic videos from much-loved authors and illustrators and free online resources to help you get involved. The project is perfect for World Book Day and beyond.

<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/step-inside-your-story>

### **Hay Festival Programme for Schools - Free Events online**

Watch authors from Hay Festival Programme for Schools filmed over the last 4 years. There are 70+ fun filled and inspiring events to choose from including Ade Adepitan, David Baddiel, Gemma Cairney, Eoin Colfer, Julian Clary and Andy Stanton. The next Hay Festival Programme for Schools live events are scheduled to take place online 27-28 May 2021. Stay tuned for more details in the Spring.

<https://www.hayfestival.com/c-209-archive-hay-player.aspx?skinid=16&ManufacturerFilterID=0&VectorFilterID=0&GenreFilterID=58&SectionFilterID=0&pagenum=1>