

Heritage, Libraries and Arts

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Gallery Oldham 4 – 11

We've got a fantastic range of exhibitions over the next few months. Don't miss our programme of associated craft sessions and gallery talks too.

Live@thelibrary 12 – 14

The latest season of performance and spoken word is now booking. From children's drama to hard hitting comedy there really is something for everyone. As always, we are delighted to showcase a range of new writing and local talent.

What's On listings 15 – 23

We run a fabulous range of regular sessions and special events to suit all ages. From film showings to author talks, from Festival Oldham to our popular Summer Reading Challenge, come along and get involved.

Even more to explore 24 – 27

There is a huge selection of services available from Oldham's Heritage, Libraries and Arts. Find out about our artist network, volunteering opportunities, and the work of Oldham Theatre Workshop and Oldham Local Studies and Archives.

Visit our shop

Looking for a special gift? The Gallery Oldham shop has a great selection of cards, crafts, gifts, children's toys and Oldham souvenirs to suit all pockets. You can also shop online with over 400 images from our collections available to buy as prints or as merchandise such as cards, coasters and mugs. Visit artuk.org/shop/galleryoldham

Did you know we stock beautiful products from local artists, crafters and makers? If you are a local artist and would like to find out more information about how to apply to sell your products in our shop please email: GalleryOldhamShop@Oldham.gov.uk

Oldham Stories: Encounters with our Collections

A Permanent Gallery

Oldham Stories brings together a range of our favourite objects, alongside some things which might surprise you. The display features items from our Natural History, Social History and Art collections.

Discover a selection of objects and memorabilia that celebrate the achievements and chart the everyday lives of local people. In our wildlife section explore a wide range of Oldham habitats and creatures. This includes water loving birds such as the Teal, alongside hedgehogs which are often seen hunting for insects in our parks.

Wednesday 23 July, 2pm

Explore stories linking Oldham and the wider world with Social History curator, Karen Heatley. Drop-in, free.

Wednesday 13 August, 2pm

Discover more about Francis Buckley who collected objects from all around the globe. Drop-in, free.

Wednesday 8 October, 2pm

Explore behind the scenes in the art store with the Art curator. Limited capacity. Please book on Eventbrite.

Image: Grey Heron from the Gallery Oldham collections



The Lights

Until 26 April

Over the last five years, Grundy Art Gallery in Blackpool has developed a special interest in artists who use light as a material within their work. In addition to an annual light themed exhibition each autumn, Grundy has also been adding light based art works to its collection.

We are pleased to present a selection of works from Grundy's collection here in Oldham for the first time. The exhibition will include work by artists Chila Kumari Singh Burman, Martin Creed, Noel Clueit, Tracy Emin, Tony Heaton, and Mark Titchner.

The Lights takes its title from the shorthand for how the Blackpool Illuminations are referred to locally.

Image: Tony Heaton OBE, Raspberry Ripple, 2018. © the artist, Courtesy Grundy Art Gallery Collection. Photo: Brenden McGregor



New life in an old building

Until 31 May

Preparations continue to celebrate the reopening of the Old Library later in 2025. This exhibition acts as a taster before we reopen the doors, giving an insight into the work that has been carried out to restore the building to its former glory. The displays feature a series of specially commissioned images by photographer Ingrid Turner capturing the stories of those who have contributed to this restoration work.

A new chapter will begin as the building becomes home to civic functions such as the Mayor's Parlour and Council Chamber. It will also contain studio spaces for the creativity of Oldham Theatre Workshop's young people to flourish. And on the second floor one of the original art gallery spaces will be beautifully restored.

Take a look back and explore the history of this building which has served the local community since 1883. It is a place where many Oldhamers attended their first exhibition or borrowed their first library book. We'd love to hear, and share, your memories too.

Wednesday 23 April, 2pm

Find out more about the history, and the future, of this much-loved building. Drop-in, free.

Image: Restoration work on The Old Library, photograph by Ingrid Turner



Pick and Mix

10 May – 18 October

Our latest Family Friendly exhibition is created by and for children and families of all ages. Inspired by visual elements including line, shape, colour and form this exhibition showcases the work of local children and teenagers supported and inspired by famous artists such as Bridget Riley and Lubaina Himid.

Pick and Mix provides lots of opportunities for visitors to get creative and playfully explore art. There will be something for all the family to discover, investigate and enjoy.

Pick and Mix Summer

We will be running interactive, free, drop-in workshops every Wednesday 1–3pm throughout the Summer holidays – come and join us.

Children's Tour

Wednesday 14 May, 1pm, free,
no booking required

Come and join our children's led tour of Pick and Mix.



Bird Photographer of the Year



14 June – 6 September

This stunning exhibition showcases the work of photographers capturing the beauty and diversity of birdlife. Winning images have been chosen from thousands of entries in eight categories including Bird Portraits, Birds in Flight and Urban Birds. There are also three junior categories encouraging young people to connect with nature through photography.

This exhibition has conservation at its heart, working closely with Birds on the Brink charity, who provide funding for conservation projects all over the world. The overall winning entry is an impactful image of 4000 birds that have collided with high-rise buildings in Toronto.

Whatever your interest in either photography or birds there will be something to amaze or inspire you in this thought-provoking exhibition.

Wednesday 18 June, 2pm

View a selection of birds from our collections with Patricia Francis, our Natural History curator. Drop-in, free.

Image: Gold award winner for Birds in Flight



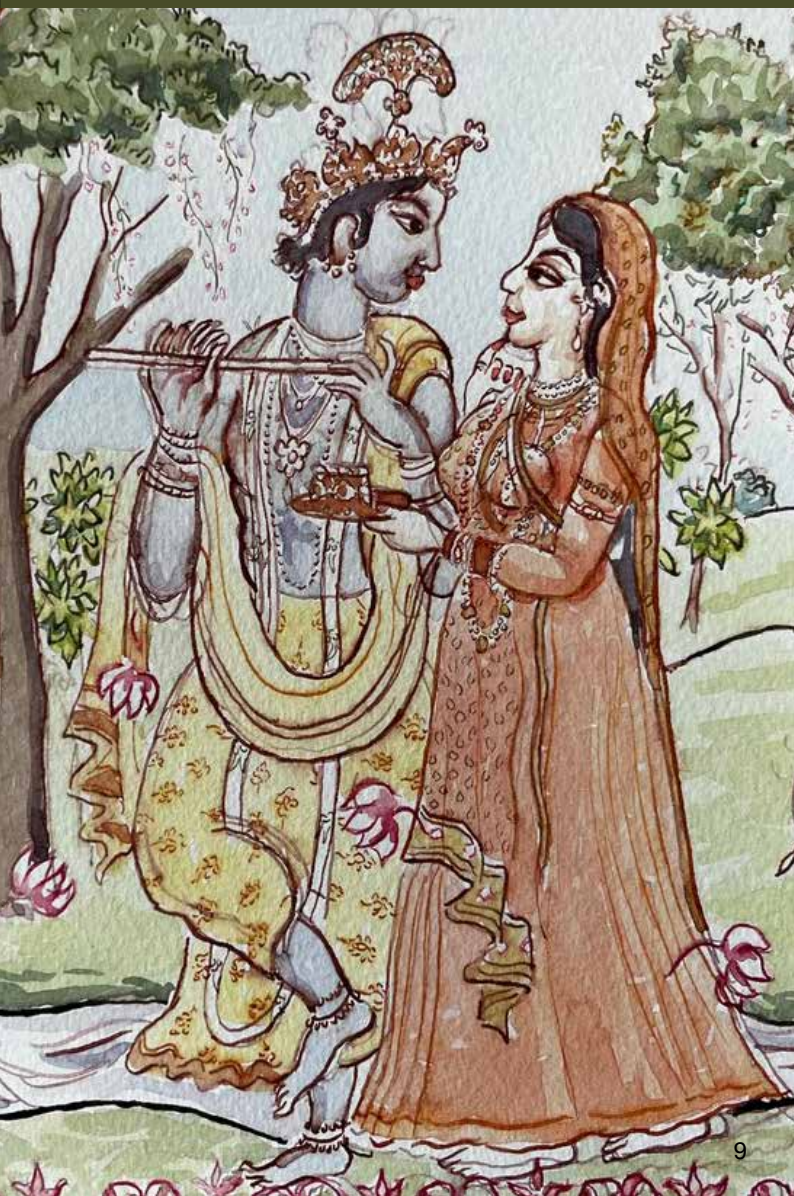
Indian Perspectives by Tony Philips and Jasmir Creed

27 September – 3 January 2026

Indian Perspectives examines the legacies of British colonial rule of India and the experiences of people of Indian heritage living in Britain. It features more than 100 drawings and paintings.

Liverpool-born artist Tony Phillips uses his characteristic socially engaged drawings to look at the impact British colonial rule had on India and its people. He explores the cross-fertilisation of cultures ensuing from post-Independence Indian migration to Britain. Meanwhile, Jasmir Creed's oil paintings draw on her Anglo-Indian heritage to create large colourful paintings reflecting on issues around identity.

Image: British in India II by Tony Phillips



Gallery Four

Gallery Four features work by groups or individuals who live or work in Oldham, or whose subject matter relates to Oldham in some way. If you would like to exhibit in this space, full details can be found at <https://hla.oldham.gov.uk/gallery/gallery-4/>

Myth & Moor by Sophie Tyrrell

Until 26 April

The surrounding moorland provides the backdrop for Oldham based artist Sophie Tyrrell as she playfully grapples with the myth of

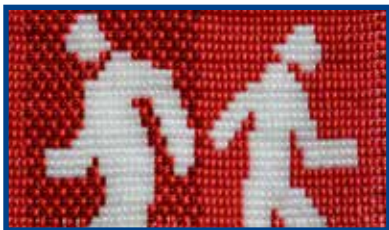


progress. Dramatic carnivalesque scenes are animated by costumed creatures, using traditional crafting materials and brilliant colour.

Pedestrian by Emma Blackburn

10 May – 26 July

Steeped in contrasts between movement and stillness, Pedestrian is a retrospective of textile-based works by artist/maker



Emma Blackburn. Her work explores relationships and family history through opposing materials: hard and soft sculpture, striking colours, pressed flowers, basic shapes, and reflective surfaces.

Palettes to Spray Cans by Bill Eiffert, Deggy, Dylan Lisle

2 August – 18 October

This group exhibition from members of 1853 Studios, explores the evolution of painting from the 16th century Renaissance through to contemporary pop culture and street art. By presenting works from these diverse periods side by side, the exhibition invites viewers to trace the progression of artistic thought, technique, and cultural influence over five centuries.



Donations and enquiries

Our specialist curators provide a free identification and advice service, although we are unable to give valuations. Please make an appointment in advance.

Art and Craft

Rebecca.Hill@oldham.gov.uk

Natural History

Patricia.Francis@oldham.gov.uk

Social and Local History

Karen.Heatley@oldham.gov.uk



Adult Art and Craft

We offer a range of creative sessions for adults. Booking is essential. Please check our website for details.

Life Drawing

Thursdays – 10 April, 8 May, 12 June, 10 July, 11 September, 9 October, 6–8pm

£10 per person per session. Book Via hunionworkshops.com/workshops, Gallery Oldham

From beginners to more advanced, our life drawing sessions are the perfect opportunity to develop your skills.

Embroidery: Thread Journal

Saturday 26 April, 10.30am–12.30pm

£10 per ticket (Class only), £35 per ticket (Class and starter Kit), Book Via evanssent.com, Gallery Oldham

The Sew Unique Thread Journal class is an inspiring workshop that will help you start to create your very own thread journal.

An Illuminated Path: A Workshop with Ashfia Ashrif

Saturday 28 June, 10am–12noon

**£10 Per person, Book via macfest.org.uk
Gallery Oldham**

Join us for an inspiring illumination painting workshop led by an artist and student of Tehzip Illumination.

Jesmonite: The Complete Beginners Course

**Saturday 19 July,
10.30am–4pm**

**£40 per person,
Gallery Oldham**

You'll learn how to create different effects including Marbling, Terrazzo and Layering to create your own unique pieces to take home.



Animal Watercolour: 3-week course

**Saturdays – 13, 20, 27
September, 10am–2pm**

**£60 per person,
Gallery Oldham**

Create your very own work of art to take home, using vivid watercolours in a fluid fun style.



Crochet Basket with T-Shirt Yarn

Saturday 11 October, 10.30am–1pm

£25 per person, Gallery Oldham

This workshop is suitable for beginners and those more advanced wanting to try different crochet techniques to create a basket or even make a little pumpkin.

Let's All Dance Ballet Company Presents

The Princess and the Frog

Monday 7 April, 1pm and 3pm, Oldham Library, £5

An original score, gorgeous costumes and crystal-clear story-telling draw you into the magical world of ballet and make it accessible to all. A lovely production and a heartwarming tale with the theme of friendship at its core. Suitable for all audiences. There will also be a photo opportunity at the end of the show.



DDdivas Presents

Static

Thursday 1 May, 7pm, Oldham Library, £6

Arriving in the family caravan following the death of her father and charged with sorting through the bits and pieces of her life, Static is the story of Ruby: a neurodiverse performer coming to terms with her past and ultimately finding her voice. Suitable for ages 14+.



Breathe Out Theatre Presents

How to Win at Darts (In Manchester)

Tuesday 24 June, 7pm, Oldham Library, £6

It's always been the only food bank in town with its own darts team. But the darts team is about to go under, and the food bank won't be far behind. That'll probably be the last swing of the axe for this town. The last arrows of the night. Or will it ...? A new comedy about resistance, revolution, and the 9-dart finish. Suitable for ages 14+.



Ray Bubbles Presents

The Ultimate Bubble Show

Wednesday 23 July, 2pm and 4.30pm,
Oldham Library, £5

Ray Bubbles, International Bubbleologist and Guinness World Record holder creates a volcano bubble, a soap bubble carousel, a bubble ghost, and even a tornado inside a bubble! He is on a mission to master the art of bubble-making and create the ultimate square bubble! Suitable for all audiences.

Image: Ray Bubbles, The Ultimate Bubble Show



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Gemma Bond Presents
Pirate Princess
Wednesday 27 August,
1pm, Oldham Library, £5

Pirate Princess is a heart-warming story of hope against adversity told with physical theatre, clowning and circus. This brand-new solo show by circus performer Gemma Bond tells the tale of poor shipwrecked Princess Poppy. Can she overcome a big dress, extreme weather and the ultimate test of strength to see her way to safety? Suitable for ages 5+ and all the family.



Stand and Be Counted Presents
Count Me In

Thursday 25 September, 7pm, Oldham Library, £6

Join us for a vibrant collection of works celebrating the power of storytelling and community voices, as part of our 15th anniversary season. Expect to see work that illuminates the perspectives of people seeking sanctuary in Oldham and beyond, using creativity and connection to inspire change.

Stand and Be Counted is an arts charity and the UK's first Theatre Company of Sanctuary. Their recent immersive productions in Oldham include Secret Summer, Gifted and GlowBus.



What's On: April

Small Cinema: Wall-E (U)

Saturday 5 April, 2pm, £3.50 per person, bookable via Eventbrite

Free, drop in themed crafts from 12noon, followed by the screening.

GO! Saturday – Light Graffiti with Tim Simpson

Saturday 12 April, 10–12noon and 1–3pm, free, booking required, Gallery Oldham

Photographer Tim Simpson will help you to create your own graffiti art pictures just like those displayed in our current exhibition The Lights.

World Microscope Day event

Saturday 12 April, 11am–3pm

Join Oldham Microscopical and Natural History Society in the library foyer to celebrate 400 years of the Microscope.



Pick and Mix

Tuesday 15 April, 10–12noon

and 1–3pm, free, booking required, Gallery Oldham

Come and create artworks for our upcoming exhibition Pick and Mix.

Beeswax Candle Making

Wednesday 16 April, 1–3pm, free, booking essential via Eventbrite, Gallery Oldham

Learn all about bees with Gallery Oldham's beekeeper, Damson from Hive5, make a candle out of beeswax and then watch her inspect the hives on our roof through the balcony window.

Adventure Walks

Thursday 17 April 11am, free, booking essential via Eventbrite, Crompton Library

Thursday 17 April 2pm, free, booking essential via Eventbrite, Alexandra Park

Come outdoors to create a unique story with our intrepid explorer and storyteller Adam Blake.



What's On: **May**

Small Cinema: Dr Seuss' The Lorax (PG)

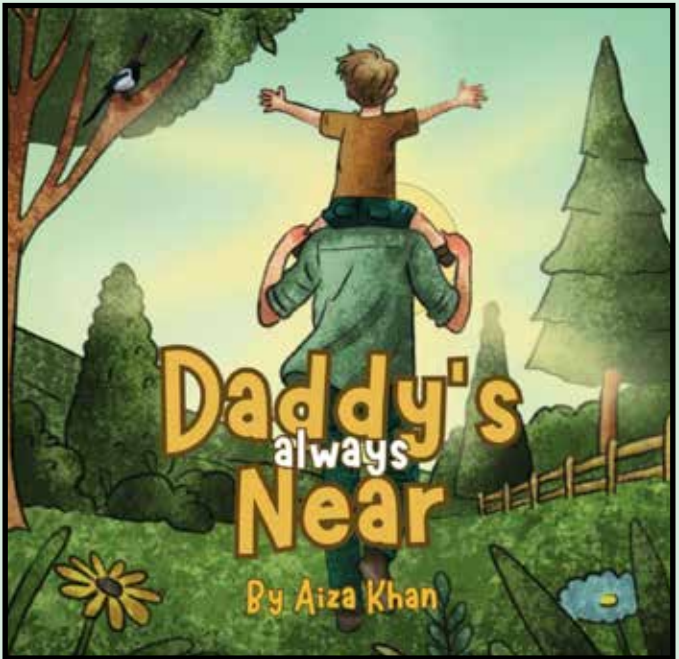
Saturday 3 May, 2pm, £3.50 per person, bookable via Eventbrite

Free, drop in themed crafts from 12noon, followed by the screening.

Author Talk and Book Launch Daddy's Always Near By Aiza Khan

Saturday 10 May, 1-2pm, bookable via Eventbrite

Daddy's Always Near is a heartfelt story that follows the life of Syrus, a little boy who recently lost his father. The story explores the struggles children face when dealing with grief and reassures them that they are never alone. This event is part of Dying Matters Week.



Mind Matters

12 – 25 May, Oldham Library

Take some time for your mind this Mental Health Awareness Week and Dementia Action Week. Join us at Oldham Libraries for health and wellbeing sessions including singing for the soul, armchair exercise, mindfulness sessions and dance.

Mindfulness Walks

Monday 19 May 10.30am-11.30am, Failsworth Library. Free, booking essential via Eventbrite

A friendly, relaxed mindfulness walking group led by Kim Harrison, a nature based mindfulness guide.



What's On: June and July

Festival of Libraries

4–7 June, various times and venues, free, bookable via Eventbrite

Manchester city of Literature's Festival of Libraries returns in 2025 to highlight libraries across Greater Manchester hosting a series of events linked to wellbeing, creativity and reading. Oldham Library will be hosting several events from writing to wellbeing, pop-up-poetry and much more.

Small Cinema: Robin Hood (U)

Saturday 7 June, 2pm, £3.50 per person, bookable via Eventbrite

Free, drop in themed crafts from 12 noon, followed by the screening.

Intergenerational Music Making

Wednesday 11 June, 18 June, 25 June, 2 July and 9 July, 4–5pm free, drop-in, Fitton Hill Library

Intergenerational Music Making welcome all generations to come and make music together.

Baby Photobooth

Wednesday 18 June

10am–12noon, Oldham Library, £9 per child, bookable via Eventbrite

Baby Photobooth is the perfect opportunity to have your little one's portrait taken. Each ticket includes one printed image and the opportunity to purchase more directly from the photographer.

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A friendly, relaxed mindfulness walking group led by Kim Harrison, a nature based mindfulness guide.



What's On: Festival Oldham

Festival Oldham

Saturday 5 July

Oldham Town Centre, 12noon–4pm, free

Oldham's free annual outdoor arts festival, celebrating arts, culture, community and place. Join us as we showcase the very best local, regional and national street theatre, music, dance and visual arts, and watch as it transforms spaces across the town centre.

Visitors on the day will have a choice of performances and activities across a full afternoon that will be jam packed with fun stuff for all the family, plus it's free. So, if you are looking for something to do with the kids, we've got you covered.



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What's On: July

Sign Up at Oldham StoryFest

Saturday 12 July, 11am–3pm, free, no booking required, Oldham Library

Be part of Oldham's annual children's story festival and sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge as we fill Oldham library with inspiring children's authors, illustrators and activities.



Author Talk and Book Launch Tsunami Of Greed by Surinder Singh Jolly

Saturday 26 July, 12.30 – 2pm, Oldham Library, free, booking essential via Eventbrite

Surinder, a retired medical doctor, has released his second book. *Tsunami of Greed* moves from the streets of Bradford to adventures in India and Nepal. Join Surinder as he shares reading from his new novel and about his new love for writing.

What's On: August

Khushi Festival

Friday 1, Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 August
Oldham Library and venues across Oldham town centre

Khushi: Oldham's female led happiness festival returns for 2025 showcasing work made by local and national South Asian communities and creatives.

Through a series of dynamic projects that bring artists and communities together, Khushi will take over Oldham Library and Gallery Oldham presenting a rich mix of performance, spoken word and visual arts that will offer something for all.



Summer Reading Challenge – Story Garden, Adventures in Nature and The Great Outdoors

Various dates and venues throughout Summer, free

This year's Summer Reading Challenge will inspire the outdoor explorer in you whilst we have fun reading throughout the summer.

<https://hla.oldham.gov.uk/children-families/summer-reading-challenge/>



Small Cinema: Peter Rabbit (PG)

Thursday 7 August, 2pm, £3.50 per person, bookable via Eventbrite

Free, drop in themed crafts from 12noon, followed by the screening.

What's On: August and September

Small Cinema: The Jungle Book (U)

Thursday 28 August, 2pm, £3.50 per person, bookable via Eventbrite

Free, drop in themed crafts from 12noon, followed by the screening.

Summer Reading Challenge – Celebration Day

Saturday 6 September, 11am – 3pm, free, no booking required, Oldham Library and Gallery Oldham

Celebrate your Summer reading achievements with a day full of interactive activities to enjoy with the whole family.

Oldham Histories Festival and Heritage Open Days

Friday 12 – Sunday 21 September

This year's theme is Architecture and our programme includes talks, walks and behind the scenes tours.

If you're curious about the history around you, look out for the festival brochure.



What's On: October

Small Cinema: Hook (U)

Saturday 4 October, 2pm, £3.50 per person, bookable via Eventbrite

Free, drop in themed crafts from 12 noon, followed by the screening.

Ping Pong – a health film screening

Wednesday 8 October, 12.30–2.15pm, Oldham Library, free, booking essential via Eventbrite

Eight players with 703 years between them compete in the World over 80s Table Tennis Championships in Inner Mongolia. Terry (81) having been given a week to live, gets in sight of winning gold. Inge (89) has used table tennis to train her way out of the dementia ward she committed herself to. This film is as much about the tenacity of the human spirit as it is a meditation on mortality.



Small Cinema: Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (PG),

Tuesday 28 October, 2pm, £3.50 per person, bookable via Eventbrite

Free, drop in themed crafts from 12 noon, followed by the screening.

GO! With The University of Manchester

Wednesday 29 October, 1– 3pm, free, no booking required

Join the University of Manchester's textile scientists in this hands-on workshops that brings our current exhibition to life.

Story Time with Mama G

Thursday 30 October, free, various times and venues, booking via our website essential

Mama G will be singing songs and sharing stories including her very own book Oh Yes I Am.

Suitable for all ages and everyone.

What's On: Regular sessions

Don't miss these regular sessions that are on throughout the year.

GO Baby

Thursdays, 10.30am–12noon, term-time only Gallery Oldham, free, no booking required

Take part in our fun and relaxed sensory exploration and play sessions for under 2s and their families.



GO Explorers

First Saturday of the month, 10.30am–12noon, 5 April, 3 May and 7 June, Gallery Oldham, £4 per child, no booking required

New and improved, this seasonal session is perfect for confident walkers up to 4 years. Explore the world, be creative and discover the joys of the seasons in our messy play sessions.

Extra Small Cinema

Wednesday 16 July, Friday 26 September, 10–11am and 11.30am–12.30pm, Oldham Library, £2 per person, all adults and children require a ticket, bookable via Eventbrite.

Our baby cinema screenings are the perfect introduction to the magic of cinema for little ones. Expect comfy seating, sensory play materials, dimmed lighting and quieter volumes.

Bedtime Stories

Tuesdays 8 April, 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 9 September 5.30–6.30pm, Oldham Library. Free, booking essential via Eventbrite.

Wear your favourite pjs and join us for singing, rhyming, warm milk, and toast.

Bounce and Rhyme

Various times and locations across Oldham, check: <https://hla.oldham.gov.uk/> for up to date information. Free, no booking required.

Enjoy songs, stories and rhymes, musical instruments and sensory play in weekly sessions that are perfect for bumps and babies.



Little Reads

Fridays 25 April, 30 May, 27 June, 25 July, 26 September, 10–10.30am and 11–11.30am, free, drop in (additional dates still to be added).

Little Reads is a fun, interactive workshop using songs and stories to explore children's picture books. Perfect for under 4s and their families in partnership with Manchester Literature Festival.

What's On: Regular sessions

Art Club

**Saturdays 5 April, 3 May, 7 June, 4 October,
1.30–3.30pm, Gallery Oldham.**

Free, booking essential via Eventbrite

A monthly mini-series of workshops to learn, test and develop your creative skills with others. Recommended for ages 10–16 years.



Collab Lab

**8, 9, 10, 11 and 17 April
14, 21 and 28 August and 30 October
1.30 – 3pm, Gallery Oldham.**

Free, booking essential via Eventbrite

Explore Gallery Oldham's collections and exhibitions in our hands-on creative activities and work alongside professional artists.

Dementia Cafe

**First Thursday of the month, 1–3pm at
Oldham Library, free, just drop-in**

A relaxed and informal drop-in session.

Pop in and enjoy a cup of tea and a friendly chat.

Reading Friends Low Vision Group

**Fourth Wednesday of the month, 11am–12.30pm,
Oldham Library**

Our Reading Friends Low Vision Group meet once a month at Oldham Library. Come along to this friendly, informal group to meet others and take part in craft and wellbeing activities. Free, just drop-in.

Get involved

Take Part: Volunteering Opportunities

For anyone interested in volunteering at Oldham Heritage, Libraries and Arts please register with Take Part Oldham to view the available opportunities.

Visit: <https://takepartoldham.volunteermakers.org>



Friends of Gallery Oldham

Join our Friends Group to support the gallery, receive a regular newsletter and take part in a series of events and behind-the-scenes tours especially for members.

For more information visit the Friends dedicated website <http://www.gofriends.org.uk>



Oldham Artist Network

Oldham Artist Network is a meeting place for creative people to gain advice and network with other professionals working in the creative industries. Look out for our meeting dates on the HLA website. You can also sign up to join our artist database and receive the quarterly Creativity and Culture newsletter to find out about funding advice and creative opportunities.

<https://hla.oldham.gov.uk/get-involved/creative-industries/>

Oldham Music Network

Are you involved in Oldham's thriving live music scene, and want to connect with venues, promoters, musicians, and other industry professionals?

Then join us in the Oldham Live Music Network over on Facebook.

<https://bit.ly/OldhamMusicNetwork>

Oldham Local Studies and Archives

The amazing collections at Oldham Local Studies and Archives can help you uncover the stories of places and people that make Oldham so unique. Whether it's family or local history you're interested in, we have resources that bring the stories of the past to life.

T: 0161 770 4654

E: archives@oldham.gov.uk

Family History and Local History

Until we open in our new home at Spindles, our digital resources, microfilms and a small selection of books are available in our temporary space in Oldham Library. Enjoy free access to family history websites including Ancestry and FindMyPast where you can search the Census from 1841 to 1921 plus other sources that support your research. Our friendly team are here to help with family and local history advice on a drop-in basis.

Our new home will be ready to welcome you in the autumn. And there is also an opportunity to peek behind the scenes of this new facility in September.

Wednesday 17 September, 2pm

Come and have a nosy around the new Oldham Archives, including a tour of the store and an introduction to our new public spaces.



Oldham Histories Festival and Heritage Open Days

Friday 12 – Sunday 21 September 2025

Join us for a celebration of Oldham's history in our programme of talks, walks and behind the scenes tours. Look out for the festival brochure and book via Eventbrite.

Oldham Theatre Workshop

Join our community of young performing artists and unlock your creative potential.

If you are aged 6 to 25 years and interested in devising and performing original theatre, then Oldham Theatre Workshop is the place for you.

We offer a range of high-quality activities from one off workshops to large scale productions at our studios in the centre of Oldham.

All our activities are inclusive, enjoyable, exciting and of a high quality. Our approach is to encourage and involve the individual in their self-development while respecting differing preferences and needs.

For more information visit our website:
www.oldhamtheatreworkshop.co.uk



Spotlight on our work

After a successful 3-week run of family shows at Oldham Library, we are pleased to present a free, filmed version of Tales Of The Toymender for anyone who missed it.

Legend has it that on the night of midwinter, all the toys across the land come to life and play out wonderful adventures... but what about the ones that are broken? Tales of the Toymender is an enchanting story with delightful music and unforgettable characters.

www.oldhamtheatreworkshop.co.uk/toymender



Schools

Schools can bring groups to any library and Gallery Oldham for library skills introductions, tours and workshops.

For more information, please visit:

<https://hla.oldham.gov.uk/schools/>

or contact us by emailing

librariesandgalleryschools@oldham.gov.uk

or calling **0161 770 4643**.

If you would like your school to take part in these visits, please complete this booking form:

<https://www.oldham.gov.uk/class-visit>

Gallery Oldham helps schools enhance their teaching of Key Stage 1 and 2 Art, English, History and Science through workshops, self-guided visits and loans boxes which are available to book:

<https://www.oldham.gov.uk/loans-box>

Primary School Steer Network

Our School Steer Network meets three times a year and is an opportunity to build a partnership approach to the programmes that we deliver. Opportunities for teachers include free CPD, author events, workshop trials and lots more. For more information and to join email jenny.allen@Oldham.gov.uk



Empathy Day School Workshops

Monday 9 June, 10am–12noon, free, bookable by email: librariesandgalleryschools@oldham.gov.uk, Oldham Library

Jo Lindley, a children's book illustrator and author, will be running a school workshop inspired by her magical book series Best Friends with Big Feelings to teach pupils about empathy. She will also be available to visit a school in the afternoon. Workshops for Key Stage 1.

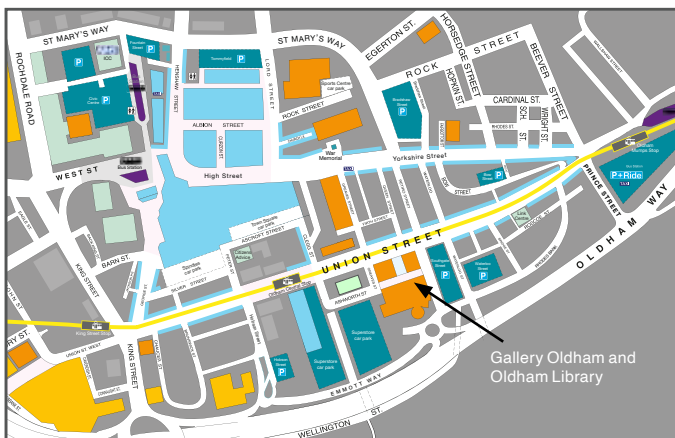


Visit us

Gallery Oldham and Oldham Library are part of Oldham's Cultural Quarter, OL1 1AL

The nearest Metrolink tram stop is Oldham Central on Union Street.

Oldham's main bus station is a 10 minute walk away. The nearest car park is Southgate Street.



For directions to any of Oldham's branch libraries please scan the QR code or visit hla.oldham.gov.uk/libraries/local-libraries



Opening times

Gallery Oldham: Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 5pm.

Oldham Library: Monday to Thursday 9am – 8pm,
Friday to Saturday 9am – 5pm.

Both are closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Access at the Cultural Quarter

There are two disabled car parking spaces on Greaves Street and several spaces on Southgate Street car park.

Our buildings have large lifts, accessible toilets, baby changing facilities and a baby feeding room.

Oldham Library / Gallery Oldham has a refectory area where you can eat your own food.

Filming and photography

Filming and photography (including the recording of your voice) may take place in our buildings and be used across our marketing media for promotional purposes.

More information regarding how your personal data is used can be found in our privacy notice here:

www.oldham.gov.uk/HLAprivacy

Visit our website

For a host of features and images, the latest visitor information, and an up to date What's On calendar please visit hla.oldham.gov.uk

