

WHAT'S ON AT THE BASINGSTOKE DISCOVERY CENTRE

Main events

Flying the Vulcan – a personal perspective

A talk by Squadron Leader Joe Marsden

Tuesday 16 October/ 2pm/ £4

Joe's talk, illustrated by photos and film clips, will briefly cover the history and capability of the Vulcan, but will concentrate mainly on the personal aspects of flying this famous aircraft, in a journey which took him all around the world. In all, Joe has flown 34 different Vulcan aircraft – come along and hear his stories.

Adapting Great Expectations

Tuesday 30 October/ 6pm / £8

Join Cyphers Theatre Company for a discussion around the themes of Charles Dickens' Great Expectations and adapting this classic novel for the stage. The workshop will include readings from the original novel and Cyphers' script. Whether you're studying the text, a keen Dickens fan or just curious about how stories are brought from page to stage, come along for a relaxed session and ask questions!

Children's Events

Children's Craft

Saturday 13 October / 10am – 12pm / FREE / Ages 3+

Celebrate Libraries Week with crafts and activities!

Charlie's Storytelling Party

Saturday 13 October/ 1.30pm and 3pm/ £3.75/ For ages 3+

Join children's entertainer and actress Charlie Sanderson for a fun and interactive 40 minutes storytelling party, including a story, singing, comedy, a little magic and parachute cool down.

Comic Book Drawing

Monday 22 October/ 1.30pm/ £5/ For ages 7+

A children's workshop with local artist and teacher, Russell Bignold. Back by popular demand, Russell will continue to design and develop your comic book character, focusing on action poses and clothing in this 90 minute drawing workshop. He will also look at colouring alternatives. Suitable for children who attended his previous workshop or for new participants (bring along your comic book character outline drawing).

Quirks Animal Roadshow

Tuesday 23 October/ 2pm/ £5/ For ages 4+

1 hour animal handling workshop. Come along to meet some quirky animals from around the world at the Quirks' Animal Roadshows workshop. You'll have the opportunity to stroke and hold the animals as well as discovering lots of interesting facts about where they come from, what they eat and what makes them unique.

Halloween Costume Fun

Thursday 25 October/ 10am/ £4/ For ages 8-11

Get ready for Halloween with this fun and creative 90 minute sewing and textiles workshop. Bring along a T-shirt or similar garment and dress it up for Halloween. Scrap material and embellishments provided, although you are welcome to bring along your own.

Learning in Libraries courses

Dressmaking for Beginners

Wednesdays 3 October – 17 October (a 3 week course)

9.30am – 1.30pm

£60

An opportunity to learn how to use a basic pattern to produce a simple garment. Learners will work with different levels and techniques of sewing, like hand and machine sewing. You will need a sewing machine (not for the first session), although there will be some available to use.

Mandarin Chinese for Beginners 1

Tuesdays 18 September – 4 December (12 weeks)

5.15-6.15 pm

£60

This course aims to help you to start speaking Mandarin Chinese in order to get more from your visit to a Chinese speaking country. You will learn and practice some of the language needed to deal with day-to-day situations and gain confidence in what is being said to you. No previous knowledge or experience is required.

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