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Renfrewshire Libraries
FREE CREATIVE CLASSES

JANUARY – APRIL 2023







WELCOME!

Get involved in free creative activities at Renfrewshire Libraries.

As part of our **Living Well @ the Library Programme**, we are offering a series of art and craft classes in a number of our library venues.

We have a huge range on offer, including watercolour painting, printing, paper making, creative writing and cushion embroidery.

The groups are open to all adults in the Renfrewshire area who are looking to **improve their wellbeing and connect with others**.

All classes are free and materials and refreshments will be provided.

Connect and chat with others as you create something amazing. We hope that you can join us.

This booklet covers our spring Library Arts Programme block of activities, running January – April 2023.

On Pages 18 and 19 you will also find information about the activities running in libraries as part of the Renfrewshire Council Winter Connections Programme.

Information about future library based activities and classes can be found in the What's On section of our website: www.renfrewshirelibraries.co.uk

The Living Well @ the Library Arts Programme is funded by the Scottish Government Public Library Covid Relief Fund.

CLASS INFORMATION

- All classes are **free**.
- Materials are provided and refreshments will be available throughout.
- Classes are **aimed at adults**.
- Classes will last between 1 – 2 hours each. Please see each listing for the class length.
- Some groups are single workshops and others will run over a number of weeks.
- All classes are led by our wonderful team of staff, artists and tutors.
- Groups are suitable for all skill levels. You do not need to have any prior knowledge or experience in arts or crafts to take part.

Classes book up quickly, so to ensure that everyone gets the opportunity to take part we may limit spaces in certain classes for those who have already booked into 3 or more groups.

Accessibility

All of the Library venues in this programme have:

- ◆ **Level Access and Automatic Doors**
- ◆ **Parking**
- ◆ **A Disabled Toilet (except for Renfrew and Bishopton)**


Autism Friendly Library Guides are available on our website www.renfrewshirelibraries.co.uk

If you have any accessibility requests, please make us aware when you are booking a space in one of our classes.

HOW TO SIGN UP

There are a number of ways to sign up – choose whatever works best for you.

Sign Up Online




Use our online booking system to sign up.

You can access this by going to the What's On section of our website: www.renfrewshirelibraries.co.uk

Alternatively, search for **Renfrewshire Libraries on Eventbrite** and find the booking page there.

Sign Up at Your Library



Visit your local Library and speak with one of our Library staff to book your space.

Sign Up over the Phone or Email



You can call our main Libraries number: **0300 300 1188**
or email: libraries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

If you can no longer attend a group, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can offer the space to someone else. If booking using Eventbrite, you can do this by cancelling your ticket through the website.

CREATIVE CLASSES



FERGUSLIE LIBRARY

Tannahill Centre, Blackstoun Road, Paisley, PA3 1NT



PRINT MAKING

Wednesday 29th March - 12th April (3 Weeks)

10:30 - 12:00

Try out a range of different printing and design methods in this three week group.

In our first week, we will try paper printing and design a collection of **cards, bookmarks and gift tags**. In week 2 will **print our own botanical tote bag**, using fabric printing methods. Week 3 will focus on glass painting, as we **design our own glass plates**.

GLENBURN LIBRARY

Fairway Avenue, Paisley, PA2 8DX



INTRODUCTION TO DRAWING

Wednesday 29th March - 12th April (3 Weeks)

14:30 - 16:00

Explore a variety of activities, techniques and exercises to help build your confidence in drawing. This class is suitable for beginners, and people of all abilities are welcome.



BISHOPTON LIBRARY

11 Greenock Road, Bishopton, PA7 5JW



SLATE CHALK ART

Wednesday 8th February

10:00 - 11:00

Use your decorating skills to create an art piece for your home. We will use chalk pens on slate to create a lovely black and white design.

Try your own pattern or gain inspiration from the Library. A fun and relaxing class!



DECOUPAGE BOX DECORATING

Wednesday 1st March

10:00 - 11:00

Decorate a wooden box using a paper collaging method. There will be plenty of colours and patterns to choose from.

These make great gifts or lovely storage boxes to keep yourself.

LINWOOD LIBRARY

Tweedie Hall, 15 Bridge Street, Linwood, Paisley, PA3 3DB



INTRO TO PAINTING

Tuesday 31st January & 7th February (2 Weeks)
14:00 - 15:30

Using nature as inspiration, we will learn various steps to getting started with painting.

Aimed at beginners.



BOTTLE VASES

Tuesday 14th February
14:00 - 15:30

Learn how to create beautiful vases out of recycled glass bottles.

We will use chalk paints to create lovely designs.



PARENT & TODDLER CRAFTING GROUP

Thursday 26th January - 9th February (3 Weeks)
14:00 - 15:30

Connect and chat with other parents as you try out a wonderful range of creative projects together with your child.

From paper plate crafts to rock painting, there is plenty of variety.

Please note that this group is specifically targeted at parents attending with children (up to the age of 5).



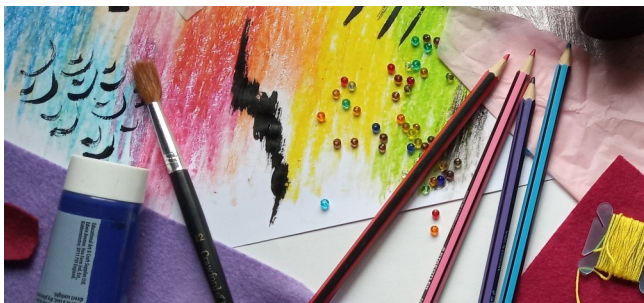
WIRE WRAPPED JEWELLERY

9th, 16th, 20th & 30th March, 6th & 13th April (6 Sessions)

14:00 - 15:30

Learn the techniques needed to get started with wire wrapped jewellery design and create your own beautiful piece. This class would be great for those with some previous jewellery making experience.

Please note that this class requires the use of various jewellery tools and will involve bending and working with strong wire.



RELAX AND CREATE

Tuesday 14th & 21st March (2 Weeks)

10:00 - 11:30

Explore painting and drawing in these fun, relaxing and meditative sessions.

Using prompts and themes, we will get creative and produce unique works of art. Suitable for beginners.



CALLIGRAPHY

Tuesday 28th March

10:00 - 11:30

Get started with calligraphy! We will begin with the basics, such as practising various strokes, before moving on to full letters.

You will leave with a lovely piece and plenty of inspiration.

JOHNSTONE LIBRARY

Johnstone Town Hall, 25 Church Street, Johnstone, PA5 8FA



CARD MAKING

Tuesday 31st January
10:30 - 12:00

Make a selection of cards for all occasions in this fun workshop. We will have plenty of materials to choose from and our tutor will provide inspiration to get started.



CLAY CRAFTS

Tuesday 7th & 14th February (2 Weeks)
10:30 - 12:00

Create a selection of decorative clay items.

We will create our pieces in week 1 and decorate them in the second week once they have air-dried.



PAPER MAKING

Tuesday 21st & 28th February (2 Weeks)
10:30 - 12:00

Get started with paper making in this two week class. We will learn the paper making process in week one using paper pulp and a range of optional extras including colouring, petals and seeds.

In week two, we will look at ways of using our paper in mini projects.



CREATIVE WRITING

Thursday 9th March – 6th April (5 Weeks)

11:00 – 12:30

Get started with creative writing! Throughout this short course, we will try fun activities to explore various writing techniques and styles, such as fiction and poetry.

No experience is needed and you do not need to share your work if you don't want to.

PAISLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY

15 Mill Street, Paisley, PA1 1ND



COLLAGE

Tuesday 24th January

13:00 - 14:30

Create fun, colourful pieces of art in this collage workshop.

A relaxing session to start off your year with a bit of creativity.



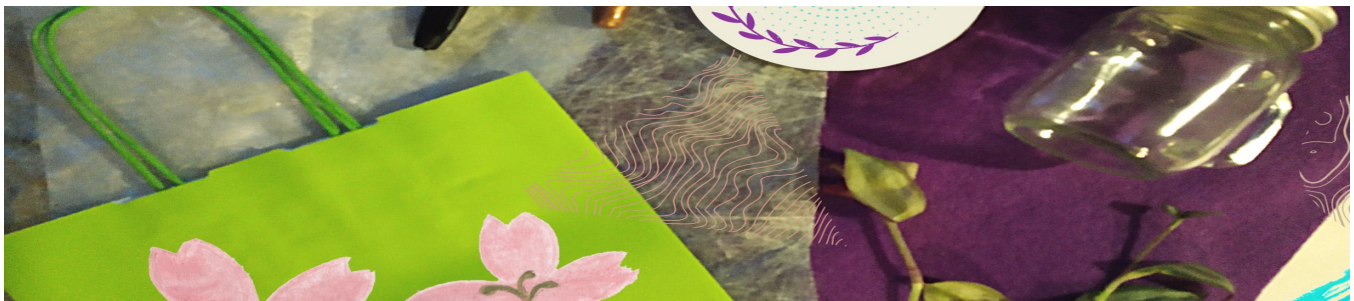
WATERCOLOUR PAINTING

Thursday 16th February - 2nd March (3 Weeks)

13:00 - 14:30

Get started with watercolour painting in this beginner level class.

We will explore various techniques and create a series of lovely paintings.



GLASS, CERAMIC AND FABRIC PAINTING

Tuesday 21st February - 7th March (3 Weeks)

14:00 - 15:30

Try out an amazing variety of printing and painting projects in this three week class. In session 1, we will try out **glass painting by making decorative lanterns** for LED lights. Week 2 will focus on ceramic painting with **hand painted ceramic coasters**. In the last session, we will try fabric printing as we design our own **botanical themed tote bags**.



CUSHION EMBROIDERY

Tuesday 14th – 28th March (3 Weeks)

14:00 – 15:30

Create a wonderful embroidered cushion over this three week course. We will start by learning various embroidery stitches and techniques and then using these in our individual cushion project over the final two sessions.

A great class for beginners or those wanting to develop their embroidery skills.



NATURE HAIKU ZINES

Tuesday 4th April

13:00 – 14:30

Get inspired by nature and create your own haiku poetry.

We will then create mini folded paper books to display and share our writing with others.



MACRAME PLANT HOLDERS

Tuesday 11th April

13:00 – 14:30

Let's celebrate the spring season by creating plant holders using macrame methods.

A lovely decoration for your home.

RENFREW LIBRARY

Paisley Road, Renfrew, PA4 8LJ



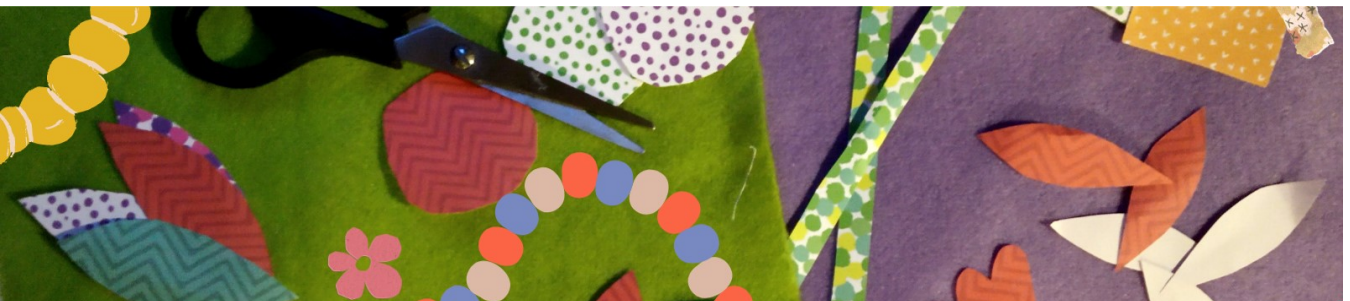
BOOK BINDING: MAKE YOUR OWN NOTEBOOKS

Monday 6th & 13th March (2 Weeks)

10:30 - 12:00

Learn a variety of useful book binding methods in this two week group.

You will create a selection of handmade notebooks and gain the skills to work on your own future projects – from zines and journals to photo albums and recipe books.



PAPER BEAD MAKING

Monday 27th March

10:30 - 12:00

We will upcycle paper pieces, such as patterned wallpaper, to create a range of different paper beads.

These can then be turned into keyrings, necklaces or bracelets.



WINTER CONNECTIONS PROGRAMME

As part of the **Renfrewshire Council Winter Connections Programme**, our Libraries will be hosting a range of additional creative sessions in a number of our spaces.

All activities are free and open to all. You can attend as often as you want – whatever works for your schedule.

Each Library will additionally have self service tea and coffee stations available.

These are drop in style sessions and do not require any booking. Just turn up and get creative!



FOXBAR LIBRARY CRAFTING GROUP

Every Wednesday: 11th January – 22nd March, 14:30 – 16:30

Try out a huge range of craft projects in this weekly creative group.

Our tutor has planned a wonderful range of activities including hanging foil bird decorations, tile coaster painting, fabric printing and card making.

You do not have to attend every session – drop by whenever suits you.

Foxbar Library: 72 Ivanhoe Road, Paisley, PA2 0LA

SELF-LED CRAFTING GROUPS

Various Dates (see below) starting from the 18th January

If you are interested in crafting and would like a welcoming space to work on a project, drop in to one of our self-led crafting groups.

During the times listed below, a craft table will be set up with packs of materials containing all you will need and an instruction postcard. Each week we will have a different activity available.

Examples of upcoming activities include tealight holder decorations, frame painting, wool wreaths, tissue paper landscapes and wooden box decoration.

Chat with others or relax and work on your own. Drop in to any of the sessions and give it a try.

Bishopton Library	Saturday, 10.30 - 12:30
Bridge of Weir Library	Tuesday, 11:00 - 13:00
Erskine Library	Saturday, 10:00 - 12:00 and 14:30 - 16:00
Ralston Library	Saturday, 11:00 - 13:00
Renfrew Library	Friday, 10:00 - 12:00 and 14:00 - 16:00

For any further information about these activities, please contact the hosting library directly.

FULL SCHEDULE

MONDAY 9th January	TUESDAY 10th January	WEDNESDAY 11th January <div style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> 14:30 - 16:30 - Winter Connections FOXBAR LIBRARY </div>	THURSDAY 12th January	FRIDAY 13th January
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MONDAY 23rd January	TUESDAY 24th January 13:00 - 14:30 - Collage PAISLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY	WEDNESDAY 25th January <div style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> 14:30 - 16:30 - Winter Connections FOXBAR LIBRARY </div>	THURSDAY 26th January 14:00 - 15:30 - Parent & Toddler Craft LINWOOD LIBRARY	FRIDAY 27th January
MONDAY 30th January	TUESDAY 31st January 10:30 - 12:00 - Card Making JOHNSTONE LIBRARY 14:00 - 15:30 - Painting LINWOOD LIBRARY	WEDNESDAY 1st February <div style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> 14:30 - 16:30 - Winter Connections FOXBAR LIBRARY </div>	THURSDAY 2nd February 14:00 - 15:30 - Parent & Toddler Craft LINWOOD LIBRARY	FRIDAY 3rd February
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MONDAY 3rd April	TUESDAY 4th April 13:00 – 14:30 – Nature Haiku Zines PAISLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY	WEDNESDAY 5th April 10:30 – 12:00 – Printing FERGUSLIE LIBRARY 14:30 – 16:00 – Drawing GLENBURN LIBRARY	THURSDAY 6th April 11:00 – 12:30 – Creative Writing JOHNSTONE LIBRARY 14:00 – 15:30 – Wire Jewellery LINWOOD LIBRARY	FRIDAY 7th April
MONDAY 10th April	TUESDAY 11th April 13:00 – 14:30 – Macramé Plant Pots PAISLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY	WEDNESDAY 12th April 10:30 – 12:00 – Printing FERGUSLIE LIBRARY 14:30 – 16:00 – Drawing GLENBURN LIBRARY	THURSDAY 13th April 14:00 – 15:30 – Wire Jewellery LINWOOD LIBRARY	FRIDAY 14th April

General Enquiries

If you would like any further information about this programme, or any of the scheduled activities, please get in touch:

Phone: **0300 300 1188**

Email: **libraries@renfrewshire.gov.uk**

Feedback

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for classes we could run?

Is there anything you particularly liked or think we can do better?

Please get in touch with any feedback – we will use this to inform our planning going forward.

Further Activities

For more information on other activities delivered by **Renfrewshire Libraries** please see our website: **www.renfrewshirelibraries.co.uk** or visit your local Library and speak with our staff.

For more information about the wider creative, leisure and cultural activities on offer from **OneRen**, take a look at our main website **www.oneren.org**





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