

Derbion celebrates Derby Book Festival with free storytelling sessions



Derbion is set to celebrate Derby Book Festival (30 May – 5 June) and bring much-loved children’s stories to life through free storytelling sessions on Thursday 30 May.

Taking place in a pop-up themed reading area on Level 2 from 11am to 4pm on 30 May, Derbion’s storytelling sessions aim to inspire a new generation of readers through special readings of tales including *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, *The Gruffalo*, *Cat in the Hat*, *Elmer*, and more.

Children and parents can discover the magic of literature through Derbion’s reading sessions, each offering two book readings. Places are limited so visitors are encouraged to book to avoid disappointment: www.derbion.com/summer-derby-book-festival.

Derbion’s storytelling sessions on Thursday 30 May are free to attend and form part of Derby Book Festival’s wider activities for the summer event, taking place from 30 May – 5 June.

Alongside its storytelling sessions, Derbion will also be a drop-off location for Derby Book Festival’s Children’s Book Appeal, giving locals the chance to donate their pre-loved children’s books at Customer Services on Level 1.

The centre’s involvement in Derby Book Festival forms part of its wider commitment to supporting the children in the local community through ongoing Derbion Cares initiatives and activations. The storytelling sessions offer a chance for children of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy the much-loved familiar stories.

Beth McDonald, Managing Director of Derbion, said: “We’re proud to be part of such a popular Derby event that brings the community together each year.

“We’re always looking for new and engaging ways to connect with and support the community around us and we’re positive that our storytelling sessions will be a great opportunity for children and adults to come together to discover the joys of reading.

“Providing a chance for young readers to discover much-loved children books in a whole new light, we’re looking forward to welcoming families to the event later this month.”

Sian Hoyle, Festival Director at Derby Book Festival, added: “We’re delighted that Derbion will once again be supporting the Derby Book Festival. As a key location in the city, we’re thrilled to have Derbion on board to host storytelling sessions that will encourage a new generation of readers and help to grow the city’s love of books.”

For more information on Derbion’s storytelling sessions and to book tickets, visit www.derbion.com/summer-derby-book-festival, and for further details on Derby Book Festival, head to www.derbybookfestival.co.uk.

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Notes to Editors:

About Derbion:

Derbion is the East Midlands’ premier retail and leisure destination, offering a full family-day out within a contemporary and safe environment.

The centre has an attractive lineup of famous brands with over 200 household names, including Next, Zara, Mango, H&M, M&S, Hobbs, Hugo Boss, Whistles and JD Sports, with new additions in the last 12 months including Miniso, Rituals and TAG Heuer Boutique. We’re proud to also be home to a 127,000 sq. ft department store for Frasers, Sports Direct, USC and GAME.

With Showcase Cinema de Lux, Paradise Island Adventure Golf, Hollywood Bowl and the 640 seat Derby Theatre, Derbion has an extensive leisure offer for visitors to enjoy. The venue’s Food Terrace offers a wide variety of grab and go options for visitors to choose from, with eight further standalone restaurants and many more cafes and eateries throughout the centre.

The scheme is supported by an integrated, secure car park facility, offering 2,700 spaces in the heart of Derby city centre.

Find out more at <http://www.derbion.com>.