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Derby Museums to host annual Book Fair on The Wardwick



Image caption: Derby Museums on The Wardwick

Derby Museums looks set to draw in book lovers from across Derbyshire next weekend as it hosts Derby Book Festival's third annual Book Fair on The Wardwick on Saturday 8th June.

Celebrating everything literary, the Derby Book Fair will be packed with stalls selling new and second-hand books, comics and book-related gifts. Authors, publishers and charities will be there and visitors can also hear readings from local writers.

Derby Museums' Director of Resources, Mo Suleman, said:

"We're delighted to be able to host the Book Fair in our new space on The Wardwick this year. There's something truly magical about books and the journeys they can take you on. If you're a book lover, this one's for you!"

Derby Book Fair is part Derby Book Festival; an annual event established in 2015 that celebrates the joy of books and reading for all ages and interests. The Festival, which takes place every June, welcomes international best-selling authors as well as local writing talent, and features an exciting programme for children and families.

Local authors giving readings at the event include Aidan Parr (11.50am), Jonathan Powers (12.20pm), Aamir Sikander (12.50pm), Sarah Haywood (1.20pm), Roz Watkins (2pm) and Garry Martin (2.45pm).

Derby Book Fair will take place on Saturday 8th June inside the former central library building on The Wardwick (DE1 1HS), which is now being used by Derby Museums as a venue hire space. The event runs from 10am until 4pm and entry is free. An in-house café-bar will also be available on the day.

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Notes to editors

Derby Book Festival

Derby Book Festival celebrates the joy of books and reading for all ages and interests, with a programme featuring great writers, poets, historians, politicians, illustrators, storytellers and musicians.

<http://www.derbybookfestival.co.uk>

Derby Museums

Founded in 2012, Derby Museums Trust is an independent charitable trust which is responsible for the rich cultural and creative history of Derby. It manages three sites across the city, the Museum and Art Gallery, Pickford's House and The Silk Mill, and holds and curates all the art and collections within them, including the world's largest collection of paintings by Joseph Wright of Derby.

The Trust's aim is to bring as many of the objects and treasures in the collections into the public domain as is practically possible and present them in ways that delight and inspire, via education and learning programmes, events and exhibitions, in order to share knowledge and inspire creativity and making amongst the people of Derby.

As a charitable trust, Derby Museums relies on funding and grants from organisations and donations from businesses and the general public, all of which is gratefully received in order to ensure that admission to the museums remains free for all.

Derby Silk Mill – Museum of Making

Derby Museums has secured major grant funding of £9.4m from the Heritage Lottery Fund, £2.5m from Arts Council England, £3.7million from the Government-awarded Local Growth Fund allocation of the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (the private sector-led partnership promoting economic growth across Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) and support from a range of charitable trusts and foundations for the £16.4m development to create Derby Silk Mill – Museum of Making. The project will open up the whole of the Silk Mill, creating beautiful spaces to inspire our visitors and will provide access to 100% of Derby Museums' collections of Making and Social History. The new museum will have our communities at its heart and be uniquely co-produced with the people of Derby over the next few years and is due to open in 2020.

Derby Museums' Endowment Campaign

Derby Museums has been awarded a Heritage Endowment Grant by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). Over the next four years Derby Museums aims to raise £1 million that will be matched pound for pound by the NLHF. This will create a £2 million Endowment Fund that will be permanently invested to provide an income to help to support Derby Museums' long term future.

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