

# April

**Our Next Chapter project is complete!** Join us to make use of our stunning new facilities. New members welcome and trial memberships available. 🙌

**Tuesday 1st** 10am-5pm 📖

**NEW:** Book display - 'Whispers of the West: tracing the folklore of the South West'. On display until Wednesday 30th April / Drop in

**Wednesday 2nd / 9th / 16th / 23rd / 30th** 1pm-4pm 📖

Free tours of the Institution – find out about our beautifully restored heritage building and collections / Drop in

**Thursday 3rd** 11am-2pm 📖🙌

Green Shoots Gardening Group – Volunteers drop in session / Open to new members

**Tuesday 8th** 2.30pm /

Members' Book Group. Joining information overleaf

**Thursday 17th** 11am-2pm 📖🙌

Green Shoots Gardening Group – Volunteers drop in session / Open to new members

**Thursday 17th** Doors 6pm Lecture 6.30pm - 7.30pm 🙌

Turning the Page lecture series - Dr Fiona Schroeder, Fictions of the Fin du Globe: Late Victorian Page-Turners and the Fantasy of the Unknown  
Tickets £10 / Booking essential

**Saturday 19th** 10.30am - 12 noon 🍏🙌

Bookworms Junior Members' Club For children aged 5-8 years / Booking essential / Taster session free / Joining information overleaf

**Thursday 24th** 2.30pm-4pm /

West Quarter Research Group / Joining information overleaf

**Friday 25th** 11am-4pm

**NEW:** Bookbinding Workshop- *The Secret Belgian Binding* with Celadine Books  
Bookings information overleaf

# May

**Thursday 1st** 10am-5pm 📖🙌

**NEW:** Book display - 'Green Shoots: horticultural treasures from our natural history collection, unearthed by our gardeners'. On display until Saturday 7th June / Drop in

**Thursday 1st** 11am-2pm 📖🙌

Green Shoots Gardening Group – Volunteers drop in session / Open to new members

**Wednesday 7th / 14th / 21st / 28th** 1pm-4pm 📖

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**Saturday 10th** 10am-1pm

**NEW:** Letterpress workshop with Jeremy Speck - Use type to create beautiful, graphic prints to take home / Tickets £25 / Booking essential

**Tuesday 13th** 2.30pm /

Members' Book Group / Joining information overleaf

**Saturday 17th** 10.30-12 noon 🍏🙌

Bookworms Junior Members' Club For children aged 5-8 years / Booking essential / Taster session free / Joining information overleaf

**Thursday 24th** 2.30pm-4pm 📖

West Quarter Research Group / Joining information overleaf

# June

# JUNEBOOM2025JUNEBOOM2025

**Join us for a host of artistic and literary events during the city-wide June Boom!** Summer lunches return to the Courtenay Room and Garden - see website for details

**Wednesday 4th / 11th / 18th / 25th** 1pm-4pm 📖

Free tours of the Institution – find out about our beautifully restored heritage building and collections / Drop in

**Thursday 5th / 19th** 11am-2pm 📖🙌

Green Shoots Gardening Group - Volunteers drop in session / Open to new members

**Sunday 8th** 11am-4pm 📖

City of Literature Bookmarket on Cathedral Green. Second-hand Book Sale and drop in events at the Institution. Free tours - new members welcome. / Drop in

**Tuesday 10th** 2.30pm /

Members' Book Group. Joining information overleaf

**Tuesday 10th** 10am-5pm 📖🙌

**NEW:** *The First Word is Hope* An exhibition of letterpress prints and posters by Jeremy Speck. This collection of work is inspired by the work of Davina Quinlivan produced during her time as Writer-in-Residence for Quay Words and the Devon & Exeter Institution. On show until 5th July / Drop in

**Tuesday 10th - Saturday 14th** 11am-4pm 📖

**NEW:** Join us for Art Week Exeter. Crab and Bees *Matter of Britian*, Co-curated display featuring paintings by Helen Billingham. On show until 21st June / Drop in

**Saturday 14th** 10am-3pm 🙌

**NEW:** One-Day Choir - join choirmaster Emma Watson to learn and perform 'I can't help falling in love with you' in a day, in our stunning Blue Room / Tickets £25 / Booking essential

**Saturday 14th** 2pm-3pm 📖

**NEW:** Performance reading from 'Crab & Bee's Matter of Britain', a collection of folk stories overheard in pubs, found on village noticeboards, and whispered through the landscape itself, gathered from Helen and Phil Smith's travels across the UK. / Drop in

**Thursday 19th** 2.30pm - 4pm /

West Quarter Research Group / Joining information overleaf

**Saturday 21st** 10.30am-12noon 🍏🙌

Bookworms Junior Members' Club For children aged 5-8 years / Booking essential / Taster session free / Joining information overleaf

**Tuesday 24th** 10am-5pm 📖🙌

**NEW:** Book display - 'Collection highlights: sharing the star items from our Collections Review'. On display until Friday 29th August. / Drop in

# July

**NEW: Schools' Enrichment Week 14th-18th July** - What can historic newspapers tell us about fake news, trolling and clickbait? Free Workshops for KS3/4 throughout the week. Booking information overleaf. 🙌

**Wednesday 2nd / 9th / 23rd / 30th** 1pm-4pm 📖

Free tours of the Institution – find out about our beautifully restored heritage building and collections / Drop in

**Thursday 3rd** 11am-2pm 📖🙌

Green Shoots Gardening Group - Volunteers drop in session / Open to new members

**Thursday 3rd** 3pm /

Volunteers' Thank You tea party / DEI volunteers

**Tuesday 8th** 11am-12 noon 📖

Librarian's Tour / Free / Booking essential

**Tuesday 8th** 2.30pm /

Members' Book Group / Joining information overleaf

**Thursday 10th** 6pm-8pm

**NEW:** Supper Club in the Courtenay Room / Tickets £30 / Booking essential

**Saturday 19th** 10.30am-12noon 🍏🙌

Bookworms Junior Members' Club For children aged 5-8 years / Booking essential / Taster session free / Joining information overleaf

**Thursday 24th** 2.30pm-4pm /

West Quarter Research Group / Joining information overleaf

# August

**Wednesday 6th** 1pm-4pm 🍏

**NEW:** Family tours of the Institution – tour led by our Junior Members, suitable for children and their adults / Free, drop in

**Thursday 7th** 11am-2pm 🍏🙌

Green Shoots Gardening Group – Family make and take / Free, drop in  
Open to new members

**Tuesday 12th** 2.30pm /

Members' Book Group / Joining information overleaf

**Wednesday 13th / 20th / 27th** 1pm-4pm 📖

Free tours of the Institution – find out about our beautifully restored heritage building and collections / Drop in

**Saturday 16th** 10.30am-12noon 🍏🙌

Bookworms Junior Members' Club For children aged 5-8 years / Booking essential / Taster session free / Joining information overleaf

**Thursday 21st** 11am-2pm 🍏🙌

Green Shoots Gardening Group – Family make and take / Free, drop in

**Saturday 30th** 11am-3pm 📖

Second-hand Book Sale / Drop in

# September

**Heritage Open Days** - join us for free Librarian's Tours, special display, workshop and promenade performances of 'Frederick Douglass in Exeter' 🙌

**Tuesday 2nd** 10am-5pm 📖🙌

**NEW:** Book display: 'Frederick Douglass in Exeter'. On display until Saturday 4th October / Drop in

**Wednesday 3rd / 10th / 17th, / 24th** 1pm-4pm 📖

Free tours of the Institution – find out about our beautifully restored heritage building and collections / Drop in

**Thursday 4th** 10am-2pm 🙌

Green Shoots Gardening Group - Volunteers drop in session / Open to new members

**Tuesday 9th** 2.30pm /

Members' Book Group / Joining information overleaf

**Tuesday 16th** 11am 📖

Librarian's Tour / Free / Booking essential

**Wednesday 17th** 3pm 📖

**NEW:** Workshop - 'Frederick Douglass in Exeter' / Free / Booking essential

**Thursday 18th** 2pm-3pm 📖

Librarian's Tour / Free / Booking essential

**Friday 19th** 2pm and 4pm (Performance lasts 45 minutes) 📖

**NEW:** Promenade performance - 'Frederick Douglass in Exeter' by Riversmeet  
Free / Booking essential

**Friday 19th** 3pm - 3.45pm 📖

**NEW:** Book display talk 'Frederick Douglass in Exeter'- meet the Curator  
Free, drop in

**Saturday 20th** 2pm and 4pm (Performance lasts 45 minutes) 📖

**NEW:** Promenade performance - 'Frederick Douglass in Exeter' by Riversmeet  
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**Saturday 20th** 3pm - 3.45pm 📖

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**Thursday 21st** 10am-2pm /

Green Shoots Gardening Group - Volunteers drop in session / Open to new members

Key



Members' interest group



Free and open to all



Children's activity



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## Booking information

For general enquiries please contact:  
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For membership please contact:  
**membership@devonandexeterinstitution.org**

For library enquiries please contact:  
**library@devonandexeterinstitution.org**

For Members Book Group, the West Quarter project and Green Shoots - please contact:  
**office@devonandexeterinstitution.org**

For bookable events please go to Webcollect/DEI to book online, email **venue@devonandexeterinstitution.org** or come in to book in person

For Bookbinding workshops please book via  
**celadinebooks.co.uk**

For FREE Enrichment Week school sessions, please email:  
**office@devonandexeterinstitution.org**

**Bookworms** is our junior members club for 5-8 year olds.

We hold one Bookworms session a month, themed around our collections, which includes books, crafts/ activities, games and stories. Junior membership is £12 annually.



The DEI is an independent historic library and Educational Charity. We rely on charitable membership, venue hire, donations and fundraising to thrive.

To find out how you can support us by becoming a member visit us in person, or online:

**[www.devonandexeterinstitution.org](http://www.devonandexeterinstitution.org)**

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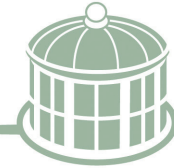
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# What's On



Spring - Summer 2025