



As well as the events below, don't forget to check out further activities and things to do on www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo

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North Solihull (and surrounding areas)				
Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Chester Road, Castle Bromwich, Solihull, B36 9BT Tel: 0121 749 4100 Website: www.castlebromwichhallgardens.org.uk				
Sat 2 Dec	Enchanted Woodland Walk Woodland magic, light, lanterns and entertainment. Our pre-Christmas offering this year includes enchanting illuminated walks around the garden, spotting our mushroom village houses under the trees, behind the hedge and even up in the branches. Also, free make and take workshops on lantern making and natural Christmas tree decorations.	£3 per person (4 Years and Over)	12:30pm – 6pm	Not specified
Sun 10 Dec	Enchanted Woodlands, Carols and Mummers Lantern walks in the mushroom village, carol singing and Mummers play. As well as the Woodland Walk, craft Make and Takes today also has seasonal entertainment from Castle Bromwich Singers and roustabout fun from Glorishears of Brummagem mummers play. Also, free make and take workshops on lantern making and natural Christmas tree decorations.	£3 per person (4 Years and Over)	12:30pm – 6pm	Not specified
Sat 16 Dec	Community Lanterns Parade Join in or come and watch. Bring you pre-made lanterns or come early and join in the afternoon workshop. As dusk falls artist Sophie Handy and our guest performers will lead us all in a short parade around the Gardens and our illuminated mushroom village. We finish with a seasonal performance suitable for all the family. Free cup of hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows complete the community get together. Also, free make and take workshops on lantern making and natural Christmas tree decorations.	£3 per person (4 Years and Over)	12:30pm – 6pm	Not specified

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Marston Green Parish Hall Elmdon Road, Marston Green, Solihull B37 7BTWebsite: www.marstongreenparishhall.co.uk

Fri 29 Dec	<p>The Emoji Movie Join us as we show the fantastic family film; the Emoji Movie! Each paying child gets a FREE cup of popcorn! Our big screen and great sound system makes this a real cinema experience. Purchase your tickets online or email Lisa at: mghparishhallbookings@yahoo.co.uk Our smaller room will be open for younger children to enjoy colouring activities or if you need somewhere quiet with your baby. We will also be selling hot and cold food, snacks & hot and cold drinks so why not treat yourselves to some lunch!</p>	£3 per child, £1.50 per adult	12pm – 2pm	4 Years and Over
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Libraries...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
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Castle Bromwich Library Hurst Lane North, Castle Bromwich, Solihull B36 0EY

Tel: 0121 747 3708

	Storytime. Term time only on Fridays.	FREE	2:15pm - 2:45pm	Under Fives
	Rhyme time on Mondays. Alternating between either a morning or afternoon session. A short interactive session for babies and very young children, which includes finger and action rhymes and songs.	FREE	10:45am - 11:05am or 2:30pm - 2:50pm	0 - 2 Years
Thurs 14 Dec	Wizzleworld Story Craft Session Please phone the library to book a place.	FREE	3:45pm – 4:45pm	4 – 11 Years
Fri 22 Dec	Christmas Craft Activity Please phone the library to book a place.	£1.50 per child	2:30pm – 3:30pm	3 – 8 Years

Chelmsley Wood Library 10 West Mall, Chelmsley Wood Shopping Centre, Solihull B37 5TN

Tel: 0121 788 4380

	Wise Owls Story and rhymetime drop-in session, term time only on Fridays. Followed by play and stay (15 th December this will include a Christmas craft activity)	FREE	10am	Under 5s
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	Code Club Do you have a favourite computer game? Would you like to learn how to make your own computer games? At Code Club you will learn how to make cool games, animations and websites too! Drop-in session, term time only on Mondays. Contact library staff to find out more details.	FREE	4pm - 5pm	8 - 12 Years
	Play and Stay We are launching a new children's drop-in session. Term time only on Tuesdays. Contact library staff to find out more details.	FREE	10am	Under 3s
Kingshurst Library Marston Drive, Kingshurst, Solihull B37 6BD Tel: 0121 770 3451				
	Story Time on Fridays, term time only	FREE	10:15am - 10:45am	Under Fives
	Rhyme time – A short interactive session for babies and very young children that includes finger & action rhymes and songs. Also a chance to meet other mums and carers. Once a fortnight on Tuesdays.	FREE	10:15am - 10:45am	0 - 2 Years
Sat 9 Dec	Family Christmas Get Together Organised by the Parish Council. There will be many activities including cake and drinks, carol singing, fancy dress (win a prize), and much more!	Please contact for details	1pm – 4pm	Not specified
Marston Green Library Land Lane, Solihull B37 7DQ Call: 0121 779 2131				
	Story Time - No need to book. Just pop along with your little ones for half an hour of stories, rhymes, songs and colouring on Mondays.	FREE	2:30pm - 3pm	Under Fives

South Solihull (and surrounding areas)

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The Core Theatre Solihull Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road Solihull B91 3RG
 Tel: 0121 704 6962 (Box Office)
 Website: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

Fri 8 Dec – Sun 31 Dec	Jack and the Beanstalk Solihull Pantomime Come along to boo, hiss, sing and have fun in this show to entertain the whole family!	From £17.50 per ticket for concessions and £19.50 for adults	Various times	2 Years and Over
Weds 20 Dec – Sun 24 Dec	Lily and the Little Snow Bear This funny, heartwarming tale of friendship is the perfect treat for Christmas with exquisite puppets, enchanting music and a magical snowy setting.	£10 per ticket	Various times	3 Years and Over

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Balsall Common Library 283 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common CV7 3EL
 Tel: 01676 532590

	Tales and Time to Play - on Mondays. Bring your little ones for a story followed by a chance to play, sing, chat and relax with other young families. All pre-school children are welcome. Toys and musical instruments are provided.	FREE	2:15pm - 3pm	Under Fives
	Rhyme Time - on Tuesdays. Enjoy an afternoon spending time with your babies and toddlers listening to happy songs and rhymes with actions and percussion instruments.	FREE	2:15pm - 2:45pm	0 - 2 Years
Thurs 21 Dec	Christmas Craft Drop In	FREE	11am – 5pm	Up to 11 Years

Dickens Heath Library Old Dickens Heath Road, Dickens Heath, Solihull B90 1SD
 Tel: 0121 744 6078

	Rhymetimes on Mondays, term time only. A fun session of action rhymes and songs.	FREE	2pm - 2.30pm	0 - 2 Years
Sat 9 Dec	Children's Board Games Club - Get your children away from their computer screens. Who doesn't love a game of Guess Who?	FREE	2pm - 3pm	5 - 9 Years
	Tea & Tots - Every other Thursday of the month A chance for mums, dads, grans and carers to meet for a cuppa and a chat whilst the toddlers play. Occasional guest speakers may also attend.	FREE	2pm - 3pm	Under Fives
Thurs 21 Dec	Christmas Craft Drop In	FREE	2:30pm – 3:30pm	4 – 8 Years

Hampton in Arden Library 39 Fentham Road, Hampton in Arden, Solihull B92 0AY
Tel: 01675 442629

	<p>Storytimes - Fortnightly on Tuesdays. Stories and crafts for all pre-school children. Please call for dates. Please note there is a Christmas Special Storytime on the 12th December and places need to be booked.</p>	FREE	1:45pm - 2:15pm	Under Fives
	<p>Great Storybook Journey - Fortnightly on Fridays. A story for under 5s about places and the environment, followed by painting a picture of the place for our display. Please call for dates.</p> <p>N.B.Warm water is provided to wash hands, but wearing clothes that can get messy is recommended.</p>	FREE	1.45pm - 2.15pm	Under Fives

Hobs Moat Library Ulleries Road, Solihull B92 8EB
Tel: 0121 743 4592

	<p>Under 5s Story Session 'Little Hobbits - Thursdays, term time only. Join the 'Little Hobbits' and sing along with rhymes before listening to stories and enjoying colouring with your pre school children.</p>	FREE	10am - 10:45am	Under Fives
	<p>Daddy Rhyme Time - Monthly on Saturdays. This is a special time of enjoyment and bonding for you and your child. Come along and meet with other fathers and male carers for a chat. Refreshments are provided. Please contact for more details. Please note there is no date for December but it will be back in January 2018.</p>	FREE	10:30am - 11am	Under Fives
Mon 4 Dec	<p>Animal Antics Join our new pre-school children's activity. Every month staff will read stories about a new animal. Children can then colour in a picture of the animal and collect them. Every time you come to the library you can collect a paw print for your Animal Collector Card.</p>	FREE	2pm	Under Fives

Knowle Library Chester House, 1667-1669 High Street, Knowle, Solihull B93 0LL
Tel: 01564 775840

	<p>ABC Stories - Activity and story-time session, where children can make their own alphabet scrapbook. Alternate Mondays .</p>	£1.50 per child	2pm - 3:00pm	Under Fives
	<p>Rhyme Time - Every Friday afternoon, term time only (last one 15th December). Bring your little ones along for a fun half hour of songs, action rhymes and musical instruments.</p>	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under Fives
Thurs 7 Dec	<p>Jellybeans – Once a month on a Thursday morning, story-time and rhymes. Please contact the library for more information.</p>	£1.50 per child	10:45am – 11:30am	Under Fives

Meriden Library Arden Cottage, The Green, Meriden CV7 7LN
Tel: 01676 522717

	Storytime on Mondays. Term time only. A different theme each week, with a special craft to follow.	FREE	2.45pm - 3.15pm	Under Fives
	Rhymetime on Thursdays. Term time only. A weekly session of songs for babies and toddlers.	FREE	2.45pm - 3.15pm	Under Fives

Olton Library 169A Warwick Road, Olton, Solihull B92 7AR
Tel: 0121 706 3038

	Storytime on Tuesdays, Fortnightly. Term time only. Come along and enjoy listening to stories for your pre-school child in the company of other children and their families.	FREE	2:30pm - 3pm	2 Years and Over
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Shirley Library 22 Parkgate, Stratford Road, Shirley, Solihull B90 3GG
Tel: 0121 704 6300

	Storytime on the 1 st Tuesday and Friday of the month. Term time only.	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under Fives
	Rhyme Time - For babies and toddlers on Tuesdays (term time only).	FREE	10am – 10:30am	Under Fives
	Rhyme Time - For babies and toddlers on Wednesdays (term time only).	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under Fives
	Rhyme Time - For babies and toddlers on Saturdays (term time only).	FREE	11am - 11.30am	Under Fives
	Children's Code Club on Thursday. Term time only. Code Club runs as a 6 week course. Booking is essential as there is a maximum of 8 children per course. In each session children will use various coding websites (depending on their level of coding) to make their own cool computer games, animations and websites. All children will receive a certificate at the end of each completed course! We currently run courses in Scratch 1 & 2 and HTML 1 & 2, so lots of room for progression! N.B. Limited places are available so please either speak to a member of staff at Shirley Library or call for more information or to get a spot on the waiting list! New Course will start in January 2018.	FREE	5pm - 6pm	9 - 11 Years
Mon 18 Dec	Explore Learning Christmas Workshop Please phone to book a place.	FREE	4pm - 5pm	9 – 11 Years

The Core Library Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG
Tel: 0121 704 6965

	Homework Club - Tuesdays (term time only) with designated staff to support children.	FREE	3:45pm - 5:15pm	8 Years and Over
	Rhyme Time - Wednesdays (term time only). A short interactive session that includes finger & action rhymes and songs. Come along and meet up with other parents/carers and discover what the library can offer your child.	FREE	10:15am - 10:30am	0 - 2 Years
	Story Times - Mondays (term time only).	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under Fives
	Meet and Play - Fridays (term time only). A session for families to meet up, relax, chat, play, sing or make music together. Instruments and toys are provided.	FREE	10:15am - 11:15am	0 - 2 Years
	Core Code Club - Saturdays (fortnightly – term time only). To book a place, email... kjewsbury@solihull.gov.uk or call for more details.	FREE	10:30am - 11:30am	8 – 13 Years
	Lego Club – Monthly on a Wednesday. Meet in The Core Creative space. Call to book a place.	FREE	4pm - 5pm	Not specified
	Twins Plus Storytime – Last Thursday of the month, term time only. Storytime for twins and multiples. Enjoy stories and rhymes followed by time to chat and share experiences with others. No booking required, just turn up on the day.	FREE	2pm - 2:30pm	Under Fives

Parks...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Brueton Park Solihull, B91 3HA				
Sun 3 Dec	Father Christmas Father Christmas is making a special appearance in the park so come and visit him in his grotto to receive a small gift! There is a festive treasure trail and other entertainment for you to enjoy, including a Christmas craft activity at the Parkridge Centre. With Carols in the Park taking place from 1pm, visitors of all ages can get into the festive spirit! Join our brass band and choir for some seasonal good cheer. Reduce your queueing time by booking a time slot in advance by contacting 0121 704 8000.	£3 per child	10:30am – 3pm	All ages
Fri 8 Dec, Fri 15 Dec & Fri 22 Dec	Tinsel Tots – Snowmen and Snowflakes at The Parkridge Centre Nature Tots aims to encourage an early interest in wildlife. The session starts with 15 minutes of free play, followed with some wonderful activities based on the theme, before returning to the centre to make an amazing craft to take home. Please be aware we head out in all weathers, so please dress appropriately.	£3.50 per child	10:30am – 12pm & 1:30pm – 3pm	0 - 4 Years

Birmingham City Centre & other areas...

Date(s)	Activity	Price	Time	Suitable age
Library of Birmingham Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2ND Tel: 0121 242 4242 Website: http://www.libraryofbirmingham.com				
Sat 2 Dec, Sat 9 Dec, Sat 16 Dec & Sat 23 Dec	Victoria Christmas Storytelling Steve Oliver reads a selection of seasonal stories from Charles Dickens, L Frank Baur and Oliver Bell Bunce among others. Gather round for a Saturday storytelling show to get you in the mood for Christmas as we go back to the Victorian era, the golden age of Christmas.	FREE	2pm-3pm	4 Years and Over
Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3DH Tel: 0121 348 8038 Website: www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/				
Sat and Sun between 2 Dec & 17 Dec	Santa's Grotto Based in the heart of the museum our glittering grotto will get children and families in the festive spirit with everything from twinkling lights, piles of snow and of course... Santa! Every child will receive a gift and a unique memento of the occasion with a special printed photograph of themselves with Santa.	£5 per child	10:30am – 12:30pm & 1:30pm – 4pm	Not specified

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