

New chapter for library fest

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JEDI KNIGHTS, gaming fans and bookworms are set to turn over a new leaf with the return of the Leeds Library Festival.

The second annual literary celebration is once again set to “stamp out the shhh” across the city from today.

Boasting over 80 events in total, visitors will be able to enjoy a range of diverse and fun activities and events at a number of council libraries as part of a special programme set to be held from today until Sunday, February 21.

On offer will include author events, workshops, talks, performances, special story times, crafting and games includ-

ing Minecraft, which will offer something to every one of all ages and interests.

For the first time, the festival will also include events at the historical independent subscription library, The Leeds Library and the Treasures of the

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Brotherton Gallery at the University of Leeds.

Councillor Debra Coupar, Leeds City Council’s executive member for communities, said: “The reception that we received from so many people to the first Leeds Library Festival was absolutely fantastic.

“We are really looking to forward to this year’s event beginning this weekend, which judging by the programme, promises to be even better.

“Many of our council libraries across the city will again be participating.”

Among the events for the festival will include a Wookie Wednesday art and craft session at Farsley Library on Wednesday, February 17.

Beer lovers are also in for a treat with a special appearance from ale-enthusiast Pete Bunt-en who will be exploring the connection between beer and books at Farsley Library on Friday, February 19.

For a full programme of events from across the city visit: www.leeds.gov.uk/libraryfest.

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JAMES HARDISTY

TURNING THE PAGE: Rhian Isaac from Leeds Central Library.

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LEEDS: Council and social housing tenants who want to move house can find out more about swapping their home at an upcoming event. The BIG Winter Home Swap will help tenants find their ideal home through mutual exchange and advise how to register on House Exchange. It will be held on Friday at Leeds Civic Hall between 10am and 3pm.

EMMERDALE STAR LEAVES

SOAPS: Emmerdale’s Adam Fielding has said he is quitting his “stressful” role as Kirin Kotecha. The 22-year-old actor made the decision to leave ITV’s Leeds-based soap in 2015 after talking to former producer Kate Oates, now the boss of Coronation Street. His final day of shooting was January 13.

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