

World Book Day's 25th anniversary event at Torquay Museum

Torquay Museum will be hosting a series of fun activities on Saturday, March 26, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of World Book Day.

Step into a book and it will transport you to faraway places; you can explore new worlds, meet new friends - and mourn their loss as you turn that last page - lose yourself in the story, escape.

Rainy days in front of the fire, winter nights tucked up in bed, summer days in the shade of a parasol, or just on the plain, old train that clackety-clacks you home from work.

Books entertain, inspire, and inform.

Mankind has always had a tale to tell; from ancient paintings on cave walls, to hieroglyphs on Egyptian tombs - stories matter. Reading matters.

When better than childhood to capture, cultivate, and expand the power of those amazing imaginations?

Angela Lafferty,
Torquay Museum's
engagement
development officer

Join Torquay Museum staff to create your own characters with the comic strip making workshop - ideal for seven to 14 year olds.

Comic strips are not only a fun way to pass the time and to express yourself, but also great for readers who enjoy a visual story.

For such a short story, comic strips have held a place in the limelight for many years, their focus not only on comedy, but also they are used to push heavier

topics into the public gaze - social and environmental issues, personal, political, and national problems.

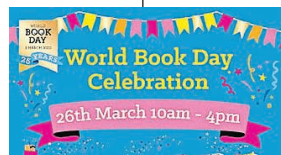
Little ones can join Torquay Museum staff for Storytelling in The Farmhouse, where we will be sharing favourite stories, old and new.

The importance of reading to children cannot be underestimated - it helps them explore emotions, develop empathy for the characters, build bonds between

their adult and themselves as they share an amazing adventure, as well as improving concentration, vocabulary, and their imagination.

The Mystery Film, which will be running throughout the day, showcases one of the museum's favourite story tellers.

His cautionary tale is a great read that encourages us to think about environmental issues -



Storytelling in the Old Devon Farmhouse for little ones Picture: TORQUAY MUSEUM

Saturday, March 26, is also World Earth Day.

Here's a clue: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

The museum café will have the necessary snacks, don't forget to pop in before you settle down and enjoy the film.

Local primary schools have helped to design a fabulous book themed door trail - they have shared with us designs for their favourite books.

Go along on Saturday, follow the trail, and work out the clues.

Dressing up as your favourite book - or comic book! - character on Saturday, March 26, is optional - museum staff will be wearing theirs, it would be great to see your costumes too.

Don't forget - you can bring your adult for free!

Annual tickets for this event are not valid and booking is essential. You can get your tickets online via torquaymuseum.org or call 01803 293975.



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