

# World Book Night being celebrated across Edinburgh



It will not surprise you to know that the libraries are where it is all happening this evening to celebrate World Book Night. WBN is a celebration of books and reading when books are handed out free by volunteers to encourage those who don't read to start!

## **World Book Night events:**

**Tuesday 23 April, 10am-8pm**

### **Leith Library**

#### **World Book Night – Online Pirates of Leith Treasure Hunt**

Solve all the clues about Leith using our fabulous Our Town Stories website (<http://www.ourtownstories.co.uk/>). Then come and claim your booty from some real live pirates! Successful adventurers will take home copies of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic 'Treasure Island'. Yarrrrr!

Keep an eye on the Leith Library blog at <http://leithlibrary.wordpress.com/> and @LeithLibrary Twitter for more details! First clues due around 2pm.

**Tuesday 23 April, 6-7pm**

### **Muirhouse Library**

#### **World Book Night with Allan Guthrie**

Prize winning Edinburgh based crime writer, author of many gripping stories including 'Slammer' and 'Bye Bye Baby', will read from and talk about his books. His books have been described as having the power to 'make you writhe in agony' while dealing 'heart stopping suspense'.

To book a place call 0131 529 5528 or email [muirhouse.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:muirhouse.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

**Tuesday 23 April, 6.30- 7.30pm**

**Blackhall Library**

**World Book Night with Andrew Greig**

Listen to this Scottish novelist, poet and writer, read and discuss prose from 'At the Loch of the Green Corrie' and 'Found At Sea', a book-length sequence of narrative poems. The event will be chaired by Ryan Van Winkle, Edinburgh City Libraries' writer in residence.

To book a place call 0131 529 5595 or email [blackhall.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:blackhall.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

**Tuesday 23 April, 6.30-8pm**

**Portobello Library**

**World Book Night with Caroline Dunford**

Hear about the 'Euphemia Martins' mysteries and Caroline Dunford's other careers. She has published 30 short stories, mostly fantasy and horror, won a few awards, written the best selling non-fiction narrative 'How to Survive the Terrible Twos; diary of a mother under siege' and had several plays produced.

To book a place call 0131 529 5558 or email [portobello.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:portobello.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

**Tuesday 23 April, 6-8pm**

**Corstorphine Library**

**Book Swap Evening**

Bring along one (or more!) of your favourite books to swap for someone else's 'must-read' and spend the evening chatting with book lovers over drinks and nibbles. Don't have a book to swap? Come along anyway and enjoy the company!

For more information call 0131 529 5506 or email [corstorphine.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:corstorphine.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

**Tues 23 April, 6.45-7.45pm**

## **Oxgangs Library**

### **World Book Night – the Brainbuster Book Quiz**

Celebrate World Book Night with Oxgangs library's 'Brainbuster Book Quiz. Hosted by our very own quizmaster, 'The Great Raymondo'.

All welcome. Guaranteed Fun. Refreshments too.

To book a place, call 0131 529 5549 or email [oxgangs.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:oxgangs.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)

**Tues 23 April, 7-8.30pm**

**Central Library/Reference Library**

### **World Book Night celebration**

No.1 Ladies Detective Agency author Alexander McCall Smith will be in conversation with Peggy Hughes (the City of Literature), with readings from BAFTA-nominated novelist and playwright Lesley Glaister and other local authors. World Book Night promises to be a fun evening with fizz and nibbles. Local World Book Night givers welcome!

How does WBN work?

- 20 books are chosen by an independent editorial committee (comprising of passionate experts representing librarians, booksellers, writers and the media) informed by a public vote. The authors of the books waive their royalties, the publishers agree to pay the costs of producing the World Book Night editions and contribute to additional core funding
- Bookshops and libraries sign up to be collection points
- Members of the public sign up to be givers, applying to give away a particular title with information on where, to whom and why they want to give their books. Applications are vetted by World Book Night and the original publisher and suitable givers are chosen based on their ability to reach those who don't regularly read
- The successful givers choose a local participating

bookshop or library from which to collect their set of books and WBN's partner distributors deliver the books to these collection points

- Givers collect their books in the week before World Book Night and inscribe the first page with their name, the name of the bookshop or library they collected them from and a unique identifying number which enables each book to be tracked
- The books are given to those who don't regularly read within their communities
- Hundreds of events take place across the country on April 23 to celebrate books and reading

**The 2013 books [are all here...](#) Which ones will you read?**