

Five things you need to know today



Book Week Scotland – Exhibition at Ocean Terminal – North Edinburgh GROW launch – Queensferry & District Community Council meeting tonight – Lau at The Queen’s Hall this week

Book Week Scotland gets off to a flying start today with a range of events taking place across the city’s libraries.

Now a major date in Scotland’s cultural calendar, Book Week Scotland is a national celebration of reading created to highlight Scotland’s exceptional cultural, creative and literary talent, and to remind everyone of the unique pleasure that can be gained from a good book.

Throughout the week Edinburgh Libraries will be holding author events, talks, workshops and even hosting a pop-up bookshop in Central Library in celebration of this national event.

Highlights include an event held specifically for prisoners at Saughton Prison Library, a talk by Saltire prize winner James Robertson at Blackhall Library, an event with broadcaster and journalist Lesley Riddoch and a coffee and cake morning at Oxfangs Library with Edinburgh crime writer Lin Anderson.

Councillor Richard Lewis, the city’s Culture and Sport Convener, said: “Book Week Scotland is a great opportunity for everyone to share their love of reading with others. I can think of no better place than Edinburgh, the world’s first UNESCO City of Literature, to get people excited about reading, writing and literature. The city’s libraries are hosting some fantastic events throughout the week and I hope

everyone will join us to celebrate the love of a good book!"

Initiated by the Scottish Government, Book Week Scotland will be delivered on behalf of Creative Scotland by Scottish Book Trust, the leading agency for the promotion of literature, reading and writing in Scotland.

Scottish Book Trust work with a range of partners across Scotland to deliver a packed programme of free projects and events, bringing people of all ages and from all walks of life together to celebrate books and reading.

For more information about Book Week Scotland, visit www.bookweekscotland.com. Follow @Bookweekscot on Twitter, check out #bookweekscot or like the Book Week Scotland Facebook page.

Following the Book Week Scotland theme there is an exhibition taking place at Ocean Terminal all day today called *Octavo Fika* which is an exploration of narrative and the forms a book can take.

"The collection is made of books by creators from the UK and around the World. Octavo only has two rules: It has to be a book, and it has to contain a narrative element. The book can be 2 pages, hand-made, mass-produced, a publication, 5000 pages or a sculpture. So come and explore this truly unique collection of photography, art, design, textiles creation, literature, poetry and craft. The exhibition will take place between November 25th and December 2nd as part of Book Week Scotland. For more information visit the [website](#)."



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✖ There is an exciting brand new garden at the rear of North Edinburgh Arts centre which TRIM (tenants and residents in Muirhouse) hope will soon be a focal point within their community.

Project leader Vala said:-“The long anticipated work on the garden has started – Work will continue in phases over the winter, finishing in February/March.

In the meantime why not come by the cafe at NEA to see the plans on our new display wall and chalk us up your suggestions.”

The Official Launch party will be held on 28th November 2013 from 3.45pm. Join local residents and see MSP Colin Keir switching on the Christmas tree lights.

The Queensferry & District Community Council meet tonight at 7.30pm at the Community Council Office, Burgh Chambers, South Queensferry. More information on the [website](#).

We heard the band Lau perform at the launch of Edinburgh's Hogmanay. They will be transforming The Roxy into Lau:Land during the three day festivities at the end of the year. But this week they are performing at The Queen's Hall.

Booking details [here](#).

You can see and hear some of their music here in our video of Edinburgh's Hogmanay launch....



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