

What's on in Edinburgh this week – for children

Library Garden Club: fun and creative activities related to gardening! For ages 8-14. 3.30pm, Monday 9th May and every Monday, [North Edinburgh Arts](#), Pennywell Court, Muirhouse. ❌

Tiny Tales: Creature Feature – join **Daniel Allison** for stories about strange and magical creatures, and some strange and magical music too. For ages 1-3. 10am *or* 11.30am, Tuesday 10th May, Storytelling Bothy, [Scottish Storytelling Centre](#), 43 High Street. Tickets £5 per child, accompanying adult free; please book in advance by calling the Box Office on 0131 556 9579 or online [here](#), and remember to book a free ticket for yourself when purchasing one for your child. ❌

Lego Club: a fortnightly group for Lego enthusiasts aged 7-11, who must be accompanied by an adult. 6pm, Wednesday 11th May, [Central Children's Library](#), George IV Bridge. All welcome! ❌

❌ **Tiger Tales:** stories and crafts for children aged 4-8. 3.40pm Wednesday 11th May and every Wednesday, [Oxgangs Library](#), 343 Oxgangs Road North. All welcome.

Blackwell's Edinburgh Children's Book Group. Are you eight to eleven years old, with a love of books and biscuits? Join this book group to enjoy a friendly hour of fiction, from both classic and contemporary Scottish writing to your own choice of favourite book. Come and discover more books to treasure! Currently reading ***Foxcraft: The Taken*** by **Inbali Iserles**. 6pm, Wednesday May 11th, [Blackwell's](#), South Bridge. To join just email your name and address to childrens.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk. ❌

❌ **John & Carole Barrowman: *Conjuror*.** John Barrowman, star of stage and screen, will be joined by his sister Carole to

sign copies of their new book *Conjuror*, the first in the *Orion Chronicles* series. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment. (Please note: no other memorabilia will be signed at this event). 5pm, Wednesday 11th May, [Waterstones West End](#), 128 Princes Street. Free: no booking required.

The Edinburgh Bookshop Children's Book Club: for all children under 11. There is no set book to read, you just come along and talk about what you are reading and try out new books. 6.30pm, Wednesday 11th May (meets monthly), [The Edinburgh Bookshop](#), 219 Brunstfield Place. Please call the bookshop to register: 0131 447 1917. There is a separate club for children aged 11 and over – contact the shop for details of the next meeting.

Gaelic Bookbug: stories, songs and rhymes for children under 4 and their parents and carers. 11am, Saturday 14th May, [Leith Library](#), 28 Ferry Road.

Storytelling with Ink and Blot: in the Bothy with the menagerie! 11am, Saturday 14th May and every Saturday, [Far From the Madding Crowd](#), 20 High Street, Linlithgow. Free: all welcome. For more information call the shop or email sally@maddingcrowdlinlithgow.co.uk.

The Festival of Architecture: Magical Cities. Drop-in family sessions to celebrate the Festival of Architecture; a chance to build models of fantastic buildings using a variety of exciting materials and textures. Come along and work with artists and architects to build a new fantasy city in the gallery – representing a new vision of the city of Edinburgh. Your design can be as off-the-wall as possible, and the emphasis is on creativity. You will also get the opportunity to create a diorama of present day Edinburgh to celebrate the heritage of existing buildings. For all ages. 2-4pm, Saturday 14th May, [City Art Centre](#), Market Street. Free, no booking required. Also at same times on Sunday 15th May.

✘ **Wee Treasures – May:** storytelling for early years children and their families, inspired by a different portrait each month – delve into the magic treasure chest to find out what the story will be! With fun rhymes and songs, puppet characters and lots of opportunities to join in, this is sure to become a firm favourite with little ones. For children aged 2-4 and their parents and carers. 10.30am *or* 11.30am (30 minute sessions), Saturday 14th May, [Scottish National Portrait Gallery](#), 1 Queen Street. Free, but places are limited – sign up on the day.

The Story Kist: Inclusive Storytelling. Kettles and candle ✘ sticks! Wooden spoons and jelly! Come and hear some funny stories of everyday objects and what they get up to when we're not looking... Multi-sensory adventures with storytellers **Ailie Finlay** and **Marie Louise Cochrane**. Stories, games and songs and lots of intriguing props to squish and rattle. Lots of fun for everyone, but particularly for children with additional needs, their families, friends and carers. 11am, Saturday 14th May, Storytelling Bothy, [Scottish Storytelling Centre](#), 43 High Street. Tickets £5 per child, accompanying adult free; please book in advance by calling the Box Office on 0131 556 9579 or online [here](#), and remember to book a free ticket for yourself when purchasing one for your child.

✘ **Bags of Art – May:** Cool and creative fun with artists **Tessa Asquith-Lamb** and **Louise Fraser**. 2-4pm (drop-in), Sunday 15th May, [Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art ONE](#), Belford Road. Free and unticketed. Supported by the Friends of the National Galleries of Scotland. Image © Alicia Bruce.

Blackwell's Edinburgh Teenage Book Group. Do you love to ✘ read, or just want to read more? Then join this group to talk about the latest teenage fiction and your favourite books – it meets on the second Sunday of each month, and reads anything from classics to contemporary, dystopian to historical – in short, anything you fancy! Currently reading **Carry On** by Rain Rowell. 2pm, Sunday May 15th, [Blackwell's](#),

South Bridge. To join just email your name and address to schools.edinburgh@blackwell.co.uk.

✘ **The Secret Garden:** a day of creative events around the theme of gardens and woodland and all things magical. There will be a children's animal handling session and craft workshop from **Zoo Lab**, storytelling, a magician, a woodland trail, face painting and circus performers who will not only be performing but will also teach visitors some basic circus skills on a drop-in basis. Plus – a brass band and ukulele band from **Edinburgh University** to create the feel of an old fashioned family gala day. Bring a picnic and Lauriston will provide cakes, strawberries and squash and lots of other delicious summer picnic treats. 11am-2pm, Sunday 15th May, [Lauriston Castle](#), 2a Cramond Road South. Entry is *free* (donations welcome!) but please book in advance via the [Usher Hall Box Office](#), Lothian Road, in person, by calling 0131 228 1155 or online, to allow the organisers to monitor numbers.