

SPOTLIGHT ON READING ABBEY QUARTER



PROJECT UPDATE

December 2018

Takeover Day



This November Reading Museum has celebrated our second annual Takeover Day, the culmination of a six month Takeover project with St John's C of E Primary School.

Over the project St John's pupils visited the museum three times. They gathered information, took photos, made drawings; created leaflets, posters and animations. They also wrote fantastic tour scripts and beautiful hand-written invitations to guests.

The project culminated in the Final Takeover Day on Friday 23rd, when the children delivered their incredible tour for the Mayor and dignitaries.

The children of St John's were nervous but they didn't let it get the better of them! They delivered a virtual tour of the Abbey and took questions like very confident tour guides!

Art in the Dark Ages

As part of the Reading Abbey Revealed Project, Reading Museum will be hosting a series of workshops based on Medieval Crafts.

Each month from January to June, we will showcase a different theme including poetry of the middle ages, medieval manuscripts, tile-making and stone-carving.

More details will be in the 2019 What's On brochure!



EVENTS

Art in the Dark Ages Workshops

19 Jan 2019

Basket Weaving with Christine Brewster

Work with English willow to make a small basket that can be used for foraging.

10am - 4pm

£35.00, Booking essential

23 February 2019

Leather Embroidery with Katherine Pogson

This creative workshop will explore techniques for embroidering, drawing inspiration from the surroundings of Reading Abbey.

£35.00, 10am – 4pm

Booking essential

23 Mar 2019

Creative Writing Workshop with Lesley Saunders

Dreams, Riddles, Charms and Visions - Poetry of the Middle Ages

10am - 3:30pm

£25.00, Booking essential

To access an electronic version of this newsletter or to find out more about the project, please visit: <http://readingabbeyquarter.org.uk/>

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Museum on Wheels in 2019



Following the success of Abbey on Wheels in 2018, Reading Museum has secured funding from The Earley Charity to roll out our new hands-on outreach programme 'Museum on Wheels'.

The Abbey Quarter team aims to visit venues throughout Reading for a variety of festivals and community events. Stall visitors also have the chance to hold original museum objects and to try out our virtual reality headset. This transports the wearers to exhibitions in the Museum or around the Abbey Ruins.

We want to make people proud of the significant history of Reading by spreading the word about our exciting exhibitions, projects and collections, and opportunities to get involved.

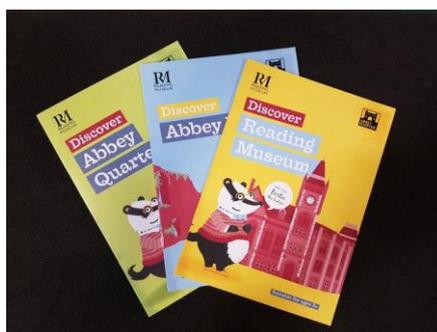
Please email Museum.Education@reading.gov.uk if you have an event you would like us to attend!

Discover the Abbey Quarter Trail

The Abbey Quarter team have created a trio of trails exploring the Museum, Ruins and Abbey Quarter.

These beautiful trails can be bought as part of the Discover Pack to earn an Arts Award: Discover.

Find out more here:
<https://www.readingmuseum.org.uk/discover-abbey-quarter-trails>



EVENTS

Saturday 12 January

Talks at Two: Reading Abbey and the Abbey Quarter

A presentation and talk on the Abbey Quarter by the authors of the new Two Rivers Press illustrated guide

£5, booking essential

Tuesday 19 February

Victorian Schoolroom Experience in the Gateway

See our website for how to book

Saturday 6 April

Royal Death and Burial - Reading Abbey in Context

A one-day conference with internationally renowned experts

£10, booking essential

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