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Imaginary Worlds FAMILY FESTIVAL

Saturday 22 November 2025
12.00 – 16.00

FREE | Drop in | All ages welcome
Delivered in British Sign Language and spoken English

In partnership with
The British
Museum



Enjoy an exciting family day exploring imaginary and real worlds

- Activities take place throughout the day unless a timeslot is shown
- All workshops are first come first served. Please note that some sessions may reach capacity on the day
- Remember to stamp all the areas you visit



Once you're home, use the letters you've collected to make as many words as you can, then turn those words into a story.

ORANGE AREA Floor 1

British Museum

Around the Ancient World

Find out about ancient objects from around the world and create a museum memento.



Origami Society

The World of Origami

Try your hand at making a paper origami model using simple folds.



Victoria and Albert Museum

Wish, Make and Celebrate

Create a wish for our wishing well and celebrate the things that make you happy.



Holborn Community Association

You in Your Imaginary World

Create a self-portrait of yourself in your imaginary world.



Foyle Centre

(through the Terrace Restaurant)

Sadler's Wells

Family Freestyle

12.15 – 12.45, 13.15 – 13.45,
14.15 – 14.45 and 15.15 – 15.45



Come along and dance together as we journey around our planet.

GREEN AREA Upper Ground Floor

The Signing Stars

Special Performance

14.00 and 14.40



Enjoy a performance by Frank Barnes School for Deaf Children and King's Cross Academy signing choir.

Camden Advisory Service and Speech & Language Therapy Team for Deaf Children and Young People

Wonderous World of Crafts

Create your own extraordinary adventure and explore as far as your imagination will take you.



Camden Family Learning

Magic World Makers

Make a miniature imaginary creature using modelling clay and tell us about their home.



London Zoo

A World of Wildlife

Create your favourite animal at our craft table and find out about our conservation work.



National Deaf Children's Society & North London Deaf Children's Society

Space, Rockets and Hearing Technology



Get inspired by *Harriet Versus the Galaxy* as you explore rockets, space, and communication, then build your very own rocket.

Deafness Cognition and Language Research Centre

Fingerspelling Space Race



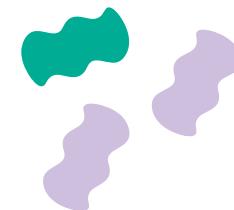
Solve the fingerspelling puzzles to help you collect space words and reach the home planet.

Francis Crick Institute

Mini Microscopists



Use a microscope to unlock tiny worlds and create a badge to celebrate your discoveries.



PURPLE AREA

Lower Ground Floor

Learning Centre

Sense

Sensory World

Enjoy a relaxing immersive sensory area. Specially designed for children with complex needs.

Frank Barnes School for Deaf Children

Fantasy Characters

Dress up in a character costume and have your photo taken against a fantasy world green screen.

Imaginary Signing Worlds

Bring the planets to life with sign language and create something to hang in your window.

Remark! Community

Signing in Space

Join us for a fabulous space-themed BSL taster and fingerspelling galaxy challenge.

October Gallery

Shoebox World

Design your own imaginative scene and craft mini characters to explore it.

Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration

I'd like to be...

Work with our illustrator to create your own magical collage world to take home.

Postal Museum

BSL Storytelling

12.45 – 13.30
and 14.45 – 15.30

Join us on a magical adventure as a lost letter travels through imaginary worlds.

Royal Association for Deaf people

An Introduction to British Sign Language

13.45 – 14.30

Join us for a family friendly BSL taster workshop.

BLUE AREA

Knowledge Centre

Foyer

Reading Area

Relax and recharge with books for all the family, including braille and tactile editions.

Chaucer Room

Sensory Space | Under 5s

Take some time out and enjoy a relaxing, immersive sensory area. Specially designed for under 5s and those with sensory needs.

Pigott Theatre

The Place

Imaginary Worlds Performance
12.45 – 13.15 and 14.45 – 15.15

Shuffle Youth Dance Company present a playful piece inspired by imaginary worlds.

Brontë Room

Foundling Museum Under 5s

Build and Dream

Build your own sensory world, a place where you feel safe and free to dream big.

Royal Institute of British Architects

Build Your Dream Animal Home

Design and build a fantastic home for your favourite animal, with Deaf architect Chris Laing.

Eliot Room

British Library | Under 5s

Storytelling | 12.15 – 12.45,
13.15 – 13.45, 14.30 – 15.00
and 15.30 – 16.00

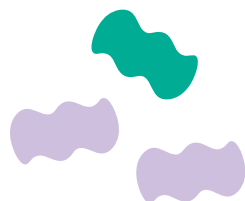
Join us for lively storytelling, with playful sessions run by Luke Saydon and Ruth Montgomery.

AROUND THE LIBRARY

Feedback

Tell us about your day! Our interactive trolley will be sailing around the Library, on a voyage of exploration, capturing your thoughts and feelings. Look out for the flags!

Share your day by tagging @britishlibrary #DeafFamilyFestival



HELPFUL INFORMATION

Our Buggy Park, Cloakroom and Locker Room are located in the **PURPLE AREA** on the Lower Ground Floor. Baby changing is also in this area, as well as on the Upper Ground Floor, Floor 1 and in the Knowledge Centre.

Bring your own packed lunch or visit one of our cafés where you can pick up a variety of child-friendly food, including sandwiches and jacket potatoes. Highchairs are available in all our cafés.

You are welcome to breastfeed throughout the Library.

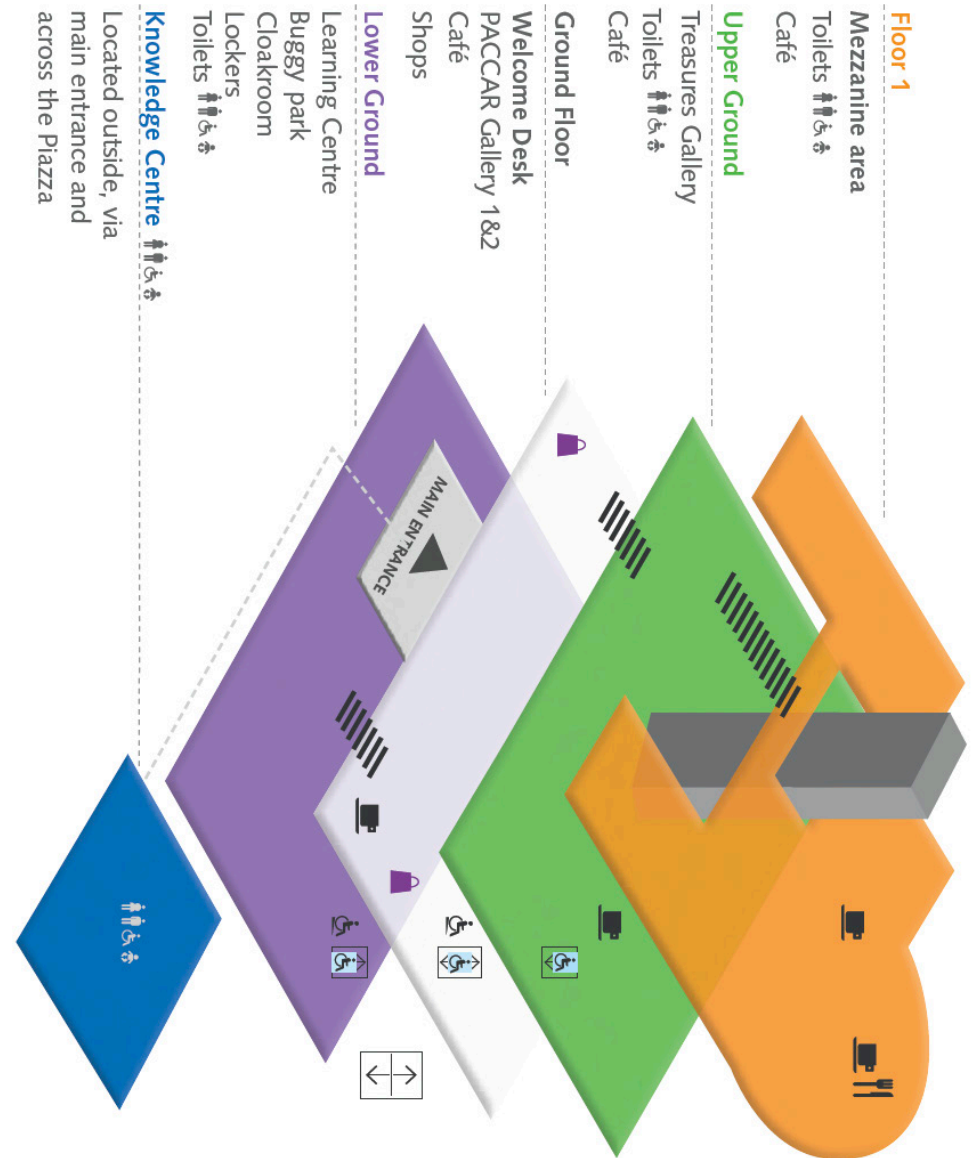
EXPLORE THE REST OF THE LIBRARY

Story Explorers FREE | Ground Floor

Please note there may be queues to access this exhibition, due to its popularity. This is to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Treasures of the British Library FREE | Upper Ground Floor

Telling the remarkable stories of over 2,000 years of human experience, our Treasures Gallery introduces you to some of the most awe-inspiring items in our collection.



Eat and Drink

Highchairs are available in our cafés, where you can pick up a variety of child-friendly food including sandwiches and jacket potatoes.

Shop

Books, toys and gifts for a range of ages.

- Lift to all floors (except G)
- Accessible lift
- Ramp
- King's Library

