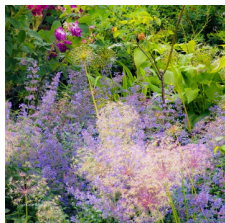




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Plenty: Online Gala of Local Writing

Wed 26 Aug, 7-8pm • Zoom • £3 / £2

Whether abundance be a blessing or curse, the coming of September is a time of **plenty**, the theme for our celebration of local writing. Join us online for a harvest of fine writing.



Arts Central Studios Night Market

Thur 27 Aug, 6-10pm • Arts Central Studios, Kiln Farm

MK Lit Fest's **Open Mic** at the **Night Market**, hosted by Arts Central Studios and featuring local artists and performers: live music, stalls and a zine exhibition, plus food provided by Char and drinks from Blackened Sun.



Mink 2027: 'In These Shoes'

Entries close 18 Jan 2027 • Submit online

The theme for MK Lit Fest's 2027 competition of the best Flash, Poetry and Creative Non-Fiction is **In These Shoes**. The winners will be announced and the anthology published at our April Festival!



Sarah Pinborough: They Say a Girl Died Here

Wed 2 Sept, 7-8pm • Waterstones MK • £6/£25

Internationally bestselling author **Sarah Pinborough** is back with a psychological thriller full of secrets and suspense. Hear her in conversation with **Caz Tricks** to discover why ***They Say a Girl Died Here***.

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Publishing Day 2026 • Tue 8 Sept, 10am-4pm
The Box Arts Club & IngramSpark • £30/£25

Masterclasses on routes into publishing, working with small presses, marketing for authors, using metadata for promotion and distribution, a tour of IngramSpark's printworks, networking with other writers and more.



Heritage Open Days: Raising Voices Exhibition
Sat 19 and Sun 29 Sept, 12-4pm • Arts Central Studios

Occupying a converted Kiln Farm warehouse, Arts Central is a vibrant artist community. This special HODS exhibition is a free showcase of their work, along with **The Raising Voices StoryMap**. Studio tours available.



MK Indie Book Fair • Sat 26 Sept, 10.30am-5pm
Middleton Hall, centre:mk • Free entry

100 indie authors and publishers bring you a whole spectrum of genres: crime, fantasy, YA, children's, poetry, self-help, memoir, sci-fi, and more! Meet new writers, hear them read - and buy wonderful books.



Victoria Hislop: The Wine-Dark Sea
Thurs 29 Oct, 7-8pm • Waterstones MK • £6/£25

Join beloved international bestseller **Victoria Hislop** as she explores the turbulence of the post-war era in Greece in her unforgettable and riveting new novel, ***The Wine-Dark Sea***.

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