

Since 2017, MK Lit Fest has:

- delivered **200+ events** featuring over **280 writers** and speakers to over **6650 people**
- held **40 workshop events** for children and adults
- published 6 anthologies and booklets featuring **168 pieces of new writing** from regional writers
- created an online video archive of over **30 hours of author readings and interviews**
- set up a podcast series, with **seven episodes** already published
- created a **SoundWalk of Great Linford Manor Park**, featuring recordings of geo-located original writings read by their writers
- organised a **summer season of free Creators Workshops** for local young people
- set-up on **Online Writing Workshop Course**, running over 8 months for 10 participants

Join us this autumn, as we bring you more in-person and online events, a masterclass on publishing, and Milton Keynes' first ever Indie Book Fair!



AUTUMN PROGRAMME 2024

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

AUTHOR TALKS AND INTERVIEWS

MEMOIRS • HISTORICAL FICTION

INDIE BOOK FAIR

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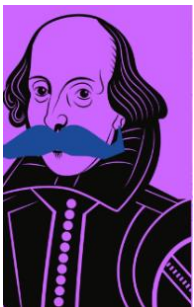
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Samuel M. Sargeant: Faith of their Fathers
Wednesday 16 October, Waterstones MK, 7pm; £5
 Perfect for Ken Follett fans, **Samuel M. Sargeant's** debut novel tells the story of Arinbjorn, a young pagan farmer in 11th century Iceland, tracking down the killer whose murders will change Icelandic society forever, Tickets include a complimentary beverage, and Samuel will be signing copies of his book.
Info/Tickets: www.mklitfest.org/samuel-sargeant



Sue Turbett: Eagle Sister
Wednesday 6 November, Zoom, 7pm; £6/£4
 Travel with us to Kyrgyzstan – not just in the 13th century where the adventures of young Gulzara unfold, but in the present day as Sue Turbett shares ‘the story behind the story’ of her debut novel: how she researched and wrote a compellingly authentic novel set far away in both time and geography.
Info/Tickets: www.mklitfest.org/sue-turbett



Poets for Movember: A Chorus of Men's Voices
Tuesday 12 November, Zoom, 7pm; £6/£4
 No fewer than twenty of the finest contemporary male poets - aged from 22 to 71, straight or gay, from diverse ethnic backgrounds - are raising their voices to explore the experience of being male in the 21st century. ‘It's complicated,’ as they say. All profits from the event will be donated to Movember UK.
Info/Tickets: www.mklitfest.org/poets-for-movember



Janey Lee Grace: From Wham! to Woo – A Life on the Mic!
Wednesday 20 November, Waterstones MK, 7pm; £5
 Singer, TV and radio presenter, beauty and lifestyle coach, and author, **Janey Lee Grace**, is in store talking about her fascinating new memoir, *From Wham! to Woo: A Life on the Mic*, and the many ups and downs of the tumultuous life that inspired it. Janey will be signing copies of her book on the night.
Info: www.mklitfest.org/janey-lee-grace



The Practicalities of Publishing: Masterclass
Tuesday 26 November, Ailimi, CMK; £15
 The return of our hugely popular Getting Published Masterclass, with expert advice from our panel guests on marketing, editing, self-publishing and more. The evening also provides a networking opportunity for local writers. (Places will be strictly limited: early booking recommended)
Tickets: www.mklitfest.org/practicalities-of-publishing



MK Indie Book Fair
Saturday 7 December, MK Central Library; Free
 Our region is home to a wealth of talented writers, many of them self-publishing or working with small, independent presses. Come to Milton Keynes' first ever Indie Book Fair to meet them, hear them read - and buy their books! Ideal early Christmas present buying opportunity for bibliophiles and their friends.
Info: www.mklitfest.org/indie-book-fair



Never Mind the Baubles: local writers' festive flash fiction
Wednesday 18 December, Zoom, 7.30pm; £3/£2
 December is a time when people gather and share company, gifts - and stories. Sacred or profane, joyous or jaded - **send us your most imaginative flash fiction by 23 November** that highlights your take on the ‘festive season’ and we'll select the best for a special online event to finish another Lit Fest year!
Submissions info/Tickets: www.mklitfest.org/baubles-2024



MinK2025 Creative Writing Competition: Home
Submissions close: 19 January 2025
 We welcome poems, flash and creative non-fiction on the theme of ‘Home’ from people aged 14+ who live, work or study in Bucks, Beds or Northants. There are six cash prizes to be won, with publication in our next MinK anthology for the winning and highly commended entries, and opportunities for appearances at future Festival events.
Submissions Info: www.mklitfest.org/mink2025