

JULIAN GRATER: ARCTIC MIRAGE

Saturday 16 March –
Saturday 20 July 2024





WELCOME TO READING MUSEUM

We are delighted to welcome you to Reading Museum, and hope that you will wish to take part in some of the many activities that we have planned. Don't forget to visit our lovely shop and the Pantry café. Please keep an eye on our website for all the latest information. All information correct at time of printing.

We suggest a donation of £5 to keep admission free.

OPENING HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 10am – 4pm
Saturday 10am – 5pm
Closed Sundays, Mondays and Bank Holidays

Reading Museum

Blagrove Street
Reading Borough
Council
RG1 1QH

Information:
0118 937 3400

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REGULAR EVENTS

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Rhymetime at Reading Museum

Families, 10.30am – 11am
Donations welcome, drop in

EVERY THURSDAY

Museum Surgery

All ages, 12pm – 4pm
Donations welcome, drop in

EVERY FRIDAY

Object Handling

All ages, 10.30am – 12pm
Donations welcome, drop in

EVERY SATURDAY

Bayeux Tapestry Tours

All ages, 2pm – 3pm
£5.50, book online

Museums, My Way

Families 10am – 5pm
Donations welcome, drop in



For more information and bookings, visit www.readingmuseum.org.uk

EXHIBITIONS

SIR JOHN MADEJSKI ART GALLERY

JULIAN GRATER: ARCTIC MIRAGE

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Arctic Mirage brings together an ongoing body of work by Reading-based artist Julian Grater which explores the contemporary high arctic through painting, drawing and photography.

Informed by research and development trips over many years the work is about Grater's experience of Greenland, a region of increasing geopolitical, environmental and social change as it collides with the modern era. Change on both



a glacial and human level are brought together in a series of intense portraits of Greenlandic people. Transformed by the very ice that surrounds them and informing every aspect of

their daily lives the charcoal drawings form an elegy to a way of life. Large, bleached out, paintings and abstracted photographs immerse us in a sense of uneasy introspection.



ARTS EXHIBITIONS @ TURBINE HOUSE, RIVERSIDE MUSEUM

From 1 May to 30 September the atmospheric Turbine House at Riverside Museum will host a lively series of exhibitions and residencies by Reading artists

THE WELCOME GALLERY

NEW DIRECTIONS COLLEGE - 65TH ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY

Until Saturday 1 June
2024

This display traces the history of adult education in Reading, showcasing some of the many opportunities the service continues to provide in our communities.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF D.E.C.

Opens Saturday 29 June
2024

Discover the remarkable story of Digital Equipment Corporation in Reading. A prelude to a major new exhibition happening in 2025, this display will mark the 60th anniversary of Digital Equipment Corporation opening its first UK office in Reading. An event that would alter Reading's social and economic fortunes and the whole wide world's technological advancement.

TALKS, TOURS AND WORKSHOPS



SPORT IN MIND SESSION: MUM & BABY MOVEMENT & EXERCISE FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

Every Monday from April
(RBC term time only)

Adults, 1pm – 2pm

Free, for more information,
please contact Sport in Mind
0118 9479762 –
info@sportinmind.org –
www.sportinmind.org



READING MUSEUM'S OFFICIAL ABBEY QUARTER TOURS

From Saturday 13 April
onwards

From £10 per person,
book online

READING WALKS FESTIVAL 11-19 MAY 2024



HISTORIC READING WALKING TOUR

Thursday 16 May

Adults and older children,
11am – 1pm
£10, book online



ABBAY QUARTER WALKING TOURS

Friday 17 May

Adults and older children,
11am – 12.30pm and
2pm – 3.30pm
£10, book online



IMAGINED LANDSCAPES: POETRY AND HARP PERFORMANCE WITH CHRIS TATTON AND ANNE DENHOLM

Saturday 1 June

All ages, 3pm – 4pm
£12, book online



SONGS OF THE ICE: CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Saturday 15 June

Adults, 11am – 4pm
Donations welcome,
book online



TALK: A HISTORY OF INUIT ART IN THE CANADIAN ARCTIC

Thursday 13 June

Adults, 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Donations welcome,
book online



TALK: SEA ICE! WEATHER SYSTEMS IN THE CHANGING ARCTIC

Thursday 20 June

Adults, 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Donations welcome,
book online



TALK: SVALBARD: LIFE ON THE COLD EDGE

Saturday 22 June

All ages, 11am – 12pm
Donations welcome,
book online



TALK: A PERSONAL TOUR OF ARCTIC MIRAGE WITH ARTIST JULIAN GRATER

Saturday 22 June

Adults or 14+, 3pm – 4pm
Donations welcome,
book online

DYNAMIC DRAWING WORKSHOP: ARCTIC MIRAGE

Saturday 20 July 2024

Adults, 10am – 2pm
Free, booking essential via
New Directions College

 **New Directions College**
Build your future here



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

6 – 15 September 2024

England's largest festival of history and culture. Discover hidden places and try new experiences for free. For more information about events run by the museum, please see our website.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Easter Holidays & May Half Term

Saturday 25 May until Saturday 1 June

EASTER HOLIDAYS

THE BIG MULTICOLOURED EASTER EGG HUNT

Throughout the
Easter Holidays

Families, £2 per trail, pay
on the day or book online

For more information
about all our family
events during the Easter
holidays, please see
our website



MAY HALF TERM

ACTIVITY CART

Drop in throughout the
week to create some fun
paper craft.

Donations welcome, drop in

LITTLE PUFFIN TRAIL

From Sat 25 May
Onwards

Families
£1.50 per trail, pay on the
day or book online



SUGAR CUBE IGLOOS

Tuesday 28 May

All ages, Families, 1-hour
sessions starting at 10am,
11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm
£4, book online



MAKE & TAKE: ARCTIC BIRDS STREAMERS

Wednesday 29 May

Families, half-hour sessions
10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm
£1, pay on the day, drop in

ICE EXPERIMENTS

Thursday 30 May

All ages, Families, 1-hour
sessions starting at 10am,
11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm
£4, book online



VICTORIAN SCHOOLROOM EXPERIENCE IN THE ABBEY GATEWAY

Friday 31 May

Ages 5+, 11am & 2pm
£1 per person, pay on the
day or book online via
our website



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Summer Holidays

Thursday 25 July – Tuesday 3 September



BUZZY BEE BONANZA ACTIVITY DAY!

Thursday 25 July

All ages, Families,
10am – 3pm
Donations Welcome

VICTORIAN SCHOOLROOM EXPERIENCE IN THE ABBEY GATEWAY

Friday 26 July

Ages 5+, 11am & 2pm
£1 per person, pay on the day or book online via our website



READING MUSEUM'S TEDDY BEARS RHYMETIME PICNIC AND CRAFT FORBURY GARDENS

Wednesday 31 July

All ages, Families,
10am – 3pm
£1, pay on the day, drop in



MAKE & TAKE: SPOONIMALS

Tuesday 6 August

Families, half-hour sessions
10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm
£2, pay on the day, drop in



BUG CLUB: THE CREEPY CRAWLY CREW

Wednesday 14 Aug

All ages, Families, 1-hour sessions starting at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm
£4, book online

GET INTO STITCHING

Tuesday 20 August

Ages 5+, Families, 1 hour sessions starting at 10am, 11.15am and 1pm
£4 per child, book online

MAKE & TAKE: MEDIEVAL TILE DECORATING

Thursday 22 August

Families, half-hour sessions
10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm
£3, pay on the day, drop in



NATURE NAVIGATORS OUTDOOR SESSIONS

Wednesday 28 August

All ages, Families, 1-hour sessions starting at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm
£4, book online

HOW TO FIND US

Reading Museum

Reading Museum is in the Town Hall opposite the rear entrance to Marks & Spencer. The entrance is via glass doors on Blagrave Street, a two minute walk from the railway station and main bus stops.

We recommend using public transport or park and ride to reach central Reading.

www.readingmuseum.org.uk 0118 937 3400

Reading Abbey Quarter

We suggest you begin your visit at Reading Museum to see our permanent Reading Abbey displays.

The Ruins are a 5 to 10 minute walk away. They can be accessed via the Forbury Gardens or from Chestnut Walk beside the River Kennet.

Riverside Museum

The Riverside Museum is about a 20 minute walk from Reading Museum. It is accessible from Kenavon Drive or from the Kings Road via Gasworks Road bridge.



Reading Museum, Town Hall, Blagrave Street, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1QH



READING MUSEUM SHOP

The Reading Museum gift shop draws inspiration from the Museum's diverse and fascinating collections through handmade gifts and souvenirs created by local artists and makers. Every purchase made goes towards supporting the Museum.

Browse our online shop via our website

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