

Reading's
DIGITAL
Revolution





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
Please see our website for Christmas opening times

Reading Museum Information:
Blagrove Street 0118 937 3400
Reading Borough
Council
RG1 1QH

Follow us on:

MUSEUMS OF SANCTUARY

We are proud to have been awarded Museum of Sanctuary status recognising the museum as a place of welcome for Sanctuary Seekers and Refugees. See the Get Involved pages on our website to find out more.



REGULAR EVENTS EVERY WEDNESDAY

Rhymetime at Reading Museum

Families, 10.30am – 11am
Free, drop in

Object Handling

All ages, 10.30am – 12pm
Drop in

EVERY THURSDAY

Museum Surgery

All ages, 12pm – 4pm
Drop in

EVERY FRIDAY

Object Handling

All ages, 10.30am – 12pm
Drop in

EVERY SATURDAY

Bayeux Tapestry Tours

All ages, 2pm – 3pm
£6, book online

Museums, My Way

Families, Donations welcome,
Drop in



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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

EXHIBITIONS

SIR JOHN MADEJSKI ART GALLERY

READING'S DIGITAL REVOLUTION

Tuesday 18 March 2025 –
Wednesday 24 December 2025



Get switched on with *Reading's DIGITAL Revolution* – a new and unique mixed-media exhibition celebrating the life and times of Reading's Information Communications Technology (ICT) industry.

Made possible by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and in partnership with The National Museum of Computing, *Reading's Digital Revolution* traces the origins of Reading's tech sector, sharing ideas about its influence on our town's present and future.



THE WELCOME GALLERY: COMMUNITY DISPLAYS



THE ART OF DANCE FROM THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

Last chance to see until Sat 31 May

In partnership with Kala the Arts and generously funded by the Arts Council. See overleaf for details about a workshop and live show on Saturday 31 May celebrating the end of the exhibition.



Rotary District 1090 in the Thames Valley

ROTARY IN THE THAMES VALLEY: 100 YEARS AND STILL COUNTING

Opens Tuesday 17 June

Rotary has made a difference in Reading and the Berkshire area for more than a century, supporting communities in times of trouble and hardship, both locally and internationally. This display showcases just some of the Rotary's many activities, spotlighting the empowering opportunities that this unique charity offers.

ART EXHIBITIONS @ TURBINE HOUSE, RIVERSIDE MUSEUM

Riverside Museum will re-open on 1 April, with its nineteenth century caravan and displays about traveller's lives and traditional industries connected with Reading's rivers. For our summer programme of exhibitions please see our website.

TALKS, TOURS AND WORKSHOPS

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

Every Monday
(RBC term time only)

Adults, 1pm – 2pm
Free, for more information, please contact Sport in Mind 0118 9479762 – info@sportinmind.org – www.sportinmind.org



DRAWING ON LOCATION

Monthly on a Friday
from 16 May
(see website for dates)

Adults, 10am – 12pm
£17 / or Free for eligible learners. (see website for details) Enrol via: www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk



TALK: HOW THE WAR ENDED, THE LAST DAYS OF WW2

Friday 9 May

All ages, 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Booking online via our website

WORKSHOP: ODISSI

Saturday 31 May
Welcome Gallery or ECR

All ages, 11am – 12pm
Free, booking via www.kalathearts.co.uk

SHIVOHAM: LIVE SHOW

Saturday 31 May
Welcome Gallery

All ages, 2pm – 3pm
Free, drop in

READING MUSEUM'S OFFICIAL ABBEY TOURS

From April 2025

All ages
From £10 per person, book online via our website



ABBAY QUARTER TOUR FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

Saturday 7 June

Tour supported by Sign Interpreter (BSL)
All ages, 11am – 12.30pm
£10 per person, book online via website

JANE AUSTEN 250 EVENTS



Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th Birthday in 2025! Join us for talks, tours, open days, displays, special events and more.

£12 per person (or £10 if you book three Jane Austen events together) book online via our website

JANE AUSTEN WEDNESDAYS

TALK: JANE AUSTEN AND THE LOCAL CONNECTION

Wednesday 7 May 2025
(Abbey Gateway)

Adults and 16+,
2.30pm – 3.30pm

TALK: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A REGENCY LADY

Wednesday 14 May 2025
(Windows Gallery)

Adults and 16+,
2.30pm – 4.30pm

TALK: JANE AUSTEN 250 AND THE NEW LOCALISM

Wednesday 21 May 2025
(Windows Gallery)

Adults and 16+,
2.30pm – 3.30pm



NATURAL INK MAKING WITH OAK GALLS

Wednesday 4 June 2025
(Abbey Gateway)

Adults and 16+,
2.30pm – 4.30pm

TALK: SCRAMBLING INTO A LITTLE EDUCATION

Wednesday 11 June
(Abbey Gateway)

Adults and 16+,
2.30pm – 3.30pm

TALK: THE GEORGIAN DINING EXPERIENCE

Wednesday 18 June
(Windows Gallery)

Adults and 16+,
2.30pm – 3.30pm

TALK: FROM THE WRITING TABLE TO THE WORLD

Saturday 10 May 2025
(Windows Gallery)

Adults and 16+, 11am



READING WALKS FESTIVAL 10-18 MAY 2025

Book online via:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/
readingwalksfestival

TECH TOWN WALK

Wednesday 14 May
Adults and older children,
10am – 12pm

ABBAY QUARTER WALKING TOUR

Thursday 15 May
Adults and older children,
11am -12pm

OUR GREEN STORIES: LOCAL TO GLOBAL WALKING TOUR

Thursday 15 May
Adults and older children,
2pm – 3.30pm



HISTORIC READING WALKING TOUR

Friday 16 May
Adults and older children,
10.30am-12.30pm



WILD ABOUT READING EVENTS:

www.wildaboutRG.com
Saturday 7 June

NATURE EXPLORER TRAIL WITH BERTIE BADGER

ACTIVITY CART & OBJECT HANDLING

READING OBJECT HANDLING



READING REFUGEE WEEK

Saturday 21 June
WELCOME TO READING COFFEE MORNING:

All ages, 11am to 1pm

EVERYBODY'S WELCOME MAKE & TAKE CRAFT SESSIONS

Families, half-hour sessions 10am – 1pm

ARE WE THERE YET? PERFORMANCE WITH RANK & FILE THEATRE

3.30pm – 4.30pm

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

May Half Term

Saturday 24 May until Saturday 31 May 2025

ACTIVITY CART

Visit us throughout the holidays at the Museum and enjoy a range of seasonal themed and biscuit themed paper craft.

Free, drop in

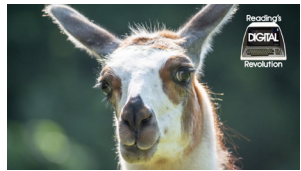


FAMILY DIGI-WORKSHOP: ECOCODE - SPIDER SILK

Tuesday 27 May

Ages 4+ with accompanying adult, 10am

Free, book online via our website



FAMILY DIGI-WORKSHOP: ECOCODE - LLAMAGOTCHI

Tuesday 27 May

Ages 4+ with accompanying adult, 11:30am & 2pm

Free, book online via our website

DIGI-FUN TRAIL

Throughout May Half Term



OH CRUMBS! BISCUIT TRAIL

Throughout May Half Term

Families, available throughout the day £1, pay on the day or book online via our website

EVERYBODY'S WELCOME MAKE & TAKE CRAFT SESSIONS

Wednesday 28 May

Families, half-hour sessions 10am – 1pm & 1pm - 3pm Donations welcome, drop in

MAKE & TAKE: DECORATING BISCUITS! CELEBRATE NATIONAL BISCUIT DAY

Thursday 29 May

All ages, Families, 1-hour sessions starting at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm £5, book online via our website

VICTORIAN SCHOOLROOM EXPERIENCE IN THE GATEWAY

Friday 30 May

Ages 5+, 11am & 2pm (meeting at the Abbey Gateway)

£2 per person, pay on the day or book online via our website

FAMILY DIGI-WORKSHOP: CODE BREAKING – PIGPEN

Saturday 28 June

Ages 4+ with accompanying adult, 10am

Free, book online via our website



FAMILY DIGI-WORKSHOP: ECOCODE – BIRDWATCH

Saturday 28 June

Ages 4+ with accompanying adult, 11:30am and 2pm

Free, book online via our website

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Summer Holidays

Thursday 24 July until Wednesday 3 September



ACTIVITY CART

Throughout the Summer holidays

WE'RE GOING ON A READING BEAR HUNT! TRAIL

Throughout the summer holidays

DIGI-FUN TRAIL

Throughout the summer holidays



BUG CLUB: THE CREEPY CRAWLY CREW

Thursday 24 July

FAMILY DIGI-WORKSHOPS DAY:

Saturday 26 July

ECOCODE – BIRD WATCH

CODE BREAKING UNPLUGGED

WEATHER COWS



READING MUSEUM'S TEDDY BEARS RHYMETIME PICNIC AND CRAFT

Wednesday 30 July

VICTORIAN SCHOOLROOM EXPERIENCE IN THE GATEWAY

Friday 1 August

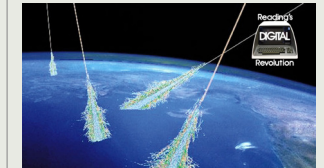
EVERYBODY'S WELCOME MAKE & TAKE CRAFT SESSIONS

Tuesday 5 August



FAMILY DIGI-WORKSHOP: ECOCODE – EARTH OBSERVATION

Tuesday 12 August



FAMILY DIGI-WORKSHOP: ECOCODE – COSMIC RAYS

Tuesday 12 August

EVERYBODY'S WELCOME MAKE & TAKE CRAFT SESSIONS

Wednesday 20 August

MUSEUMS, MY WAY CRAFT SESSIONS

Monday 25 August

Please note that the Museum will remain closed for other visitors



FAMILY DIGI-WORKSHOP: YOUR VOICE IS POWER

Tuesday 26 August

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

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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