

WELCOME TO READING MUSEUM

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 website for Christmas
and New Year hours

READING: THEN & NOW EXHIBITION

Paintings, drawings and prints of
Reading from the last 250 years and
photos of the same views today.



YEAR OF THE NORMANS

In 2026 our copy of the
Bayeux Tapestry is
140 years old. Find out
more on our website.



Regular Events

Rhymetime Weds am

Object Handling Weds and Fri am

Museum Surgery Thurs pm

Bayeux Tapestry Tours

Tues, Thurs and Sat pm

Museums, My Way Saturdays

TALKS, TOURS AND WORKSHOPS

NEW DIRECTIONS



DRAWING ON LOCATION

Monthly on a Friday
See website for dates.

Adults, 10am – 12pm
£19 / or Free* for eligible
learners. Enrol via:
www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk



SUPPORTED ART SESSIONS AND OBJECT HANDLING

See website for dates.

For adults with learning
difficulties and disabilities

Adults, 2.30am – 4.30pm
Free for all, including for
eligible learners*
Enrol via:
www.newdirectionsreading.ac.uk



READING MUSEUM'S ABBEY TOURS

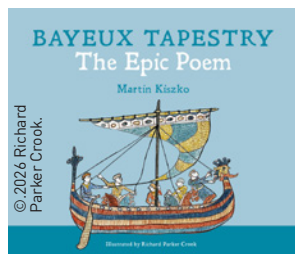
September
All ages, £10 per person.

BAYEUX AND BUBBLES!

Thursday 8 October

An evening introduction to
our famous full-size facsimile
Tapestry, with a glass of
bubbly.

Adults, 5.30pm to 7.30pm
£25 per person



BOOK LAUNCH: BAYEUX TAPESTRY, THE EPIC POEM

Saturday 17 October

All ages, readings at
10.15am, 11.45am and 2pm
Free, book online



BEHIND THE SCENES: COLLECTION TOURS

Wednesday 28 October
and Wednesday 25
November

Adults, 2pm
£10 per person



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

ABBAY QUARTER TOURS

Saturday 12 and
Saturday 19 September

All ages, 11am – 12.30
Free, book online

ROMANS REIMAGINED DAY

Saturday 19 September

Adults and Families, 10am
to 4pm Free, drop in

ROMAN BRITAIN THROUGH OBJECTS

Saturday 19 September

Adults and older
children. 30-minute talks
starting at 11:00am,
1:00pm and 2:00pm
Free, book online

BAYEUX TALKS

EXHIBITING THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY

Saturday 24 Oct

Professor Michael Lewis: Curator of the *Bayeux Tapestry* exhibition at the British Museum and co-author of 'The Story of the Bayeux Tapestry'

THE BAYEUX TAPESTRY: A MEDIEVAL EMBROIDERY WITH SUPERPOWERS.

Saturday 14 Nov

Dr. David Musgrove: Co-author of 'The Story of the Bayeux Tapestry'

HENRY V, DUKE OF NORMANDY: REVIVING THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR IN THE HUNDRED YEARS WAR.

Saturday 6 February 2027

Professor Anne Curry: Emeritus Professor of Medieval History, University of Southampton

Adults, 11am | £15 per talk or get 10% off if you book all three talks
Book online

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Saturday 24 Oct – Sat 31 Oct



ACTIVITY CART

Donations welcome, drop in.

PUMPKIN TRAIL FEATURING SILLY SQUIRREL

£1.50 per trail, pay on the day

BAYEUX BATTLE TRAIL

£1.50 per trail, pay on the day

BAYEUX BATTLE ACTIVITY PACK

£2.50 per pack, pay on the day

EVERYBODY'S WELCOME: BUILD THE CHANGE LEGO SESSIONS



Saturday 24 October

Families, 1-hour sessions starting at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm

Suggested donation £4, book online

HAYLEY'S COMET WORKSHOPS!

Tuesday 27 October

Families, 1-hour sessions starting at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm & 2.15pm
£4 per child



RHYMETIME AT READING MUSEUM

Wednesday 28 October

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

EVERYBODY'S WELCOME: THE BIG DRAW



Wednesday 28 October

All ages, 10.30am – 3.30pm | Free, donations welcome, drop-in



VICTORIAN SCHOOLROOM EXPERIENCE IN THE GATEWAY

Thursday 29 October

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

EXHIBITIONS

READING: THEN & NOW



ROAD TO GLORY: READING FOOTBALL CLUB 100 YEARS ON Until Saturday 5 December

Featuring rare and unique
artefacts from Reading FC's
famous FA cup run of 1926/27

JELLY : MAKING SPACE FOR ART From Tuesday 22 September

The Inspiring Story of Reading's
Much-loved Arts Collective

CARIBBEAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE RAF IN WWI AND WWII September and October

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER



ILLUMINATE TRAIL November and December

£1.50 per trail,
pay on the day

CHRISTMAS MARKET

At Reading Museum & Town
Hall

Saturday 21
November

Free Entry,
10.30am – 4.30pm

ACTIVITY CART
Throughout December
Donations welcome, drop in



THE FORGETFUL ELF AND THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING CHRISTMAS PUDDING TRAIL

Throughout
December

Families
£1.50 per trail,
pay on the day

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY PACK

Throughout
December

£2.50 per pack,
pay on the day

**FESTIVE
RHYMETIME**
Every Wednesday
throughout December

Families,
10.30am – 11am
Free, drop in

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