



SUMMER IS COMING!

Northern Area Outcomes Group
Inclusive Summer Activities Directory 2026



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Introduction

Welcome to the **Northern Area Outcomes Group Inclusive Summer Activities Directory** — your guide to a fun, active and inclusive summer for children, young people and families.

This directory has been created to help you easily find a wide range of activities taking place across areas including Antrim, Ballyclare, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Crumlin, Larne, Newtownabbey, Randalstown and beyond.

Inside, you'll discover something for everyone — from play sessions and sports camps to creative workshops, social groups and family events. Many of these activities are designed to be inclusive and welcoming, ensuring that children and young people of all abilities, including those with additional needs, can take part, have fun and make new friends.

We know how important it is for families to feel confident and supported when choosing activities. That's why we've included helpful information on each programme, such as who it's for, where it takes place, how to book and any costs involved.

Whether you're looking for something close to home, something new to try, or simply ways to keep everyone entertained over the summer holidays, we hope this directory helps you plan a summer full of enjoyment, connection and great memories.

Please note that some details may change, so we recommend checking directly with activity providers for the most up-to-date information.

We hope you have a fantastic summer!

ANTRIM



MAE MURRAY FOUNDATION

Area:	Antrim
Location: (venue/address)	Antrim Forum
Activity:	Name: Antrim & Newtownabbey Council in partnership with Mae Murray Summer Provision. Stay & Play Tots 10:30am – 12pm (under 6) Stay & Play kids 1-3pm (7-13) Stay & Play Teens 3:30pm – 5:30pm (14-19) Details: All ability summer provision, parents stay on site! (for stay and play tots parents stay in same room) Different activities for all abilities to enjoy together. Parents are able to do an optional activity (Stay and play kids/teens) whilst their children are having fun in a different room.
Dates:	15 th – 17 th July 26
Age Group:	Under 6, 7-13, 14-19
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	Please sign up via an expression of interest form: Email info@maemurrayfoundation.org to request.
Cost:	Costing still to be confirmed and it will be collect by Antrim & Newtownabbey Council.
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Claire Thompson Email: Claire@maemurrayfoundation.org Tel: 03006001166
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	Changing places toilet on site.

BEYOND BOUNDARIES



Different minds,
One community,
Unlimited Potential



Beyond Boundaries is a community connection project funded by the Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council Elevate Programme. It aims to unite community groups, schools, and professionals to support autistic and neurodivergent individuals and families. The project emphasizes collaboration, knowledge sharing, and creating inclusive environments. Key focuses include building partnerships, supporting early intervention, and amplifying neurodivergent voices. Beyond Boundaries will host networking opportunities, workshops, and discussions to foster long-term positive change, reflecting a commitment to accessible, neuro-affirmative support that enhances connection, confidence, and independence.

Breaking Down
Barriers

Building Connections

Improving Outcomes

Working together to
create a stronger, more
inclusive Antrim —
beyond the boundaries
of sectors, services and
organisations.

Connecting

Sharing

Collaborating

Creating Change

Together, We Will..

Identify
emerging
needs

Share best
practice
and learning

Connect
Services,
Groups,
Schools
& Pathways

Co-develop
practical
community
solutions



If your organisation, school, group or community service would like to get involved in Beyond Boundaries, we would love to hear from you.

All About Us
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02894580371 | admin@allaboutus.club
www.allaboutus.club
Facebook: @allaboutus2018

A New Community Hubb in Antrim funded by ANBC Elevate



Area:	Antrim
Location: (venue/address)	Unit 4 Greystone Shopping Centre Antrim BT41 1JW Antrim
Activity:	Name: All About Us - Asd Teens Details: Across our groups and services, we continue to see amazing engagement from young people, adults and families with many weekly programmes having a short wait list at present. Sessions are continuing as normal over the summer period, alongside additional teen-led pop-up days focused on areas such as languages, DIY, practical life skills and peer-led activities. The Pop In Community Café is getting closer to opening, with staff induction, training and soft opening preparations are underway. We're excited to welcome everyone into the space over the coming weeks and see it become a hub for connection, confidence and opportunity within the community. Our Y.E.L.L. (Youth Empowerment through Leadership and Learning) programme officially launches from 1st June funded by the James Kane Foundation. This project will support young people aged 12–24 with confidence building, qualifications, employability skills, volunteering and work experience opportunities in a supportive environment. Our Community Engagement Information Day is taking place on 31st July. This will be an opportunity for families, professionals, community organisations and residents to come along, learn more about our services and projects, explore partnership opportunities etc. Any organisations who wish to join us with an information table can contact us at admin@allaboutus.club for more information. Our Department of Health Support While You Wait programme continues to run throughout the summer, offering support for children, young people and families awaiting assessment or services. Families can register interest for Support While You Wait here: at admin@allaboutus.club see leaflet below Our gala fundraiser is on 12th June in Dunadry. We also have some fantastic raffle prizes kindly donated by local businesses and supporters for anyone wishing to get some tickets. We are launching our Beyond Boundaries programme in Antrim, this will be a small hub focused on sharing best practice to strengthen autism support and promoting community wealth building
Dates:	Dates as above
Age Group:	Age group 12–24 year olds
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	contact admin@allaboutus.club for more information
Cost:	contact admin@allaboutus.club for more information
Is Transport provided:	N/A
Contact Details:	Name: All About Us - Asd Teens Email: admin@allaboutus.club Tel: (028) 94580371
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	Also see leaflet below



Pathway to Independence

Calling young people aged 16-24

Gain independence

Prevent tenancy breakdown & homelessness

Explore local services

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Outreach

Befriending

Group Sessions

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www.allaboutus.club

02894580371

Homeless Prevention Fund



✦ While You Wait ✦

Early Intervention Support While Waiting for Autism Services



Connection. Confidence. Independence.



This programme provides immediate, practical support for families on autism waiting lists, reducing stress, preventing escalation, and preparing parents for formal assessment and intervention

Suitable For

Parents/carers of children aged approx. 5–18
Children suspected of being autistic or on referral pathway

Providing accessible, neuro-affirmative support that:
Reduces family stress while waiting
Builds understanding of autism
Equips parents with practical strategies

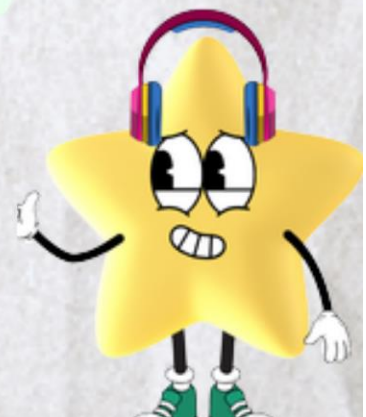


Delivered by

Trained facilitators (youth work / SEN / lived experience)
Safeguarding compliant

Covering:

Early Intervention & Prevention
Family Support Strategies
Emotional Health & Wellbeing
Community-based provision
Relationship-led approach
Lived experience embedded



Area:	Antrim
Location: (venue/address)	Greystone Library, Greystone Road Antrim BT41 1JW
Activity:	A range of activities are available visit https://www.librariesni.org.uk/libraries/county-antrim/greystone-library/
Dates:	Dates in link
Age Group:	Age group in link
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.))	contact - 028 9446 3891 - greystone.library@librariesni.org.uk
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	N/A
Contact Details:	contact - 028 9446 3891 - greystone.library@librariesni.org.uk
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	See link
Area:	Antrim
Location: (venue/address)	Greystone Library, Greystone Road Antrim BT41 1JW
Activity:	Meet Kubo Go On for Kids Join us at the library for a basic coding session with the help of Kubo the tabletop robot. Perfect for those aged 4+ Booking Essential: Notes: Maximum 8 participants
Dates:	3 July 2026 11 to 12 noon
Age Group:	Age group 4+
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.))	contact - 028 9446 3891 - greystone.library@librariesni.org.uk
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	N/A
Contact Details:	contact - 028 9446 3891 - greystone.library@librariesni.org.uk
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	

Area:	Antrim
Location: (venue/address)	Antrim Library, 10 Railway Street Antrim BT41 4AE
Activity:	Teddy Bears Picnic Come along to our teddy Bears' Picnic for a fun-filled session of rhyme, dance, and crafts! Bring your favourite teddy along and enjoy songs, stories, and creative activities in a relaxed and friendly setting. Child Event- 3-6 years - Booking Essential Note: 15 children limit
Dates:	4 July 2026 2 to 3 pm
Age Group:	Age group 2-6 years
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	contact - - 028 9446 1942 - antrim.library@librariesni.org.uk
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	N/A
Contact Details:	contact - 028 9446 1942 - antrim.library@librariesni.org.uk
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	
Area:	Antrim
Location: (venue/address)	Antrim Library, 10 Railway Street Antrim BT41 4AE
Activity:	Imagination Station Step into our Imagination Station and explore a forest themed world of creativity and play. Children can enjoy imaginative activities inspired by nature, woodland stories, and outdoor adventures whilst in the library. Family event Booking Advised
Dates:	9 July 2026 11 to 12 noon
Age Group:	Age group Family Event
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	contact - 028 9446 1942 - antrim.library@librariesni.org.uk
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	N/A
Contact Details:	contact - 028 9446 1942 - antrim.library@librariesni.org.uk
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	

Area:	Antrim
Location: (venue/address)	Antrim Library, 10 Railway Street Antrim BT41 4AE
Activity:	Fantasy Adventure Lego Club – 16 July 2026 3-4pm Come along to Antrim Library to our Fantasy Adventure LEGO club, where young builders create castles fit for a king and queen – then face an unexpected disaster and use their imagination to rebuild, rescue, and save the day! Perfect for ages 6 to 11 years. No Booking Required Note: special (enhanced) Laugh Out Loud Afternoon 24 July 2026 2- 3pm Join us at the library for a fun-filled afternoon of laughter, where kids can learn to make balloon dogs, tell their best jokes, and win prizes! Family Event No Booking Required The Big Bug Hunt 1 August 2026 12-1 pm Come along to The Big Bug Hunt at Antrim Library, where young explorers can search for bugs and leaves, investigate them up close, and learn amazing facts about the tiny world around them. Perfect for ages 6 – 10 Booking Essential Maximum 10 participants The Missing Library Treasure Trail – 10 Aug – 15 Aug 2026 opening hours Come along and take part in The Missing Library Treasure Trail! Follow the clues hidden around the library, solve the puzzles and uncover the secrets to finding the missing treasures. No Booking Required Viking Training Camp – 21 August 2026 2- 3pm Come along to Antrim Libraries Viking Training Camp and step back in time! Discover fascinating facts about the Vikings, design your own shield, and take part in a fun raid challenge to see if you have what it takes to be a true explorer! Child- Ages 5-8 years Booking Essential
Dates:	See dates and times above
Age Group:	See above
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	contact - 028 9446 1942 - antrim.library@librariesni.org.uk
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	N/A
Contact Details:	contact - 028 9446 1942 - antrim.library@librariesni.org.uk
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	

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Share Your Story Idea with Real Crime Authors

Join us for an interactive event where budding writers and crime-fiction fans can share their story ideas with real crime authors.

Whether it's a fully formed plot or just the spark of an idea, you'll have the opportunity to pitch in a relaxed setting and receive feedback and guidance.

Who are the authors?
Join us to find out.

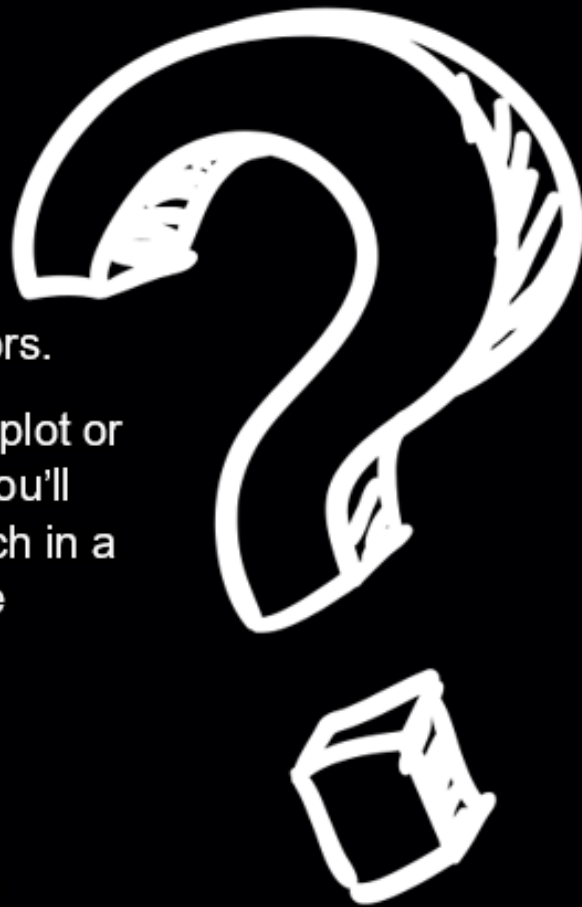
Tuesday 23 June
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Booking Essential

Ask staff for details

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- Information on managing hearing loss and tinnitus
- Communication tips and advice

POP IN - NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

WHERE: ANTRIM LIBRARY

10 RAILWAY STREET, ANTRIM. BT41 4AE

When: 9 Mar, 13 Apr, 11 May, 8 Jun, 13 Jul, 10 Aug
14 Sep, 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 14 Dec

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00pm

Contact: Iain Irvine - Coordinator - NHST
07940 160672 - iain.irvine@rnid.org.uk
Contact@rnid.org.uk - 0808 8080123



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who are deaf, have
hearing loss or tinnitus

Greystone Library: Location: Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 1JW

Telephone: 028 9446 3891 Email: greystone.library@librariesni.org.uk

Library	Description	Date and Time
Greystone	Sign up to Big Summer Read Pop in and get yourself set for this year's Big Summer Read challenge.	25/06/2026 2:00pm-4:00pm
Greystone	Big Summer Read- The Story Tree and Treasure Hunt Join us for the launch of The Story Tree with an exciting treasure hunt inside the Children's Library. Young explorers are invited to hunt for hidden creatures tucked away among the shelves. Keep your eyes peeled, follow the clues, and discover them all — with prizes awarded at the end of the hunt! No Booking Required Family Event	01/07/2026 02/07/2026 04/07/2026 Opening Hours
Greystone	Big Summer Read- Forest Adventure Storytime Step into the woods and let your imagination roam during our Forest Adventure Storytime. Join us for a magical storytelling session inspired by the sights, sounds and creatures of the forest, where little listeners can enjoy nature themed tales brought to life by library staff. Perfect for children and their families, the session takes place in a relaxed and welcoming library setting. Booking Advised Family event	01/07/2026 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Greystone	Big Summer Read- Bear by the Big Tree Become an author and create your very own Bear by the Big Tree Adventure storybook. Using a guided storybook template, participants will imagine characters, develop a simple storyline, and bring their ideas to life through words and creativity. This fun and accessible activity encourages storytelling, creativity, and confidence, with plenty of support along the way — no previous writing experience needed. Booking Advised Family Event	06/07/2026 07/07/2026 08/07/2026 09/07/2026 11/07/2026 2:00pm-4:30pm
Greystone	Big Summer Read- Nature Themed Bookmarks Join us for a relaxing afternoon of creativity as we design and make beautiful nature themed bookmarks inspired by the outdoors. This	15/07/2026 16/07/2026

	enjoyable hands-on session is perfect for readers of all ages who want to craft something practical and personal to take home and use with their favourite books. Booking Advised Family Event	18/07/2026 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Greystone	Big Summer Read- Animal Bonanza Storytime Come along and enjoy Animal Bonanza Storytime, a fun and lively session filled with stories about the exciting adventures of animals from near and far. Perfect for young listeners and their families, this interactive Storytime encourages imagination, listening skills and a love of books in a relaxed and welcoming library setting. Booking Advised	15/07/2026 3:15pm-3:45pm
Greystone	Big Summer Read – Rocket Back to the Future! Blast off into creativity at this fun, hands-on session where children can decorate their very own giant rocket. Inspired by space, imagination and adventure, this creative activity encourages young explorers to design, personalise and bring their rocket to life while enjoying the library space as part of the Big Summer Read. Booking Advised Family Event	20/07/2026 21/07/2026 22/07/2026 23/07/2026 25/07/2026 Opening Hours
Greystone	Big Summer Read – Create Your Own Wild Animal Face Mask Get creative and let your imagination run wild at this fun, hands-on session where children can design and make their own wild animal face mask. Using craft materials and plenty of creativity, participants can bring their favourite animals to life while enjoying a relaxed and playful activity as part of the Big Summer Read. No Booking Required Family Event	27/07/2026 28/07/2026 29/07/2026 30/07/2026 2:00pm-4:30pm
Greystone	Big Summer Read – Dino-Awesome Afternoon Step back in time for a dino-awesome afternoon at Greystone Library, where young creators can design and make their very own dinosaurs. This hands-on, creative session is perfect for little dinosaur fans, encouraging imagination, creativity and plenty of prehistoric fun as part of the Big Summer Read. No Booking Required Family Event	03/08/2026 04/08/2026 05/08/2026 06/08/2026 08/08/2026 2.00pm – 4:00pm

Greystone	Dino-Awesome Themed Storytime Join us for a dino-awesome themed Storytime, where young listeners can travel back in time and enjoy stories all about dinosaurs. Packed with prehistoric tales, this fun and interactive session encourages imagination, listening and a love of books in a relaxed and welcoming library setting — perfect for little dinosaur fans and their families. Booking Advised Themed Core Activity- Not for Master Spreadsheet	05/08/2026 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Greystone	Big Summer Read – Float Away in Time Afternoon Float away into a fun and creative afternoon at Greystone Library, where children can design and create their own beautiful hot air balloons. This imaginative, hands-on session invites young makers to explore colour, creativity, and adventure, while enjoying the library in a relaxed and welcoming setting as part of the Big Summer Read. No Booking Required Family Event	10/08/2026 11/08/2026 12/08/2026 13/08/2026 15/08/2026 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Greystone	Big Summer Read- Imagination Station Step into our Imagination Station and explore a forest themed world of creativity and play. Children can enjoy imaginative activities inspired by nature, woodland stories, and outdoor adventures whilst in the library. Family Event. Booking Advised	12/08/2026 2:00pm-3:00pm
Greystone	Meet Kubo- Go On for Kids Join us at the library for a basic coding session with the help of Kubo the tabletop robot. Perfect for those aged 4+ Booking Essential Notes: Maximum 8	13/08/2026 2:30pm-3:30pm
Greystone	Big Summer Read – Recycled 3D Googly-Eyed Panda Craft Get creative and eco-friendly at this fun hands-on session where children can make a recycled 3D googly-eyed panda using a selection of reused materials. This playful craft encourages imagination and creativity while introducing simple ideas about reusing and recycling, all in a relaxed and welcoming library setting as part of the Big Summer Read. Booking Advised Family Event	17/08/2026 18/08/2027 19/08/2027 20/08/2027 22/08/2026 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Greystone	Big Summer Read – Story Tree Finale Treasure Hunt Celebrate the completion of the Big Summer Read by joining us for our Story Tree Finale Treasure Hunt. Children are invited to explore the Children's Library in search of hidden nature themed treasures, with awards given to everyone who successfully completes the hunt. A fun and celebratory way to finish the Big Summer Read together and recognise every young reader's achievement. No Booking Required Family Event	24/08/2026 25/08/2026 26/08/2026 27/08/2026 29/08/2026 2:00pm-4:30pm
Greystone	Big Summer Read – Adventure-Themed Storytime Join us for an exciting adventure-themed Storytime, filled with tales of exploration, discovery, and imagination. This fun and interactive session invites children and families to enjoy stories together in a relaxed library setting, with goodies given out at the end to celebrate the successful completion of the Big Summer Read. Booking Advised	26/08/2026 3.15pm - 3.45pm

Area:	Antrim
Location: (venue/address)	Ballymena and Little Steps (Antrim) SureStart Farranshane House, 1 Ballygore Road, Antrim
Activity:	Name: Ballymena and Little Steps (SureStart) Antrim Services are for children and their families, from pre-birth up to four years old. Sure Start brings together health, family support and early education services which are designed to support children's learning skills, health and well-being, and social and emotional development. We have a range of services running over the Summer months which eligible families are able to avail of. Please see our full timetable on our Facebook page, Ballymena and Little Steps SureStart. Additional Needs Specific - Little Acorns SEN Workshop Details: Our 'Little Acorns' Additional Needs Group provides information and support to families and children with additional needs and disability. This service aims to provide peer support to parents, an opportunity to explore key themes for families on a SEN pathway and children aged under 4 are provided with group based play opportunities in a safe, stimulating and nurturing play environment tailored to their needs and interests. Eligible families must be registered with Ballymena and Little Steps SureStart. To register, families must meet the eligibility criteria ie. They must live within one of the designated SureStart ward areas in Ballymena / Antrim locality and they must be an expectant parent or have a child under 4 years of age. Referrals for families living outside of the SureStart ward area can be considered in a case by case basis. A referral must be received in respect of any family living outside of the SureStart catchment area. See Ballymena and Little Steps SureStart Facebook page for further information.
Dates:	11 th August 9.30 – 11.30am A range of dates for all other SureStart services running throughout the Summer months; including community and fun days, outdoor play sessions, baby and postnatal groups.
Age Group:	Under 4
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	All registered families with a child on a SEN pathway eligible to attend. Contact name : Louise Wylie (Family Support Practitioner)
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	N/A
Contact Details:	Name: Ballymena and Little Steps SureStart Email: Ballymena.LittlestepsSS@actionforchildren.org.uk Tel: 02825642883
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	Accessible toilets Developmentally appropriate indoor and outdoor play spaces

BALLYCLARE



MAE MURRAY FOUNDATION

Area:	Ballyclare
Location: (venue/address)	Fairview Primary School, Hillmount Avenue, Ballyclare, BT39 9HS
Activity:	Name: All ability fun day Details: Join us for an all ability fun day for all ages at Fairview Primary School. Sensory play, craft, music and more!
Dates:	27 th July 10:30-12:30
Age Group:	All ages and abilities
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	Please book a space on our events section of our website: www.maemurrayfoundation.org or if you need anymore information please get in touch with us at claire@maemurrayfoundation.org
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Claire Thompson Email: Claire@maemurrayfoundation.org Tel: 03006001166
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	Changing places toilet available.

Ballyclare Library: School Street, Ballyclare, Antrim, BT39 9BE

- 028 9335 2269 - ballyclare.library@librariesni.org.uk

Library	Description	Date and Time
Ballyclare	Big Summer Read- Meet Kubo Go On for Kids Join us at the library for a basic coding session with the help of Kubo the tabletop robot. Perfect for those aged 4+ Booking Essential: Notes: Maximum 8 participants	10/07/2026 11:00am-12noon
Ballyclare	Big Summer Read- Imagination Station Step into our Imagination Station and explore a forest themed world of creativity and play. Children can enjoy imaginative activities inspired by nature, woodland stories, and outdoor adventures whilst in the library. Family event Booking Essential	25/07/2026 11:00am-12noon
Ballyclare	Big Summer Read Create and Imagine Session Join us for Big Summer Read Create and Imagine Session. Enjoy a fun and relaxed session where children and families can enjoy a lively Pirate Themed Storytime followed by a creative craft activity inspired by the day's theme. This welcoming session encourages a love of stories, creativity, and shared enjoyment, giving children the chance to listen, imagine and make something special to take home, all while celebrating reading as part of the Big Summer Read. Booking Essential Family Event Note: Theme- Adventure	16/07/2026 2:00pm-3:00pm
Ballyclare	Big Summer Read Create and Imagine Session Join us for Big Summer Read Create and Imagine Session. Enjoy a fun and relaxed session where children and families can enjoy a lively Animal Themed Storytime followed by a creative craft activity inspired by the day's theme. This welcoming session encourages a love of stories, creativity, and shared enjoyment, giving children the chance to listen, imagine and make something special to take home, all while celebrating reading as part of the Big Summer Read. Booking Essential Family Event	06/08/2026 2:00pm-3:00pm

Ballyclare	Big Summer Read- Create Your Own Lego Superhero Big Summer Read – Create Your Own LEGO Superhero invites children to unleash their imagination and design a superhero all of their own using LEGO. From superpowers and costumes to secret gadgets and heroic backstories, participants can build a character inspired by their creativity and favourite stories. This fun, hands-on session encourages storytelling, problem-solving, and imaginative play in a relaxed and welcoming library space, perfect for enjoying the Big Summer Read. Family Event Booking Essential	13/08/2026 2:00pm- 3:00pm
Ballyclare	Big Summer Read – When I Was a Child Ballyclare Library is inviting families to step back in time and discover what life was like growing up in Ballyclare in days gone by. Join us for a friendly and engaging session exploring childhood memories, stories, and experiences from the past, offering a chance to learn about local history, spark conversations across generations, and reflect on how childhood has changed over the years. A relaxed and welcoming activity, perfect for enjoying together as part of the Big Summer Read. Family Event Booking Essential	20/08/2026 2:00pm- 3:00pm

BALLYMENA



Area:	Ballymena
Location: (venue/address)	Seven Towers Leisure Centre
Activity:	Name: PAN Disability Summer Camps Details: An Inclusive sports club
Dates:	Seven Towers L.C. 10,11 and 12 th August, 10am to 12pm
Age Group:	
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.))	Information shared on Council's website To book follow the link: https://midandeastantrim.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/home
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Gemma Brown Sports Development Email: Gemma.Brown@midandeastantrim.gov.uk Tel: 02825 633302
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	

AUTISM GROUP

(Ages 18-25)

WEDNESDAYS • 6PM-8PM

Start360, 2-6 Wellington Street, Ballymena, BT43 6AE

**A SPACE FOR SMALL GROUPS TO
RELAX, CONNECT & SOCIALISE**



- Wifi
- Computers, gaming
- Art & crafts
- Pool
- Tea/coffee

FOR MORE DETAILS AND REFERRAL FORM
• **CONTACT THE YES TEAM Yes@Start360.org**

Area:	Ballymena
Location: (venue/address)	Start 360 3 Wellington St, Ballymena BT43 6AB
Activity:	Details: Hooked on Health Every Tuesday (full day) during July & August. Young people aged 11-25. Fishing at Portrush or Ballintoy. No previous experience necessary. All equipment provided. For more details contact Yes@Start360.org Autism Group – see leaflet above Every Wednesday 6pm-8pm at Start360 in Ballymena. Autistic young people aged 18-25. A space for small groups to relax, connect and socialise. Computers, gaming, table tennis, arts & crafts, tea & coffee. Parents are welcome. For more details contact Yes@Start360.org Gaming Club – see leaflet below Mondays during July & August at Start360 in Ballymena. Young people aged 16-20. Morning session 10am-12.30pm/afternoon session 1.30pm-3.30pm. Computers, gaming, board games, pool, table tennis. Booking required. For more details contact Yes@Start360.org Summer Connect – see leaflet below Wednesday & Thursday 1pm-3pm during July & August at Start360 in Ballymena. Neurodiverse young people aged 14-18. A space to connect and socialise. Parents are welcome. For more details contact Yes@Start360.org
Dates:	As Above
Age Group:	As Above
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	Organised by Start360
Cost:	Contact Yes@Start360.org for more information
Is Transport provided:	Contact Yes@Start360.org for more information
Contact Details:	Name: Start360 Ballymena Email: Yes@Start360.org Tel: 02825689356
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	See attached Leaflets



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Area:	Ballymena
Location: (venue/address)	Ballymena and Little Steps (Antrim) SureStart, St Joseph's Early Years Centre, 90 Doury Road, Ballymena, BT43 6JE
Activity:	Name: Ballymena and Little Steps SureStart Services are for children and their families, from pre-birth up to four years old. SureStart brings together health, family support and early education services which are designed to support children's learning skills, health and well-being, and social and emotional development. We have a range of services running over the Summer months which eligible families are able to avail of. Please see our full timetable on our Facebook page, Ballymena and Little Steps SureStart. Additional Needs specific service - Little Acorns SEN Workshop Details: Our 'Little Acorns' Additional Needs Group provides information and support to families and children with additional needs and disability. This service aims to provide peer support to parents, an opportunity to explore key themes for families on a SEN pathway and children aged under 4 are provided with group based play opportunities in a safe, stimulating and nurturing play environment tailored to their needs and interests. Eligible families must be registered with Ballymena and Little Steps SureStart. To register, families must meet the eligibility criteria ie. They must live within one of the designated SureStart ward areas in Ballymena / Antrim locality and they must be an expectant parent or have a child under 4 years of age. Referrals for families living outside of the SureStart ward area can be considered in a case by case basis. A referral must be received in respect of any family living outside of the SureStart catchment area. See Ballymena and Little Steps SureStart Facebook page for further information.
Dates:	Little Acorns Workshop - 20th July 2026, 9.30 – 11.30am A range of dates for all other SureStart services running throughout the Summer months; including community and fun days, outdoor play sessions, baby and postnatal groups.
Age Group:	Under 4
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	All registered families with a child on a SEN pathway eligible to attend. Contact name : Louise Wylie (Family Support Practitioner)
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	N/A
Contact Details:	Name: Ballymena and Little Steps SureStart Email: Ballymena.LittlestepsSS@actionforchildren.org.uk Tel: 02825642883
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	Accessible toilets Developmentally appropriate indoor and outdoor play spaces

Area:	Ballymena
Location: (venue/address)	Sunflower Circle NI - Ballee Community Centre
Activity:	Name: Summer Club: Stay and Play Details: 4 weeks of play, creativity and connection. Arts and crafts, water play, music & dance, sensory play
Dates:	21 st July, 28 th July, 4 th August, 11 th August 10:30am-12pm
Age Group:	3-10 year olds
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	www.bookwhen.com/sunflowercircle
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Email: Tel: 07508675881
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	



CARRICKFERGUS



Area:	Carrickfergus
Location: (venue/address)	Carrickfergus – Shaftesbury Park
Activity:	Name: MEActive Adaptive Bikes Details: To hire an adaptive bike in any of the two areas listed on the dates provided below: Shaftesbury Park Carrickfergus or Dixon Park Larne To book: inclusivebikehire@midandeastantrim.gov.uk
Dates:	SHAFTESBURY PARK, CARRICKFERGUS, 3PM TO 5PM 20 and 27 May 2026 3 and 17 June 2026 1, 8 and 22 July 2026 5 and 19 August 2026 2, 16 and 30 September 2026
Age Group:	A range of bikes to suit different ages and abilities All children under the age of 18 years to be accompanied by an adult
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.))	Information shared on MEA Council's website, complete a Hire form to book the bikes Email: inclusivebikehire@midandeastantrim.gov.uk
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Gemma Brown Sports Development Officer Email: inclusivebikehire@midandeastantrim.gov.uk Gemma.Brown@midandeastantrim.gov.uk Tel: 02825 633302
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	

Area:	Carrickfergus
Location: (venue/address)	Carrickfergus Leisure Centre
Activity:	Name: PAN Disability Summer Camps Details: An Inclusive sports club
Dates:	Carrickfergus Leisure Centre, 6, 7 and 8 th July 2026, 10am to 12pm
Age Group:	
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.))	Information shared on Council's website To book follow the link: https://midandeastantrim.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/home
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Gemma Brown Sports Development Email: Gemma.Brown@midandeastantrim.gov.uk Tel: 02825 633302
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	

CRUMLIN



MAE MURRAY FOUNDATION

Area:	Crumlin
Location: (venue/address)	Crumlin Leisure Centre 2 Main Street Crumlin BT29 4UP
Activity:	Name: All ability fun day Details: Join us for an all ability fun day at Crumlin Leisure Centre. Sensory play, craft and more.
Dates:	28 th July, 2-4pm
Age Group:	All ages and abilities
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	Please book a space on our events section of our website: www.maemurrayfoundation.org or if you need anymore information please get in touch with us at claire@maemurrayfoundation.org
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Claire Thompson Email: Claire@maemurrayfoundation.org Tel: 03006001166
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	Changing places toilet available.



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Crumlin Library: Location: Orchard Road, Crumlin, BT29 4SD

Telephone: 028 9442 3066 Email: crumlin.library@librariesni.org.uk

Library	Description	Date and Time
Crumlin	Big Summer Read- Activity Afternoon Big Summer Read – Activity Afternoon invites children and families to enjoy a fun filled afternoon of creative, hands-on activities inspired by stories, imagination and the Big Summer Read theme. With plenty to explore and make, this relaxed session encourages creativity, play and a love of reading, giving everyone the chance to dip in, join in and enjoy the library in a lively and welcoming way. Booking Advised Family Event Note: Each week will have a different theme.	July: 07/07/2026 21/07/2026 28/07/2026 2:30pm-3:30pm August: 04/08/2026 11/08/2026 18/08/2026 25/08/2026 2:30pm-3:30pm
Crumlin	Meet Kubo- Go On for Kids Join us at the library for a basic coding session with the help of Kubo the tabletop robot. Perfect for those aged 4+ Booking Essential: Notes: Maximum 8 participants	31/07/2026 2:30pm-3:30pm

LARNE



MAE MURRAY FOUNDATION

Area:	Larne
Location: (venue/address)	The Music Yard, Larne, BT40 1NQ
Activity:	Name: All ability dance and music workshop Details: Come join us for an all ability dance and music workshop. Families/carers attend together.
Dates:	27 th June 11-12:30pm
Age Group:	All ages
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.))	Please book a space on our events section of our website: www.maemurrayfoundation.org or if you need anymore information please get in touch with us at info@maemurrayfoundation.org
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Claire Thompson Email: claire@maemurrayfoundation.org Tel: 03006001166
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	Changing places toilet on site.

MAE MURRAY FOUNDATION

Area:	Larne
Location: (venue/address)	Mae Murray Foundation Unit 1A, 10 Redlands Crescent BT40 1FF
Activity:	Name: Stay & Play (under 5's) Details: Come join us for our stay and play sessions for children of all abilities under 5, our sessions include free play, Makaton signing, story time and snacks. A great space for parents and carers to connect whilst children play.
Dates:	5 th June & 19 th June 3 rd July & 14 th July 7 th August & 21 st August all from 10:30-12pm
Age Group:	5 and under
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.))	Please book a space on our events section of our website: www.maemurrayfoundation.org or if you need anymore information please get in touch with us at claire@maemurrayfoundation.org
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Claire Thompson Email: claire@maemurrayfoundation.org Tel: 03006001166
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	Changing places toilet on site.

MAE MURRAY FOUNDATION

Area:	Larne
Location: (venue/address)	The Market Yard, Larne, BT40 3AB.
Activity:	Name: All ability fun day Details: Join us for an all ability fun day for all ages at Larne Market Yard. Sensory play, craft, music and more.
Dates:	2 nd August 10:30-12:30
Age Group:	All ages and abilities
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	Please book a space on our events section of our website: www.maemurrayfoundation.org or if you need anymore information please get in touch with us at claire@maemurrayfoundation.org
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Claire Thompson Email: Claire@maemurrayfoundation.org Tel: 03006001166
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	Changing places toilet available.

MAE MURRAY FOUNDATION

Area:	Larne
Location: (venue/address)	The Market Yard, Larne, BT40 3AB.
Activity:	Name: End of summer BBQ Details: Join us for an all ability fun day for all ages at Larne Market Yard. Why not join us for our burger or a hot dog as we celebrate the fun we have had this summer!
Dates:	2 nd August 10:30-12:30
Age Group:	All ages and abilities
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.))	Please book a space on our events section of our website: www.maemurrayfoundation.org or if you need anymore information please get in touch with us at claire@maemurrayfoundation.org
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Claire Thompson Email: Claire@maemurrayfoundation.org Tel: 03006001166
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	Changing places toilet available.

Area:	Larne
Location: (venue/address)	Larne – Dixon Park
Activity:	Name: MEActive Adaptive Bikes Details: To hire an adaptive bike in any of the two areas listed on the dates provided below: Shaftesbury Park Carrickfergus or Dixon Park Larne To book: inclusivebikere@midandeantrim.gov.uk
Dates:	DIXON PARK, LARNE, 3PM TO 5PM 12 and 26 May 2026 9 and 23 June 2026 7 and 21 July 2026 4 and 18 August 2026 15 and 22 September 2026
Age Group:	A range of bikes to suit different ages and abilities All children under the age of 18 years to be accompanied by an adult
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.))	Information shared on MEA Council's website, complete a Hire form to book the bikes Email: inclusivebikere@midandeantrim.gov.uk
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Gemma Brown Sports Development Officer Email: inclusivebikere@midandeantrim.gov.uk Gemma.Brown@midandeantrim.gov.uk Tel: 02825 633302
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	

Area:	Larne
Location: (venue/address)	Larne Leisure Centre
Activity:	Name: PAN Disability Summer Camps Details: An Inclusive sports club
Dates:	Larne Leisure Centre, 17,18,19 th August, 2pm to 4pm
Age Group:	
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.))	Information shared on Council's website To book follow the link: https://midandeastantrim.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining/home
Cost:	Free
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Gemma Brown Sports Development Email: Gemma.Brown@midandeastantrim.gov.uk Tel: 02825 633302
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	

NEWTOWNABBEY



MAE MURRAY FOUNDATION

Area:	Mossley
Location: (venue/address)	Mossley Pavilion
Activity:	Name: Stay & Play Tots 10:30am – 12pm (under 6) Stay & Play kids 1-3pm (7-13) Stay & Play Teens 3:30pm – 5:30pm (14-19) Details: All ability summer provision, parents stay on site! (for stay and play tots parents stay in same room) Different activities for all abilities to enjoy together. Parents are able to do an optional activity (Stay and play kids/teens) whilst their children are having fun in a different room.
Dates:	3 rd – 5 th August
Age Group:	Under 6, 7-13, 14-19
Recruitment: (How are you recruiting for this (e.g. referral, drop-in, contact form, etc.)	Please sign up via an expression of interest form: Email info@maemurrayfoundation.org to request.
Cost:	Costing still to be confirmed and it will be collected by Antrim & Newtownabbey Council.
Is Transport provided:	No
Contact Details:	Name: Claire Thompson Email: Claire@maemurrayfoundation.org Tel: 03006001166
Any Extra Information (inc specialist equipment /accessible toilets etc)	Changing places toilet on site.


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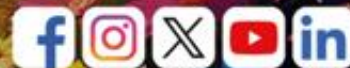
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Cloughfern Library: 2a Kings Crescent, Newtownabbey, Antrim, BT37 0DH

- 028 9085 4789 - cloughfern.library@librariesni.org.uk

Library	Description	Date and Time
Cloughfern	Big Summer Read- Meet Kubo Go On for Kids Join us at the library for a basic coding session with the help of Kubo the tabletop robot. Perfect for those aged 4+ Booking Essential Notes: Maximum 8 participants	23/07/2026 2:30pm-3:30pm
Cloughfern	Big Summer Read- Activity Afternoons Join us for a relaxed Big Summer Read Activity Afternoon inspired by this year's theme, The Story Tree. Enjoy an easy going, story-themed activity that invites children to explore, create, or imagine as they grow their own Story Tree. Booking Advised Family Event Note: Each week will have a different theme.	July: 07/07/2026 21/07/2026 28/07/2026 2:30pm-4:00pm August: 04/08/2026 11/08/2026 18/08/2026 2:30pm-4:00pm
Cloughfern	Big Summer Read- Imagination Station Step into our Imagination Station and explore a forest themed world of creativity and play. Children can enjoy imaginative activities inspired by nature, woodland stories, and outdoor adventures whilst in the library. Family Event. Booking Essential	08/08/2026 11:00am-12noon

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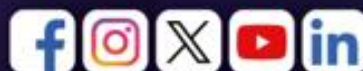
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Rathcoole Library: Location: 2 Rosslea Way, Newtownabbey, BT37 9BZ

Telephone: 028 9085 1157 Email: rathcoole.library@librariesni.org.uk

Library	Description	Date and Time
Rathcoole	Big Summer Read- Grow your Own Plant Workshop Grow Your Own Plant is a fun, hands-on activity where participants can decorate their own plant pot and plant a seed to take home and nurture. This relaxed session encourages creativity, curiosity and a connection with nature, while giving everyone the chance to learn the simple joy of watching something grow. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Booking Essential Family Event	03/07/2026 3:00pm-4:00pm
Rathcoole	Big Summer Read- Woodland Wonders Session Woodland Wonders invites children and families to enjoy a magical Storytime inspired by the natural world, followed by a fun woodland scavenger hunt. This interactive session encourages listening, curiosity and exploration, as children search for nature-themed treasures and details hidden around the library. A relaxed and playful way to enjoy stories, movement and discovery together. Booking Essential Family Event	10/07/2026 3:00pm-4:00pm
Rathcoole	Big Summer Read- Jewellery Making Workshop Jewellery Making for Kids is a fun, creative session where children can design and make their own colourful jewellery to take home. Using beads, charms and other craft materials, this hands-on activity encourages imagination, fine motor skills and self-expression in a relaxed and supportive setting — perfect for young makers who love to create and personalise something special. Booking Essential Family Event	17/07/2026 3:00pm-4:00pm
Rathcoole	Tour of the Nights Sky Embark on an awe-inspiring journey through the cosmos with our “Tour of the Night Sky” workshop. Step into a 6m inflatable planetarium and explore the mysteries of constellations and asterisms.	17/07/2026 2:30pm-4:30pm

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Rathcoole	Big Summer Read- Bug Hotel Workshop Bug Hotel Workshop is a fun, hands-on session where children can build their own bug hotel to help insects feel at home in the garden, while learning about the important role bugs play in nature. The workshop includes a lively Storytime, followed by the opportunity to create a simple shelter to take home. A relaxed and creative way to enjoy stories, nature and learning together. Booking Essential Family Event	24/07/2026 3:00pm-4:00pm
Rathcoole	Big Summer Read- Bookmark and Board Game Design Workshop Bookmark and Board Game Design Workshop invites children to use their imagination and creativity as they design their own personalised bookmark and create a simple board game from scratch. This fun, hands-on session encourages creative thinking, problem-solving and artistic expression, while giving participants the chance to take home their own unique designs to enjoy again and again. Booking Essential Family Event	31/07/2026 3:00pm-4:00pm
Rathcoole	Big Summer Read- Meet Kubo Go On for Kids Join us at the library for a basic coding session with the help of Kubo the table top robot. Perfect for those aged 4+ Booking Essential Notes: Maximum 8 participants	28/08/2026 2:30pm-3:30pm
Rathcoole	Big Summer Read- Tree of Tales- Creative Writing Session Tree of Tales – Creative Writing invites children to let their imaginations grow as they create their own stories inspired by a magical story tree.	07/08/2026

	Through gentle prompts, shared ideas and creative play, participants will explore characters, settings and storytelling in a fun and supportive environment. This relaxed session encourages confidence, creativity and a love of writing, with no previous experience needed. Booking Essential Family Event	3:00pm- 4:00pm
Rathcoole	Big Summer Read- Reading Tree Spin Wheel Reading Tree Spin Wheel is a fun and interactive activity where children can create their own spin wheel to explore a variety of book genres. By spinning the wheel, participants will discover new types of stories and reading adventures, encouraging curiosity and confidence to try something different. This creative, hands-on session celebrates reading in a playful way and helps children branch out and grow their love of books. Booking Essential Family Event	14/08/2026 3:00pm- 4:00pm
Rathcoole	Big Summer Read- Library Forest Trail Library Forest Trail invites children and families to explore the library through a fun, nature-inspired trail filled with discovery and creativity. Participants can enjoy leaf rubbings, take part in an exciting scavenger hunt, and finish by collecting a take-home nature hunt pack to continue the adventure outdoors. This relaxed, interactive activity encourages curiosity, observation and a love of nature, all within a welcoming library setting. Booking Essential Family event	21/08/2026 3:00pm- 4:00pm

Glengormley Library: Location: 40 Carnmoney Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 6HP

Telephone: 028 9083 3797 Email: glengormley.library@librariesni.org.uk

Library	Description	Date and Time
Glengormley	Big Summer Read- Make and Create Join us in Glengormley Library for our Summer craft afternoons to celebrate our Big Summer Read! Each week will celebrate a theme to inspire your reads and bring some creativity to your week. Autism friendly. Booking Essential. Family Event	July: 02/07/2026 09/07/2026 16/07/2026 23/07/2026 30/07/2026 2:00pm-3:00pm August: 06/08/2026 13/08/2026 20/08/2026 27/08/2026 2:00pm-3:00pm
Glengormley	Busy Hands and Bright Minds (CORE) Core Group will be moving to a daytime during the Summer Open hours staying on the second Thursday of the month for consistency. July session	16/07/2026 11:30am-12:30pm 13/08/2026 11:30am-12:30pm

Glengormley	Meet Kubo Go On for Kids Join us at the library for a basic coding session with the help of Kubo the tabletop robot. Perfect for those aged 4+ Booking Essential: Notes: Maximum 8 participants	07/08/2026 11:00am- 12noon
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RANDALSTOWN



Randalstown Library: Location: 34 New Street, Randalstown, BT41 3AF

Telephone: 028 9447 2725 Email: randalstown.library@librariesni.org.uk

Library	Description	Date and Time
Randalstown	Big Summer Read- Story Tree- You and Me Story Tree – You and Me is a relaxed Storytime and Lego activity afternoon where children and their grown-ups can enjoy listening to stories together and then bring them to life through building. After an interactive Storytime, participants will be invited to use Lego to create characters from the stories, encouraging imagination, creativity, and shared play. This session offers a calm, welcoming space to listen, build, and explore stories in a hands-on way. Booking essential. Family Event	July: 03/07/2026 10/07/2026 17/07/2026 24/07/2026 31/07/2026 3:30pm-4:30pm August: 07/08/2026 14/08/2026 21/08/2026 28/08/2026 3:30pm-4:30pm
Randalstown	Big Summer Read- Meet Kubo Go On for Kids Join us at the library for a basic coding session with the help of Kubo the tabletop robot. Perfect for those aged 4+ Booking Essential Notes: Maximum 8 participants	21/08/2026 2:30pm-3:30pm



New summer activity group Randalstown

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A great chance to make friends, build confidence and enjoy a fantastic summer together!

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Email
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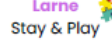


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MAE MURRAY FOUNDATION

JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Benone All ability surfing 	2 Cranfield Beach Fun Day & Paddleboarding 	3 Larne Stay & Play  Tyrella Beach Fun Day & Paddleboarding 	4
5	6	7 Enniskillen MMF Holiday 	8 Enniskillen MMF Holiday 	9 Enniskillen MMF Holiday 	10 Portrush All ability surfing 	11
12	13	14 Benone All ability surfing  Larne Stay & Play 	15 Antrim Stay & Play 	16 Antrim Stay & Play 	17 Antrim Stay & Play 	18 Portrush All ability surfing 
19	20 Benone All ability surfing & Fun Day 	21 Groomsport Fun Day 	22 Ballyronan Funday 	23 Benone Fun day  Tyrella All ability paddleboarding 	24 Portstewart Beach Fun Day  Larne Stay & Play 	25 Cranfield Fun Day & Supported dipping 
26	27 Ballyclare Fun day 	28 Crumlin Fun day 	29 Portrush All ability surfing 	30 Mussenden Fun day 	31	

AUGUST 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2 Larne Fun Day 
3 Mossley Stay & Play 	4 Mossley Stay & Play 	5 Mossley Stay & Play 	6 Groomsport Beach Fun Day  Ballycopeland Fun Day 	7 Larne Stay & Play  Tyrella Beach Fun Day & Paddleboarding 	8	9
10 Portrush All ability surfing 	11 Joey Dunlop Stay & Play 	12 Joey Dunlop Stay & Play 	13 Joey Dunlop Stay & Play 	14 Benone All ability surfing 	15	16
17 Belfast Dance Camp 	18 Belfast Dance Camp  Tyrella Fun Day 	19 Belfast Dance Camp 	20 Belfast Dance Camp  Groomsport Beach Fun Day 	21 Belfast Dance Camp  Larne Stay & Play 	22 Larne End of summer BBQ 	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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<https://cypsp.hscni.net/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/19.-Autism-NI-Membership-Guide.pdf>

Register for membership here:

<https://autismni.org/help-support/become-a-member>

Venues we work with

Our Autism NI membership card can help with priority queuing, entry, and carer discount to a select list of venues and attractions when providing your membership card including:



**Infinity
Adventure
Park**



Lisburn Bowl



**Marble Arch
Caves**



**Mountpanther
Farm Park**



National Trust



Dublin Zoo



**Dundonald Ice
Bowl**



Exploris



**Fantasia
Theme Park**



**Hollywood
Bowl**



The Jungle NI



Titanic Belfast



**Ulster
American Folk
Park**



**Ulster Folk
and Transport
Museum**



**Ulster
Museum**



**Armagh
Planetarium**



Belfast Zoo



**Carrickfergus
Castle**



Castle Espie



**Co Down
Railway**



**Prison Island
Belfast**



**Seaforde
Gardens**



**Streamvale
Open Farm**



Emerald Park



**The Ark Open
Farm**



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