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*Wordpool 09*  
**BLACKPOOL  
CELEBRATING  
WORDS**

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4 –10 October

Wordpool 09 is Blackpool Council's Third Festival of Words,  
led by the Arts and Library Services.

This year's festival starts with a wonderful Family Day in Stanley Park. Watch out for fantastic fantasy animals of all shapes and sizes, The Whalley Range All Stars' amazing 'Pig Show' and much, much more.

We have a day of mystery and investigation for fans of the crime genre and a super 'Shopping for Words' day featuring readings and signings with some of your most popular authors.

On National Poetry Day we will be celebrating the launch of our Poet in Residence, John Siddique's collection of Poems for Blackpool and the launch of 'The Art of War', a book of poems and pictures created by Blackpool schoolchildren. Also on NPD look out for 'Word Soup' a lively open mike session for new and established writers.

A new addition for Wordpool 09 is a full day of fringe events organised by Blackpool's own amateur wordsmiths. We will be rounding off the festival with BFD (Big Fun Day) in the centre of town starring our very own James and a Gigantic Peach, don't miss your chance to create your very own wangadoodles and amazing pop ups – there is no age limit!

Looking forward to seeing you there.

## SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

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**11.30 – 3pm**

**This Little Piggy...is coming to Stanley Park.**

The Whalley Range All Stars' amazing 'Pig Show', a show inside a giant pig!, will be in the park with a host of other fantasy animals. Enjoy story time with popular children's author Karen Wallace and find out what happened to 'Marvin the Blue Pig'. Join in MoreMusic's Rhythm and Rhyme, try out junk modelling, help make a giant scarecrow, create your own bumblebees and much, much more.

A Free Family Friendly Event.



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## TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

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### **2pm Central Crime**

**Central Library, Queen Street, Blackpool, FY1 1PX**

Discussion and readings from three very different crime authors, Nick Oldham, Anne Perry and Neil White.

**Anne Perry's** publishing career began in 1979 with *The Cater Street Hangman* the first book to feature Victorian policeman, Thomas Pitt, in what is arguably the longest running crime series by a living author. The latest in the series *Buckingham Palace Gardens* appeared in the New York Times Best Seller list and she received an Edgar Award for her short story *Heroes*. With over 20 million books in print worldwide the Times selected Anne as one of the Twentieth Century's 100 'Masters of Crime'.

**Neil White** is a Criminal Lawyer by day and a writer of Crime fiction by night. His novels *Fallen Idols* (2007), *Lost Souls* (2008) and *Last Rites* (2009) are all published by Avon Books. "A fast paced crime thriller that will keep you guessing until the very end, Totally gripping." *Closer Magazine*.

**Nick Oldham** is the well-reviewed author of ten highly regarded crime novels featuring DCI Henry Christie, such as *Nightmare City*, *Dead Heat*, *Psycho Alley* and *Critical Threat*.

After a depressing year in a bank after leaving college, Nick joined Lancashire Constabulary at the age of 19 and served in many operational postings around the county before retiring in 2005. He lives with his partner, Belinda, on the outskirts of Preston.

Free Event

7pm Central Crime - Comedy Murder Mystery Night and Quiz

Ad Hoc Players present 'Strangled by Sausage'. Come along to Central Library for an evening of drama, tension and hilarity.

Free Event

**'Shopping for Words'**  
**Blackpool Town Centre – Shops**  
**From 10.30am**

Follow our 'Shopping for Words' trail around Blackpool town centre for a great day of readings, signings and shopping with some of your favourite authors. Pick up shopping and reading promotions and incentives along the trail.



Free Event

<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>
10.30am	Grundy Art Gallery Shop	Queen Street, FY1 1PX	Kate Long & Milly Johnson
11.10am	Caves Corner	41 Queen Street, FY1 1ML	Leah Fleming
11.50am	A & B Christies	15 Corporation St, FY1 1EJ	Jane Costello
12.30pm	Blueberries	101–103 Topping St, FY1 3AA	Carmen Reid
1.10pm	Ellies	1A Cedar Square, FY1 1BP	Milly Johnson
1.10pm	The Secret Garden	9 Cedar Square, FY1 1BP	Trisha Ashley
1.50pm	Blott Studios	53 King Street, FY1 3EJ	Kate Long
2.30pm	Elegance	34–36 Talbot Road, FY1 1LF	Leah Fleming
2.30pm	Cupcakery & Coffee Shop	152 Church Street, FY1 3PS	Trisha Ashley
3.10pm	FYC	154-158 Church St, FY1 3PS	Carmen Reid & Jane Costello

**Kate Long** grew up in Blackrod, Lancashire. The Bad Mother's Handbook, Kate's first novel was Picador's lead fiction title for 2004 and quickly became a number 1 best-seller. A drama based on the novel was shown on ITV in 2007. Successive novels The Daughter Game, Swallowing Grandma and Queen Mum, have established Kate's success. '

"...The author is unafraid to mine her fascinating material to its deepest extent...All this and cracking storytelling too. Kate Long's novels deserve to move beyond their packaging".  
The Independent.

**Carmen Reid**

'Since her debut, Three in a Bed, in 2002, Reid has established herself as one of (Chic Lit) genre's bigger hitters, her five previous novels achieving an average 100,000 sales in the UK alone'  
Times on-line.

Her latest novel How Not to Shop is the third in the hugely popular Personal Shopper series.

**Jane Costello** is a former Daily Mail and Liverpool Echo journalist and until 2007 Editor of the Liverpool Daily Post. Her first novel, Bridesmaids, was a top twenty five best-seller, while her latest novel, The Nearly Weds, follows the story of a jilted bride in the aftermath of the big day that never happened. She lives in Lancashire and is working on her next novel, which is due for publication in April 2010.

**Milly Johnson's** A Spring Affair is the latest novel from an author who was winner of the Reading Libraries' Book of the Year and voted the most promising Chic Lit writer in 2007. Featuring a "Shirley Valentine for the 2000s – the story of one downtrodden woman's ultimate Spring Clean - this book could change your life!" Milly.

**Trisha Ashley**

Born in St. Helens, Lancashire, and now living in the beautiful surroundings of North Wales, Trisha's last book, A Winter's Tale was a Sunday Times bestseller. Her latest novel is Wedding Tiers. 'Full of comedy and wit. Trisha Ashley makes for enjoyable reading.' The Times.

**Leah Fleming**

Even though she was busy raising four children, running a café and training as a Relate counsellor, Leah has always made time to write heart warming sagas set in post war Lancashire and the Yorkshire Dales. Her latest book Remembrance Day comes out in October.

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## THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

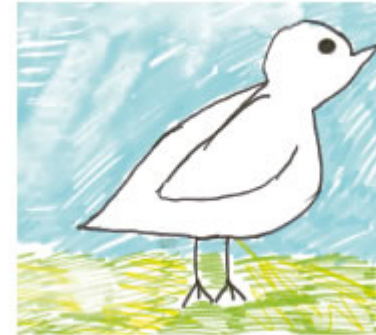
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**National Poetry Day**

**10.30am 'The Art of War' Project Celebration**

**Blackpool Town Hall**

The Mayor of Blackpool, Cllr Norman E Hardy, welcomes children from St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School and Stanley Primary School to a celebration event to launch their book 'The Art of War'. The children have been working with Poet Terry Caffrey and Blackpool's Cultural Services on 'The Art of War' Project to develop their own creative responses to conflict resolution and commemoration. The project is part of a National Grant Programme – Their Past Your Future, MLA Phase 2 - Year 3 (09/10) managed by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council and funded by the Big Lottery; the project is supported by Blackpool Council.



Invitation Only



**3.30 – 5pm Word Soup**

**Blackpool Central Library, Queen Street, Blackpool**

They Eat Culture presents Word Soup - a live lit event on-tour from their regular spot at Preston's Continental Arts Venue and making a very special stop in Wordpool for National Poetry Day. The afternoon will feature readings from regional poets and new voices, as well as the chance to get up in front of the mike and strut your own stuff in our open mike spots. For more information about Word Soup, go to [www.prestonwritingnetwork.blogspot.com](http://www.prestonwritingnetwork.blogspot.com)



Free Event

### **6pm John Siddique – Launch of Poems for Blackpool**

In 2008 we invited John Siddique to be Blackpool's first Poet in Residence. The residency was managed by Blackpool Arts Service and Blackpool Libraries for the National Year of Reading and was funded by Blackpool Council. John will present his 'Poems for Blackpool' at this special event at the Town Hall. Copies of the book will be available to borrow at your local library after National Poetry Day.

Invitation Only – If you or a representative of your community group would like to attend please contact Jane Brooks 01253 478091 or Lynne Pattinson 01253 478238 for more details.

### **8pm Talkies – An Evening of Performance and Video Poetry. Steve Tasane & Terry Caffrey at Blackpool Grand Theatre Studio**

**Steve Tasane** Acclaimed writer and performance poet, Poet in Residence for Battersea Dogs Home and Glastonbury regular, Steve Tasane brings his latest poetry film album 'Talkies' to Blackpool. Hip and Dynamic, Steve is master of tongue twisting, mind boggling alternative poetry. We are delighted to welcome Steve back to Wordpool 09.

'Poetry you can actually dance to' The Independent

**Terry Caffrey** Writer in residence for the Halle Orchestra and 28 prisons, winner of 8 literary awards, Terry has worked in over 2500 schools and has recently completed a project with Blackpool schools. Tonight he brings his own very individual style of performance poetry to the Grand Theatre Studio. Humorous, heart warming but also challenging we welcome Terry 'a champion of words' to 'Talkies' for Wordpool 09.

Free Event

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## **FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER**

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### **Wordpool 09 Fringe Events – Central Library 11am - 12.30pm – Drama for Relaxation and Wellbeing**

The session will consist of low focus, gentle activities to promote teamwork, trust and listening skills as well as exercises that stimulate creative and imaginative responses. Primarily, participants will be encouraged to participate but not pushed or forced to do anything they do not feel comfortable with.

Nikki Mailer is an experienced drama practitioner and this is the second course of confidence building workshops she has facilitated for the Arts for Health Service.

### **10.30am Keelie Walker**

Keelie will be leading a writing workshop and sharing some of her recently published work. For more details ring 01253 753204.

### **1pm – Live Poets Present Heroes & Heroines**

Live Poets with Victoria Coupland and surprise elements. Live Poets meet the first Monday of every month at 1pm at Central Library.

### **2pm Blackpool's Community Choir**

Come along and find out about Blackpool's newest Community Choir. The newly formed choir are looking for members who would enjoy singing regularly with a choir that 'rocks'.

### **3pm Grand Words Final – Blackpool Grand Theatre Studio**

The Grand Theatre announces the winners of their Playwriting Competition with dramatic readings. For more details contact Ian Lamond 01253 290111.

### **6pm Dead Good Poets**

**Chesters Tea Rooms, 84 Church Street, Blackpool**

Blackpool And The Fylde College students and lecturers are taking their poetry to the wider community by hosting events in the town centre, and extending the repertoire to singers and songwriters. The society welcomes new members and invites both readers and supporters to their next meeting on Fringe Friday.

The theme will be 'Hooked on Classics' where poets and performers will pay homage to celebrated writers by taking inspiration from a well known poem or song and forming their own response.

All Fringe Events are Free

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## **SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER**

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### **BFD (Big Fun Day) – 11.30 – 3 pm, St John's Church, Cedar Square, Blackpool**

The Big Draw comes to Wordpool 09 with a Big Fun Day for all the family. Look out for Bread and Butter Theatre's splendid 'Pirates of Men's Pants' and follow the signs to discover a magical day celebrating the stories of Roald Dahl.

Venture inside our amazing Gigantic Peach for a wonderful 3D story telling experience and make your very own 'Wangadoodles' and 'Fantastic Pop Ups' with Artist Paul Pickford or create 'Super Duper Doodles' with the Arts Service Artists.

Fantastical Free Fun for all ages



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All details are correct at the time of going to press. We reserve the right to change the programme if circumstances dictate.

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