

Cosy Crime Noir



An afternoon with Sara Sheridan, multi-talented journalist and historical novelist. Her series of crime novels, set in 1950's Brighton, feature retired secretary Mirabelle Bevin, who finds she is able to utilise skills acquired during her WWII Secret Service work to solve murder and mystery.

Tuesday 25th October, 2.00–4.00 pm

Refreshments provided

Alford Library

Alford Academy, Greystone Road, Alford

Tel: 019755 63333

Alford Film Afternoon

'An ex-tennis pro carries out a plot to murder his wife. When things go wrong, he improvises a brilliant plan B'. Join us for a classic murder mystery. BBFC: PG

Thursday 27th October, 2.30–4.30 pm

Alford Library, Alford Academy,

Greystone Road, Alford

Tel: 019755 63333

Café Philosophique

Cloaks and Daggers: the Mechanics of Crime Fiction. A Philosophy Café discussion led by Dan Wall of Aberdeen University.

Thursday 27th October, 7.00 pm

Meldrum Library, Colpy Road, Oldmeldrum

Tel: 01651 871307

Read For Your Life

with Cathy MacPhail (School Event)

Getting the reading habit is one of the most life enhancing things anyone can do. Author of gritty novels for young adults, Cathy MacPhail will convince S2's and S3's from Aboyne and Alford that reading is a lifetime pleasure.

Wednesday 26th October

Alford Library (closed event)

Alford Academy, Greystone Road, Alford

Tel: 019755 63333

Events are free but booking is recommended. Tickets are available from library venues, or phone to book your place. Be sure to check locally or online for other activities and events!

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As the days draw in, let Aberdeenshire Libraries welcome you to a feast of crime themed events and activities.

Investigate our fantastic author line-up, try your hand at crime writing, analyse the evidence, compare fact and fiction, relax in front of a movie and immerse yourself in some great reads.



All events are free, booking recommended



Blood on the Bannocks – A Murder Mystery Shetland Tea Party with Ann Cleeves



Led by Ann Cleeves, best-selling novelist and creator of the 'Vera' and 'Shetland' TV series, you are invited to observe, listen to the evidence, and participate in our very own murder mystery extravaganza.

Booking strongly advised for this unique experience.

Wednesday 5th October, 2.00 pm

Refreshments provided

Portlethen Library, Bruntland Road, Portlethen

Tel: 01224 786190

Inverurie Library Film Club

Remote and barren island setting for this taut murder mystery. Join us for this gothic film experience. BBFC: 15

Wednesday 5th October, 7.00 pm

Inverurie Library, Inverurie Town Hall

Tel: 01467 621619

An Evening with James Oswald

In a few short years James Oswald, author of six Detective Inspector MacLean mysteries, has become a force to be reckoned with in the world of Scottish crime writing.

He has also written a fantasy series, 'The Ballad of Benfro' and in his spare time farms in Fife, so do come along if you'd like to know more about the man and his books.

Thursday 6th October, 7.00 pm

Mearns Community Campus Library, Aberdeen

Road, Laurencekirk

Tel: 01561 377298

Crime Writing Workshop

Aberdeen mystery writer Bill Kirton, explains that anyone can do it! Crafting a crime story with local writer, Bill Kirton.

Be amazed by how much you can create in a very short time.

Choice of 2 sessions

Tuesday 18th October, 12.00–2.00 pm

Turriff Library, Grange Villa, The Square, Turriff

Tel: 01888 562539

Wednesday 26th October, 2.00–3.30 pm

Mearns Community Campus Library,

Aberdeen Road, Laurencekirk

Tel: 01561 377298

Murder in the Boardroom

Join us to investigate a dramatic shooting in the boardroom of a Peterhead business in the 1930s. Using original archive material from Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives, explore the evidence and reach a verdict on the incident at James Sutherland Limited, a passenger and haulage transport firm based in Victoria Stables, Peterhead.

Thursday 20th October, 2.00–3.30 pm

Peterhead Library, St. Peter Street, Peterhead

Tel: 01779 472554

Forensic Fact meets Forensic Fiction

Crime writer Lin Anderson and forensics expert Professor Lorna Dawson ask 'How real is fiction when it comes to the forensic facts of a case?'

The authenticity at the heart of Lin's 11 book series featuring Dr Rhona Macleod, forensic expert comes from working with the real experts. Funny, terrifying or downright weird, whatever we think, fact is always stranger than fiction.

Monday 24th October, 7.00–9.00 pm

Stonehaven Library, Evan Street, Stonehaven

Tel: 01569 762136

Tuesday 25th October, 6.30–8.30 pm

Fraserburgh Library, King Edward Street,

Fraserburgh - Tel: 01346 518197

