

Essex Book Festival 2010

Large Print Programme



The Essex Book Festival 2010

Right across Essex

Look forward to a wide range of events showcasing nationally and internationally known authors and many Essex writers.

Meet George Alagiah, Alastair Campbell, Margaret Drabble, Barbara Erskine, Mike Gayle, Maggie Gee, Germaine Greer, Joanne Harris, Sadie Jones, Penelope Lively, Andrew Motion, Lesley Pearce, Alexander McCall Smith, Rose Tremain, Alison Weir, Francis Wheen and many more.

The festival is managed by Essex County Council Libraries in partnership with Essex District and Borough Councils and Thurrock Unitary Council.

Germaine Greer, Francis Wheen, Barbara Erskine and Sylvia Kent are its patrons.

Box office details

Opens **7 January 2010**.

Telephone 01206 573948

Book online at www.essexbookfestival.org.uk

Book by post using the booking form at the back of the book. Please note there is a separate box office for some events.

If you have a query about access to an event or a general enquiry about the festival, please email answers.direct@essexcc.gov.uk or telephone 0845 603 7628

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Colchester Area

Andrew Motion

Andrew introduces his latest book of poems, **The Cinder Path**, and essays, **Ways of Life: on Places, Painters and Poets**. He talks about his acclaimed autobiography **In the Blood** and his experience as Poet Laureate, 1999-2009.

In partnership with Lion Walk URC

Lion Walk United Reformed Church
Lion Walk Precinct
Colchester
CO1 1LX

24 March 7.30pm
Tickets £10/£8

Wheelchair Access + WC

Rose Tremain

The multi-prize winning author of **The Road Home**, **Restoration** and **Music and Silence** talks about a departure in her work: **Trespass**, a contemporary novel with the feel of a thriller.

In partnership with The Sixth Form College

The Sixth Form College
North Hill
Colchester
CO1 1SN

16 March 7.30pm
Tickets £6.50/£4.50

Wheelchair Access

Otto de Kat

A rare opportunity to meet a Dutch author. His novel **Man on the Move**, now available in English, was a great critical success in Holland.

In partnership with Colchester Library Tuesday Reading Group

Colchester Library
Trinity Square
Colchester
CO1 1JB

4 March 8pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access + WC

Signed Family Storytime with Ruth Montgomery

The Essex musician and performer will be signing some well loved stories for all the family. This event is in British Sign Language with spoken interpretation.

In partnership with RAD and the Extending Opportunities Project.

Colchester Library
Trinity Square
Colchester
CO1 1JB

6 March 11am
Admission Free

Wheelchair Access + WC

For tickets contact RAD on Tel: 0845 688 2525 / SMS: 07851 423899 or Colchester Library 01206 245900

What's around the corner?

Leading researchers from the University of Essex present thought provoking sessions. Book for one or more.

Essex 10 - 11am

Colin Riordan – A University for Essex

Jenny Amos – The changing voices of Essex

James Canton – J.A. Baker: a wild Essex writer

Journeys 11am - 12noon

Joanne Harwood – How Latin American art came to Essex

Emma Hopper – Sophie de la Roche's Essex travels

Sanja Bahun – The journey of Blow Up from page to screen

Survival 12noon - 1pm

Beverley Williams – Health, disease and survival

Rainer Schulze – Surviving Nazi concentration camps

John Packer – Human rights and survival

Performance 2 - 3pm

Dominic Micklewright – The mind's role in reaching your full potential

Alison Rowlands – A brief history of women's football

Huosheng Hu – How robots will transform our lives

Puzzles 3 - 4pm

Matthew Bowman – The Art Historian as Sherlock Holmes

Max Roberts – Underground maps: design challenges & challenging designs

Peter Higgins – Creative number puzzles: circular Sudoku and friends

Colchester Library

Trinity Square

Colchester

CO1 1JB

20 March

Tickets £3/2 per themed hour

Wheelchair Access + WC

Matthew Poole

From chavs to contemporary art: anti-institutionalism and iconoclasm in Essex

University of Essex Burrows Lecture

Essex has been the birthplace of many key political and cultural clashes through-out history. Today, as Essex plans massive regeneration, Matthew Poole explores the issues and dilemmas around the county's cultural representation.

Lakeside Theatre,
University of Essex,
Wivenhoe Park,
Colchester,
CO4 3SQ

Wheelchair Access + WC

9 March 7.30pm

Admission by ticket only.

Available from the University's Events office.

Telephone: **01206 872807**. E-mail: **events@essex.ac.uk**

www.essex.ac.uk/burrows

Francis Wheen and Julia Jones

...on why they have republished **Cheapjack**, a hilarious minor classic by Margery Allingham's brother Phil. It's an extraordinary account of his adventures as a fortune-teller and 'mounted-pitcher' travelling 1930s fairgrounds.

Lakeside Theatre,
University of Essex,
Wivenhoe Park,
Colchester, CO4 3SQ

23 March 7pm

Tickets £4/3

Private viewing of Margery Allingham archive in Albert Sloman Library with Julia Jones and Barry Pike for up to 20 people prior to talk.

23 March 5-6pm followed by light buffet
(Meet at Lakeside Theatre Foyer at 4.50pm)

Tickets £12/10 for archive viewing, buffet and talk

Nick Ardley

Local author Nick Ardley's fascinating stories of the places he visited while sailing round the Thames estuary.

West Mersea Library
13 High Street
West Mersea
Colchester
CO5 8QA

15 March 2pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Ellipsis Sensation

Got a taste for the written word? Love the whiff of a good story? Discover how the Ellipsis writers' group put senses on the page, writing how it feels.

Headgate Theatre,
14 Chapel Street North
Colchester, CO2 7AT

28 March 7.30pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access + WC

Sarah Rayner

A man dies on the 7.44 from Brighton. One moment is all it takes to shatter everything... This stunning novel explores the repercussions on three women linked by friendship and loss.

In partnership with Prettygate Library Booktalk group

Prettygate Library
Prettygate Road
Colchester
CO3 4EQ
10 March 2.30pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Tending Area

Jon Fink

3 policemen are murdered and the manhunt begins.....
Manningtree author Jon Fink with his compelling new novel based on the Siege of Sidney Street

Clacton Library
Station Road
Clacton
CO15 1SF

16 March 7.30pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access + WC

Manningtree Stanza

The group perform a range of their poems, rich in experience. An enthusiastic band of published poets, they are one of 70 groups under the auspices of the Poetry Society.

Walton Library
52 High Street
Walton on the Naze
CO14 8AE

2 March 2.30pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access + WC

Richard Woodman

To celebrate the bicentenary of the Martello Tower, Captain Woodman, Essex historian and novelist, brings to life the Napoleonic era as seen in his Nathaniel Drinkwater novels. See www.jaywickmartellotower.org for other events

Jaywick Martello Tower
The Promenade
Belsize Avenue
Jaywick
CO15 2LF

13 March 2pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access + WC

Uttlesford Area

Joanne Harris

The hugely popular author of **Chocolat** and **Five Quarters of the Orange** presents **blueeyedboy** a thrilling story of murder and mind games played out on the internet.

The Helena Romanes School and Sixth Form Centre
Parsonage Downs
Great Dunmow
CM6 2AU

30 March 7.30pm
Tickets £6.50/4.50

Wheelchair Access + WC

Comic Creators

Enjoy comics and graphic novels?
Drop in and do some creating of your own with Alasdair Duncan of Insomnia Publications. Construct a plot, invent captions and draw your own characters.

Dunmow Library
47 White Hart Way
Dunmow
CM6 1FS

20 March 2-4pm
Free event

Wheelchair Access

Alexander McCall Smith

The much loved writer brings us up-to-date with the happenings in Botswana, Edinburgh and London .The eleventh book in **The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency** series is published this week.

Grignon Hall
Felsted School
Felsted
CM6 3LL

2 March 7.30pm
Tickets £10/8

Wheelchair Access + WC

Walden Writers

Walden Writers - whose expertise spans non-fiction, fiction, poetry, the graphic novel, travel and children's stories - talk about what inspired them to start writing.

Saffron Walden Library
2 King Street
Saffron Walden
CB10 1ES

27 March 7.30pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access + WC

Harlow Area

Margaret Drabble

The critically acclaimed author draws on her deep knowledge of literature in this thought-provoking talk **A Writer's Britain**.

St John's ARC
St John's Walk
Market Street
Old Harlow
CM17 OAJ

26 March 3pm
Tickets £6.50/4.50

Wheelchair Access + WC

Harlow Writers' Workshop

Winners of the National Association of Writing Groups' 2009 Anthology Competition, invite you to **Reflections: Poetry and Prose** that will stimulate the mind and fuel the imagination.

The Gibberd Gallery
The Civic Centre (Town Hall)
The Water Gardens
Harlow
CM20 1WG

27 March 2.30pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access + WC

The Comic Creators

How do comics and graphic novels go from the imagination to the page? Panel discussion followed by a workshop for aspiring writers and illustrators to have a go.

Harlow Library
The High
Harlow
CM20 1HA

6 March 10.30am
Tickets £4/3

John Row

The master storyteller offers fun for all the family with **Out of the Hat**, stories from around the world.

Great Parndon Library
Staple Tye
Parnall Road
Harlow
CM18 7PP

6 March 2pm Wheelchair Access
Free event. Tickets available from the library

Epping Forest Area

Bee Rowlatt and May Witwit

Talking about Jane Austen in Baghdad charts the correspondence and deepening friendship between an Iraqi academic in war-torn Baghdad and a London journalist and the struggle to get May to safety in England.

Debden Library
Epping Forest College
Borders Lane
Loughton
IG10 3SA

8 March 7.30pm

Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Francesca Kay

Artist, lover, wife, mother: can a woman be all this in Fifties Britain? **An Equal Stillness** won the Orange New Writers Award and was featured on BBC Radio 4.

In partnership with Epping Library's Booktalk groups

Epping Library
St John's Road
Epping
CM16 5DN

17 March 2.30pm

Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Melissa and Sadie Jones

Best-selling Sadie Jones (**The Outcast, Small Wars**) and her sister Melissa (**The Secret Heart of Emily Hudson**) reveal fascinating insights into how they give their novels a convincing period feel.

In partnership with Ongar Library Booktalk group

Budworth Hall
High Street
Chipping Ongar
CM5 9JG

29 March 7.30pm
Tickets £6.50/4.50

Wheelchair Access

Mike Gayle

Best-selling novelist and ex-agony uncle Mike Gayle confesses how his 1277 items to-do list took over his life. Join him for a wry look at our daily struggles.

Loughton Library
Traps Hill
Loughton
IG10 1HD

11 March 8pm
Tickets £6.50/4.50

Wheelchair Access

George Alagiah

From Tamil immigrant boy to BBC foreign correspondent and presenter of BBC Six O'Clock news... An intensely personal talk which tackles some of the great challenges of multicultural Britain.

St Mary's Church
201 High Road
Loughton
IG10 1BB

19 March 7.30pm
Tickets £10/8

Wheelchair Access

Brentwood Area

city-lit Dublin

Join Brentwood publishers Malcolm Burgess and Heather Reyes and bestselling Irish novelist Orna Ross, author of **A Dance in Time**, in a St Patrick's Eve celebration of the very best Dublin writing from their city-lit Dublin anthology.

Brentwood Library
New Road
Brentwood
CM14 4BP

16 March 7.30pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Alastair Campbell

Mind champion of the year 2009, Alastair Campbell talks about his novels, his life and his support for **Time to Change**, a campaign to end stigma around mental health.

Bishops Hill
Rayleigh Road,
Hutton
Brentwood
CM13 1BD

30 March 7.30pm
Tickets £6.50/4.50

Wheelchair Access

Georgina Wakefield

Be inspired by this struggle through adversity. Georgina's efforts to support her schizophrenic son have made her a mental health champion and trainer to health professionals.

Ingatstone Library
High Street
Ingatstone
CM4 9EU

23 March 7.30pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access + WC

Chelmsford

Germaine Greer, Sarfraz Manzoor and Colin Riordan, Vice Chancellor University of Essex, discuss how identity, migration and diversity enrich culture in Essex and the UK. Chaired by **Dave Monk, BBC Essex**. Expect a lively and stimulating evening

Central Baptist Church
Victoria Road South
Chelmsford
CM1 1LN

17 March 7.30pm
Tickets £10/8

Wheelchair Access + WC

Women in history – a force to be reckoned with

Carol Dyhouse, Alison Weir, David Waller and Clare Mulley in a lively discussion.

This event links in with ***Breaking Barriers: Suffragettes in Essex*** exhibition at Chelmsford library from 27 March - 30 May during normal opening hours.

Chelmsford Library
Market Road
Chelmsford
CM1 1LH

31 March 8pm
Tickets £6.50/4.50

Wheelchair Access + WC

BBC Essex Dave Monk programme
Live from Chelmsford Library 9am-12

Launch of the Essex Book Festival 10am

4 March 2010
Chelmsford Library
Market Road
Chelmsford
CM1 1 LH

Meet ...

Essex authors Barbara Erskine, Francis Wheen, Tony Klinger
and Nick Ardley

Dutch authors Otto de Kat and Tommy Wieringa

With a special appearance by Penelope Lively at 11am

Activities, Prizes and Quizzes
Admission FREE

Francis Wheen

Strange Days Indeed, the Golden Age of Paranoia

With his acute sense of the absurd Francis Wheen slices
through the mistrust and conspiratorial fever of the seventies.
Hilarious and jaw-droppingly revealing.

Essex Record Office
Wharf Road
Chelmsford
CM2 6YT

29 March 7pm
Tickets £6.50/4.50

Wheelchair Access + WC

Vic Gray

The Daisy Chain

Daisy, Countess of Warwick became an iconic leader in Edwardian society, entertaining her set in grand style at Great Easton Lodge. Former County Archivist, Vic Gray discusses their influence in Essex.

Essex Record Office
Wharf Road
Chelmsford
CM2 6YT

15 March 7pm

Tickets £6.50/4.50

Wheelchair Access + WC

Muslim Heritage and the 21st Century

Muhammad Ahsan

Introduced by Darryl Webber, Essex Chronicle

Internationally known Dr Ashan has worked in both Asia and Europe. The themes of his books include globalisation and Islamic civilisation.

Chelmsford Library
Market Road
Chelmsford
CM1 1LH

22 March 8pm

Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access + WC

Penelope Lively

The well-loved author in conversation with her editor Juliet Annan about her life's work from **Moon Tiger**, winner of the Booker Prize, to her latest, **Family Album**.

Penelope Lively has also written many prize-winning children's books.

In partnership with Great Baddow Parish Council

The Parish Hall
19 Maldon Road
Great Baddow
CM2 7DW

4 March 2pm

Tickets £6.50/4.50

Wheelchair Access + WC

Bernardine Evaristo

Hello Mum is a powerful and moving **Quick Reads** novel.

Bernardine Evaristo has written four other novels and lives in London.

Adult Community Learning Centre
Beeches Close
Chelmsford
CM1 2SB

HMP Chelmsford

8 March 10am

8 March 1.30pm

Both are closed events

Lesley Pearse

The mega-selling author and instigator of the **Women of Courage Award** returns to thrill her readers with **Stolen**, a tale of female friendship and success against the odds.

South Woodham Ferrers Library
Trinity Square
South Woodham Ferrers
Chelmsford
CM3 5JU

10 March 7pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Braintree Area

Martin Newell introducing the Living Library

Enjoy poems and songs by the popular Essex poet, then join in the Living Library, where local people are the books. Browse and chat with 'living books' about their lives and experiences.

Martin will be performing 1.15-1.45pm

Braintree Library
Fairfield Road
Braintree
CM7 3YL

28 March 1.15-3.45pm
Free

Wheelchair Access

Essex Writers

Novelists Jean Fullerton, Maureen Lee, Fenella Miller, Sheila Norton and Fay Cunningham answer your questions. Do they use friends as characters? What are the dark secrets of the publishing industry?

Halstead Library
Bridge Street
Halstead
CO9 1HU

17 March 2pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Edward Marston Secret sleuths

The 18th annual Dorothy L Sayers lecture

Popular crime-writer Edward Marston finds literary detectives in unexpected places and shows that crime was a major source of inspiration for authors long before it acquired the status of a genre.

Witham Library
18 Newland Street
Witham
CM8 2AQ

24 March 7.45pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

David Nobbs

Expect an evening of laughter with one of this country's finest comic writers. Creator of Reggie Perrin, the TV role recently recreated by Martin Clunes, David has written 16 novels and scripts for many top comedians.

Witham Library
18 Newland Street
Witham
CM8 2AQ

30 March 7.45pm
Tickets £6.50/4.50

Wheelchair Access

Maldon Area

Brian Southall

talks about his life in music, working at Melody Maker and EMI Music with the likes of Paul McCartney, Queen, Kate Bush, Cliff Richard, Sex Pistols, Pink Floyd and The Carpenters.

Maldon Library
Carmelite House
White Horse Road
Maldon
CM9 5FW

31 March 7.30pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access + WC

Neel Mukherjee

Winner of the 'Indian Booker', **This Life Apart** follows a young refugee's search for a new life in multicultural Britain.

'A book with great breadth, heart and courage'

Ali Smith

In partnership with U3A Literature Group

Burnham Library
103 Station Road
Burnham on Crouch
CM0 8HQ

25 March 8pm

Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Castle Point Area

Alan Whitcomb

The memoir of one young man, whose experiences of growing up in Essex many will recognize.

Canvey Library
High Street
Canvey Island
SS8 7RB

21 March 3pm

Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Tommy Wieringa

A rare opportunity to meet a prize winning Dutch author. His first novel to be published in English, **Joe Speedboat**, was a huge success in Holland

In partnership with the Wednesday and Thursday reading groups

South Benfleet Library
264 High Street
South Benfleet
SS7 5HD

4 March 2pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Robert Hallman

The Essex author and historian shares his passion for local history with stories of Hadleigh and the surrounding area. A photographic exhibition will be on display at the library from 8 until 31 March.

Hadleigh Library
180 London Road
Hadleigh
SS7 2PD

10 March 2pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Rochford

Tony Klinger

The Essex film-maker and producer tells the gripping story of filming the last ever concert **The Who** played with drummer Keith Moon.

Rochford Library
Roche Close
Rochford
SS4 1PX

19 March 7.30pm

Tickets £4/3

www.tonyklinger.com

Wheelchair Access + WC

Rayleigh Writers Group

perform extracts from their individual works and from **Essex Tales III**. Dedicated to Essex Air Ambulance, this is the fifth short-story anthology published by the successful pro/am group.

Rayleigh Library
132/4 High Street
Rayleigh
SS6 7BX

11 March 7.30pm

Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Jon McGregor

The Booker-nominated author of **If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things** and **So Many Ways to Begin** paints a rich picture of the lives of ordinary people in his new novel **Even the Dogs**.

In partnership with Rayleigh Booktalk 1

Rayleigh Library
132/4 High Street
Rayleigh
SS6 7BX

15 March 7.30pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Roger Taylor

Essex yachtsman Roger Taylor with stories of his single handed long distance voyages.

Hullbridge Library
Ferry Road
Hullbridge
SS5 6ET

23 March 2pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

John Milne

The Essex writer talks about his life of crime: from script-writing for TV series such as **The Bill** and **Waking the Dead** to penning crime novels.

HMP Bullwood Hall
17 March 2pm
Closed event

Basildon Area

Martin Newell

Enjoy a lively afternoon of poetry and song as the popular Essex poet presents his humorous take on life.

This is a special event for members of Read Aloud groups

Towngate Theatre/Mirren Studio
St. Martin's Square
Basildon
SS14 1DL

25 March 2pm

Wheelchair Access + WC

Free tickets available from Basildon and Brentwood Mind, Wickford Rethink or from libraries where Read Aloud groups meet.

Ken Porter

The popular local historian takes us back to Laindon and Basildon during the 1930s – 1950s. Join him on a journey of discovery into the story of the area and its people.

Laindon Library
New Century Road
Basildon
SS15 6AG

31 March 2pm

Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

Jean Fullerton

Born within the sound of Bow Bells, the well-loved novelist talks about her East End to the residents of Evelyn May House.

Evelyn May House

Basildon

18 March 2pm

Closed event

Barbara Erskine

One of the most popular Essex authors, will almost certainly speak about her new novel (to be published in July). The subject is at the moment shrouded in mystery so come and find out more.

In partnership with Books R'Us and Hooked on Books

Wickford Library

Market Road

Wickford

SS12 OAG

24 March 2pm

Tickets £6.50/4.50

Wheelchair Access

Maggie Gee

The acclaimed writer of many books including **The Ice People** and **The White Family** discusses 'writing about my life: how do you tell the truth in fiction and autobiography?' Maggie's latest books are **My Driver** and **My Animal Life**

In partnership with the Billericay Literary Society
Billericay Library
High Street
Billericay
CM12 9AB

18 March 8pm
Tickets £6.50/4.50

Thurrock Area

Elizabeth Speller

Newly widowed and after traumatic experiences on the Western Front, Laurence Bartram investigates a war-time suicide. Prize-winning poet Elizabeth Speller brilliantly captures the uncertainties of post-war Britain.

In partnership with Blackshots Reading Group
Blackshots Library
Blackshots Lane
Grays
Essex
RM16 2JU

22 March 7pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

John Milne

The Essex writer talks about his life of crime: from script-writing for TV series such as **The Bill** and **Waking the Dead** to penning crime novels.

Corringham Library

St John's Way
Corringham
Stanford-le-Hope
SS17 7LJ

17 March 7.30pm
Tickets £4/3

Wheelchair Access

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Booking form

Essex Book Festival Box Office opens January 7th 2010

Book by telephone using a credit card on **01206 573948**, book online at

www.essexbookfestival.org.uk , or use this postal application form

(NB Events with a separate Box Office cannot be booked using this form)

Access for disabled people

Free tickets are available for personal assistants to disabled people.

Please let the Box Office know when you book your tickets.

Information on all events is available in large print, Braille and on tape or disk. Concessions are available for students, unemployed and older people in receipt of state benefits.

Payment details

Name.....

Payment by credit card, VISA, MASTERCARD, AMEX, DELTA, SWITCH

Card no.:.....Issue No.:.....

Card expiry date:.....

Security no.: (last 3 digits of number on back of card)

Address:

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Tel. no.:

Email address:

Cheques made payable to **Mercury Theatre**

Please send your booking form and payment to:

Essex Book Festival Box Office

Balkerne Gate

Colchester, CO1 1PT

Box Office opening hours: 10.00am – 8.00pm Mon-Sat

No processing charge for postal bookings

75p charge per telephone booking regardless of number of tickets

80p per ticket for online booking. Tickets will then be posted to you

Events Booking Form

Event:.....

No. of full price tickets:.....

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No. of concessionary tickets:.....

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Total Cost: £.....

I am disabled and I require a free ticket(s) for a personal assistant:.....