



A true celebration of outstanding writing and brilliant books; the UK's only "festival in a factory" the [Stoke-on-Trent Literary Festival](#) takes place every June in the creative surroundings of the [Victorian factory](#), that has manufactured Emma Bridgewater's iconic handmade and hand decorated pottery for more than twenty years.

For three days in June **author talks, panel discussions, hands-on workshops** and **live performances** take place all around the canal-side factory in surprising spaces from the old pottery warehouse to the cobbled courtyard. From history to poetry, award winning memoirs and biographies to politics and food, environmentalism to heritage, plus great events for young readers too; the 2017 Literary Festival again promises to be an eclectic and inspiring celebration of the written and spoken word in the heart of this most creative of cities.

Tickets are still available (£6 per event) for lots of great events so don't miss out and come and enjoy the festival in a factory! Visit www.stokeliteraryfestival.org.uk to book online or call the New Vic Box Office on tel: 01782 381381

FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS: Saturday 10th June – family fun, young reader events and special guests!

10.30 am [Scoop - magazine making workshop](#) (ends 11.45am)

Learn to make your own magazine in this fun, interactive creative session for 8-12 year olds. Brought to the Festival by [Scoop Children's Magazine](#) this workshop will enthuse children with the written word and a love for stories by creating articles, comic strips, reviews and a chance to design their own magazine.

BOOK TICKETS by calling the **New Vic Theatre Box Office** on tel: **01782 381381**.

(accompanying adults free of charge) Online booking not available for this event.

11am [Just Soph Stories](#) (ends 12 noon)

Just Soph is an exciting new piece of interactive, theatrical storytelling for curious children and their best beloveds! Have you ever wondered how the camel got his hump or the elephant got his trunk? Based on Rudyard Kipling's Just So stories with original live music, puppetry and physical theatre, join storyteller Soph and a host of curious characters on a very special journey. Idea for children aged 4-7 and their families.

12pm [Horrid Henry](#) (ends 1pm)

Join the team from the Horrid Henry TV programme for a fun and interactive workshop where they'll share behind-the-scenes secrets, top tips for writing and performing and generally will spill the beans! This is the perfect chance to find out the answers to all those questions you've always wanted to ask. Be there and be horrid; very horrid! For Horrid Henry fans of all ages – recommended 6 years and over.

1pm Meet the Author – [Susan Moore](#) (ends 2pm)

Susan worked at George Lucas' Skywalker ranch before writing her own gaming inspired Nat Walker novel series – ideal for 10 -12 year olds who love adventure

Our factory tours, decorating studio, shops, café and beautiful garden are all open as usual during the Festival. Book tours and decorating online at www.emmabridgewaterfactory.co.uk