



## The 100 Story Hotel

An interactive world of play and storytelling.

Created with bestselling, multi award-winning author and illustrator Rob Biddulph and Discover Children's Story Centre. This interactive world of play and storytelling has something for everyone aged 1-8 and their families.

At The 100 Story Hotel there are all sorts of guests; lions and tigers, dinosaurs and bears. Some sausage dogs are having a party on the hotel beach.

ages 1-8

And that's to say nothing of the dedicated staff. The porters are penguins, the housekeeping team is headed up by a handy octopus.

There's just one problem at this wonderful establishment – although the hotel is usually full of 100 amazing stories, one story has just gone missing! We desperately need your help to find the naughty culprit. Can you follow the clues and track them down?

Rob Biddulph

Discover Children's Story Centre

Manchester Literature Festival



#DrawWithRob

Created with Rob Biddulph

Scan here to discover more!

## Z-escape

### Our family escape room at Z-arts!

Ever wanted to step inside a story? The Library of Enchantment is a fun-filled, thrilling, family-friendly escape room. It's full of seafaring adventures, time travelling tricks and a pesky old bookworm who's always up to meddlesome mischief!

Join us for an enchanting experience that requires your puzzling skills, logic, persistence and, most of all, teamwork. Ideal for birthdays, special occasions, or just for fun!

ages 8+



Scan the QR code to book now!

“AMAZING!  
Still can't get over how good it was - definitely surpassed our expectations!  
The kids and adults loved it!”



## Family Favourites

Sun 27 Oct | 1pm – 3pm

### Halloween Party

Get ready for a spooktacular afternoon! Join us for thrilling games, haunting music, and chilling treats at our Halloween bash! Our annual event of monster mayhem is back! Fa-boo-lous costumes are encouraged.



Fri 29 Nov | 3pm – 6pm

### Hulme Winter Light Switch On

Hulme Christmas lights switch on and Z-arts are thrilled to be bringing you their winter wonderland of activities for all the family. There will be an afternoon of free festive activities, such as arts and crafts, storytelling and even a disco! No need to book, just come along!



Fri 27 Sept | Fri 6 Dec

### Family Jam

Our monthly music events are back, with different artists performing a special early evening set especially for children and families. You can unwind after a hectic week with music for the whole family to get involved in. Join us from 4:30pm in Z-café!



22- 25 Oct | 10.30am - 12.30pm (ages 4-7) & 1.30pm - 3.30pm (ages 8-11)

### Spooky Tales Holiday Club

Join us for a week of Halloween fun - Dive into spooky stories, learn to move to chilling tunes, get your ghoul on in drama, take part in creepy crafts and make monstrous music! Fancy dress is encouraged! Get ready for a week filled with thrills and chills.



Free for Bright Sparks Members.

### Z-café

We can't wait to welcome you to our family friendly cafe, the perfect place to grab a bite to eat and drink when you visit Z-arts. Our Butties & Books menu is inspired by famous characters and stories, featuring produce from The Barbakan in Chorlton. We have Kids' Picnic Boxes, plenty of cake and treats, teas, coffees, plenty of highchairs available and toilets for everyone. Plus, there's always colouring sheets and our kids corner – which is great for dressing up!



Pick me - fun for all the family in here!  
September - December 2024

# What's On

Z arts



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Shows for the whole family

Sat 14 Sept | 11am & 2pm

Shoe Baby

By Long Nose Puppets

A magical puppet show! A fantastical sing-a-long adventure with a baby who takes to the sea, the air, the zoo, all in a shoe! *Shoe Baby* is adapted from the book written by well-known author, Joyce Dunbar, published by Walker books. The show is aimed at 2-6-year-olds, but fun for all the family. Fun interactive activities before the show.



ages 2-6

Sat 21 Sept | 11am & 2pm

The Hidden Garden

By Theatre Company Blah Blah Blah

A magical tale of a blooming unlikely friendship. Hidden amongst the concrete high-rises and the redbrick buildings is something pretty unexpected. A place bursting with colour where flowers, fruits and vegetables come to life in every corner. A curious child discovers this hidden garden and meets the man who has created his own little paradise to brighten up the grey and to feed those for whom hunger is never far away. For children aged 5+ and their grown-ups.



Tickets £5

ages 5+

Sat 28 Sept | 2pm

Katy and the Music Machine

By Katy Ashworth

Former CBeebies' Presenter Katy Ashworth brings her live funk and soul music experience to Z-arts! The six-piece band made up of keys, percussion, saxophone, guitar, bass and vocals covers well known funk and soul tracks with kid friendly lyrics. Katy's jam-packed show is crammed with interaction, games, prizes and lots of fun! All designed to get the WHOLE family up on their feet having a great time!



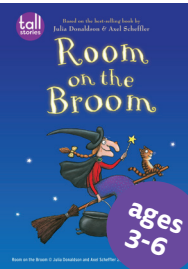
for all the family

Tues 22 – Thur 24 October (Half Term) | 11am & 2pm

Room on the Broom

By Tall Stories

Jump on board the broom with the witch and her cat in Tall Stories' fun-filled adaptation of the best-selling picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. The witch and her cat pick up some hitch-hikers. But their broomstick's not meant for five and – CRACK – it snaps in two... just as the hungry dragon appears! Will there ever be room on the broom for everyone? Find out in the magical Olivier Award-nominated show for everyone aged 3 and up.



ages 3-6

Sat 26 Oct | 11am & 2pm

A Gameshow for Awful Children

By Les Enfants Terrible

**Back, by popular demand!** Marcel Lucont, the UK's favourite French comedian, presents a wild family gameshow, in which kids get to be pests, politicians and pétomanes to be crowned the most awful child. See what happens when international insouciance meets infantile exuberance. Every bit as entertaining for adults as it is for children. Winner of the Best Kids Show 2022 – UK Kids Comedy Festival.



ages 6-12

Sat 2 – Sun 3 Nov | various times available

The Gruffalo

By Tall Stories

Join Mouse on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in Tall Stories' magical, musical adaptation of the classic picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler - celebrating 25 years in 2024! Songs, laughs and monstrous fun for children aged 3 and up and their grown-ups.



ages 3-7

Festive family fun!

Sat 30 Nov | 11am & 2pm

The King's Polar Bear

By Full House

An epic polar adventure for the whole family. The King's Polar Bear is a timeless tale of hope and opportunity, told under the awesome shimmer of the northern lights. In this wintry new show, full of snow and sparkle you will be carried away by the magic of an Arctic adventure never heard of before.



age 4+

Sat 7 Dec | 11am & 2pm

Christmas Bhangra with the Jolly Bolly Elf

Can the Cheeky Jolly Bolly Elf wrap all the presents in time for the festive season? That's where you come in! Don't miss the shenanigans singing and dancing - Get ready to join in with Bhangra Jingles, Bollywood Glitz and lots of festive cheer! This is a family fun interactive session with lots of audience participation. Be prepared to get involved with the dancing and singing! Bring along your favourite cuddly toy to the session.



Tickets £5

under 7's

Sun 8 Dec | 11am - 2pm

Christmas Traditions Family Fun Day

Step into a world of holiday sparkle at our family fun day! A festive celebration that honours Christmas customs from around the world. Experience the magic of diverse traditions as we journey through different cultures, from the lively posadas of Mexico to traditional crafts like Swedish straw ornaments or German paper stars. In Z-café indulge your senses with the tantalizing scents of mulled cider, gingerbread, and special festive treats!



Tickets £2.50

for all the family

Sun 8 Dec | 2pm

Rockin Rhinos Christmas Cracker!

The Rockin' Rhinos are back to rock your Christmas! When we say this is for all the family we mean it - the children will be dancing and the grown-ups will too as they recognise classics from Bowie, The Specials and The Ramones. That's not to forget the fastest, loudest-ever Silent Night, the unmissable Mustang Mary and the Rhino's own Breakfast Song and Dino Rap. Be sure to bring your jingle bells and there'll be loads of room for bopping! Warning: there **WILL** be tinsel!



for all the family

Z-arts Gift Vouchers!

Give the gift of creativity, imagination and FUN!

Available to redeem online and in our venue. Why not treat your loved ones to a family day out at Z-arts.



Gift vouchers can also be used to buy a Bright Sparks membership or to spend in our Gift Shop! Call 0161 226 1912 or purchase online.



Not to be missed!

Fri 13 – Mon 30 Dec | 10.30am, 12pm & 2pm

Christmas Lights

By Filskit Theatre

*On a tiny house, covered in snow, colourful lights that twinkle and glow.*

Snow is falling, the nights are drawing in, winter is here and Christmas is just around the corner. Join friends, Alvie and Kit as they embark on a playful mission to light up their house in time for Christmas. But what happens when your Christmas Lights seem to have a mind of their own?

Join award-winning company, Filskit Theatre, for this brand-new festive performance that shows us how the power of friendship can light up the dark.

With beautiful lights, original music, playful performance and integrated Makaton, Christmas Lights will be sure to dazzle children aged 1-4 and their families. Audiences will be invited to stay and play in the snow-covered garden after the show.



A festive show created specially for children aged 1-4

ages 1-4

A Z-arts and Wonder Arts Commission.

Join us in our **Z-arts Children's Library** – home to lots of books that celebrate diversity! Plus, we have lots of free family-friendly library events throughout the year. Check out our regular timetable below.

How to get your Library card?

Simply, pop into Z-arts and chat to our friendly team or scan this QR code for all the info!



ages 0-16



FREE

Little Reads	Pre-school	Every 1st Tuesday of the month	10:30 -11:15am (Access friendly)
Wriggle & Rhyme	Pre-school	Every 2nd Tuesday of the month	10:30 -11:15am
Mini Move & Groove	Pre-school	Every 3rd Wednesday of the month	10:30 -11:15am
Baby Book Club	Pre-school	Every 4th Wednesday of the month	10:30 -11:15am
Rhyme Time	Pre-school	Every Thursday	10:30 – 11:00am

Our regular library programme will be from 3rd September – 20th December 2024