

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2023

WHAT'S ON

VISIT THE
NEW 'MODEL
FARMING'
GALLERY





VISIT THE MERL

The Museum of English Rural Life's intriguing galleries tell the story of rural England past and present, exploring countryside, identity, environment, technology, culture and health.

🕒 Opening Hours

Closed Mondays
Tuesday to Friday 9am – 5pm
Weekends 10am – 5pm

📍 Location

Redlands Rd, Reading,
RG1 5EX

🌐 merl.reading.ac.uk/visit-us

☎ 0118 378 8660

FREE ADMISSION
donations welcome

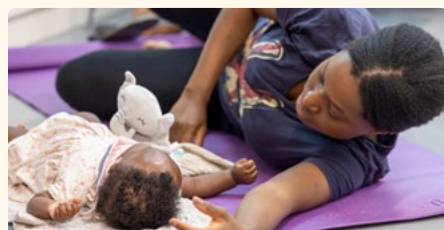
WEEKLY EVENTS



EVERY WEDNESDAY,
15.30 – 16.30

**Tai Chi with Sport
in Mind**

REGISTER / FREE / ADULTS



EVERY THURSDAY,
13.30 – 14.30

**Mums and Baby Yoga
with Sport in Mind**

Term-time only

REGISTER / FREE / ADULTS



EVERY FRIDAY, 10.00 – 11.30

Friday Fledglings

Term-time only

BOOK / £ / FAMILIES



WELCOME TO OUR AUTUMN PROGRAMME

Explore this term's programmes and themes below, check out the listings to find out what's on, when and find details online at merl.reading.ac.uk/whats-on

ADULT WELLBEING



Discover weekly sessions to promote positive mental health, and monthly drop-ins for caregivers and loved ones. merl.reading.ac.uk/wellbeing

FAMILIES AT THE MERL



Book an outdoor learning session, join us for half term family fun, or enjoy activity packs, free trails, games and activities any time you visit! merl.reading.ac.uk/families

MERLY CHRISTMAS!



Enjoy our lovely annual, festive Museums Shop Sunday event, treat yourself in the café or explore the magic of light in the MERL garden! merl.reading.ac.uk/christmas

OUR GREEN STORIES



Museum Partnership Reading's campaign exploring environmental issues through collections continues. Pick up a gallery trail or join our themed Curator-led tours. merl.reading.ac.uk/our-green-stories

YOUTH PROGRAMME



We recently launched the Museums Partnership Reading Youth Manifesto. Join the Youth Panel to have your say, and look out for special activities and events. merl.reading.ac.uk/youth

EXPLORING THE LANDSCAPE



Explore themes relating to landscape and land use through the MERL archive, library and object collections. merl.reading.ac.uk/landscape-collections

MUSEUMS, MY WAY



These sessions, developed with Autism Berkshire, enable neurodivergent visitors of all ages to explore the museum in a safe environment. merl.reading.ac.uk/museums-my-way

NOVEMBER CONTINUED

26 11.00 – 15.00
**Museum Shop
Sunday: MERLy
Christmas**
DROP-IN / FREE / ALL



26 10.00 – 12.00
**The MERL Green
Explorers**
BOOK / £ / FAMILIES



28 11.30 – 12.30
**Our Green Stories
Gallery Tour**
BOOK / FREE / ADULTS



DECEMBER

09 11.00 – 16.00
**What is Landscape?
Symposium**
BOOK / £ / ADULTS



12 16.30 – 17.45
**Magical Lights,
My Way**
BOOK / £ / FAMILIES



12 18.00 – 19.30
Magical Lights
BOOK / £ / FAMILIES



19 14.00 – 16.00
**Afternoon at the
Museum: Monthly
Chat, Craft & Play**
DROP-IN / FREE / ADULTS



21 16.30 – 18.00
Youth Panel
BOOK / FREE / YOUTH



OCTOBER

03 11.30 – 12.30
**Our Green Stories
Gallery Tour**
BOOK / FREE / ADULTS



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**Our Green Stories
Gallery Tour**
BOOK / FREE / ADULTS



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**Afternoon at the
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DROP-IN / FREE / ADULTS



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21–29 **Half Term at
The MERL**
To find out about
workshops and activities
visit merl.reading.ac.uk/
half-term
DROP-IN / FREE / FAMILIES



23 10.00 – 14.00
Museums, My Way
BOOK / FREE / ALL



29 10.00 – 12.00
**The MERL
Green Explorers**
BOOK / £ / FAMILIES



NOVEMBER

14 11.30 – 12.30
**Our Green Stories
Gallery Tour**
BOOK / FREE / ADULTS



16 16.30 – 18.00
Youth Panel
BOOK / FREE / YOUTH



18 10.30 – 16.30
**Landscape of
Communities:
FOLAR Symposium**
BOOK / £ / ADULTS



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Museum: Monthly
Chat, Craft & Play**
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DISPLAYS & EXHIBITIONS

Visit during museum opening hours.
They're free and open to all!



SEW WHAT?

The big questions on
sewing and fashion

Until 20 December

PLAY THROUGH TIME

Explore how and why children play.

Until 29 October

HEAR MY VOICE




See how members of Reading Mencap have been inspired by the MERL collections.

From 7 November

JAMES JOYCE A LOVE OF LANGUAGE

The first display from the Solange and Stephen James Joyce Collection in the University of Reading Special Collections.

26 September to 2 February 2024

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