

The Library of Innerpeffray is delighted to be holding 'Book Marking', our fifth annual festival, from 5th-7th September 2025. A celebration of reading, the festival programme offers a weekend of poetry, fiction, music and workshops, all in the setting of one of Perthshire's hidden gems near Crieff – Scotland's first public lending library, established in 1680.

Tickets & Enquiries

Ticket prices are listed overleaf.

Special Offers

Saturday Ticket - £30

Gives admission to both talks and evening concert.

Library Tour Ticket - £5

Make the most of your festival itinerary by adding a short tour of the Library before or after the Saturday afternoon talks.

Pay What You Can Tickets - £4

To make our festival accessible to all, we are pleased to offer a limited number of reduced price tickets for our author talks.



Make your booking via:

Web: www.innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk

Phone: 01764 652 819

Email: info@innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk



Venue Access and Information

The Schoolroom at Innerpeffray, where most of our talks are held, has full disabled access and an accessible toilet. The Library has a level entrance and toilets on the ground floor, and 16 stairs to the upper floor - events in the Library are held on the upper floor. Outdoor events have gravelled access paths, including some sections of incline on our heritage trail.



The Festival is generously sponsored by
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The Innerpeffray Festival Book Marking



Programme

Friday 5th - Sunday 7th
September 2025

'If Books Could Kill' - Poetry Workshop with Jennie Turnbull

Friday 5th Sept, 3-5pm. Tickets £5. Venue: The Schoolroom

In 2025, the Library took part in a nationwide research project led by St Andrews University to detect a poisonous emerald-coloured compound that was highly fashionable during the Victorian period. Several books were found to contain this arsenic-laden green, and they are now exhibited (carefully!) for visitors to admire.

The contrast between this gorgeous colour and its deathly consequences inspired the theme of this poetry workshop, led by our poet in residence Jennie Turnbull. Be inspired to pen your own words, drawing on the story of the poisonous books. The workshop will conclude with a 'pop-up poetry' session, inviting poets to share their work.



'Write Away' - Children's Writing Workshop

Saturday 6th Sept, 11am. Tickets £2. Venue: The Schoolroom



A children's workshop with a difference - unleash your creativity at Innerpeffray Library. Try your hand at poetry, stories or songs under the direction of friendly local poet and musician Jennie Turnbull. Suitable for children aged 9-12, the lovely places and spaces at Innerpeffray will inspire through nature, history and books. Come along for a fantastic morning of words and fun!

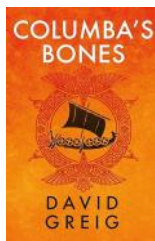
Jennie Turnbull is a poet and musician living and working in Perthshire. She has been published in Poetry Scotland and Skylight 47 as well as various anthologies, and is Poet in

Residence at Innerpeffray Library. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

'Writing the Story of A Viking in Iona' David Greig

Saturday 6th Sept, 2pm. Tickets £4/10. Venue: The Schoolroom

In 2022, in the aftermath of the Covid crisis, celebrated playwright David Greig decided to take a month off and go on a walk. As he meandered among the Roman roads and the old stones of Strathearn, he picked up books about the saints who travelled east from Ireland spreading Christianity. By the time he reached Crieff he realised he was, as if drawn by a magnet, heading for Iona. Over the next weeks a story began to form in his mind. A story about a Viking who finds himself stuck on Iona with a monk and woman who brews mead.



Rooted in the early history of Iona, Columba's Bones is a unique and thrilling read, exploring the clash of early Christianity and paganism, and expanding into a sharp, witty meditation on philosophy, redemption, shame, violence, love, transcendence and reality. Join us to for a captivating insight into the author's process of shaping and writing this story into being.

'Woven in Stems of Ink - Unravelling Secrets & Stories' L.A. MacRae

Saturday 6th Sept, 3.30pm. Tickets £3/6. Venue: The Schoolroom



Join Scottish author and musician L.A. MacRae in conversation with Innerpeffray's own Assistant Keeper and singer Naomi Harvey, for live traditional music and an engaging discussion of folklore, writing, and things hidden in books. Joining us remotely from her home in Skye, MacRae will be reading from her debut novel 'And Now The Light Is Everywhere', a sweeping family mystery set in Argyll which was longlisted for the Caledonian Novel Award and described by Joseph O' Connor as 'vivid, involving and beautifully written'. She describes the

process of writing as "following a lot of trails - and then, quite suddenly, themes and images and places start to converge and then you know you're onto something; you know you've hit a seam." Her novel follows the weaving of such themes; of family, testimony, rurality, and memory at the edge of recollection.

'Things Found In Books' music with Yvonne Lyon & Boo Hewerdine

Saturday 6th Sept, 7pm. Tickets £15. Venue: The Library

Singer-songwriter duo Yvonne Lyon and Boo Hewerdine's collaboration, 'Things Found In Books', is a performance of songs written in response to a notice board in Culzean Castle's second-hand bookshop. Notes, photographs, old receipts, letters, postcards and fragments of people's lives had been collected and kept on the wall among the bookshelves. Forming an inimitable songwriting partnership, Yvonne and Boo wove these ephemeral stories with their own, creating a performance full of nostalgia and beauty, hope and longing.



Where better to hear these songs of things found in books than in the unique setting of Innerpeffray Library, surrounded by the historic bookshelves containing their own tales of lives well and variously lived.

Introduction to Book Making with Marion Archibald

Sunday 7th Sept, 10am-4pm. Tickets £95. Venue: The Schoolroom



Join local artist Marion Archibald on for an introduction to Book Making workshop. This course will teach you to make a variety of interesting book structures and a case binding. You will learn some basic book-making techniques including folding, sewing, covering and casing-in, using tools and materials that are both inexpensive and easily accessible. You will leave with several beautiful books, lots

of ideas and the ability to continue with your own projects. Spaces are limited so be sure to book!