

Dear Parent/Carer,

September sees the Everybody's Reading Festival kick off for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Nine days full of reading events for all ages, interests and abilities will take place all over the city, from cafés to community centres.

We have a few events in particular that we'd like to share with you that may be of interest to yourself, your children and even the rest of your family.

Both of the below are **free to attend** but we are recommending that tickets are booked in advance to avoid any disappointment on the day – plus you get to submit a question for your favourite author! Details of how to book can also be found below, or if you would prefer to book a space over the phone, feel free to call Tiffini on 0116 299 5978 - please have your questions at the ready for us to put into the bowl!



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**11am – 12:45pm**

**Children's Author Panel at Hamilton Library**

We are welcoming **Steve Cole** ('Astrosaurs VS Cows In Action: The Dinosaur Moo-Tants', 'Slime Squad' series) **Karen McCombie** ('The Pearl In the Attic', 'St Grizzle's School for Girls') **Jo Cotterill** ('A Storm of Strawberries', 'Electrigril' series) and **Bali Rai** ('Soccer Squad' series, '(un)arranged Marriage') to Hamilton Library to talk all things reading and writing! The event will be hosted by **Steve Skidmore** (Author of 'iHero, Legends' 'iHero, Immortals' 'Monsters Like Us' to name a few) It's a great one for all the family with authors whose work ranges from ages 5 up to 12+.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**1:30pm – 3pm**

**Children's Author Panel at Westcotes Library**

For this panel we are welcoming **John Townsend** ('Feeding the Dragon', 'Crash Dive', 'Death on Toast') **Tamsin Winter** ('Being Miss Nobody') **Simon Cherry** ('Eddy Stone and the Epic Holiday Mash-Up', 'Eddy Stone and the Alien Cat Mash-Up') **Fleur Hitchcock** ('Murder In Midwinter', 'Dear Scarlett') to Westcotes Library. They will be discussing their books, their lives as authors and answering your questions. Also hosted by **Steve Skidmore**, it's bound to be a fun and energetic event.

***There will be books on sale from all of the authors and a chance to get your copy signed as well!***

If you would like to book your tickets online, you can visit the links below:

Hamilton - [tinyurl.com/y8lf7zh9](http://tinyurl.com/y8lf7zh9)

Westcotes - [tinyurl.com/y8zouz7](http://tinyurl.com/y8zouz7)

There are loads of other events going on as part of the festival with well over half of the events being free to attend. Please visit the Everybody's Reading website to see the full brochure - or you can pick one up from your local library/community centre, as well as other venues around the city.

[www.everybodysreading.co.uk](http://www.everybodysreading.co.uk)

Thank you and we hope to see you at some events over the festival.

Kind Regards,

**Tiffini Castle**

**Everybody's Reading Festival**

**30<sup>th</sup> September – 8<sup>th</sup> October**