

## Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th March

- Once Upon a Bus: Maidenhead High Street, 11am-3pm: Experience the magic of storytelling on the magical Once Upon a Bus! **Booking essential**
- Illustration with Fiona Craddock: Big Read Inspiration Theatre, 12pm & 2pm: Children will draw book characters and be guided in how to illustrate a short poem or story in a concertina book. For children aged 5-10 years. **Booking essential**
- Getting Physical with Words with Coral Rumble: Read Inspiration Theatre, 1pm (Saturday only): Come along to this fun session, where you will be able to encourage your child to interact with poems and a story. For children aged 4-7 years. **Booking essential**
- Reading and Dancing with Jenny Henwood: Magnet Leisure Centre, 12pm, 1pm & 2pm: Join children's author Jenny as she tells the tales of The Rainbow Riding School, a charming book that follows the lives and adventures of a diverse group of ponies and all their friends. For children aged 4-8 **Booking essential**

### Book Signing - Wendy Woo

Wendy will be available in WH Smiths in the Nicholson Shopping Centre on Saturday 16th March to sign copies of her fabulous books from 10am - 3pm.

To avoid disappointment book your tickets for The Big Read events via the website:

[www.maidenheads-big-read.org.uk](http://www.maidenheads-big-read.org.uk)

## BIG READ INSPIRATION THEATRE

*Bringing bestselling authors, sporting heroes, prominent politicians, influential journalists and stars of the screen to share their stories and lives with the public. Located in the Nicholsons Centre in the old Argos Unit*

## BIG READ STOP

*A place to relax, unwind and curl up with a book, magazine or comic, a place to let your imagination run wild! In this space you can enjoy the Big Read bookshop, as well as bring your old books and swap them in our book swap area for a new read! Located in the Nicholsons Centre, next door to Robert Dyas,*

## INSPIRING YOUNG READERS

*We are proud to be working with a number of local schools and ABC to Read to bring reading and books to life, inspiring our young generation.*

## THE BIG TOWN READ

*Vote for the book you'd like to read! In partnership with the Library Service we have selected six titles for adults and six titles for children for you to choose from...*

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## MAIDENHEAD'S BIG READ

Inspiring, enthusing and entertaining through literature and the arts.



Saturday 2nd March - Sunday 17th March

Free

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## Saturday 2nd March

- Once Upon a Bus: Maidenhead High Street, 11am-3pm: Experience the magic of storytelling on the magical Once Upon a Bus! **Booking essential**
- Mobile Library: Maidenhead High Street, 10am-4pm: Grab a book from the mobile library and meet the library team. Horrid Henry will also be making an appearance!
- Illustrating and creative storytelling with Stephanie Jayne: Big Read Inspiration Theatre, 11am & 1pm: Learn more about the world of illustration, the techniques used to make a story come to life and leap off the page. **Booking essential**
- Reading with Wendy Woo for children aged 4-7: Big Read Inspiration Theatre, 12pm & 2pm: Award winning author is delighted to be able to tell her stories at this event and is sure children will love her books as much as she does! **Booking essential**
- Discover Free Digital Books: Three Discovery Centre, High Street, 10.30am & 2pm: this is a workshop aimed at adults and teenagers to demonstrate the amazing world of free online books for your kindles, iPhones etc.

## AN EVENING WITH...ANNA BENNETT

Saturday 2nd March, 7-8pm Big Read Inspiration Theatre

**Navigate your emotions like a ninja!** As an ex-Olympic athlete (and now practicing Acupuncturist) she will draw on her experiences from the sporting arena and in dealing with the pressure of elite performance. Having had access to top-quality sports psychologists, she will reveal the single piece of advice, that changed her perception of pressured situations. She will finish her discussion with 5 Health tips, revealing the smallest changes with the biggest results.

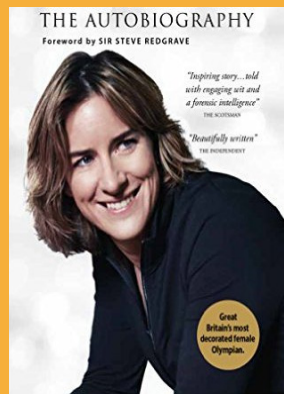
**Booking essential**

## Sunday 3rd March

- Reading with Wendy Woo for children aged 4-7: Big Read Inspiration Theatre, 10am & 3pm: Award winning author is delighted to be able to tell her stories at this event and is sure children will love her books as much as she does! **Booking essential**
- Reading and dancing with Jenny Henwood for children aged 4-8: Big Read Inspiration Theatre, 11am & 1pm: Join children's author Jenny as she tells the tales of The Rainbow Riding School, a charming book that follows the lives and adventures of a diverse group of ponies and all their friends. **Booking essential**
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## In Conversation with Dame Katherine Grainger

Friday 8th March, 7pm—8pm  
Desborough Theatre, Town Hall



Britain's most decorated female Olympic athlete and a rower, the first British woman to win medals at five successive games. James Preston, Editor of the Maidenhead Advertiser, will be in conversation with Dame Katherine about her life challenges and achievements.

**Booking essential**

## Saturday 9th - Sunday 10th March

- Big Read Arena: Nicholsons Square, 11am-3pm: Open the lid on one of our special chairs and pull out a book. Read to yourself, to your friends, or with one of our volunteer readers.
- Big Read STOP: Nicholsons Centre, 10am-4pm
- Reading and dancing with Jenny Henwood for children aged 4-8: Big Read Inspiration Theatre, 11am & 1pm: Join children's author Jenny as she tells the tales of The Rainbow Riding School, a charming book that follows the lives and adventures of a diverse group of ponies and all their friends. **Booking essential**
- Space Adventures with Sue Palmer for children aged 8-12: Big Read Inspiration Theatre, 12pm & 2pm: author of The May's Moon trilogy, the story of a 13 year olds dream of becoming the first child astronaut. Sue will be running creative and fun workshops. **Booking essential**
- Dance Inspired Flash Mob: The amazing senior crew from Dance Inspired will make a surprise appearance at some point on Saturday to wow the crowds with their amazing dance skills...keep an eye out for them in the Nicholson Shopping Centre!

## Thursday 14th March

- Creating a Digital Newsreel (suitable for 8+): Three Discovery Centre, High Street, 3.30pm-5pm: This is a workshop aimed at adults and children aged 8 and above where you will learn to create a Newsround programme to include the top headlines, breaking news and the weather! **Booking essential**

**BRINGING THE WORLD OF READING TO LIFE FOR EVERYONE**