



# Media Release

## Popular children's book festival goes online this year

Families across Stirling will have the opportunity to enjoy a world of magic and adventure this week with the return of a fun-filled free book festival.

Organised by Stirling Council's Libraries Service, 'smallprint' is going virtual this year due to the current national Covid-19 lockdown restrictions and the temporary closure of libraries.

Pre-recorded author workshops, stories and live Bookbug sessions are amongst the [jam-packed offering](#) at this year's three-day festival, which will celebrate children's literature.

The [online events](#) will run from World Book Day (Thursday, 4 March) until Saturday, 6 March.

Convener of Stirling Council's Community Planning and Regeneration Committee, Councillor Chris Kane said: "Smallprint is a popular festival with families across Stirling and I am delighted our innovative libraries team have been able to deliver a [diverse range of digital events](#) despite the ongoing pandemic.

"We know lockdown is particularly tough on children and smallprint is a great opportunity to allow them to have fun and develop their reading skills at the same time – so check out [what's on offer and get involved](#)."

All of the author events will be live-streamed on [the Stirling Council Libraries Facebook page](#) on their set time and date.

Vice Convener, Cllr Scott Farmer said: "This year's [smallprint programme](#) has a wide range of entertaining talks, performances and interactive events that will appeal to both tots and children.

"Reading can build lifelong skills and confidence, and this fun-packed festival is a wonderful way to inspire and enthuse more of our children to delve into the magical world of books."

### **More information:**

To see the full programme of events and how to register, please visit [the Stirling Events website](#).

Please note that due to the ongoing pandemic there may be changes to events at short notice. Follow the [Council Libraries Twitter account](#) for key updates.