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Sheffield Celebrates Reading

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YEAR OF
READING
2020

As part of the most exciting push on reading in Sheffield in years, we're delighted to be working with author Nik Perring as Sheffield Library's Writer in Residence for 2020. Nik has been working all over the city providing inspiring, fun and inclusive/accessible writing workshops for all ages and abilities – young people, teens, and adults, to show that *everyone* has stories in them and that *everyone*, with a little guidance and confidence, can tell them. Through stories, poems, song and memories – even acted out, we'll give the people of Sheffield a voice *and* an audience - and we'll have a brilliant time doing it.

With a massive number of us finding ourselves in our homes more than ever before, Nik and Sheffield Year of Reading are working on a program of online and virtual events. Keep your eyes peeled for competitions and courses, prizes, and one-off events for *everyone!*

There'll be exciting and fun things to do whoever you are - whether you're off school (and need to give your parents or carers a break), whether you love words and books and writing, whether you're trying it out for the very first time – even if you're already well on your way with your writing journey.

There are many wonderful things about writing – the best thing, we think, is that it's *you* who's in charge – and we want to hear what you've got to say. The second best thing is that it's FREE! You'll only need your brain and something to write with.

We can't wait to share this exciting next stage of Sheffield's Year of Reading with all of you!

<http://shefflibraries.blogspot.com/>



COMPETITION!

Year of Reading is delighted to announce the **Love Sheffield, Luv** competition in association with Hive South Yorkshire (open to everyone living, or working, in Sheffield).

We want to hear about the things you love about Sheffield – and that theme can be interpreted *any* way you like.

You might want to write about a place that only you know about. Something you're proud of. Maybe you'd like to show aliens around our city. If you're in Sheffield it could be anything about *you!* Or a memory you cherish. Maybe you'd like to make up a story set in Sheffield, past, present, or somewhere in the distant future.

'The best thing about being a writer is we can write about whatever we want. We make things up! No-one needs to know if it's true or not!' – Nik Perring.

Poems, script, and stories are all welcome. Prizes will include publication in the Year of Reading Anthology, or Children's Anthology, with winners invited to perform at a special event.

Age categories

Children's Year of Reading Explorer Prize – Up to 13 years

Entrants, or teachers and guardians, are invited to submit young people's best work using the theme of *Exploration* to spark ideas.

Up to 400 words or up to 2 poems

Hive New Writer Prize – 14-19 years

Open to 14-19 year olds who aren't currently accessing Hive groups and workshops.

As part of Year of Reading, Hive are looking to discover and showcase new talent.

If you're a secret scribbler, part-time poet, closet novelist, or someone who fancies giving writing a go, we want to read your stuff! More info: www.hivesouthyorkshire.com/yearofreading

Up to 800 words or 3 poems

In addition to publication in the Year of Reading Anthology, winners will also receive *a one to one guidance session with Nik*.

Sheffield Year of Reading Writing Prize – 20 years & above

Up to 1000 words or 3 poems on the theme of *Exploration*.

No upper age limit.

Please submit your entries to
yearofreading@sheffield.gov.uk

Opens: April 1st

Deadline: July 31st 2020

