



# **BLAZE** **FESTIVAL** **2015**

**FRI 23 – SAT 31 OCT**

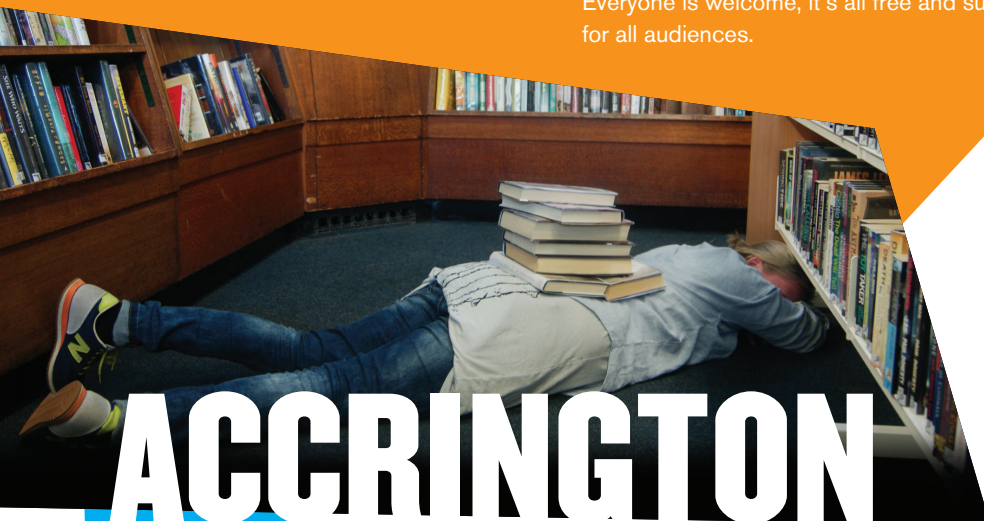
**BLAZING A TRAIL ACROSS  
LANCASHIRE LIBRARIES  
THIS OCTOBER**

A week-long festival celebrating new work by young artists,  
film makers and performers from around the county.

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**LIBRARIES ACROSS LANCASHIRE WILL BE TAKING PART IN A WEEK-LONG FESTIVAL CELEBRATING NEW WORK BY YOUNG ARTISTS, FILM MAKERS AND PERFORMERS FROM AROUND THE COUNTY.**

This year's Blaze Festival brings a deadly combination of Halloween inspired artistic happenings, turning libraries and museums into performance spaces for art, live music, an interactive promenade experience, 'repossessions' and zombie film premieres. Everyone is welcome, it's all free and suitable for all audiences.



# ACCRINGTON

## DROP'IN

**CURATED BY AMY LAWRENCE**

**ACCRINGTON LIBRARY**

**PREVIEW FRI 23 OCT, 7PM-9PM**

**OPEN UNTIL FRI 30 OCT, 5PM**

What's happening at Accrington Library? Over the week, artists will be creating situations within the library to raise questions about our perceptions of this public building, the objects and resources that inhabit the space. Can you see what's happening? Will your presence become part of the art? Be sure to drop in and find out!

### SELECTED ARTISTS INCLUDE:

**Antonia Hennerley**

**Alex Ware**

**Fern Nicholas**

**Hannah Stringer**

**Katie Suthers**

**Oli Blight**

**Sophie Skellern**

# BURNLEY



## BLAZE LIVE LOUNGE

**THE KESTREL SUITE**

**FRI 23 OCT, 7PM-2AM**

A FREE music event programmed by Jack Herbert, bringing you some of the finest musical talent the North West has to offer. The team at Blaze have compiled a lineup of emerging musicians like no other combining all genres from Grime to Blues to Folk. Artists include: JShort & Denzle, A Broken Camarilla, The Working Man, Jake McRae, Tom Scothern, The Volts, Underdoggz and more.

## OF RHYMES AND PEN SHOWCASE

**THE CRIB, BURNLEY LIBRARY**

**WED 28 OCT, 5PM-7PM**

Spoken word and acapella rap artists JShort & Denzle have been working with young artists in workshops that have taught different rhyming techniques, structures and tools to bring you a performance piece that challenges socially relevant prejudices. Prejudices such as unemployment, bullying, religions, racism and homophobia.

## VIDEO JAM

**THE CRIB, BURNLEY LIBRARY**

**THU 29 OCT, 6PM-9PM**

In association with Video Jam, Sarah Hill brings her unique event to Blaze Festival. Together, we have commissioned musicians to compose and live perform original accompaniment for short contemporary film.

## ZINE LIBRARY

**THE CRIB, BURNLEY LIBRARY**

**MON 26 - FRI 30 OCTOBER**

A week of hands on zine making workshops with Manchester based artist Cherry Styles (the Chapess zine, Synchronise Witches press).

Drop in and have a go at making your own zine using collage techniques, text and print. As part of the festival Cherry will be bringing part of the Salford Zine Library collection to Burnley to kick start the new Crib zine archive - come down and find out how you can get involved!

All ages and abilities welcome, all materials provided but feel free to bring along anything you'd like to use within the pages of your zine.

# SKELMERSDALE

Skelmersdale Library plays host to a number of exhibitions, projects and performances from young people aged 13+ from Skelmersdale & West Lancashire.

## NEW CREATIVES ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

**SKELMERSDALE LIBRARY,  
MON 26 – SAT 31 OCT, ALL DAY**

Blaze & Skelmersdale Library are hosting the exciting 'New Creatives' exhibition from art & design students at West Lancashire College. Open to viewing all week during Library hours.

## ACOUSTIC SOUNDS

**SKELMERSDALE LIBRARY, MON 26 OCT, 3PM–4.30PM**

Live acoustic music from local singer songwriters and performers aged 14+.



## SKEM:COMIX EXHIBITION

**SKELMERSDALE LIBRARY,  
MON 26 – SAT 31 OCT, ALL DAY**

Young creative people who attended Blaze's Skem:Comix shall be displaying their comic/ graphic novel creations and life sized Zombie characters. Open to viewing all week during Library hours.

## ZOMBIE ANONYMOUS - PREMIERE SCREENING!

**SKELMERSDALE LIBRARY,  
MON 26 OCT, 5PM**

Zombie Anonymous is a short Zomedy flick written and directed by a group of young people from Skelmersdale.

The story follows Wendy who runs a local Zombie focus group. Classes are designed to help her fellow biters make a more positive contribution to society. Trouble is... she's human, annoying and doesn't quite understand the turmoil and issues these Zombies face. Tired of Wendy's constant bullying, the group decide to take action and show Wendy the true joys of being a flesh eating corpse.

Aspiring young filmmakers have been attending workshops at Skelmersdale Library, working on all aspects of filmmaking from script to screen, set-design to prosthetic make-up and all in-between. Award winning filmmaker James Shaw has been facilitating the workshops to help the group bring their vision to life (or death!).

## BLAZE LIVE LOUNGE

**THE CRIB, SKELMERSDALE LIBRARY,  
THUR 29 OCT, 4PM–7PM**

Young bands get to make some noise in front of a live audience as a warm up for the Halloween Youth Music extravaganza. A showcase for new musical acts supported through Blaze & More Music band development workshops at Skelmersdale Library.

## HALLOWEEN MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA

**ENGINE ROOMS, WESTGATE, SKELMERSDALE,  
SAT 31 OCT, 3PM –11PM**

For those youngsters who like to feast on live music, Blaze in partnership with Engine Rooms venue, shall be hosting a live music event featuring young bands and acoustic performers from across West Lancashire and beyond. Free entry and fancy dress!





# PRESTON

## SCRIPT IN HAND

**THE HARRIS LIBRARY, MUSEUM & GALLERY,  
WED 28 OCT, 4.30PM–5.15PM**

Burnley Youth Theatre have been sourcing original scripts from young writers across the North West. Come and see a selection of scripts.

## NW WRITERS MEET & GREET

**THE HARRIS LIBRARY, MUSEUM & GALLERY,  
WED 28 OCT, 5.30PM–9PM**

To celebrate the launch of Issue 7 of Culture on a Shoestring, the Blaze magazine is hosting a North West Writers Meet and Greet. If you are looking to break into writing and get your work published, fiction or non-fiction, then come along to make valuable contacts and learn all about the writing scene in the fabulous North West!

## BROTHERS GRIMM FAIRY TALES PROMENADE

**THE HARRIS LIBRARY, MUSEUM & GALLERY,  
THU 29 & FRI 30 OCT, 6.30PM–7.15PM**

Plunge into the world of fairy tales in an immersive walk about and interactive performance of the Brothers Grimm as we take over The Harris Library, Museum & Gallery to bring the stories to life.

## AMP IT UP!

**THE HARRIS LIBRARY, MUSEUM & GALLERY,  
FRI 30 OCT, 7.15PM–10PM, HEADLINER TBA**

A live music event programmed by Hijack the Library to celebrate Blaze Festival coming to an end. More information to follow...

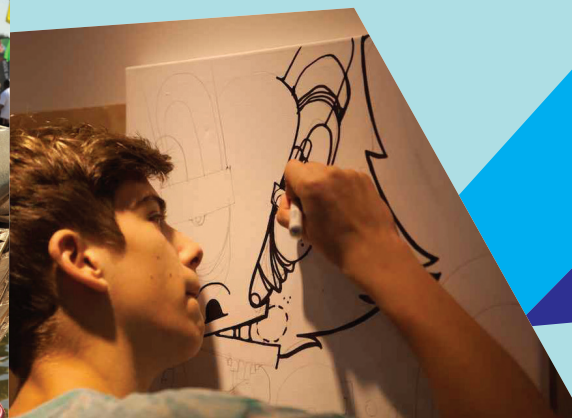


# FLEETWOOD

## IN RESIDENCE WITH NATHAN JONES

**FLEETWOOD LIBRARY, DATES TBA**

Nathan Jones has been working to develop an indoor visual installation in Fleetwood Library which is completely immersive and connects projection, video mapping and film-making.





## ACCRINGTON LIBRARY

St James' St, Accrington,  
Lancashire BB5 1NQ  
01254 872385



## BURNLEY LIBRARY

Grimshaw St, Burnley,  
Lancashire BB11 2BD  
0300 123 6703



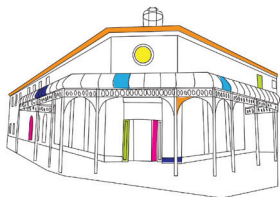
## SKELMERSDALE LIBRARY

Southway, Skelmersdale,  
Lancashire WN8 6NL  
0300 123 6703



## HARRIS MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Market Square, Preston,  
Lancashire PR1 2PP  
01772 258248



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0300 123 6703

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