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“A programme of literary and historic talks and events. Including show and tell activities and poetry readings”



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LITERARY EVENTS – MARCH TO OCTOBER 2026

# Events 2026

## March

Tuesday

31 March 2026

19:00 – 20:15

(£5 per ticket per person)

**Andrew Lang: Fairy Stories, Poetry and Folk Tales –**

An exploration of the life and times of Andrew Lang born this day in Selkirk, 1844.

Speaker

Fiona McDonald-Colton

## April

Monday

27 April 2026

19:00 – 20:15

(£5 per ticket per person)

**Computers, Strawberries and The First Men on Mercury –** the poetry of Edwin Morgan, the first official Scottish Makar.

Speaker

Fiona McDonald-Colton

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## May

Wednesday

13 May 2026

19:00 – 20:15

(£5 per ticket per person)

**WH Auden: Tell me the Truth About Love –** The Poetry and Life of WH Auden.

Speaker

Julian Colton

## July

Wednesday

8 July 2026

19:00 – 20:15

(£5 per ticket per person)

**Emily Dickinson: Hope is the Thing with Feathers –** The Life and Poetry of Emily Dickinson.

Speaker

Julian Colton

## June

Monday

1 June 2026

19:00 – 20:15

(£5 per ticket per person)

**Marilyn Monroe: 100th Anniversary talk** The life and legend of Marilyn Monroe on her 100th birthday.

Speaker

Fiona McDonald-Colton

## August

Sunday

9 August 2026

19:00 – 20:15

(£5 per ticket per person)

**Literature and Libraries –** Delving into the life, work and much-loved poetry of Philip Larkin.

Speaker

Fiona McDonald-Colton

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Sir Walter Scott  
(1771-1832)

## September

Wednesday

9 Sept 2026

19:00 – 20:15

(£5 per ticket per person)

**Words on War and Madness –** Readings from the life and literature of Siegfried Sassoon to mark his 140th birthday.

Speaker

Fiona McDonald-Colton

## October

Saturday

31 October 2026

19:00 – 20:15

(£5 per ticket per person)

**Halloween –** Celebrate all things ghostly at Sir Walter Scott's Courtroom's now famous Halloween Poetry Extravaganza.

Speaker Fiona McDonald-Colton, with readings by Julian Colton

