



24 Islands/24 hours



Provisional Programme of events: Shetland

3pm Thursday 11 till 3pm Friday 12 September 2014

When	What	Where	More...
Thursday 11.30 to 15.00 approx	Book 'launch' at sea with Marsali Taylor	Near Vementry	Weather permitting, Marsali Taylor and fellow-writers will leave Aith mid-morning to sail out to Vementry and literally 'launch' a signed copy of her new book, <i>A Handful of Ash</i> , into the wide Atlantic, as a surprise for the finder. All escort boats from Aith, Brae or Voe welcome!
Thursday 17.00 – 19.00	Dialect eBook launch (5pm) followed by 'Ask us about eBooks' session	Fetlar Hall	Keith Bergman, a Shetlander and Ann Cleeves' publisher in Denmark, has translated one of her short stories into Shetland dialect. The story will be published as a 'single' eBook. Keith will launch the book and talk about the difficulties translating into dialect. This will be followed by one of our popular eBook sessions - an opportunity to learn about using Shetland Library's eBooks and eMagazines with Library staff. Free, all welcome.
Thursday 18.00 – 20.00	Launch of Yell community library and 'Ask us about eBooks' session	Mid Yell School, Yell	From September the Mid Yell school library starts opening for community use every Wednesday evening during term. This extra evening is a special launch event and includes an e-service drop-in with Library staff. Learn about using the Library's free eBooks and eMagazines. Free, all welcome.
Thursday 19.30	Book launch - Marsali Taylor's third Cass Lynch novel, <i>A Handful of Ash</i>	Scalloway – Castle and museum	Accompanied by the Westside Writers - the theme is witches and Halloween. Meet first at Scalloway Castle then on to Scalloway Museum for a warm up and more readings.
Friday 8.00/8.30	Meet Ann Cleeves on the ferry	Bressay ferry and slip	Fresh off the Northlink Ferry, Ann will jump on the Bressay ferry to meet folk. There will be some free books to give away! Ann is being joined during the morning by a reporter from Radio 2.
Friday 9.10 – 9.30	Meet Ann Cleeves on the mobile library	Burland Croft Trail, Trondra	Ann is doing a whistle-stop tour with Elizabeth on our mobile library – come and find out about the service, and meet Ann.
Friday 9.40 – 10.10	School event with Ann Cleeves	Hamnavoe, Burra	
Friday 10.00 – 10.45	Gruffalo Library storytime	Shetland Library, Lerwick	A storytime for all ages with an appearance by a very special guest

Friday 10.25 – 10.45	Meet Ann Cleeves on the mobile library	Bridge End Centre, Burra	Ann is doing a whistle-stop tour with Elizabeth on our mobile library – come and find out about the service, and meet Ann.
Friday morning	School event with Zoe Strachan	Whalsay	
Friday 10.30 - 2.30	'Ask us about eBooks' session	Fair Isle Bird Observatory	An e-service drop-in with Library staff. Learn about using the Library's free eBooks and eMagazines. All Fair Isle residents are very welcome.
Friday 11.00	Poet James Sinclair visits Foula or Papa Stour *due to problems with Foula flights it is looking less likely James can get to Foula.	Foula or Papa Stour	Shetland poet James Sinclair will be walking round the island and will be very happy to meet people. He will have free copies of his book 'Gulf Stream Blues' to give out. *Born in 1961 in Lerwick. James works as an engineering storeman and previous to that was a welder/plater for 25 years. He only began writing poetry in his forties and enjoys the challenge of writing either in Shetland dialect or English. James has published a pamphlet of poems <i>Gulf Stream Blues</i> and has had his poems published in <i>The New Shetlander</i> , <i>Shetland Life</i> , <i>Northwords Now</i> <i>New Writing Scotland</i> , <i>Lallans</i> , <i>Bards In The Bog</i> and several anthologies.
Friday 11.30 – 12.00	Ann Cleeves and the Gruffalo visit Muckle Roegues toddler group	Muckle Roe Hall	Ann continues her journey on the mobile Library, and is joined by a big furry monster.
Friday 12.00	School event with Louise Welsh	Mid Yell	
Friday 12.30	Poetry on the Pier – mini poetry reading by Library staff	East Isle, Skerries	Free, outdoors and possibly windswept. Our slightly embarrassed staff will be doing a short poetry reading, so please be kind to them!
Friday 13.00 – 15.00	'Ask us about eBooks' session	Varheim, Skerries	An e-service drop-in with Library staff. Learn about using the Library's free eBooks and eMagazines. All Skerries residents are very welcome.
Friday 14.30	School event with Ann Cleeves	Baltasound, Unst	
Friday 14.45 – 16.00	'Meet the Author' with Louise Welsh	Gutcher Goose Cafe, Yell	Award-winning author Louise Welsh, author of <i>The Cutting Room</i> , <i>The Girl on the Stairs</i> , and most recently <i>A Lovely Way to Burn (Plague Times trilogy 1)</i> will read and talk about her books. Free entry, all welcome, and the cafe will be open as usual for refreshments.

This will be the last of 24 events on 24 islands in 24 hours throughout Orkney and Shetland – but Ann Cleeves is then doing three very special events in Shetland to round off the project: see the next page.

After 24 islands/24 hours – three very special events courtesy of Ann Cleeves, to round off our Library marathon

Friday 12 September 19.00 – 20.00 (doors open 18.30)	Book Launch: national launch of new 'Shetland' novel novel 'Thin Air', with Ann Cleeves	Baltasound Community Library, Unst	Free entry, tea and home bakes available in support of school funds. Book sales and signing
Saturday 13 September 14.00 – 16.00	Murder at the Ravenswick Hotel – murder mystery afternoon with Ann Cleeves	Busta House Hotel, Brae	In the atmospheric surroundings of the Long Room at Busta House you will hear from the characters surrounding a grisly murder at the Ravenswick Hotel, and have a chance to listen, deduce and unmask the murderer. Tickets available from the Box Office, £5 or £4 concession. Includes interval hot drinks and shortbread.
Saturday 13 September 19.30 – 21.30	Murder at the Ravenswick Hotel – murder mystery evening and book signing	Library, Lerwick	Presented by Ann Cleeves and real-life police crime scene expert Helen Pepper. Hear from the characters surrounding a grisly murder in the Ravenswick Hotel - listen, deduce and unmask the murderer. Tickets available from the Box Office, £5 or £4 concession. There will also be an author signing of Ann's new novel, 'Thin Air'