

I'm a librarian!

We'd love you to celebrate illustration with us this 29 November. Read on for all you need to know.



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Why celebrate National Illustration Day?

Illustration is everywhere – in picture books and graphic novels, infographics and road signs, posters and videogames. It's a huge part of our lives and an essential component of books of all kinds. Find out more in our 101 second film [what is illustration?](#)

As the national charity for illustration, we're inviting everyone to celebrate the pictures that are part of our lives – and on our shelves - and the brilliant people who make them.



Above: Some of our 2024 'Book of the Month' selections, featuring illustrators Kingsley Nebechi, Matthew Hodson and Tess Smith Roberts

National Illustration Day 2023 trended on X, attracted hundreds of thousands of social media engagements and was featured on BBC Radio 4's Today Programme! This year, with your help, we want even

more people to join the conversation about illustration.

Librarians love illustration. How can we get involved?

Invite your team to share their favourite illustrated books or host an event in your library:

- Create a display of beautiful, diverse picture books, graphic novels or illustrated non-fiction. UK Comics Laureate Bobby Joseph has created a great list of [graphic novels for libraries](#).
- Host a special story time session for families or a graphic novel event for teens. You can find downloadable, easy to use [family resources](#), created by illustrators, on our website.
- Welcome local primary schools to explore the different types of illustrated books in your library.
- Invite a local illustrator to deliver a talk.
- Share your favourite illustrated books on your social media channels.
- Challenge your users to create a new illustration for one of their favourite books.
- Create a giant illustration of your library with a roll of lining paper. Invite your visitors to add themselves, a book they love or their favourite character from a picture book.
- On 29 November, join in with our National Illustration Day campaign social media campaign. Post a favourite illustration or a photo of what you've been up to, tagging @qbcentre and #NationalIllustrationDay.



Above left: Creative Prompt cards activity © Nick White; *right:* Crafty Creatures Workshop with illustrator Isabel Benavides at Finsbury Library © Valentina Zunino

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