

How to find Discover

Five minutes from Stratford's Jubilee Line, Central Line, DLR, Overground, National Rail Services and bus stations.



Opening Hours

Tuesday - Friday

10am - 5pm

Saturday and Sunday

11am - 5pm

Open every day during the holidays

Discover will be closed for maintenance 12 - 16 September 2011

Events are prebookable Monday - Friday, 10am - 5pm on 020 8536 5555. We regret we can not take bookings on the day of the event.

giftaid it Discover is a charity and if you are a UK taxpayer you can help us. The entry fee includes a voluntary donation of 50p, which allows us to claim Gift Aid Tax Relief on the full admission price. This is called a Gift Aid visit and would make a great difference to our charity.

Please note that adults need to stay with their children at all times. During busy periods timed visits need to be introduced.

All information was correct at the time of going to press but the management reserves the right to make changes were necessary.

Admission Prices

Child/Adult: £4.50

Family of four: £16

Concessions: £4

Under 2s: FREE

Access to the Story Trail, Studio and Story Garden are included in the admission price unless otherwise stated.

If the customer is not a UK taxpayer or they do not wish to make a charitable donation the admission prices are; Child/Adult £4; Family of four £14; Concessions £3.50

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Children's Story Centre Discover

May - Sep 2011

Welcome to Monsterville

Visit our brand new exhibition



Half Term & Summer Holiday Fun!

Come and join us for... Kipper, Pip & Posy, The Gruffalo, Not Now Bernard, The Secret Seed Society and many more!

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Enjoy listening to our Story Builders

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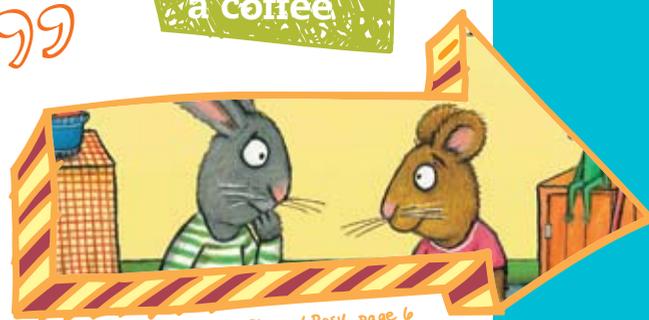


Come and play in our garden!



Pop in for a coffee

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Welcome to a Monstrous New Season

Have we got a treat in store for you! Discover and monstertastic illustrators **Sarah McIntyre** (*You Can't Eat a Princess*), **Neal Layton** (*Emily Brown*) and **Ed Vere** (*Mr Big*) have teamed up to create an unbelievably hideous and funny experience with our brand new exhibition: **Welcome to Monsterville**. Step down into the murky depths of Discover and through the wardrobe door into a strange and fantastic world of revoltingly adorable monsters. Dare YOU hang out in the Lollipop Cafe? Drop into the Beauty and the Beast Salon and try on tentacle and eyeball wigs? Leaf through the fiendishly foul books in the library, draw in the ghoulish gallery and perform on the majestically monstrous bandstand.

Play, smell and taste the mankiest monster exhibition ever this summer and PREPARE TO BE DISGUSTED!

This season is packed with gloriously grotesque stories every weekend and monster magic throughout the school holidays. During the summer holidays we are open every day for monster hunts, hands full of slime and stacks of your favourite stinky monster stories. The stories that feature in these weeks have been handpicked by you!

The Story Trail and Garden will be open all summer with fantastic places to let your imagination run wild with dressing up, a puppet theatre, sparkly river, huge monster tongue slide, pirate ship and space craft.

Welcome

to

MONSTERVILLE



Open Saturday 28 May - March 2012

Opening Times

Open Tuesday - Fridays
12pm - 1pm & 3pm - 5pm

Open Saturday and Sunday
11am - 5pm

Open all day every day during school holidays!

During busy periods timed visits may need to be introduced



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May

Sat 7 & Sun 8 •
11.30am & 2.30pm

3+

Pirates Weekend



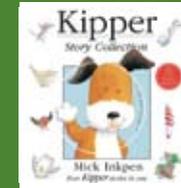
Watch a shadow puppet show of *The Night Pirates* then make your own eye patch and sword. Argghhh me heartiesss.

Sat 21 & Sun 22 •
11.30am & 2.30pm

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Kipper is 21!

by Mick Inkpen



Everybody loves Kipper the dog – celebrate his 21st birthday with great tales of his adventures with our Story Builders.

Sat 14 & Sun 15 •
11.30am & 2.30pm

3+

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

by Judith Kerr

This classic story of Sophie and her extraordinary tea-time guest is a favourite with families around the world. Listen to our Story Builder tell this fantastic story in our Story Glade in the garden (or indoors if it's rainy!).



The Tiger Who Came to Tea



Judith Kerr

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Monster Bank Holiday Weekend

Sat 28 May

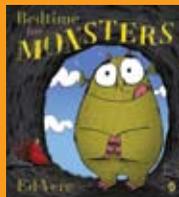
11.30am • 0+ Mini Monsters

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1 & 2.30pm • 5+ Monstrous Trail

Our Story Builders will take visitors on a tour around *Monsterville* – can you spot all the monsters lurking in the shadows? Are you up to the challenges and games?

12 - 12.45pm • 4+ Ed Vere



Author of *Mr Big* and *The Getaway* will be coming along to delight us with live drawing we can all join in with. Introducing us to his new book *Bedtime for*

Monsters and telling us how he came up with his monster creations for *Welcome to Monsterville*.

Story Trail Top Trumps

Drop in to this event and draw your own monster, decide what their special powers are and play away.

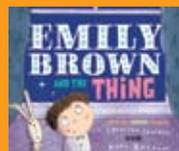
1 - 1.45pm • 4+ Sarah McIntyre

Fabulous illustrator Sarah McIntyre will be reading from her absolutely disgusting book *Morris the Mankiest Monster* and talking about how she created *Monsterville's* Lollipops Cafe and Beauty and the Beast Salon.

2.30pm • 4+ Monster Draw-off

Monsterville makers Ed Vere, Sarah McIntyre and Neal Layton will be drawing to become the most despicable champion monster creator of all time. Who will fashion the most terrible creature? Who will you vote for?

3.30pm • 4+ Neal Layton



Join Neal Layton illustrator extraordinaire as he shows us his sketchbooks and talks us through how he

produced his amazing range of monsters for *Welcome to Monsterville*. Discover's Story Builders will then present *Emily Brown and the Thing*.

A whole weekend of monster packed fun!

FREE ENTRY on Saturday 28th May to celebrate the opening of *Welcome to Monsterville!*

Sun 29 May

11.30am • 0+ Mini Monsters

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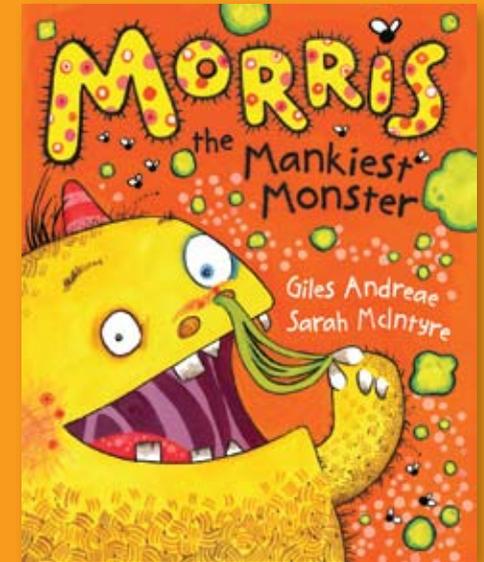
11.30am & 2.30pm • 4+ Morris the Mankiest Monster

by Giles Andreae and Sarah McIntyre

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AND

Drop into Beauty and the Beast Salon and try on our tentacle and eyeball wigs.



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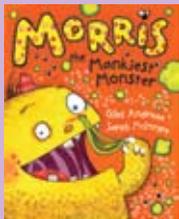
Half Term

Mon 30 May •
11.30am, 1 & 2.30pm

4+

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Monster Mayhem!

Tue 31 May •
11.30am, 1 & 2.30pm

4+

The Gruffalo Shadow Puppet Show

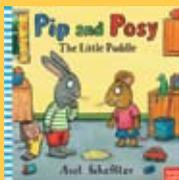
'He's the Gruffalo Gruffalo Gruffalo!' – come and watch our Story Builders perform this incredible shadow puppet show.

Voted by you
as the best
Monster Book

Fri 10, 17, 24 June &
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 July • 11.30am 0+

Pip and Posy

By Axel Scheffler



Come and join our Story Builders for songs and stories for toddlers by *The Gruffalo* illustrator **Axel Scheffler**.

EVERY DAY IN HALF TERM

11.30am • 0+
Mini Monsters

Enjoy story time for babies and toddlers in our Story Glade in the garden (inside if wet!).

12.30 & 3.30pm • 5+
Monstrous Trail

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All Day

Create your own jar of terrible goo to take home with you.



June

Wed 1 • 11.30am, 1 & 2.30pm 3+

Not Now Bernard

by David McKee

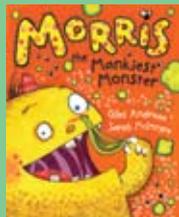


Bernard's parents are so busy doing their own thing that a monster can eat Bernard's dinner, break his toys and even eat Bernard, without being noticed! Find out what happens in this delightful favourite.

Thu 2 • 11.30am, 1 & 2.30pm 4+

Morris the Mankiest Monster

by Giles Andreae and Sarah McIntyre



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Fri 3 • 11.30am, 1 & 2.30pm 3+

The Gruffalo Shadow Puppet Show



'He's the Gruffalo Gruffalo!' – come and watch our Story Builders perform this incredible shadow puppet show.

Sat 4 • 11.30am & 2.30pm 3+

Not Now Bernard

by David McKee

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Sun 5 • 11.30am & 2.30pm 4+

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Sat 11 • 2.30pm 4+

Stanley's Stick with John Hegley



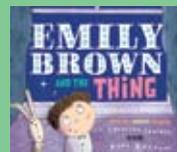
Hugely popular poet/author John Hegley joins us at Discover for the first time. Come along and listen to a reading of his brand new book *Stanley's Stick* which is all about the endless options Stanley has with stick in hand – he flies to the moon, writes in the sand, goes fishing, plays a whistle and rides a dinosaur. Let your imagination take over and the magic begin!

The Big Write

Sun 12 • 11.30am & 2.30pm 4+

Emily Brown and the Thing

by Cressida Cowell and Neal Layton



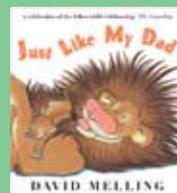
This warm-hearted and witty story leads you on an adventure that helps Emily, Stanley and the Thing get a good night's sleep.

Sat 18 & Sun 19

Celebrate Fathers' Story Week with a whole range of storytelling about all things that are great about Dads.

11.30am & 2.30pm • 3+
Just Like My Dad

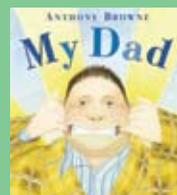
by David Melling



This little lion cub can't wait to grow up and do everything just like his dad. Enjoy this celebration of father and son relationships with this fantastic book.

1pm • under 5's
My Dad

by Anthony Browne



'My dad isn't afraid of ANYTHING, even the Big Bad Wolf.' This charming book by Children's Laureate Anthony Browne is brilliant for under 5's.

Sat 25 & Sun 26

CREATE WEEKEND



Join us for this special weekend of monster action.

11.30am Mini Beasts

Enjoy story time for babies and toddlers in our Story Glade in the garden (inside if wet).

1.00pm Monstrous Trail

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2.00pm Monster Top Trumps

Come to this event and draw your own monster, decide what their special powers are and play away.

2.30pm Enjoy a shadow puppet show of *The Gruffalo* with our talented Story Builders.

All day you can drop in to help us CREATE a massive word monster, Monster Lair in the garden and have a go on the slime tombola.

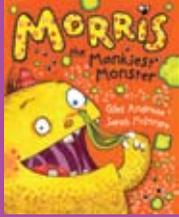
July

Sat 2 & Sun 3 •
11.30am & 2.30pm

4+

Morris the Mankiest Monster

by Giles Andreae and Sarah McIntyre



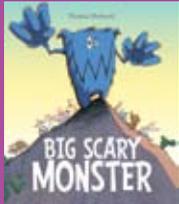
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Sat 9 & Sun 10 •
11.30am & 2.30pm

3+

Big Scary Monster

by Thomas Docherty



A little bit scary but also full of fun this book will have you joining in with the BOOS! Find out how scaring becomes sharing as you take part in this story with our Story Builders.

Sat 16 & Sun 17 •
11.30am & 2.30pm

3+

The Troll

by Julia Donaldson and David Roberts

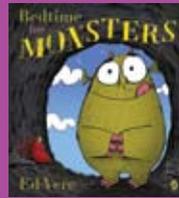


A great take on a classic tale – enjoy this rendition including pirates and a wonderful trip trap bridge.

Sat 23 • 2.30pm

5+

Bedtime for Monsters with Ed Vere



What if a monster was looking for a bedtime snack? And what if that snack just happened to be you? Find out what happens in this new humorous

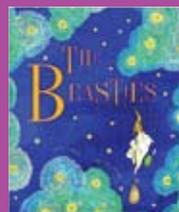
tale by author/illustrator of *Banana* and *The Getaway*, **Ed Vere** in his new book *Bedtime for Monsters*.

Sun 24 • 11.30am & 2.30pm

4+

The Beasties

by Jenny Nimmo



On a starry, starry night Daisy hears a growl that makes her heart go pit-a-pat. Daisy very slowly looks under the bed to find... Three storytelling beasties!

Find out what happens by coming along and listening to this great story!



FREE EVENT
Sunday 24 July: ALL DAY
SHEDspace – places to explore, amuse, thrill, share and discover this July.
Come and find Discover's SHED – find the words and letters all over Stratford and help to put a story back together again!
Like us on Facebook and follow SHEDspace on Twitter @shedspacefest

Summer Holidays 25 July - 4 Sept



EVERY DAY IN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

11.30am • 0+

Mini Monsters

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12.30 & 3.30pm • 5+

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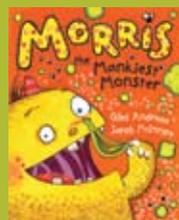


Summer holidays at Discover will be popular so please make sure you book in advance on 020 8536 5555

Mondays: 25 Jul, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Aug & 5 Sep • 11.30am & 2.30pm 4+

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Tuesdays: 26 Jul, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Aug & 6 Sep • 11.30am & 2.30pm 3+

Where the Wild Things Are

by Maurice Sendak



One of the most classic books of all time is brought to you by our Story Builders – sit back and enjoy the story.

Wednesdays: 27 Jul, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug & 7 Sep 11.30am & 2.30pm 3+

The Gruffalo Shadow Puppet Show



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The Troll

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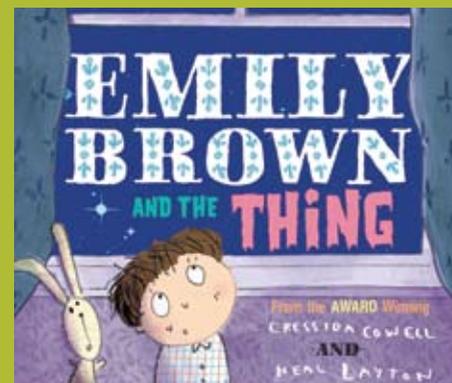
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This warm-hearted and witty story leads you on an adventure that helps Emily, Stanley and the Thing get a good night's sleep. The perfect story about the monster that lurks under the bed.

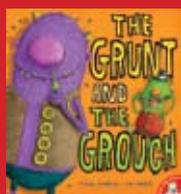


Summer Holiday Weekends



Sat 30 Jul • 2.30pm 3+

The Grunt and the Grouch with Tracey Corderoy



The Grunt and the Grouch are two of the most disgusting and badly behaved trolls in the world – and the most fun! Meet the author/illustrator Tracey

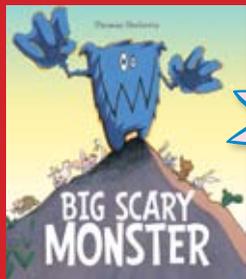
Corderoy as she invites you to come and discover a world of no baths, bogies and burps. It's time to bring out your inner troll!

Sun 31 Jul, Sun 13 & Sat 27 Aug
11.30am & 2.30pm 3+

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by Thomas Docherty

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BOO!

Sat 6 Aug • 2.30pm

Can you see Sassoon? with Sam Usher

Drop into to see author/illustrator Sam Usher create a large scale version of one of the pages of his book *Can You See Sassoon?* and join in with some fun hide and seek games.

Sun 7 & 21 Aug & Sun 4 Sep
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Sun 14 & 28 Aug •
11.30am & 2.30pm 3+

The Grunt and the Grouch

by Tracey Corderoy and Lee Wildish

Introducing the Grunt – the grumpiest troll in the world. Find out what happens when he meets the Grouch, things will never be the same again!

Sat 13 & Sun 14 Aug •
11.30am & 2.30pm



The Secret Seed Society



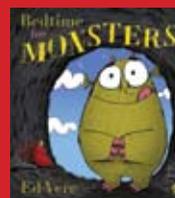
Come meet, play and create with the Secret Seed Society in the Discover Garden. Take a tour of the world's only vegetable museum. Figure

out what vegetable you would be? Turn celebrities into the sweetest or stinkiest vegetables. Learn about some of the characters of Seed City, Rudi Radish, Mingo Mung Bean and Lola Lettuce.

Sat 20 Aug, & Sat 3 Sep
11.30am & 2.30pm 3+

Bedtime for Monsters

by Ed Vere



What if a monster was looking for a bedtime snack? And what if that snack just happened to be you? GULP! He's getting closer

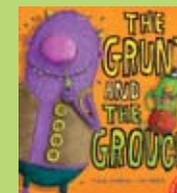
and closer... and his tummy is rumbling REALLY loudly... Find out what happens in this new humorous tale by author/illustrator of *Banana* and *The Getaway*.

September

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School sessions available for Foundation, KS1 and KS2 children



Discover More...

Birthday Parties

Discover loves a party and what better place to hold one! You can choose from **Monster** (from Saturday 4 June), **Hootah, Fairies and Elves** and **Jungle** themed parties from £9.50 per person. Call us to find out more.

Why not take advantage of Discover's excellent Annual Pass which gives you unlimited access to Discover, from £25!



Discover Café and shop

We have a fine selection of homemade sandwiches, cakes and freshly ground coffee in our café for you to enjoy. The shop has a great selection of affordable pocket toys and books recommended by Discover's staff.

Call us on 020 8536 5555 to find out more!

Schools and Groups

Discover offers affordable, educational, stress-free and fun story sessions for groups and schools. Each session gives the school/group an opportunity to explore the Story Trail or Story Studio and take part in an interactive story session with our skilled facilitators.

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