

CILIP RPG Unconference 2026

Timetable

Friday 16/10

Lunch / coffee available 12 to 2pm for early arrivals (Buy your own)

*Luggage storage at the hotel available from 12 midday

Friday afternoon optional visit to Minster Library*

3.30pm to 4.15pm - visit to Minster Library - Deans Park,
York, GB YO1 7JQ
- group limited to 12

*leave suitcases at the hotel

4pm onwards - hotel check in : Hilton Double Tree St.
Maurices Road, York, GB YO31 7JA

6.30pm - Dinner

8pm - Paula McCann
Graphic design and Artists' books

9pm - Bar open

Saturday 17/10

7am to 9am - Breakfast

Up to 9am - coffee and pastries available on arrival for all.

9am - 10.15am

Option 1 (limited to 12) - Book art: create your own book:
Paula McCann, Artist.

Option 2 - Story gathering/oral history work: workshop on the
practical process of gathering stories
Ian Pringle, Actor and Creative Facilitator

10.15am - coffee and pastries break / Networking and posters
session

10.45am - 11.45am - Libraries Supporting Learning and
Research:

Panel discussion chaired by Dr Ruth Carlyle Co-Chair CILIP
Health Libraries Group

- Steven Newman - York Minster Library Special
Collections and Archives
- Philip Tromans - Cadbury Research Library Special
Collections - University of Birmingham
- Joshua Gibbins - CILIP Midlands Communications Lead /
Melbourne Polytechnic
- Wrexham County Library Service: CILIP Cymru Wales
Team of the Year

11.45am - 12.45pm

Libraries and Archives: local history, education and learning

- Laura Yeoman, Borthwick Institute for Archives,
University of York: York mental health stories research

1pm to 2pm - lunch

2pm

Option 1 - National Railway Museum including Search Engine (Library and Archive) - group visit

Option 2 - Street Wisdom #1 : a new twist on a short, slow walking tour of York - a brilliant way to problem-solve and expand your sense of possibility in partnership with the world around you.

4-30pm - coffee and pastries break / Networking and posters session

5pm - 6pm

David Hutchings - champion of storytelling as the most effective way of teaching and learning about the world take a look at the relationship between science, religion, philosophy, and history.

6-30pm - Dinner

8pm - What did the Vikings do for us? York Archaeology Learning.

9pm - Bar open

Sunday 18/10

7 to 9am - Breakfast

9am - 10am

Resolving issues with Lego®: a workshop encouraging creativity and teamwork through the power of play - Dr Alan Wheeler, Middlesex University

10am - 11am

Martin Broadhurst - Marketing Consultant: Broad AI Overview applied to the work of library, information and knowledge professionals

11am - coffee and pastries break / Networking and posters session

11.15am - 12 midday

Option 1:

Rabeea Arif - CILIP Director for Research and Development
Working together for People and Planet - CILIP's Sustainability Campaign

Option 2:

June Huang - Knowledge & Information Management (K&IM) expert

Speaking the language of your audience: understanding the different KIM “markets” within an organisation

12 midday - 12-45pm

Intersection of AI, Knowledge Management, Libraries and Information

Andrew Cox - Sheffield University iSchool

1pm - lunch

2pm -

Option 1: visit to Fairfax House: a hidden gem of a tourist attraction set in the heart of York.

The finest Georgian townhouse in England transports you to the glory days of city-living in eighteenth-century York. - group limited to 12

Option 2 - Street Wisdom #2 : a new twist on a short, slow walking tour of York - a brilliant way to problem-solve and expand your sense of possibility in partnership with the world around you.

4-30pm - coffee and pastries break / Networking and posters session

5pm - 6pm

Alice in Numberland: Where Stories Count

Thomas Briggs - CILIP RPG

Mathematician in residence

In this workshop we will step through the looking-glass to explore some examples of mathematical themes turning up in popular literature, either forming an explicit part of the storytelling or guiding the narrative through innovative structures.

6-30pm - dinner (pay as you go)

8pm - speaker / quiz

Optional hotel bed & breakfast

Monday 19/10

Breakfast 7am - 10.30am

11am - optional visit to York Minster (main floor of the Minster as well as the Chapter House)

12.30pm - lunch at hotel (pay as you go)