

**Motion to:** Council

29 September 2022

**Subject:** Library story time events

**Proposer:** Councillor Huntley

**Seconder:** Councillor Stonard

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An amendment from **Councillor Stonard** has been received.

**Councillor Stonard** is amending the motion as follows:-

Replacing the words “**Drag Queen Story Time**” with the words “**Storytime with Auntie Titania**”

Replacing the word “**will**” with the word “**while**” before “**doing so in a group...**”

So that the revised motion becomes:-

Norwich’s Millennium Library at the Forum recently hosted a Drag Queen Story Time event for children. This positive, inclusive, and educational event was warmly supported by many residents of Norwich, as children enjoyed being read to in the public space of a library.

Reading aloud to children has proven benefits around improving literary skills, will doing so in a group further benefits social interaction and developmental skills, especially important in children who have lost out on much of this developmental interaction through the experience of government-mandated pandemic restrictions. The story time events teach children a positive message of a supportive, inclusive, diverse, and tolerant community for all.

Council resolves to:

- 1) Affirm support for the continuation of such story time events as a way of promoting positive, inclusive, and non-discriminatory attitudes within the city
- 2) Re-affirm the Norwich 2040 vision of celebrating our diverse neighbourhoods and communities
- 3) Ask the leaders of all Groups to write to the relevant Norfolk County Council member expressing the city council’s wish for further such events to be held in the city.