

KUOPIO City Library






Kuopion kaupunginkirjasto



**Event brochure
autumn 2026**



@kuopionkaupunginkirjasto

-  Main language of the event is Finnish.
-  Main language of the event is English.
-  Main language of the event is Estonian.
-  Main language of the event is German.
-  Main language of the event is Swedish.

 **KUOPIO
CITY LIBRARY**



Heidi Airaksinen,
photo: Jonne Räsänen / Otava



Leena-Maija Rossi, photo: Kari Soinio

Note! Some of the events scheduled for the end of the year may be rescheduled or cancelled. We reserve the right to make changes.

Check the current status of events in the web library event calendar at **kuopio.finna.fi** (in Finnish) or scan the QR code next to this.



Pride Programme

PRIDE PRE-PARTY AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Thu 20 Aug

- at 15:00-16:45 in the Main Library meeting room
A rainbow-themed badge-making workshop for children and adults. Face painting will also be available on site!
- at 15:00-16:45 in the Main Library's lobby
Information stands by Kuopio Pride and Pohjois-Savon Seta ry
- at 17:00-18:00 on the Main Library's upper stage

Expert talk: The History of Hidden Love

Author Heidi Airaksinen will discuss her book *Salatun rakkauden historia*. The book explores queer history from the late 19th century to the present day, bringing to light life stories that are long overdue for recognition. Joining the discussion is Leena-Maija Rossi, Professor of Gender Studies at the University of Lapland.

OTHER EVENTS

- Rainbow-themed storytimes:
 - Puijonlaakso Library, Thu 20 Aug at 9:30-10:00
 - Jynkkä Library, Fri 21 Aug at 9:30-10:00
 - Pyörö Library, Fri 21 Aug at 9:30-10:00
- Rainbow reading bingo for all ages at all library locations
- Community knitting and crochet project in rainbow colours at the Main Library and Jynkkä Library
- The Library Bike joins the Pride parade and park celebration on Sat 22 Aug



Photo: Roosa Kosunen



Anna-Riikka Carlson, photo: Sabrina Bqain / WSOY



Mikko Rätty, photo: Veikko Somerpuro / Tammi

Events for adults

Literary events

ICASOS BOOK LAUNCH

Thu 10 Sept at 17:30–18:45 in the Main Library meeting room

At this book launch event by Icasos Publishing, authors Marja-Sisko Aalto, Jorma Kaimio, Tatu Kokko, and JP Koskinen will be present.



READING RETREAT

Fri 18 Sept at 16:00–18:00 in the Main Library's 2nd floor book hall

Have you ever dreamed of staying in the library after closing time? We are hosting a reading retreat in the beautiful book hall on the second floor of the Main Library. Light refreshments will be served.



ANNA-RIIKKA CARLSON AND THE LIFE OF EEVA KILPI

Wed 14 Oct at 17:00–18:00 on the Main Library's upper stage

Author and literary influencer Anna-Riikka Carlson presents her book *Rakas Eeva Kilpi: nämä juhlat jatkuvat vielä*. She will talk about the life, thinking, and works of author Eeva Kilpi, as well as her own book and her work with Kilpi's diaries. Eeva Kilpi is an icon of Finnish literature, known for both her poetry and prose.



KIRJAKANTTI LITERARY FESTIVAL

- Wed 11 Nov at 17:00 on the Main Library's upper stage: Runokantti, this poetry evening features Mikko Rätty as a guest. The event concludes with an open mic session!
- Fri 13 Nov: Palkintokantti. The nominees for the Savonia Literature Prize will be announced.
- Sat 14 Nov: the main event of Kirjakantti! The forest-themed day will feature guests including Anni Kytömäki. The programme will be confirmed later.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT: ELINA KARJALAINEN

Thu 26 Nov at 12:30–13:30 on the Main Library's upper stage

A reading performance celebrating the upcoming 100th anniversary of Elina Karjalainen's birth. The team includes Tiina Naumanen, Antti Heikkinen, Janne Puustinen, and Kaisa Ritola. The performance is dramatized by Janne Puustinen, based on the works of Elina Karjalainen. In collaboration with the Olvi Foundation.



Book Clubs at the Main Library and Online

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB

17:30 in the Main Library's learning space

Tue 18 Aug | Tue 15 Sept | Tue 13 Oct

CRIME & THRILLER BOOK CLUB

17:30 at the Main Library's learning space

Thu 3 Sept | Thu 1 Oct

BOOK AND FILM CLUB

13:00 at the Main Library's learning space

We begin by discussing the book, and at the next meeting, we'll watch the film adaptation.

Thu 10 Sept | Thu 17 Sept

ENGLISH BOOK CLUB

17:30 in the Main library's learning space

The book club is hosted by an English-speaking volunteer.

Wed 29 Jul | Wed 26 Aug | Wed 30 Sept

FRENCH LITERATURE BOOK CLUB

17:00 in the Main Library's Kohtaamo

The book club explores French literature in Finnish. In collaboration with the Kuopio Finland–France Association.

Tue 25 Aug | Tue 10 Nov

COMIC BOOK CLUB

17:30 online at Zoom

(Zoom meeting link: zoom.us/j/94649957647)

Feel free to join even if you just want to listen.

Thu 3 Sept | Thu 1 Oct | Thu 12 Nov

NATURE BOOK CLUB

17:00 online at Zoom

(Zoom meeting link: zoom.us/j/99576520794)

In collaboration with the Kuopio Museum of Natural History.

Wed 26 Aug | Wed 23 Sept | Wed 18 Nov

KIRJANDUSKLUBI – ESTONIAN BOOK CLUB

18:00 online at Teams

You can find the participation link from the web library event calendar (in Finnish) or on the Facebook event page. You don't need to speak Estonian, and you're welcome to join just to listen.

Wed 2 Sept | Wed 7 Oct | Wed 2 Dec

Book Clubs at the Branch Libraries



JUANKOSKI LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

17:30 at Juankoski Library

Wed 9 Sept | Wed 7 Oct | Wed 11 Nov | Wed 16 Dec



JYNKKÄ LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

16:00 at Jynkkä Library

Tue 15 Sept | Tue 13 Oct | Tue 8 Dec



KARTTULA LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

12:00 at Karttula Library

Mon 24 Aug | Mon 14 Sept | Mon 16 Nov | Mon 14 Dec



MAANINKA LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

14:30 at Maaninka Library

Wed 12 Aug | Wed 9 Sept | Wed 7 Oct | Wed 2 Dec



PUIJONLAAKSO LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

10:00 at Puijonlaakso Library

Thu 3 Sept | Thu 1 Oct | Thu 3 Dec



PYÖRÖ LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

17.30 at Pyörö Library

Wed 19 Aug | Wed 16 Sept | Wed 9 Dec



PYÖRÖ LIBRARY POETRY BOOK CLUB

17.30 at Pyörö Library

Tue 25 Aug | Tue 29 Sept | Tue 24 Nov | Tue 29 Dec



RIISTAVESI LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

10:00 at Riistavesi Library

Thu 3 Sept | Thu 1 Oct | Thu 12 Nov | Thu 3 Dec

VEHMERSALMI LIBRARY KNITTING BOOK CLUB

17:00 at Vehmersalmi Library

Wed 5 Aug | Wed 2 Sept | Wed 7 Oct | Wed 11 Nov | Wed 2 Dec

All book club books are listed in the web library event calendar (in Finnish) at kuopio.finna.fi!



Photo: Jukka Furu



Photo: Kaisa Hurme

Music Events

NIGHT OF THE ARTS LIBRARY CONCERT: JONAS AND I

Fri 28 Aug at 18:00-18:40 on the Main Library's upper stage

JONAS AND I, known for their folk-infused pop sound, will release new music and return to the stage in autumn 2026!

Formed around Jonas Ursin and Roope Hakkarainen, the band has released two critically acclaimed studio albums. They also performed a partly re-composed version of Finland's first regional anthem, "savolaisen laulu" (Savo's Song), together with Marko Hietala as part of the Finland 100 celebrations.

The band's earthy pop sound, combined with northern melancholy and at times cinematic soundscapes, has also attracted international media attention. JONAS AND I are currently preparing the release of their third studio album.



STENARI AT PYÖRÖ LIBRARY

Wed 9 Sept at 17:00-18:15

Stenari brings stories from the Wild West and explores the history of country music. The performance combines a Stetson, a guitar, and a deep singing voice that transports the listener to the heart of rural America.

In his own words: "Country means more to me than just music. It is all around in my life: I live in the country, I have animals, I dress in country style – and I think like a cowboy. I am, perform and live in a country way.

Music is forever. I love country music for its variety, stories, history, and tradition. Those are the reasons for me to get on stage, night after night. Country has it all – joy, sadness, success, and failure. Like song writer Harlan Howard once said: Country is three chords and the truth!"

More information: stenari.fi





Photo: Johanna Taskinen

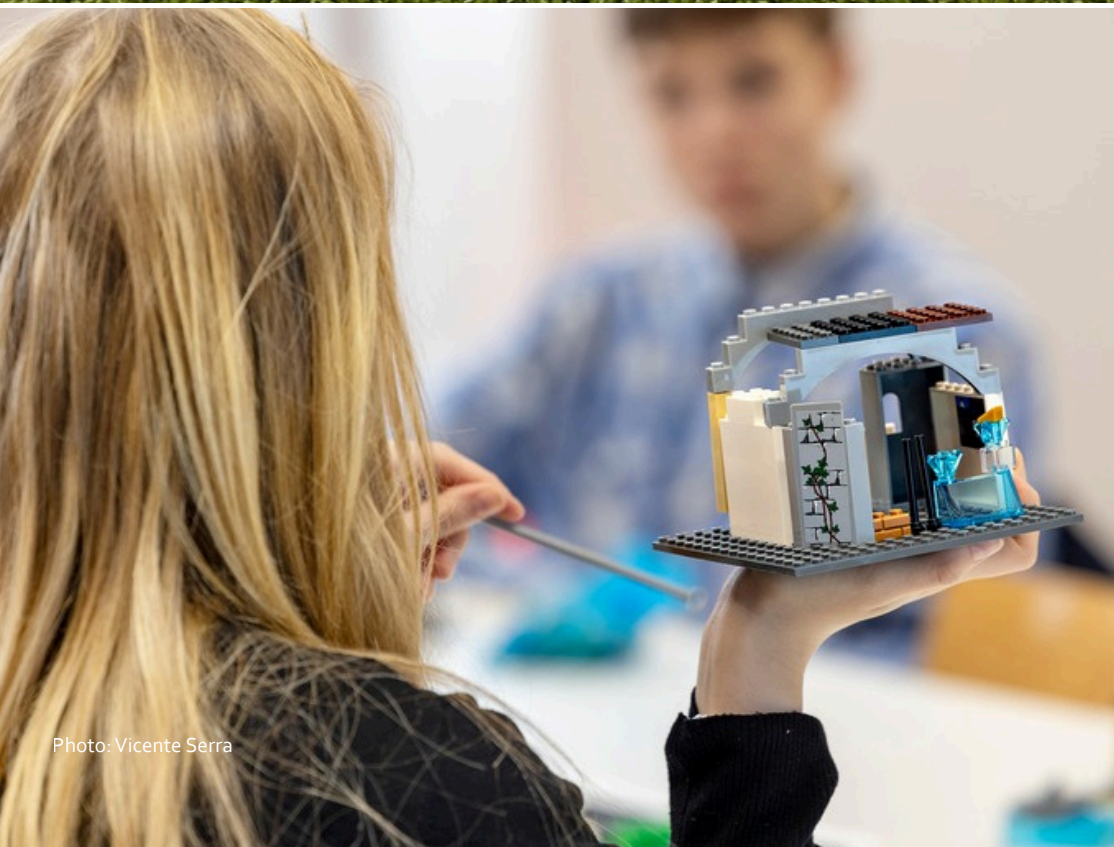


Photo: Vicente Serra

Events for children and youth

WEEKLY STORYTIMES AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

On Wednesdays at 10:00 in the Children's and Youth Department
 Storytimes with Supportive Signing once a month.

2 Sept | 9 Sept | 16 Sept | 23 Sept | 30 Sept | 7 Oct | 14 Oct
 11 Nov | 18 Nov | 25 Nov | 2 Dec | 9 Dec | 16 Dec | 23 Dec | 30 Dec



FIRST GRADERS' EVENING AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Mon 7 Sept at 16:00-18.30 in the Main Library's Children's and Youth Department



FIRST GRADERS' EVENING AT JYNKKÄ LIBRARY

Mon 7 Sept at 16:00-18:30



AN EVENING STORYTIME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

18:00-18:30 at Jynkkä Library

Thu 6 Aug | Thu 3 Sept | Thu 1 Oct | Thu 3 Dec



LEGO AFTERNOONS

13:00-15:00 in the Main Library's Children's and Youth Department

Come and spend the afternoon with Legos!

Tue 18 Aug | Tue 15 Sept | Tue 17 Oct | Tue 15 Dec



CONSOLE GAME WEDNESDAYS

14:00-18:00 in the Main Library's learning space

Come and try out a rotating selection of console games – parents and guardians are welcome too!

Wed 26 Aug | Wed 9 Dec



FUN SATURDAY AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Fun Saturday offers a variety of changing activities for children and youth. The programme will be confirmed later.

- Sat 19 Sept: Program for youth
- Sat 21 Nov: Program for children





Reading dog Valma, photo: Suvi Pitkänen



Reading dog Tuikku



Reading dog Lumo



Reading dog Ellu

Reading dog sessions

READING DOG VALMA AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Valma's reception is located at the Main Library's 1st floor and is open on Saturdays at 10:00–12:00 by appointment only. You can book an appointment from Main Library's Children's and Youth Department customer service on site or by calling 044 718 2321.
1 Aug | 29 Aug | 12 Sep | 7 Nov | 28 Nov | 19 Dec

READING DOG TUIKKU AT NEULAMÄKI LIBRARY

Tuikku's reception is open on Tuesdays at 16:00–17:00 by appointment only. You can book an appointment from Neulamäki Library's customer service on site or by calling 044 718 2351.
4 Aug | 1 Sept | 6 Oct | 1 Dec

READING DOG LUMO AT MAANINKA LIBRARY

Lumo's reception is open on Thursdays at 17:00–18:00 by appointment only. You can book an appointment from Maaninka Library's customer service on site or by calling 044 748 8401.
27 Aug | 17 Sept | 8 Oct | 12 Nov | 3 Dec

READING DOG ELLU AT KURKIMÄKI LIBRARY

Ellu's reception dates and times will be confirmed later. You can book an appointment from Kurkimäki Library's customer service on site or by calling 044 718 7719.

Other events

FINNISH LANGUAGE CAFÉ AT NEULAMÄKI LIBRARY / ЯЗЫКОВОЕ КАФЕ ФИНСКОГО В БИБЛИОТЕКЕ НЭУЛАМЯКИ / NEULAMÄEN KIRJASTON KIELIKAHVILA

17:00 at Neulamäki Library

Let's speak suomi! Language Café is an open, relaxed event where you can practice speaking Finnish with others. When you strike up a conversation, it's easy to get to know new people and cultures! You can also participate just by listening.

Tue 25 Aug | Tue 29 Sept | Tue 24 Nov



Photo: Vicente Serra



Photo: Vicente Serra

BOARD GAME NIGHTS FOR AGES 15-200

15:00-18:30 next to the Main Library's Upper Stage

- Fri 28 Aug: Night of the Arts and the start of the boardgame nights for autumn! Exceptionally, in the second-floor book hall.
- Wed 23 Sept: Eye-catching games
- Wed 18 Nov: Dark games



DEUTSCH ZUSAMMEN: CONVERSATION CLUB

17:00-18:00 in the Main Library's Kohtaamo

Welcome to our German-language conversation club! The club is suitable for both beginners and more advanced speakers.

Tue 8 Sept | Tue 22 Sept | Tue 6 Oct | Tue 17 Nov | Tue 1 Dec



MORNING COFFEE WITH AN EXPERT

10:00-11:00 in the Main Library's Kohtaamo

- Thu 10 Sept: Strong authentication and e-services
- Thu 8 Oct: 72-hour self-preparedness



THOUGHTS ON TIME - DISCUSSION EVENTS

10:00 at Jynkkä Library

Wed 16 Sept | Wed 14 Oct | Wed 11 Oct | Wed 9 Dec



UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS - DISCUSSION EVENTS

Once a month on Thursdays at 14:00 at Kaavi Library

Dates will be announced later - follow updates in the event calendar (in Finnish) at the web library: kuopio.finna.fi



VOIMAHUONE: PEER SUPPORT GROUP

17:30-18:30 in the Main Library's learning space

Voimahuone is a safe haven for parents of neurodivergent children, where you can share the joys and challenges of everyday life. Come and experience the power of peer support through open discussion and sharing your thoughts.

Thu 17 Sept | Thu 15 Oct



SVENSKA KLUBBEN: CONVERSATION CLUB

17:00-18:30 in the Main Library's Kohtaamo

Join our casual Swedish conversation club! You can join at any language level. In collaboration with Pohjola-Norden Kuopio.

Thu 24 Sept | Wed 14 Oct | Thu 5 Nov | Wed 2 Dec

