



Fife library challenges conventions with music, beer and banned books night

Cupar Library to host alt-folk musician Beerjacket for unique event

Scottish Book Trust, the national charity changing lives through reading and writing, has announced that Glasgow based alt-folk musician and author Beerjacket will visit Cupar Library for Book Week Scotland 2018 on Tuesday 20 November, 7.30pm – 9pm.

Book Week Scotland is a national celebration of reading and writing that runs from 19 November to 25 November. Taking inspiration from this year's Book Week theme 'Rebel,' Cupar Library will invite audiences to relax with a beer and enjoy an evening of readings from a selection of scandalous books. Music will be provided by Beerjacket (Peter Kelly) who will play songs and share writing from his highly anticipated third album and accompanying book of short stories, *Silver Cords*.

Organisers hope that the event will challenge perceptions about the kind of events that take place in libraries, by allowing participants to channel their inner rebel and consider why certain books get banned.

The event forms part of 'Pitch It', a new programme for Book Week Scotland 2018, which invited groups and individuals all over Scotland to pitch for one of four literary stars to pay them a visit. In addition to covering the authors' fees, Scottish Book Trust has provided each successful host with £500 to help deliver their event.

Initiated by the Scottish Government and supported by £200,000 from the National Lottery through Creative Scotland Targeted Funding and £26,000 from SLIC, Book Week Scotland 2018 will be delivered by Scottish Book Trust from 19 November – 25 November.

For more information about Book Week Scotland 2018 and how you can get involved, visit www.bookweekscotland.com where you can find information about all the events taking place in your local area.

Marc Lambert, CEO of Scottish Book Trust, said: "We've been so impressed by the standard of pitches we received to host these authors. The energy and enthusiasm demonstrated by all applicants throughout this process is a great reflection on the health of book-loving communities all over the country. I want to congratulate each organisation that has been selected to work with us on a Pitch It event: I'm sure that the opportunity to host one of our handpicked line up of celebrated rebel writers will entertain and inspire."

Yvonne Melville, Service Development Team Leader at OnFife, said: "We're delighted to be taking part in Book Week Scotland again this year, and very excited to be given this unique opportunity to welcome Beerjacket to Cupar Library as part of the Banned Books and a Beer event. Combining music, words and great company, what a fantastic way to give everyone in the community an opportunity to indulge their love of reading."



Peter Kelly aka Beerjacket, said: “It’s incredibly exciting to be invited to provide words and music from *Silver Cords* at Banned Books and a Beerjacket. I feel very privileged to be part of this unique event as it has been designed by the audience itself. I’m looking forward to playing songs to complement famous banned books and I hope that everyone leaves with a signed copy of my absolutely not banned book as a memento of a special night for Book Week Scotland!”

[Banned Books and a Beer...and Beerjacket!](#), Cupar Library, Tuesday 20 November, 7.30pm – 9pm. Tickets: £3.

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- Gifting books to every child in Scotland to ensure families of all backgrounds can share the joy of books at home.
- Working with teachers to inspire children to develop a love of reading, creating innovative classroom activities, book awards and author events.
- Supporting Scotland’s diverse writing community with our training, awards and writing opportunities.
- Funding a range of author events for the public to enjoy and promoting Scottish writing to people worldwide.

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Beerjacket AKA Peter Kelly, 20th of November Evening

Alt-folk musician and author Beerjacket AKA Peter Kelly, who will soon release his much anticipated third album *Silver Cords* and accompanying book. Peter’s work has been highly praised and he has shared the stage with acts such as St Vincent, Frightened Rabbit and Rilo Kiley.