

World Book Day shows children that written word can be fun

Radio station books library to promote reading skills

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A LIBRARY hit the airwaves as a storyteller and author dropped by for a fun packed event to celebrate family reading and World Book Day.

Children descended upon Cox Green Library in Highfield Lane on Saturday when storyteller Michael O'Leary dropped by.

Librarians Emma Wallace and Angela Gallagher and Cllr Richard Fagence were interviewed by presenter David Sheppard for the Richard Skinner show on BBC Radio Berkshire, which looked at what the library has to offer.

The BBC's RAW Campaign which seeks to encourage adults to read and write well was also discussed.

Author Tim Bowler dropped by later in the day, talked about being an author and answered questions on where he gets his ideas from.

Free books were also given away at the event and adult team librarian Emma Wallace told the *Express*: "It went really well in the morning we had about 50 children in the library when Mike O'Leary was doing his storytelling."



Picture: Katie Simmonds

Spellbound: Erin Richardson, left, aged 3½ and five-year-old Katie Tuttleboe, right, listen to storyteller Mike O'Leary, inset S12153025