

A Thousand Stories

Programme for the day

A day for people of colour who create books for children
Birmingham & Midland Institute, B3 3BS
Saturday July 11, 2026



TIME	EVENT
9:30 -10:00 AM	Arrival and registration in the Dickens Room
10:00 - 10:20 AM	Welcome speech: Leila Rasheed
10:20 - 11:20 AM	FROM UNPUBLISHED TO BESTSELLER: Serena Patel and Stephanie King in conversation.
11.20 - 11.45 AM	Coffee break
11:45- 12:45 PM	BECOMING A PUBLISHED AUTHOR: Recently published authors share their experiences and advice. Abena Eyeson and Mayo Agard-Olubo. Chaired by Leila Rasheed.
12.45 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch break (a vegetarian lunch is provided)
1:30 - 2:30 PM	STORIES INSPIRED BY CHILDHOOD AND HERITAGE: Kereen Getten and G M Linton. Chaired by Stephanie King.
2:30 - 3:30 PM	AFTER THE FIRST DRAFT: EDITING, POLISHING AND SELLING YOUR BOOK. Ashley Thorpe, Safae El-Ouahabi, Louise Lamont.
3:30 - 4:15 PM	Coffee break followed by conversations - a community session.
4:15 - 4:30 PM	Closing notes and collecting thoughts. Competition winner announced.
4:30 -5:00 PM	Departures.