

Appendix 1

Library Live - highlights of 2018/19

- ***There is a Light That Never Goes Out***: This was a photographic celebration of Manchester's rock-music history was the library's most visited exhibition. It had 40,000 visitors in its four months. Presented by Rockarchive.com, it was a unique exhibition by the UK's leading music photographers to honour Manchester's music heritage. From the rise of punk, Factory Records, The Hacienda, the Madchester years and beyond, this exhibition was a retrospective of Manchester's huge influence and continuing importance on the rock-music scene.
- ***Bobbins***: This was a fantastic multimedia exhibition dedicated to Manchester's most unique artist – Chris Sievey, aka Frank Sidebottom, and attracted people from across the country. The exhibition that took over the Archives+ exhibition area highlighted the best of the Frank Sidebottom/Chris Sievey archive recently deposited in Manchester. The material was featured in the new critically acclaimed documentary film, *Being Frank: The Chris Sievey Story*. As a result of this exhibition, the North West Film Archive pods situated in the library were used for the highest amount of times ever. This is a finalist in the Best Exhibition category in the Manchester Culture Awards 2019.
- ***The Ministry of Lost and Found***: took over the whole of Central Library for the second time on 14th September 2019. This Library Live commission was produced by Z-Arts and supported by the Central Manchester Library Development Trust and Arts Council England. The event transformed the library with characters from a secret government ministry. It was a family Saturday Spectacular event where children (aged 0–11) and their families were invited to explore their creativity, make noise and have fun. There were 5628 visitors to the library on the event day, an increase of 1,500 on the previous Saturday. Evaluation information gathered on the day is still being collated, however, the following was received on a Central Library Comment card about the day; *It was by far one of the best events we've ever attended. They absolutely loved every minute of it, and we came home with silly hats and magic wands. They've not stopped talking about it! It was a great excuse to visit the beautiful library and meet other families.* The Ministry of Lost and Found is also a Manchester Culture Awards 2019, for Best Event. Films about this event and others can be found on the Library Live website www.librarylive.co.uk/media/