

York National Book Fair 2017

Set Up Notes

Setting Up Times: 1.00pm - 6.00 pm on Thursday 14th September
8.00am - 11.30am on Friday 15th September

Unloading:

Unloading and loading is only allowed via the rear loading doors unless otherwise indicated on the day. There is an **exhibitors' only car park** which is at the rear of the exhibition hall (follow the signs, there will also be security staff giving directions). Exhibitors on the mezzanine level can use the service lift which will be clearly indicated, or the short flight of stairs. Exhibitors on the First Floor can use the main lifts in the front foyer.

Helpers:

Exhibitors are reminded of the PBFA rule that a maximum of 2 additional members of staff are allowed in the room during the set up period.

Parking:

You can leave your car in the free exhibitors' car park, which is also securely locked at night, but cars are left at your own risk. This should accommodate all exhibitors but if you find it is full there is ample free parking in the main car parks on site (these are not locked at night). Please display your "**exhibitor's car badge**" when parking in the exhibitors' car park. The exhibitors' car park will be locked at 8.00pm on Thursday and Friday nights.

Porters:

Porters will be provided, and a minimum of £5.00 gratuity per unload or load is recommended. Exhibitors with "special needs" are advised to contact the Book Fair Committee who will try to accommodate.

North Yorkshire Trading Licence:

Rules have changed, and as previously notified, no trading licence is needed for the York Book Fair at the time of writing.

Wireless: is now available free of charge at the venue.

Allocated space: Last year we were informed by the fire officers that a number of dealers had spread outside of their allocated space, with books in the aisles and on stair wells. You must keep to your allocated space as this plan has been approved for fire regulations, and any infringements will have to be removed before the final fire check. Please do not take additional chairs from the cafe area.

All stands must have a suitable signboard, to be provided by the exhibitor. This is to be of a suitable and professional appearance, and should be prominently displayed. You must also have a green baize PBFA cloth for your table.

“The NEC has been receiving an increasing number of complaints from the public about inadequate sign boards at fairs. This makes it difficult (particularly at the larger fairs) for the public to navigate their way around. We are professional book sellers, and should be presenting ourselves as such. Please remember that our Constitution and “Rules & Regulations” state that: “All Exhibitors are required to visibly display signboards of a professional standard. Business cards and personal promotional literature do not constitute a signboard and are not acceptable.” There is just time for exhibitors to order sign boards from the office. These come painted and with your business details printed on them. The cost is £55 +vat (this is at cost – no profit made). Fair managers have been asked to monitor this situation and report back to the NEC. Please do not cause them the embarrassment of having to do so.”

All boxes must be removed from the stands and stored away in your car, under your table, or in the areas provided. On no account should they be left by your stand or in the aisles where they constitute an obstruction and will contravene fire regulations.

Payment:

Stand rents should be paid on SATURDAY morning between 11.00am and 1.00pm at the Book Fair reception desk. Payment must be by CHEQUE ONLY. Invoices for advertising will be sent to you direct from the PBFA office.

Security:

York Book Fair badges must be worn at all times. You will find your exhibitor badge on your stand at the Fair. Security officials will be on all exit doors to the fair, but as no arrangement is fool-proof please be vigilant, politely ask non-exhibitors to leave during setting up times, always man your stand and inform the Book Fair Committee of anything untoward. Insurance remains the responsibility of the individual exhibitor. All sales must be put into PBFA bags and sealed with the stickers provided, and the stand number entered. Please keep these stickers in a secure place. Books will not be allowed through the security system if not so sealed. No books will be allowed to be brought into the Fair by non-exhibitors.

Please do not leave anything in the main foyer or upstairs lobby areas as these are not secure overnight. All the book fair rooms are fully secure, and we have overnight security staff.

Packing Up.

No packing up prior to the announcement that the fair is closed. If you require a porter please leave your name with the main reception.