

Black History Month

A celebration of history, arts, literature and film

A guide to events in Lambeth - Autumn 2015



Photo: Pegasus Opera

FUN PALACES



On Saturday 3 October, all Lambeth Libraries will transform into Fun Palaces.

Fun Palaces is an annual, free, nationwide celebration of arts, culture and science. It will be a day filled with fun, interactive and participatory activities. There'll be crafts, music, fun and games, theatre, art events, workshops, and science.

Highlights include games created by Code Club (the kids will even teach you a thing or two), Lucy Beresford reading from her new book, a role-playing robot game and a chance to be motion captured.

Everyone is welcome to get involved! Contact your local library to find out more.

 <http://funpalaces.co.uk>

 @LamLibsFP #FunPalaces



Introduction

I am delighted to invite you to this year's Black History Month celebrations, which will be running throughout October in Lambeth.

Last year people told us how inspiring and uplifting they found the events and this year's programme is just as exciting. There is something for everyone to enjoy and it is a wonderful opportunity to learn about and celebrate African and Caribbean culture and heritage which enriches all our lives. Lambeth Libraries have teamed up with the South Bank Centre, Age UK Lambeth, University of the 3rd Age, the Black Cultural Archive and Pegasus opera, along with many individual artists and writers, to provide a fantastic month.

I hope you will be able to join us



Cllr Jane Edbrooke

Lambeth Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods

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Lambeth libraries Black History Month 2015

Walk Brixton's Black history

Sunday 27 September, 11am
Outside St Mark's Church,
Kennington, SE11 4PW

Walk led by SI Martin along the length of Brixton Road from Kennington Park to the Black Cultural Archives, on Windrush Square. It will uncover many associations with the area including the activists William Cuffay and Claudia Jones as well as a host of entertainers including Adelaide Hall, Paul Robeson and Winifred Atwell.



Photo: Donald Hinds

Africa Utopia Take Over

Friday 2 October, 7.30pm
Brixton Library

Southbank Centre's Africa Utopia festival takes over Brixton Library for one night only as part of the Black History Month celebrations. Africa Utopia looks at art and ideas from Africa that are changing the world. Artists from the festival will form an exciting line up of spoken word and live music, featuring a special commission performed by local young poets, all hosted by the fantastic Joshua Idehen. The Southbank's Africa Utopia experience continues at Brixton Library!



Photo: Southbank centre

The Lost Child – Tate South Lambeth library book group special

Thursday 8 October, 6.30pm
Tate South Lambeth Library

Join the reading group to discuss *The Lost Child*, Caryl Phillips' latest novel. Inspired by *Wuthering Heights*, Phillips' Heathcliff is the child of an African former slave. For a copy of the book please contact the library on 020 7926 0705.



Minet Cinema Classics presents Stormy Weather (1943)

Friday 9 October, 2pm
Minet Library

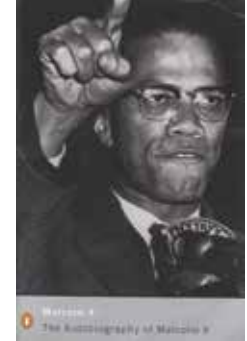
Stormy Weather (US 78 min)). This American film, directed by Andrew L. Stone, is considered the best African-American cast Hollywood musical. Starring: Lena Horne, Bill Robinson, Cab Calloway, Katherine Dunham, Fats Waller, Fayard Nicholas, Ada Brown and Dooley Wilson.



Autobiography of Malcolm X – Brixton Radical Reads book group special

Friday 9 October, 7pm
Brixton Library

Join the reading group to discuss the *Autobiography of Malcolm X*, his remarkable autobiography, completed just before



his murder in 1965. Not only is this an enormously important record of the Civil Rights Movement in America, but also the scintillating story of a man who refused to allow anyone to tell him who or what he was. For a copy of the book please contact the library on 020 7926 1056.

Lambeth Caribbean family history surgery

Saturday 10 October, 2pm
Waterloo Library

The Black Cultural Archives opened in 2014 in the heart of Lambeth, giving a special acknowledgement to the individuals and families who came to Lambeth seeking a better life and to contribute to the economy of Britain.

SI Martin is one of the UK's foremost researchers specialising in the experience of Britain's Black communities. He will be available to answer questions on a one-to-one basis on family history and give advice on starting your family tree. Drop in to see him – bring along your family photos and stories and maybe you'll be in the Black Cultural Archive!



African Heritage Edutainment Festival

Sunday 11 October, Kennington Park, SE11 4BE

Whether you are interested in furthering your knowledge about African and Caribbean heritage, or you are simply looking for an entertaining day out, the African Heritage Edutainment Festival 2015 is for you! Bring the whole family along, we guarantee that there is something for everyone. We have hand-picked some of the most inspiring local artists, musicians, poets, performers, and fashion designers to showcase their talent and provide you with a truly unforgettable experience. You will be spoilt for choice with a diverse selection of delicious traditional African and Caribbean food stalls as well as an African arts and crafts market.

 AfricanHeritageFestivalLondon



In Celebration of Cecile Nobrega - Founder of The Bronze Woman Monument

Sunday 11 October, 3 to 6pm
Clapham Library

Come and learn about the life, work and legacy of Poet and Campaigner Cecile Nobrega. There will be poetry and a live performance from renowned Saxophonist, Lascelles James. Presented by Expressjai.



From Samba to Carnival with Anthony Bailey



Tuesday 13 October, 2pm
Tate South Lambeth Library

Lambeth Black History Month and Celebrating Age festival welcome elders to an afternoon of fun, dance and history. Join Anthony Bailey and friends on an exploration of the history of Carnival from Africa to the Caribbean and South America and enjoy fantastic Carnival dance and refreshments. Event organised with Age UK Lambeth.



When I Came to England: An Oral History of Life in 1950s and 1960s Britain – Illustrated

Tuesday 13 October, 2pm to 4pm
Carnegie Library

When I Came to England is a uniquely honest and compelling anthology of reminiscence about life in Britain during the 1950s and '60s for Caribbean migrants. Collected and edited by Z.

Nia Reynolds, the stories cover the spectrum of human emotions and are tragic, funny, honest and frank. Join Nia and Dulwich District U3A for an afternoon of reminiscing, a bit of music, tea and cake.



Lambeth Caribbean family history surgery

Saturday 17 October, 2pm
West Norwood Library

A second opportunity to explore your family history with SI Martin.

Drop in to see him – bring along your family photos and stories and maybe you'll be in the Black Cultural Archive!



Allan Wilmot – Now you know

Monday 19 October, 6.45pm
(7.15pm start)
Durning Library

Meet Allan Wilmot, a Caribbean author who celebrated his 90th birthday in August and who has lived in Lambeth for nearly 60 years. Allan will be in conversation with Mr Arthur Torrington and will give an illustrated talk on his new book, *Now You Know* about his service for Britain in World War II and his unique career as an entertainer in the 1950s and 1960s. This event is organised in association with The Friends of Durning Library, refreshments will be available for a £2 donation.



The Color Purple – Minet library book group special

Tuesday 20 October, 6.30pm
Minet Library

On the 30th anniversary of the film version of *The Color Purple*, join the reading group to discuss the classic, Pulitzer prize-winning novel that made



Alice Walker a household name. Set in the deep American South between the wars, *The Color Purple* is the classic tale of Celie, a young black girl born into poverty and segregation. For a copy of the book please contact the library on 020 7926 6073.

'One of the most haunting books you could ever wish to read ... it is stunning - moving, exciting, and wonderful'

Lenny Henry

Black people in Lambeth's 18th century parish registers

Thursday 22 October, 1pm
Black Cultural Archives, 1 Windrush Square, SW2 1EF

It can come as a surprise to dig into the archives and discover that there was already a small black community living in Lambeth in the 1700s. Jon Newman from Lambeth Archives shows how the evidence of local parish registers allows us to recover something of these people's histories and to reveal a population of freed slaves, servants, runaways and the occasional African royal celebrity. Free, booking is essential.

Minet Cinema Classics presents Sing Your Song (2011)

Friday 23 October, 2pm
Minet Library

Sing Your Song (US 104 min) surveys the life and times of singer/actor/



activist Harry Belafonte. From his rise to fame as a singer, inspired by Paul Robeson, and his experiences touring a segregated country, to his provocative crossover into Hollywood, Belafonte's ground breaking career personifies the American civil rights movement.

Black Stock Films presents: Looking for Claudia Jones

Friday 23 October, 7pm
Brixton Library

When her political beliefs became too hot to handle in Cold War-era America, the government branded Claudia Jones an "enemy of the state", imprisoned and deported her. This compelling documentary profiles a dynamic civil rights activist whose legacy of politics, culture and Black self-development in Britain remains unmatched to this day. Dir. Nia Reynolds. Film running time 50 mins followed by Q&A. Tickets £7 on the door.



St Martin's Community Black History Celebration

Saturday 24 October, 4pm to 8pm
St Martin's Community Centre,
Abbotts Park, Upper Tulse Hill.
SW2 3PW

St Martin's Community Centre would like to invite you to their Black History Month celebration; the theme is going to be the past, present and future and everyone is very welcome.

For further information contact St Martin's Community Centre on 0208 674 3038/ 0208 674 3040 or email St-martins@btconnect.com

The woven stories of the Kente cloth

Saturday 24 October, 2pm to 3.30pm

Durning Library

Many different stories can be unravelled from African Kente cloth. Here the stories of the cloth will be unwrapped for you in the traditional oral technique of a Griot (storytelling). The workshop will also consist of a short film and animation to reveal the history and art of Kente. You will have the opportunity to create your own print on a t-shirt, learn to wrap yourself in traditional cloth and have a portrait taken. (All for Free)



Small Island – Upper Norwood library book group special

Saturday 24 October, 2.30pm
Upper Norwood Library

Upper Norwood Joint Library's Book Club will be discussing *Small Island* by Andrea Levy. For Levy people retain great dignity - however small their island.



For a copy of the book please contact Rita at the library on 020 8670 2551.

The Politics of Race: The Black British Response to South African Apartheid with Dr Elizabeth Williams

Tuesday 27 October, 7pm
Streatham Library

Join us for an evening of discussion on how Black Britons, fighting racism in British society, identified and expressed solidarity with Black South Africans during the Apartheid years.

Dr Elizabeth Williams will introduce her new book, the first book to examine the British support for the anti-apartheid movement among Black British communities. Williams tells the story of the compassion, commitment and anger at injustice within our Black Communities.



Pegasus Opera showcase 'Let the music in'

Wednesday 28 October, 7pm
Brixton Library

Located in the heart of Brixton, Pegasus Opera Company is a registered charity and is the UK's leading professional multiracial touring Opera Company, performing at leading venues such as Sadler's Wells, The Barbican, the Queen Elizabeth Hall South Bank, among many others, nationally and internationally. They will perform an excerpt of their latest production *Let the Music in* a combination of your favourite




Photo: Pegasus Opera

Opera songs. Come and enjoy, join in and let out your inner diva! Performance, Q&A and a little help from the audience....



If you would like to find out more about us and support our work, please visit www.pegasus-opera.net

 Pegasus-Opera-Touring-Company

Health Issues in the Black Community: Safeguard your Health and Wellbeing

Sunday 1 November, 2 to 6pm
Clapham Library

Presented by our very own Wellness Champion Empressjai and Friends. This seminar will focus on health issues that disproportionately affect people from the African and Afro-Caribbean community. She will discuss practical ways to safeguard your physical health and emotional wellbeing. You will be helped to identify some of the health stealers that can contribute to an unhealthy lifestyle and explore the small changes that the whole family can adopt.



One Hand Can't Clap presents 'Common Ties'

Thursday 19 November, 6 to 9pm
Clapham Library

Featuring multi award-winning entrepreneur, coach and 'Woman of Proverbs' Lorlett Hudson, creator of the *Things Mama Used To Say* gift card set. A unique blend of top guest speakers, cultural wisdom, spoken word, performance and music.



Exhibition

Black Georgians: The Shock of the Familiar

Opens Friday 9 October, opening times: Tues to Sat, 10am to 6pm
Black Cultural Archives, 1 Windrush Square, SW2 1EF

A new exhibition that reveals the everyday lives of Black people in Britain during the Georgian period, 1714-1837. A rich array of historical evidence that goes beyond challenging the preconceptions of Black presence in Britain pre-World War II. This is a critical historical enquiry that questions what we understand of Englishness and paints a picture of Black people's daily lives fraught with oppression and restriction alongside a degree of social mobility and integration. Free admission. @bcaheritage #BlackGeorgians.

The BCA also runs activities, talks and events throughout the year and to see what's happening in October visit the website at www.bcaheritage.org.uk/programme.



Useful Online Resources for Black History Month

During Black History Month why not check out the variety of Lambeth Library e-resources for school projects and personal interest.

- **Newsbank** – Black African Achievers <http://infoweb.newsbank.com/>
- **Cobra** – Access Cobra and get sources on African Bridal Shows, African Caribbean Business Networks and also setting up a small business <http://lambeth.cobwebinfo.com/>
- **Oxford Dictionary of National Biography** – Mary Seacole etc. www.oxforddnb.com
- **Oxford Reference Online** – Information on African History, African Civilization, The Oxford Companion to Black British History - www.oxfordreference.com



Children and Young People's Events



Our theme for children and young people this year is celebrating the life of the world's greatest reggae artist Bob Marley who would have been aged 70 this year. Do drop into your library in October to join us for quizzes and fun activities.

The Adventures of Mary Seacole (School booking)



Mary Seacole will visit the library to explore her life and times. Children will learn about Mary's early life in Jamaica

and her decision to go into nursing. They will journey with her to the Crimea and help her set up the British Hotel, experiencing her brief meeting with Florence Nightingale before exploring her life back in England after the war.

School bookings for year 3 to 6.

Tuesday 6 October, 10.30am
Clapham Library

Rosa Parks Storytime

Upper Norwood Joint Library invites you to learn about Rosa Parks and her inspirational action. Learn about this brave lady and afterwards take part in creating a display about her life. Suitable for children aged 5 plus.



Tuesday 6 October,
3.15pm to 4.15pm
Upper Norwood Library

Chatterbook Reading Group – Bob Marley



This year would have been Reggae artist Bob Marley's 70th year. His remarkable talent brought Reggae music to a worldwide audience. Learn about him, his music and his life. Ages 7 to 12 years.

Monday 5 October, 4pm
Streatham Library

Wednesday 14 October, 4pm
Clapham Library

Friday 16 October, 4pm
Tate South Lambeth Library

The Hidden Temple of Ogiso Book Reading Session

Obi and Titi creators bring you a book reading and interactive



book trailer for the Hidden Temple of Ogiso. The fun reading will be followed by a quiz and session on interesting African facts. We hope to see you there! Ages 6 to 9 years.

Friday October 23, 2pm to 3pm
Clapham Library

Quest for Empire Windrush

Learn all about the Windrush in this exciting Quest for Knowledge. Re-create the journey from



Jamaica to England, from packing your suitcase and to the difficulties of finding a room and work in a foreign land. Graduating as Time Travellers at the end of this exciting workshop, children will have gained in-depth knowledge of the topic and explored both the emotional and practical aspects of migration. Ages 6 to 11 years.

Monday 26 October, 2.30pm
West Norwood Library

Friday 30 October, 2.30pm
Carnegie Library

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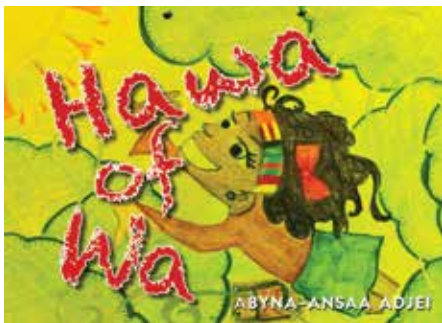
Ghanaian author Abynna –Ansa Adjei Book Launch

Renowned Ghanaian author Abynna –Ansa Adjei will be launching two newly published books, *Hawa of Wa* and *Things Every Child of Ghana Should Know About Dr J B Danquah*. Both books will be available to purchase.

Hawa of Wa - The story of six year old Hawa who loves nothing more than spending a day in the market helping her mother selling salt. Ages 6 years and under.

Monday 26 October, 2pm to 3pm
Tate South Lambeth Library

Wednesday 28 October, 2pm to 3pm
Brixton Library



Things Every Child of Ghana Should Know About Dr J B Danquah

The author tells the story of Ghanaian Statesman, historian, lawyer, Dr. J B Danquah and his contribution to the changing face of Ghana. Ages 7 years and over.



Monday 26 October, 3.30pm
Tate South Lambeth Library

Wednesday 28 October, 3.30pm
Brixton Library

Afternoon Family Film The Prince of Egypt (1998, 99 mins U)

In this animated retelling of the Book of Exodus, Egyptian Prince Moses (Val Kilmer) embarks on a quest to free his people from bondage. When his plea is denied by his brother, the new pharaoh Rameses (Ralph Fiennes), a series of horrific plagues strike Egypt before Moses leads his people out of Egypt. For all the family.

Monday 26 October, 2pm
Minet Library

Maasai Storytelling and Craft Making Workshop

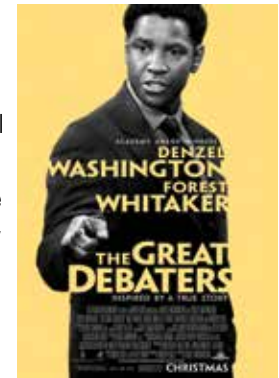
Traditional Maasai stories retold. Followed by traditional crafts with Ma Pa Spa. Ages 5 to 11 years.



Wednesday 28 October,
2.30pm to 4pm
Streatham Library

Film Showing The Great Debaters (2007, 126 mins PG)

Poet and professor Melvin B. Tolson (Denzel Washington) teaches at the predominantly black Wiley College in 1935 Texas. He decides to



start a debate team, something nearly unheard of at a black college. While at first he butts heads with the influential father (Forest Whitaker) of one of his best debaters, eventually he is able to form a team of strong-minded, intelligent young students, and they become the first black debate team to challenge Harvard's prestigious debate champions. Ages 14 years plus.

Wednesday 28 October, 5pm
Tate South Lambeth Library

Children and Young People's Events

Look How Far We Have Come Film Screening and Discussion

History consultant Kwaku examines the question of equality for young people. *Look How Far We've Come* features interviews with David Lammy, Dawn Butler, Dianne Abbott and Sam King MBE about their experiences in the movement towards equality. This will be followed by a discussion. Ages 14 years plus.

Thursday 29 October, 5pm- Tate South Lambeth Library



Achievers in Black History

Elijah McCoy, Madame CJ Walker and Bob Marley were all great Black achievers. Learn about many more. Ages 5 to 11 years.

Friday 30 October, 2.30pm to 4pm – Waterloo Library



Other Events

Chatterbooks Week

Chatterbooks Week is running from 11 to 18 October. A celebration of Chatterbooks children's reading groups and the fun of reading. It's the perfect time for schools, libraries and individuals across the UK to introduce children to the pleasure of reading and sharing books by taking part in Chatterbooks activity, or setting up a Chatterbooks group.

Chatterbooks reading groups are for children aged 4 to 12, where they can have a great time talking about books. For more information please contact your local library or visit www.chatterbooks.org.uk

'Reading for pleasure is more important to a child's educational achievement than their family's wealth or social class'.



National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day, the annual mass celebration of poetry and all things poetical, will mark its 21st birthday on Thursday 8 October 2015.

All are invited to join in, breaking with the tyranny of prose by thinking of a poem and sharing it in imaginative ways. Expect the airwaves to be full of verse, while impromptu poetry festivals and read-a-thons will pop up in thousands of unexpected places, from shops, streets and offices to waiting rooms and train stations.

This year's National Poetry Day theme is Light: proprietors of power stations and lighthouses, opticians, photographers and firework-makers are among the professions pledged to participate by displaying poems.

Start planning your participation now – and let us know via your libraries Facebook or Twitter – we'd love to hear your poetry and your celebration.



Colour

Lambeth Libraries and Omnibus bring you an interactive multi-sensory performance for under 4s. Join us for this delightful piece of theatre to explore language through the sights, sounds, smells and textures of an enchanted garden.

Christina Rossetti's poem "Colour" is vibrantly brought to life in this playful offering that facilitates language development in a stimulating and creative environment.

Please note that spaces are limited, so do arrive early to collect your free

ticket! Colour is supported using public funding by Arts Council England.

Free - For ages 6 months to 4 years - 35 mins

"My baby was enthralled!"

"Fun as well as educational"

"Clearly conducive to child development"



Colour Performances in Libraries and Childrens Centres across the borough

Monday 12 October

10am – Tulse Hill Pop-up Library, The Old Scout Hut, 4 High Trees, SW2 3PU, 020 8671 3132

2.15pm and 3.30pm Streatham Library, 020 7926 6768

Tuesday 13 October

10am and 2pm Windmill One O'clock Club, Windmill Gardens, off Blenheim Gardens, SW2 5BZ, 020 8674 3440

Wednesday 14 October

10.30am Clapham Library, 020 7926 0717

Thursday 15 October

9.45am and 11am Upper Norwood Library, 020 8670 2551

Friday 16 October

10am Jubilee Children's Centre, Jubilee Primary school, Tulse Hill, SW2 2JE, 020 8678 9160

2.30pm Waterloo Library, 020 7926 8750

Tuesday 20 October

10am Effra Nursery, 33 Effra Parade, SW2 1PL, 02077338425

2pm Minet Library, 020 7926 6073

Wednesday 21 October

10am, 12.30pm and 2pm Brockwell Park One O'clock club, Arlingford Road, SW2 2TA, 02077338425

Thursday 22 October

10am, 11.30am and 1.30pm Brixton Library, 020 7926 1067

Friday 23 October

10.30am and 2.30pm Carnegie Library, 020 7926 8682

Monday 26 October

10am Streatham Hub CC, 388 Streatham High Road, SW16 6HX, 020 8764 5102

2.30pm St Stephen's CC, Dorset Road (entrance on Meadow Place), SW8 1EJ, 0207 735 1540

Tuesday 27 October

10am Ethelred CC, 10 Lollard Street, SE11 6UP, 020 7582 9711

2.15pm Durning Library, 020 7926 8682

Wednesday 28 October

10.30 West Norwood Library, 020 7926 8092

2.45pm and 4pm at Tate South Lambeth Library, 020 7926 0710

Thursday 29 October

10am and 11.30am (over 18months) Treehouse CC –babies, Holmewood Nursery, 66 Upper Tulse Hill, SW2 2RW, 020 8674 3440

Friday 30 October

10am Woodmansterne CC, Stockport Road, SW16 5XE, 020 8764 5102

2pm Streatham Library Polish group, Mark Bennett Hall, Streatham Library, 020 7926 6768

Lambeth libraries

Libraries contact details:

Brixton Library

Brixton Oval, SW2 1JQ.

Tel: 020 7926 1056

Carnegie Library

188 Herne Hill Road, SE24 0AG.

Tel: 020 7926 6050

Clapham Library

Mary Seacole Centre,

91 Clapham High Street, SW4 7DB.

Tel: 020 7926 0717

Durning Library

167 Kennington Lane, SE11 4HF.

Tel: 020 7926 8682

Lambeth Archives and

Minet Library

52 Knatchbull Road, SE5 9QY.

Tel: (Library) 020 7926 6073

Tel: (Archives) 020 7926 6076

Streatham Library

63 Streatham High Road SW16 1PL.

Tel: 020 7926 6768

Tate South Lambeth Library

180 South Lambeth Road, SW8 1QP.

Tel: 020 7926 0705

Upper Norwood Library,

41 Westow Hill SE19 1TJ.

Tel: 020 8670 2551

Waterloo Library

114-118 Lower Marsh SE1 7AG

Tel: 020 7926 8750

West Norwood Library (temp)

The Old Library Centre, 14-16 Knights

Hill SE27 0HY

Tel: 020 7926 8092.

This information was believed to be correct at the time it was published, but may be subject to changes and circumstances outside the control of the organisers. For more events and information visit

www.lambeth.gov.uk/events

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Website www.lambeth.gov.uk

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