

A guide to events in libraries

Spring 2014



GET MORE FROM YOUR LIBRARY...

Welcome to Lambeth Libraries events brochure for spring - summer 2014. This year has many anniversaries and literary celebrations but the biggest is of course the First World War Centenary. April is dedicated to events for all ages exploring the lasting legacy of the war. In May and June we invite authors to come and talk at the library and a fantastic line-up is promised with both new and established authors visiting Lambeth. As we build up to the summer we have more events, activities and fun for everyone – we hope you find something to enjoy, intrigue and interest you.

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APRIL

Cityread London 2014

Lambeth Libraries are excited to be joining up with Cityread London, an annual celebration of literature that aims to bring reading to life for the whole capital. Each April, Cityread London asks readers to pick up a book – the same book – and read it together. Taking the chosen novel as a starting point, a month-long programme of book groups, film screenings and other events take place across all 33 London boroughs in libraries, bookshops, museums and other venues.

This year we have a Cityread for adults and one for children too. For adults the book is *My Dear I Wanted to Tell You* by Louisa Young and for children *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo. Pick up your copy from your local library and read along.

www.cityreadlondon.org.uk

**Cityread London: Join the
World's Biggest Book Group**

 **Cityreadlondon**



My Dear I Wanted to Tell You - reading group special

**Monday 7 April, 7pm
Carnegie Library**

Join Carnegie Library reading group to discuss *My Dear I Wanted to Tell You* by Louisa Young. Moving between Ypres, London and Paris, *My Dear I Wanted to Tell You* is a deeply affecting, moving and brilliant

novel of love and war, and how they affect those left behind as well as those who fight.



La Grande Illusion 1937 (French) Film screening

Tuesday 8 April, 12pm
Clapham Picturehouse
76 Venn St, SW4 0AT
Cost: £4.50 for the over 60s,
including a complimentary
hot drink and biscuits
Box Office: 0871 902 5727
(10p per min from a landline)

Silver Screen is a
free-to-join club at
Clapham Picturehouse.



Tuesday 15 April, 12pm Ritz Cinema

1 Brixton Oval, SW2 1JG
Cost: £4.50 for the over 60s,
including a complimentary
hot drink and biscuits
Box Office: 0871 902 5739
(10p per min from a landline)

Celebrate the golden days of cinema
every third Tuesday of the month
with our Reminiscence screenings!
Film lovers young and old are treated
to a slice of cinema history and a
cup of tea or coffee, with an informal
facilitated discussion after the film.



As part of Cityread London we are
screening *La Grande Illusion*, as
chosen by author Louisa Young,
whose novel is this year's Cityread
title. Jean Renoir's classic 1937 First
World War drama tells the story of
two French officers who are captured
and sent to a POW camp. Widely
recognised as one of the
masterpieces of French cinema, it is
a timeless tale of brotherhood and
heroism set against one of the most
evocative of cinematic backdrops.

The screenings will be followed by a
discussion led by Lambeth Archives.

Oh What a Lovely War 1969 (UK) Film screening

Wednesday 9 April,
2pm. Minet Library

Directed by Sir
Richard Attenborough,
Oh what a lovely war
is a film about the
First World War
based on a stage
musical of the same
name, portraying the
'Game of War'.



Private Peaceful live performance

(for school bookings)

Tuesday 22 April,
10.15am and 1.30pm
Streatham Library

Enjoy a dramatised
show, presented by
story performer John
Kirk, of Michael Morpurgo's *Private
Peaceful*, a powerful story of two
brothers who join up to serve in the
British Army during the First World
War, and one of the 2014 Cityread
London titles.

A 45 minute performance for young
people aged 9 years and above.

School bookings only. Limited places,
please book on **020 7926 1104** or
email sdavidson@lambeth.gov.uk

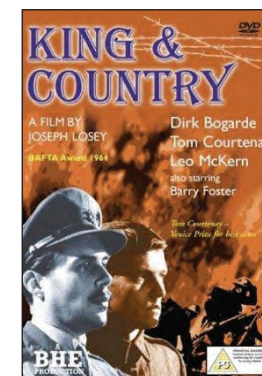


King & Country 1964 (UK) Film screening

Wednesday 23 April,
2pm. Minet Library

Directed by Joseph
 Losey and starring Dirk
 Bogarde and Tom
 Courtney, an army
 private is accused of
 desertion from battle
 during the First World
 War. The officer
 assigned to defend him
 at his court-martial finds
 out there is more to the

case
than
meets
the eye.



Private Peaceful teenage reading group

Wednesday 23 April, 5pm
Streatham Library

Ages 13 and above

Streatham Library Teenage Reading
Group will be discussing *Private
Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo as
part of Cityread London 2014.

Freshwater Theatre presents: Quest for First World War

**Thursday 24 April, 10.15am
Clapham Library**

A drama workshop for schools.

Pupils are taken on a journey with a Time Traveller exploring what life was like before the war: role playing a day in the trenches, learning about the Christmas Day truce and celebrating Armistice - eventually graduating as Time Travellers themselves.

School bookings only. Limited places, please book on **020 7926 1104** or email **sdavidson@lambeth.gov.uk**



My Dear I Wanted to Tell You - reading group special

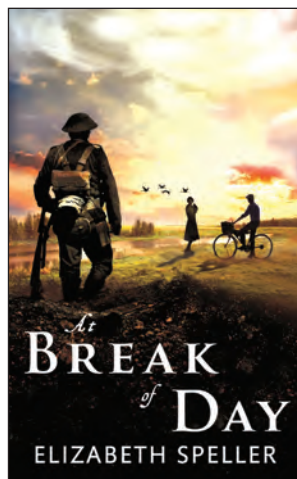


**Thursday 24 April, 7pm
Clapham Library**

Join Clapham Library reading group to discuss *My Dear I wanted to tell you* by Louisa

Young. Moving between Ypres, London and Paris, *My Dear I Wanted to Tell You* is a deeply affecting, moving and brilliant novel of love and war, and how they affect those left behind as well as those who fight.

Author talk with Elizabeth Speller: At Break of Day



**Tuesday 29 April, 7pm
Streatham Library**



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Streatham Library will be hosting a special author event with Elizabeth Speller to discuss her First World War novel *At Break of Day* as part of Cityread London 2014.

Elizabeth has written for publications as varied as the Independent, Big Issue, TLS and Vogue. She currently has a Royal Literary Fund Fellowship at Warwick and divides her life between Gloucestershire and Greece. She is the author of *The Return of Captain John Emmett* and *The Strange Fate of Kitty Easton*, amongst other titles.

Activity resource sheets

During April there will be a range of activity sheets available in your local library for children and young people relating to Michael Morpurgo's *Private Peaceful*.

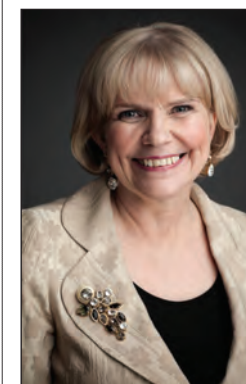
In their own words

Lambeth Libraries hold hundreds of books on the First World War – for the Centenary we have selected some of the famous firsthand accounts that are available - the war, the mud and the blood - by those that were there.



Pick up a copy of the booklist from your local library.

Other April Events



How to be an Antiques Detective by Judith Miller

**Wednesday 2 April, 7pm
Tate South Lambeth Library**

How do we value the array of items we see on the Antiques Roadshow? Is that Chinese porcelain vase 19th Century and worth £200 or early 18th Century and worth £2.2million. How many rare modern first editions does this library have? Is it a fake or worth a fortune? Find out more about the fascinating world of antiques.

Judith Miller is one of the world's leading antiques experts. In 1979 she co-founded the international best-seller, *Miller's Antiques Price Guide* and has since written more than 120 books. Judith appears regularly on TV and radio. She is an expert on the BBC's Antiques Roadshow and co-hosts the popular BBC series *The House Detectives*.

Organised by the Friends of Tate South Lambeth Library. Refreshments available.
www.tatesouthlambethfriends.org





PHOENIX BOOK AWARD

Lambeth Phoenix Book Award

The Lambeth Phoenix Book Award is designed for young people between the ages of 10 and 12 to inspire the love of reading. This year's shortlisted books are:



Sleuth on Skates

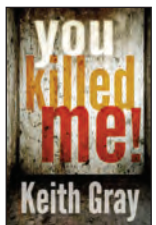
by Clementine Beauvais

Shadows of the Silver Screen

by Christopher Edge

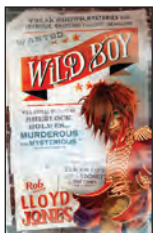
You Killed Me by Keith Gray

Wild Boy by Rob Lloyd Jones



The winner will be announced on Wednesday 1 May.

Join in and make your vote count. You can vote for your favourite book at any Lambeth public library or via participating primary or secondary schools. Email your vote to **lambethphoenixbookaward@lambeth.gov.uk**



Check out the website for further information and post your own book review on **www.phoenixbookaward.org.uk**

Easter holiday fun

During the Easter Holidays we will be hosting Easter art and craft workshops including making an Easter Bunny, Easter cards and lots more for children between the ages of 4 and 11.

Tuesday 8 April

2.30pm

Minet Library

Wednesday 9 April

2.30pm

Durning Library
Streatham Library

Thursday 10 April

2.30pm

Brixton Library
Clapham Library

Friday 11 April

2.30pm

Carnegie Library
Waterloo Library

Wednesday 16 April

2.30pm

Tate South Lambeth Library
West Norwood Library

Contact your local library for details.

Upper Norwood Library will also be running a full programme of Easter activities including the Bookbug Club, the legend of Easter Bunny and Tales of Spring storytelling – for full details contact **020 8670 2551** **info@uppernorwoodlibrary.org**



Clapham teenage reading group: Author visit

Wednesday 23 April, 5pm

Clapham Library

Ages 13 and above

Clapham Library Teenage Reading Group will be meeting new author Ivan, who will talk about his work and read from his new book.

World Book Night

Wednesday 23 April, 7.30pm

Omnibus Arts Centre

Clapham SW4 0QW

World Book Night is a celebration of reading and books, which sees passionate volunteers gift books in their communities to share their love of reading. Everyone is welcome to the Lambeth World Book Night celebration at Clapham Omnibus – a fun night of books to encourage those who have lost the love of reading – or are yet to gain it – to pick up a book and read. Contact Clapham Omnibus for more information **enquiries@omnibus-clapham.org**



MAY

Lambeth Readers and Writers Festival

The 2014 Lambeth Libraries' Readers and Writers Festival is here with another month-long programme of inspirational literary events. The festival includes something to appeal to all tastes and all events are free of charge. We hope you find something of interest.

For more information or to book tickets please call **020 7926 1075** or email readersandwriters@lambeth.gov.uk

 **LambethReadersAndWritersFestival**



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PRODUCTIONS



FIRST DRAFT Lambeth New Playwriting Competition

Lambeth New Playwriting Competition provides an opportunity for aspiring and emerging writers to showcase new work. We welcome submissions from anyone who lives, works or studies in Lambeth. There will be a category for young writers age 21 and under.

The selected plays will be rehearsed with a professional cast and director and staged as part of the Lambeth Readers and Writers Festival on 30 and 31 May 2014 at Clapham Library.

- Plays should be between 10-20 minutes duration.
- Cast size should be between 2-5.
- Your piece must not have been previously staged or published.

Please submit your work in a pdf or word format to: info@sixteenfeet.co.uk

- Include a short synopsis of the play (50 words).
- Please make sure the pages are numbered.
- Please complete an entry form which we will use for monitoring purposes only.

Writer's deadline: Thursday 1 May
Good Luck!

www.sixteenfeet.co.uk

Talking stories: A script writing workshop for beginner and intermediate level writers



**Friday 2 May, 7pm
Brixton Library**

Ever wondered what it takes to write a script? Why do some stories work as books, but not films or plays?

Be it radio, television, theatre, film or videogame, scripts are all about conflict, character and action. Working with award-winning scriptwriter Andrew S. Walsh (Byker Grove, Emmerdale, Prince of Persia, and Fable: Legends) this two hour workshop will give you the chance to learn the essentials of scriptwriting and the opportunity to create some script samples that bring a story and character to life.

Creative writing: Join the adopt 10k challenge


**Saturday 3 May,
2pm to 6pm
Brixton Library**

Workshop and launch party for people looking to adopt.

Get the opportunity to hear from authors who have been adopted and use writing to help your adoption process.

During the afternoon there will be a creative writing workshop for people who may want to explore the idea of keeping a simple journal or blog about the adoption process. A professional creative writing tutor will take this fun and informal workshop. People can also opt to have one-to-one sessions about the adoption process with adoption experts.

The afternoon will end with the launch of the Adopt 10K Challenge Adopter Forum party. The event is free but you must book to guarantee your place.

Free Tickets sundjata@theafrikanfamilyworks.net
www.theafrikanfamilyworks.net
 [@Afworksnet](https://twitter.com/Afworksnet) [#ADOPT10K](https://twitter.com/ADOPT10K)





Reading with Bach Dance performance

Wednesday 7 May, 5pm
Carnegie Library

Lizzi Kew Ross & Artstrust Present:
Reading with Bach. Supported by
Laban Theatre, Arts Council England
and Picador MacMillan.

Reading With Bach is a kind of
excavation, a form of collision. What
is it to read – to turn the page and be
led into minds, bodies, objects,
space, architecture and worlds,
including netherworlds and
otherworldly ones? What is to be
charmed, seduced or even
bludgeoned by language, images,
and actions? All this happens in our
imaginations and not only do we

construct these worlds within
ourselves, but what we imagine can
become so real, that real and
imagined collide. A library danced!
Experience a happening.

“Reading leads you everywhere.”

Stephen Fry

LABAN THEATRE

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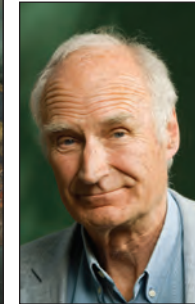


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Peter Snow: When Britain Burned the White House

Wednesday 14 May, 7pm
Tate South Lambeth Library

Peter Snow is a highly respected
journalist, author and broadcaster.
He was ITN's Diplomatic and
Defence Correspondent and
presented Newsnight up until
1997.

In August 1814 the United
States' army is defeated in
battle by an invading force just
outside Washington DC. The US
president and his wife have just
enough time to pack their
belongings and escape from the
White House before the enemy
enters. The invaders tuck into
the dinner they find still sitting on the
dining-room table and then set fire to
the place. *When Britain Burned the
White House* highlights this
unparalleled moment in American
history and its far-reaching
consequences for both sides.

Fictions of our South London with Paula Coston

Monday 19 May, 6.45pm
Durning Library

Paula Coston, author of the new,
acclaimed *On the Far Side, There's
a Boy*, will share this and other
contemporary novels that feature our
part of the city. Share your own
favourites, and try your hand at a
spot-the-location competition with a
generous prize.

Organised by the Friends of Durning
Library. Light refreshments are
served. Everyone is welcome.
There's no admission charge, but a
£2 donation towards costs is invited.





Dorothy Koomson Flavours of Love

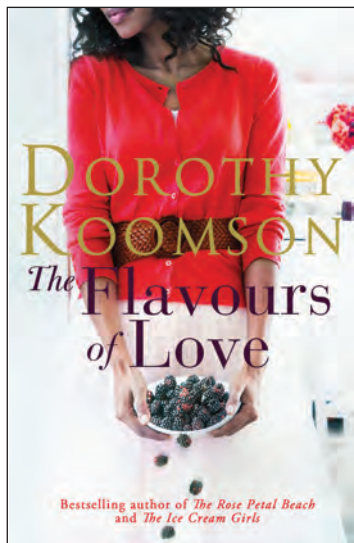
Friday 23 May, 7pm
Brixton Library

Dorothy Koomson has written six bestseller list books that have been translated into 28 languages across the world.

Join Dorothy to discuss her latest acclaimed novel *Flavours of Love* - a page turning thriller that will have you gripped right up to the end.

'I'm looking for that perfect blend of flavours; the taste that used to be you. If I find it, I know you'll come back to me.'

Book early for this event.



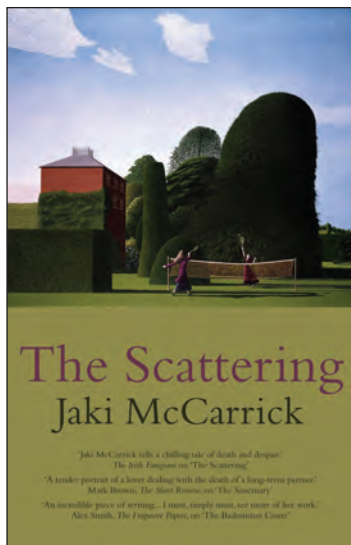
Afternoon Tea with Jaki McCarrick

Saturday 24 May, 4pm
Omnibus Arts Centre
Clapham SW4 0QW

To book phone: **020 7498 4699**
www.omnibus-clapham.org

Jaki McCarrick is an award-winning playwright, poet and fiction writer. Her play, *Leopoldville*, won the 2010 Papatango Award for New Writing, and her most recent play, *Belfast Girls*, developed at the National Theatre Studio, was shortlisted for the 2012 Susan Smith Blackburn Prize. Jaki has won the 2010 Wasafiri Short Fiction Prize, appears in the 2012 Anthology of Best British Short Stories (Salt) and has just been shortlisted for the 2014 Tony Doyle Award. Her debut story collection, *The Scattering*, was

published last year by Seren Books. Jaki is currently completing her first novel and working on a new play.



FIRST DRAFT Lambeth new playwriting performance

Friday 30 and Saturday 31 May, 7pm. Clapham Library
Tickets: £8/£5 concessions

In association with Sixteenfeet Productions, Lambeth Libraries presents an aspiring and emerging Lambeth writer's showcase.

Five winning short plays, developed with a professional cast and directors, will be presented as rehearsed readings in the new performance space at Clapham Library on 30 and 31 May.

Performances will be followed by talk backs with the writers and directors.

For Tickets Tel: **07958 448690**
www.sixteenfeet.co.uk

New writing keeps theatre alive and relevant.

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Margaret Bateson-Hill Dragon Racer

Saturday 31 May, 2pm.
West Norwood Library

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to fly a racing dragon?

Come and discover the thrills and spills of the Dragon Racer series (set in Brixton, South London) with author Margaret Bateson-Hill. In the final book in the trilogy, *The Silver Flame* there are dragons in pain, dragons in

hiding, dragons with dark secrets. Uncovering the truth will put JoJo and XL in danger of their lives - it's going to be a fight to the finish!

OTHER MAY EVENTS

Spring bank holiday events for children and young people

Fun spring arts and crafts for children aged between 4 and 11.

Tuesday 27 May, 2.30pm
Minet Library

Wednesday 28 May, 2.30pm
Durning, Streatham, Tate South
Lambeth and West Norwood libraries

Thursday 29 May, 2.30pm
Brixton and Clapham libraries

Friday 30 May, 2.30pm
Carnegie and Waterloo libraries

Contact your local library for details.



JUNE

ACDF Love2 Write Project

Begins Monday 2 June
Clapham Library
Ages 13 to 18



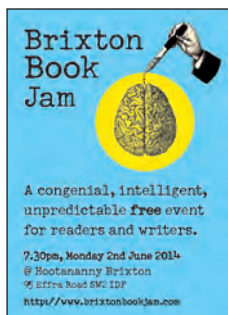
Join us for a fantastic writing project in partnership with Africa Caribbean Development Foundation (ACDF): six writing projects aimed at young people in the art of writing in a range of styles: novels, scriptwriting, journalism, poetry and lots more. This project is suited to all levels of writing from basic to advanced and runs in four 6-week blocks with guest artists supporting.

Limited places. For more information or to book, contact **020 7926 1104** or email **sdavidson@lambeth.gov.uk**

Brixton Book Jam

Monday 2 June,
7.30pm
Hootananny pub,
Brixton. SW2 1DF

A congenial, intelligent, unpredictable event for readers and writers, bringing together an eclectic mix of big name and local writers for a night of book-related, but not bookish, entertainment. A series of 15-minute readings - Brainfood for a Monday night! (and it's free!)



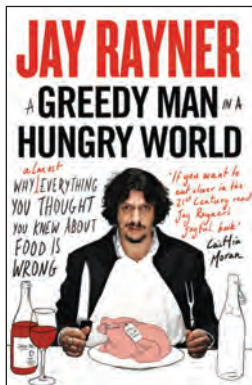
Jay Rayner A Greedy Man in a Hungry World

Wednesday 4 June,
7pm. Brixton Library

Award-winning journalist, broadcaster and writer Jay Rayner has gone from being one of the most respected figures in the food world, to a household name. Jay is the BBC One Show resident food pundit, the Observer's

restaurant critic, presenter of Food: What Goes in Your Basket for Channel 4, Masterchef critic and the host of BBC Radio 4's The Kitchen Cabinet.

Jay explains in forensic detail why the cult of local food is over, why the doctrine of organics has been completely superseded by the demands of sustainable intensification and why the future lies in large scale food production. From the terraced hillsides of Rwanda to the killing lines of a Yorkshire abattoir, Rayner takes you on a journey that will change the way you shop, cook and eat forever - and gives you a few belly laughs along the way. All welcome. Please book as this is an absolute Festival highlight!



Poetry Parlour with Fawzia Kane, Anna Robinson and Mike Batholomew-Biggs

Wednesday 5 June, 7pm
Waterloo Library

Local literature organisation, The Poetry Parlour, wanders into the library this month for a Waterloo flavoured feature with three local poets: Fawzia Kane (Tante Diabliesse 2012), Mike Bartholomew-Biggs (Fred & Blossom 2013) and Anna



Robinson (Into the Forest 2014). Everyone welcome.



Chelsea Fringe Go Wild at Carnegie Library

Saturday 7 June,
10am to 4pm
Carnegie Library

Lambeth Libraries, as part of the Chelsea Fringe festival, are asking you all – adults and children - to go wild at the library. The day will start with a teddy bear's picnic. There'll be outdoor craft activities and refreshments followed by a bear themed story session with an interactive *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. In the afternoon there will be planting activities for children of all ages. At 2pm author Jo Schofield will be launching *The Wild City Book* with a session helping you create some weird and wonderful creatures in the garden. Join the Carnegie Library Friends in tending the library garden and enjoy a day dedicated to the wild side of London.



@Chelseafringe



An Afternoon with Petr Horacek: Author and Illustrator

Saturday 7 June, 2.30pm

Omnibus Arts Centre
Clapham SW4 0QW

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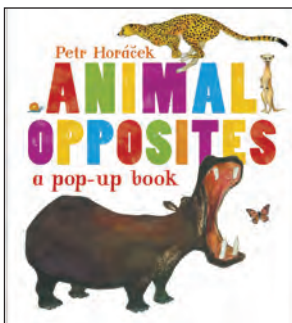
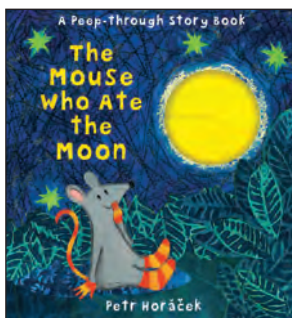
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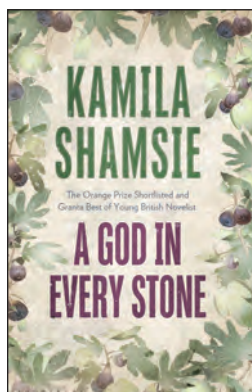
Come and see award-winning author and illustrator Petr Horacek entertain us with wonderful words and pictures. His books include *Puffin Peter*, *Silly Suzy Goose*, *Animal Opposites* and *The Mouse Who Ate the Moon*.

Petr Horacek trained at the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague before becoming a graphic designer, illustrator and painter. He won the Books for Children Newcomer Award with *Strawberries Are Red* and *What Is Black and White?* Born in Czechoslovakia, Petr now lives in Worcester with his wife and two daughters. Visit Petr's website at www.petrhoracek.co.uk

Event in association with Under the Greenwood Tree.



Kamila is the author of five novels, has been shortlisted for the Orange Prize for fiction, translated into more than twenty languages and is a trustee of English PEN and Free Word. Kamila is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. Join Kamila discussing her writing and the launch of her latest novel.



Kamila Shamsie A God in every stone

Tuesday 10 June, 7pm
Clapham Library

A powerful story of friendship, injustice, love and betrayal, *A God in Every Stone* carries you across the globe, into the heart of empires fallen and conquered, reminding us that we all have our place in the chaos of history and that so much of what is lost will not be forgotten.

Kate Colquhoun Deception, Adultery and Arsenic

Thursday 12 June, 7pm
Streatham Library

With deliciously dark elements of addiction, deception, torrid adultery and poison, Kate Colquhoun's latest book, *Did She Do it?*, is the riveting true story of a sensational Victorian trial of 1889 . . . Colquhoun's writing has a wonderful slow burn to it, and until the final page, she keeps us guessing: guilty, or not guilty? Join Kate Colquhoun for a wonderfully dark night of mystery.



Wuthering Heights 1939 (UK) Film screening

Friday 13 June, 2pm
Minet Library

Based on the Emily Bronte novel of the same name, *Wuthering Heights* concludes the Lambeth Readers and Writers festival. The story of unfortunate lovers Heathcliff and Cathy who, despite a deep affection for one another, are forced by circumstance and prejudice to live their lives apart - Oh Heathcliff...Oh Cathy. A masterpiece of English literature equally celebrated on screen.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND REGULAR ACTIVITIES

MAKE A NOISE IN LIBRARIES (MANIL) FORTNIGHT 2-15 June



MANIL Fortnight is an annual campaign to bring public libraries and blind and partially sighted people together to improve access to books and information.

Lambeth Libraries will be hosting a series of activities during June to help celebrate the campaign. Check your local library for details.

Love books? Share your passion. Volunteer to make more books available to everyone.

Lambeth Libraries are campaigning to get 100 extra books recorded and made available for free for visually impaired readers around the world. Using the online LibriVox project we want you to join us in recording 100 public domain (out of copyright) books.



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All you need is your voice, some free software, your computer, and maybe an inexpensive microphone. You register with LibriVox (part of project Gutenberg) and let us know you're taking part via our Facebook page. Let's see if we can together make a difference for Lambeth residents who love books as we do.

<http://librivox.org>

**Lambeth Libraries Librivox
100 Campaign**



E-resources

There's no need to whisper or turn off your phone - you can borrow e-books from home! Lambeth Libraries provide lots of resources direct to your computer, laptop, tablet or phone with our 24/7 library. You can access e-books and e-audiobooks, dictionaries and 24 hour online help all at a click

of a button. Join your local library and with your library card number you can read, study and enjoy your library around the clock.

www.lambeth.gov.uk/onlinelibraryresources

NATIONAL BOOKSTART WEEK 9-15 June



Who is your child's hero? It could be a superhero, story characters, parent or carer. Throughout National Bookstart Week we'll be encouraging parents and children to read together on a daily basis. Events and activities will help families to enjoy the benefits of reading together every day around the fun theme of 'My Hero'.

Visit your local library to celebrate Bookstart Week with us. Free activities for under 5s and their parents/carers.

Rabbit's Magic Adventure Puppet Shows

A Rabbit that loves carrots, a Fox who just has to steal things and Waz the Wizard with his broken hat are just some of the characters in this puppet show which guarantees thrills, spills and a magical finish when the audience become the heroes and save the day.

**Tuesday 10 June, 10.30am
Brixton Library
Wednesday 11 June, 10.30am
Streatham Library**



Interactive storytelling with the amazing Sandra Agard

**Tuesday 10 June, 10.30am
Clapham Library
Wednesday 11 June, 10.30am
West Norwood Library
Friday 13 June, 10.30am
Waterloo Library**



Music, stories and rhymes with the ever popular Winston Nzinga

**Wednesday 11 June, 10.30am
Tate South Lambeth Library
Friday 13 June, 10.30am
Minet Library 10.30am**

Songs and stories with author and storyteller extraordinaire Margaret Bateson-Hill

**Wednesday 11 June, 10.30am
Durning Library
Friday 13 June, 10.30am
Carnegie Library**



ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK 14-20 June

Adult Learners' Week is a celebration of lifelong learning. We know that adults who continue to learn throughout their lives are healthier, happier and have greater self-confidence and self-esteem. Why not join us and get a taste for new skills and interests.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE - MYTHICAL MAZE 12 July - 6 September

The Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest reading event for children and gets three quarters of a million children into libraries to keep up their reading skills and confidence during the long summer holidays.

Mythical Maze challenges children aged four to eleven to find their way around a labyrinth that introduces them to fantastical creatures from the world of legend and mythology, collecting stickers of each character along the way. The aim of the challenge is to get children to read six books from their library during the summer holidays. Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge and collect prizes along the way!



To sign up, just head to your local library at the beginning of the summer holidays - It's completely free.

School visits

Lambeth Libraries offer a range of services to schools including class visits, teacher membership, introductory library talks and book collections.

For further information contact your local library or Sandra Davidson on **020 7926 1104**. Email **sdavidson@lambeth.gov.uk**

Reading Groups for all ages

Are you a member of a reading group, want to start one or join one? Lambeth Libraries can help. We run adult reading groups in all of our libraries and support groups run in pubs, schools and people's houses. We have over 100 special reading group collections that you can borrow for free, or join us in the library for a great night of book talk.

To borrow books for your group or to join an adult library group, email **to'dell@lambeth.gov.uk** or for details of the available book collections and get some book suggestions visit **<http://lambethreadinggroups.blogspot.co.uk/>**

Libraries also run children's and teenage reading groups where you can meet new friends, share your favourite books and find out about your favourite authors.



Teenage Reading groups (Ages 13 and above)

Clapham Library
2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 5pm to 7pm

Streatham Library
4th Wednesday of every month, 5pm to 7pm

Chatterbooks Reading Group (8 to 12 years)

Streatham Library
1st Monday of each month, 4.30pm to 6pm

Brixton Library
2nd Tuesday of each month, 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Storytimes

Early communication is vital to babies' physical, mental and emotional development and it's never too soon to start sharing books with babies and toddlers. Attending regular storytime sessions, as well as sharing books, songs and rhymes at home, helps your child build better language and listening skills. Our under 5s storytime sessions feature a fun mixture of stories, songs and rhymes. They are a great way to make new friends and provide the opportunity for parents with pre-school children to take advantage of all the library has to offer. Contact your local library for details of their weekly sessions **www.lambeth.gov.uk/libraries**



Lambeth Libraries

Brixton Library 020 7926 1056
Brixton Oval SW2 1JQ

Carnegie Library 020 7926 6050
188 Herne Hill Road SE24 0AG

Clapham Library 020 7926 0717
Mary Seacole Centre, 91 Clapham
High Street, SW4 7DB

Durning Library 020 7926 8682
167 Kennington Lane SE11 4HF

**Lambeth Archives and Minet
Library** 020 7926 6073 (Library)
020 7926 6076 (Archives)
52 Knatchbull Road SE5 9QY

Tate South Lambeth Library
020 7926 0705
180 South Lambeth Road SW8 1QP

Streatham Library 020 7926 6768
63 Streatham High Road SW16 1PL

Upper Norwood Library
020 8670 2551

39-41 Westow Hill, Upper Norwood
SE19 1TJ

Waterloo Library 020 7926 8750
114-118 Lower Marsh SE1 7AG

West Norwood Library
(temporary) 020 7926 8092 The Old
Library Centre, 14-16 Knights Hill
SE27 0HY

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circumstances outside the control
of the organisers.

All events are free unless otherwise
stated. To avoid disappointment
please book for all events on
020 7926 1075 or
readersandwriters@lambeth.gov.uk

For more events and information
visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/events