

# NOTICE OF AGM

TO BE HELD ON  
**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Carnegie Library will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the library. Do come and join us from 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start of proceedings. There will be a guest speaker and complementary drinks and snacks.

You will be able to join FoCL or renew your membership on the evening. In this, our centenary year, we are asking just £1.00 per household – 100 years for 100 pence! However, additional donations are always welcome.

The current committee will be standing down and a new committee needed. If you are impressed by the improvements in the service and would like to get involved in planning and fundraising, please consider joining us. There are various tasks, some regular, some not, so if you can spare any time you will be most welcome.



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For those of you who may not have been to the library recently, lots has been going on there with repairs and redecoration of the building, so it is now looking spick and span! Further improvements are in the pipeline, thanks to the Lambeth Opportunities Fund.

The Gallery is ready to be reoccupied, so those artists amongst you, or friends of artists who would like to exhibit at the Carnegie, now is a good time to go along and set a date. You will be among prestigious artists whose work has been shown there since we, the Friends, helped to set up the Gallery.

One of the first exhibitions was organised by the South London Gallery and was of works by John Ruskin. We have also had a lovely display of art works by the children of St Jude's School which was opened by the then Mayor of Lambeth, Clare Whelan.

The garden is beginning to look ready for its annual make-over, so no doubt soon you will see some of us in the community out there, coaxing it back into shape. You are all welcome to add a plant or two, to herald the arrival of spring and summer.

The Friends are already discussing the arrangements for our stall at the Lambeth Country Show 2006, so watch this space for details.

Do remember that once a month we have a Tea Stall, with nice homemade cakes, tea, coffee etc. Every Saturday there is a Chess Club which is open to everyone no matter what age. We have two book groups in existence, so if you would like a shared reading experience, why not contact one of the librarians for details? For details of Silver Surfers, Amity and Councillor Surgeries, see the back page.

So, we hope to see even more of you coming along to enjoy the library, to do some socialising and to borrow some books too!

American poet Emily Dickinson said 'Books are boats which take us on voyages', so come and take a cruise!

*Julia Tant*



## WEBSITES OF THE WEEK

[www.librarylondon.org](http://www.librarylondon.org) - Libraries for Life for London

[www.librarycampaign.co.uk](http://www.librarycampaign.co.uk)

[www.designinglibraries.org.uk](http://www.designinglibraries.org.uk)

[www.cipfastats.net](http://www.cipfastats.net)

### **Minister threatens to step in to halt library closures**

**By Catriona Davies, Daily Telegraph**

(Filed: 28/01/2006)

David Lammy, the culture minister, warned councils yesterday that he has the power to take over running their libraries if they go ahead with [plans for widespread closures](#).

Up to 60 libraries have been earmarked for closure this year as local authorities struggle to balance their budgets. At least nine councils are planning to close some of their smallest community libraries, in most cases to save money.

Mr Lammy said he would take advice on the powers available to him under the 1964 Public Libraries and Museums Act, which allows ministers to take over direct control of libraries in extreme cases if councils are not running an adequate service.

He has already written to every council reminding them of their obligations and urging them to reconsider the closures. "I grew up in a home where you could count the books on two hands, and many of my constituents are not able to rely on books in the home, so libraries are absolutely central," he said.

"It's important that I bang the drum for libraries and reading, just as you would expect an education minister to bang the drum for schools.

## LITERARY ANNIVERSARIES

Carnegie Library celebrates its centenary this year. Other notable landmarks:

6<sup>th</sup> February was the centenary of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

6<sup>th</sup> March marks Elizabeth Barrett Browning's bicentenary.

1906 is the birthdate of Samuel Beckett and Sir John Betjeman.

21<sup>st</sup> October will mark 100 years since the death of Herne Hill resident Henry Dawson Lowry

George Bernard Shaw was born 150 years ago this year.

**Let's celebrate by reading works by and about these writers.**

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## SPRING EVENTS

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 21<sup>st</sup> May – **Winslow Homer, Poet of the Sea - Dulwich Picture Gallery.**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 for 7pm – **Friends of Carnegie Library AGM – Carnegie Library, 188 Herne Hill Road.**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 7.45 pm – **Herne Hill Society – A History of Ballooning in South London** – Herne Hill United Church Hall, Red Post Hill.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm – **Herne Hill Heritage Trail Continued** – Phoenix Centre, Westow St, Upper Norwood.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 7.45 pm – **Herne Hill Society – A History of Dulwich before the Park** – Herne Hill United Church Hall, Red Post Hill.

First Saturday of the month 2.30-4.30 pm – **Teatime** – Carnegie Library. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and delicious home-made cakes.

First Saturday of the month 2.30-3.30 pm **Cllr Kirsty McHugh's Surgery** – Carnegie Library.

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 10-12pm **Silver Surfers** - Carnegie Library. If you are over 50, learn how to use the internet and have tea, coffee and a chat. Check with library first.

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month 7-8.30 pm **Book Group**, Carnegie Library. Ask the librarians to borrow the current book.

Every Monday evening 7-9 pm **Amity Reading Club** – Carnegie Library Gallery. To volunteer ring 020 7274 2443.

Every Saturday 2.45-5 pm - **Chess Club** – Carnegie Library. For experienced or novice players of any age. Free entry and tuition.

## VISIT THE LIBRARY!!

The Carnegie is looking and feeling much better these days. Please come in and admire the improvements.



### BOOK ORDERING SERVICE

If the book you want is not on the shelf, use the ordering service via the computer terminals

### VIDEOS and DVDs

We now have a good selection of videos and DVDs to rent for adults and children.

### CASSETTES and CDs

The Carnegie stocks a good range of talking books, language courses etc.

### INTERNET

Don't forget that the Carnegie has free internet access for all! First fifteen minutes without booking but for longer slots just ask the librarian.

### NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, PERIODICALS

As well as the daily papers, the library has a good selection of magazines.

### INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Browse through the comprehensive selection of leaflets in the entrance hall and look out for useful information on the notice boards.

### THE GALLERY SPACE

Exhibitions and displays are now resuming after the works – entrance through children's section.

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