



## LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

Further to our July issue, there are two strands to Lambeth's strategy – redesign (or 'co-design') of its library service, and development of community hubs.

**Library Service co-design.** Progress on 'co-design' has been slower than planned as officials have recognised the need to treat each library separately, in its own community. There is little evidence so far that 'local communities' want to be involved in running their libraries; however the Council is forced to put in place measures for a viable library service within the greatly reduced budget. There is also concern about the Council's decision to safeguard three 'full service' libraries at Brixton, Streatham and the new 'Clapham One' (they will continue to be centrally managed and funded). Those decisions are not popular in some quarters but they are council policy, decided by the Cabinet, and there is not a lot that can be done about them now. At Carnegie Library we users must now work together with staff and officers to make the most of what we have, so as to keep our library open and, all going well, improve the service.

Our main obstacle is the swingeing budget cut. On the other hand, there are positives -

- Lambeth's old library service model has been torn up with the intention of making library improvements, and not just cost-cutting. The new acting head of Libraries, Olivia Spencer, has many years' experience of running (and turning around) library services elsewhere in the UK. Olivia is currently drafting a new service plan. Dare we say "Things Can Only Get Better"?
- Books. Cost savings need not spell fewer books if other costs, for example central costs, can be pruned. In this connection please note that books in good condition can now be donated. Our library services manager Caroline Mackie is happy to receive donations of books – obviously not every book offered will be needed for the library, but if you do offer a book, you can direct what should happen to it (eg returned to you) if not required.
- Opening hours. Our library's appalling opening hours have been disastrous in terms of attracting users, and consequently in terms of investment by Lambeth. Now, however, the Council's plan to develop the building as a community hub, if successful, will certainly transform the opening hours of the building. This, combined with self-service machines for book borrowing, should mean enhanced hours for library users even without any additional staffing.

**Community Hub.** As with the library service co-design, progress towards community hubs is slower than the Council had anticipated. Again, different communities have responded in their own ways – one size does not fit all. So far, the Friends have joined in setting up a small preliminary project group (which usefully includes two Councillors). This group is exploring with the Council the possible shape of a community hub organisation at Carnegie Library. The project group will shortly invite expressions of interest in the hub from a wide range of local groups and individuals. Public meetings will follow.

*Frances Lamb*

### THE FRIENDS STILL NEED NEW MEMBERS

Our library still needs more Friends! We need to increase our number. Do you have a friend or neighbour who might join to support the library? If so, do please ask them. If they email [foclmembers@gmail.com](mailto:foclmembers@gmail.com) Liz will send the new membership form. Thank you!

## RECENT EVENT

### RETURN TO THE BATS and “myembrace”



Last August (2011), the Events Sub-Committee was feeling very uncertain of success for the first Bat Fun Day, although a superb poster by Robert, our favourite designer, looked so inviting. In the end, the event turned out very well, but the same forebodings recurred this year, increased by the fact that there was no money for free food and gifts to ensure a good turn-out. This time the event, on 4<sup>th</sup> August, was to be shared with the Friends of Ruskin Park and “myembrace” who were making a study of Ruskin Park with them. There was to be a refresher display about the life and likings of bats at the Library, a poetry workshop in the Park, and a bat walk in the evening with Dr Iain Boulton, Lambeth’s ecology officer; and every opportunity for things to go wrong, we muttered gloomily...And Robert had done such a lovely poster, based on last year’s, in beautiful evening colours...

And, of course, everything went like a breeze, an unexpected and very nice breeze...smelling faintly of duck-ponds.

People did come to refresh their knowledge of bats, and our choice of poems and pictures was approved as a stimulus for creative writing. When it was time to go to the Park for the poetry workshop, the Library garden was looking so lovely that the poetry-writers decided to stay there; so, while some visitors scuttled off in case they might be asked to get creative about bats, nine brave adults and three very talented children sat round a garden table and had a very erudite and interesting session which they hardly wanted to end.

Having gone home for tea and woollies, thirty-nine adults and ten children ventured into the Park at dusk, armed with bat-detectors which emitted all sorts of odd noises as Iain taught the children to use them for all sorts of purposes, serious and silly...

And then, as we were straggling round the large pond, cooing over the tiny ducklings which were so tiny that they had to leap into the air when they wanted to dive, piercing the surface of the water with faint splashes, we really picked up the machine-gun sound of the bat-detectors, and saw twice as many bats as we saw last year - all of nine!!!

Iain kindly let us out at the nearest gates to our homes, and we went cheerfully home. Another successful day for the bats!

*Ceres E.S. Dandridge, on behalf of the Events sub-committee*

### **FRIENDS’ TEA STALL - APPEAL FOR MORE CAKE BAKERS**

Dear Friends, An important and popular part of events at the Library is our offer of delicious home-made cakes. We are ever grateful to those who continue to provide these treats. But we don’t want to over-burden them. Please consider joining our list of bakers. You will not be called upon every month (say, roughly every two or three months) and you can always say ‘not this time’. Your contribution will always be welcomed.

Contact Brenda Jones on 020 7771 1409, or [brenjon@hotmail.com](mailto:brenjon@hotmail.com) Thank you.

PS. Winter Fair, Saturday 1st December 2012, 11am to 3pm. For the Fair, as usual we shall need sandwiches and savouries for lunchtime as well as cakes.

# CARNEGIE LIBRARY AUTUMN EVENTS

(see also back page, for our regular events)

Carnegie Library has Twitter and Facebook pages: [Twitter - @librarycarnegie](#) ; [Facebook – Carnegie Library](#)

## OCTOBER

**Black History Month.** Obtain Lambeth's full programme at the library.

Or visit: <http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/LeisureCulture/Libraries/BlackHistoryMonth.htm>

See 'In the Gallery' below for the special BHM exhibition at Carnegie during October.

See back page for a BHM talk on Wed 10 October at the Herne Hill United Church (Herne Hill Society).

See 8 November below for a very special illustrated talk at the Library.

**Celebrating Age 2012.** Lambeth Age UK. Excellent programme of events during October - see the display in the library. Programme available at the library but limited; however all details are on the display.

**Calton String Quintet.** Music for library users and visitors. A free event in the Herne Hill Music Festival. Saturday 13 October, 11am to 1pm. <http://at.orpheusweb.co.uk/Festival/>

**Minstrels – Princes in the Tower.** A Herne Hill Music Festival event.

*'We're here to make you happy, we're here to make you jive. We're here to make you party like it's 1595.'*

<http://www.princesinthetower.co.uk/>

Tuesday 16 October, 8 to 9.30pm. £8 /concessions £5.

**CSV Make a Difference Day: 'Andy Crafts'.** This year the Friends join with Lambeth's early learning scheme, to make things for under 5s to use in their sessions. Two free events, in October and November.

(1) Making Day. Adults and children, male and female, welcome. Wee Andy/Andra Carnegie invites volunteers to come and learn how to make things for under 5s. Or if you can volunteer your own craft project (for example, knitting a storybook character for a storyteller to use), so much the better! You will then have a fortnight to finish making what you have chosen, and on 3<sup>rd</sup> November return for a presentation of work. See Caroline at the desk for a detailed information handout.

Saturday 20 October, 10am to 4pm. Free snack lunch (or bring your own).

**'How to Make a Million Jobs: A Charter for Social Enterprise'.** New book.

Local author Colin Crooks will talk about his experience of creating jobs over 22 years working in some of our most deprived communities. Reflecting on working in Brixton, Thamesmead, Newham and Park Royal. Colin's book describes the challenges and difficulties of employing people who have very limited work experience. In his reading he will expand on some of his ideas for how government and business can address the reality of unemployment in a more creative and constructive way.

Wednesday 24 October, 7pm

## Halloween Arts & Crafts

Wednesday 31 October, 2pm. All ages welcome.



## NOVEMBER

### Traditional tales from the Caribbean with Winston Nzinga

Storyteller Winston retells tales of the infamous Anancy and other traditional stories from the Caribbean.

Friday 2 November, 2.30 to 3.30. Ages 5 to 11.

### CSV Make a Difference Day: 'Andy Crafts' – (2) Display Day.

Adults and children, male and female, welcome. Following our Making Day in October, we return to show off our work and present it to the Early Learning group. CSV certificates will be distributed. Also we shall discuss ideas for starting a crafts club at Carnegie. For a detailed handout see Caroline at the desk.

Saturday 3 November, 2.30 to 4.30. Friends' monthly Tea and Cake stall.

### 'Caribbean through a Lens'.

An illustrated talk from The National Archives. To celebrate 50 years of Jamaican and Trinidadian independence, The National Archives is publishing images from the Colonial Office photographic collection on [Flickr](#), the photo sharing website. The hugely diverse collection spans the colonial period to produce a unique resource for Caribbean history. Some of the images remain unidentified, and in order to help, Lambeth Libraries and Archives have joined forces with The National Archives, The Black Cultural Archive and elder groups in Lambeth to add descriptions and names to this great resource. The work with elders, families and writers aims to put the photo collections in context through workshops and to mutually share these memories and thoughts.

Thursday 8 November, 2pm.

**'1.4 Billion Reasons'**: Film show and discussion. <http://www.globalpovertyproject.com/dvd>  
There are 1.4 billion people in the world living in extreme poverty. That's 1.4 billion people living on less than \$1.25 a day. The Global Poverty Project has developed this multi-media presentation, 1.4 Billion Reasons, that is travelling the globe engaging and inspiring audiences to understand and get involved in the movement to end extreme poverty.  
Wednesday 21 November, 2pm.

## DECEMBER

**Friends' Winter Fair.** Save the date! The theme this year is "Mrs Jarley's Jubilympic Waxworks", since 2012 included the Queen's Jubilee, Dickens's Bi-centenary, and the Olympic and Paralympic Games.  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 11am to 3pm.

### EXHIBITIONS IN THE GALLERY (see back page for the opening hours)



**OCTOBER. Journey of Olympic Champions** - Black History Month photography exhibition.  
Britain's black weekly newspaper, the Voice, presents an exhibition featuring images from Jamaica's past that many generations resident in the UK will never have seen. Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Jamaica's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, this amazing exhibition delves into the archives of the Jamaica Gleaner and the Voice newspaper, showing some classic royal, political, celebrity and Olympian moments. This unique exhibition showcases Jamaica's relationship with the United Kingdom's Royal Family.  
1 October to 31 October.

**NOVEMBER. Out of the Blue: An Exhibition of Wall Quilts and Framed Pictures** by Grit Traum.  
6 November to 1 December.

**DECEMBER. The Book Wrecker.** Exhibition by Sally O'Sullivan. (No library books will be used!!)

*Caroline Mackie*

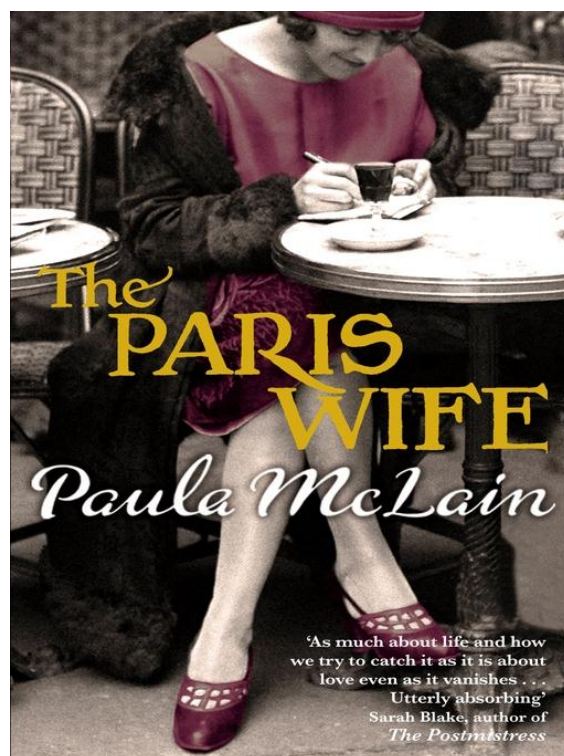
## Carnegie Library Book Group

**First Monday of each Month**

**Meetings are from 7 to 8.30pm. The book for November is *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain. You can collect a copy from the desk. For more information about the Book Club please speak to Caroline.**



**Monday 5th November 2012 at 7pm.**



## RECENT EVENT - YOUR SHOUT!



Pictured are some of the audience who gathered to hear and participate in an evening of youth entertainment in the Gallery at on 20th July. Performers included rap artist and author BREIS ('breeze', described by the Guardian as 'one of the best kept secrets in British hip hop'), young Delvin who treated us to a violin recital of the folk classic "Ol' Maas Charlie" and Chantal his sister who charmed us with Adele's "Someone like you". Result, smiles all round.

*Oniel Williams*

### **The man who turned his home into a public library**



The BBC World Service has broadcast a heart-warming story from Manila in the Philippines, where Hernando Guanlao has set up an informal library outside his home. Readers can take as many books as they want, for as long as they want. Filipinos - certainly those who are not particularly wealthy - have limited access to books. To buy a book there, the average price is about 300 pesos (£4.50) and imported books (especially children's books) can easily be twice that amount. Guanlao gave up his job to run the library.

'Outreach service'. To help the poorest communities in Manila, 'Nanie' Guanlao does not wait for them to find him - he goes to them, on his 'book bike', which has a large basket piled high with books.

Note. Despite such poverty, the Philippines has one of the highest literacy rates in the developing world. Approximately 93% of the population 10 years of age and older are literate (Source: US State Department). <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-19547365>

## LOCAL EVENTS

**Wednesday 10th October**, United Church Hall, Red Post Hill, 7:30 for 7:45 sharp. A Herne Hill Society event.  
**Samuel Coleridge-Taylor: the life of the Black British musician (1875-1912)**

An illustrated talk for Black History Month by Sean Creighton of History & Social Action Publications.  
[www.hernehillsociety.org.uk/index.php/society\\_meeting](http://www.hernehillsociety.org.uk/index.php/society_meeting)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October**,  
at venues all around Herne Hill:

**The Herne Hill Music Festival.** Jazz, classical and lighter music. See posters and programme in the library.  
<http://at.orpheusweb.co.uk/Festival/?page=programme>

### **Regular events at Carnegie Library:**

First Saturday of the month, 2.30 – 3.30pm:  
**Councillor Carol Boucher's** surgery at Carnegie Library.  
Tel 07814 567914 email [cboucher@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:cboucher@lambeth.gov.uk)

First Saturday of the month, 2 - 4pm:  
**G&T (gardening and tea!)** at Carnegie Library. Do some gardening and follow with free tea and cake.

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

First Monday of the month, 7 - 8.30pm:  
**Book Group** at Carnegie Library.  
Collect the book from the desk.

First and third Wednesday of the month, 10am - 12noon:  
**Silver surfers.** Introduction to the internet.

Every Wednesday, 10.30 – 12 noon:  
**Book at Breakfast.** Get into reading – gives you a place to relax, a chance to make new friends and a new way to share reading. You don't have to read anything. You can simply drop in, and enjoy listening to a good story or poem.

Every Wednesday, 10.00 – 11.30am  
**Story & Rhyme time** for under 5s at Carnegie Library.  
For information contact Angela Thomas, Literacy Development Worker on 020 7926 6074 or 077960 128908

Every Friday, 10.30am - noon:  
**Story time for under-5s** at Carnegie Children's Library.  
Rhymes, stories and crafts.

Every Saturday, 2.45 - 5pm:  
**Chess Club** – Carnegie Library Gallery.  
For experienced or novice players of any age.  
Free entry and tuition. Email: [foclmembers@gmail.com](mailto:foclmembers@gmail.com)

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Email: [carnegielibrary@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:carnegielibrary@lambeth.gov.uk)

Twitter - @librarycarnegie

Facebook – Carnegie Library

**Don't forget 'Use it or Lose it'**



### OPENING HOURS:

Mon	1pm-8pm
Wed	10am-6pm
Fri	10am-6pm
Sat	9am-5pm

### BOOK ORDERING SERVICE

If the book you want is not on the shelf, use the ordering service in the library or via  
<http://libraries.lambeth.gov.uk/TalisPrism/>

### CDs and TAPES

The Carnegie stocks a good range of talking books, language courses etc. Music CDs to rent.

### DVDs

There is a good selection of DVDs for adults and children to rent.

### INTERNET & WI-FI ! **NEW !**

Don't forget that the Carnegie has free internet access. And now Wi-Fi, using your library card and pin number. So bring your laptop...

### INFORMATION AND EVENTS

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

### THE GALLERY SPACE

To book the space, see library staff.

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