

WINTER FAIR



CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

Library Service co-design: working together to deliver better stock.

The library service is working towards a set of core service standards to ensure that the statutory service is provided to Lambeth communities. In relation to stock (including books, DVDs etc, and on-line subscriptions) the aim is to develop a revised brief for stock suppliers by March 2013. To involve more people in the process, the plan is to hold workshops for staff and local people to assess current stock and to design a 'stock footprint' for each library, which will be inform future stock purchasing. All this is to ensure that we have a stock that is fit for purpose; in turn this should mean increased issues and usage.

Community Hub

Following our last newsletter, the project group sent to all (known) local community groups a letter inviting their initial views on potential new community uses of the building, which would both complement the retained library and address the need for a secure 'home' in Herne Hill for community activities. At this stage all that is sought is an indication of interest, and a broad outline of ideas or suggestions. Once the project group has the outline position, there will follow more detailed discussions with interested groups and individuals, and consultation with the wider community.

The Council is looking for a speedy response on community aspirations. If you (or anyone you know) would like to express views on this exciting opportunity, now is your chance. To request the short 'Expression of Interest' form please contact the project group secretary:

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Or email: ftaggart70@btinternet.com

Frances Lamb

RUSKIN READERS NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS



Ruskin Readers is a voluntary organisation which provides one-to one literacy tuition for adults with reading and writing difficulties, enabling them to take charge of their own lives.

Two clubs operate at Carnegie Library: Mondays from 7 to 9pm and Wednesdays from 2.30 to 4.30pm.

Volunteers are now required for the **Monday** evening club. Volunteers receive support and training from the club supervisor and professional speakers in the field of adult literacy. The volunteer works with an individual student, helping to develop his or her learning skills and confidence.

Interested? To find out more about volunteering (or to register for support) please email Caroline at ruskinreaders@gmail.com or telephone her on 020 7274 2443.

Thank you.

Caroline Knapp

CARNEGIE LIBRARY FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(see also back page, for regular events)



NOVEMBER

Young Violinists from Jessop Primary School

Another free afternoon concert by the young budding musicians. Come and enjoy their performance.

Jessop Primary School is a partner in the Bridge Project, a music initiative funded by the charity Londonmusicmasters to allow more children to learn to play and enjoy classical music. http://www.londonmusicmasters.org/

Monday 26th November, 2pm

DECEMBER

Friends' Winter Fair. 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. See front page poster.

Saturday 1st December, 11am to 3pm.

Bric a brac wanted for Friends' stall at the Fair. Items in good, clean and unbroken, condition are most welcome (but not huge things, or clothes or soft toys). Go on, have a clear out before Christmas! Collection boxes in the Library. Thank you very much.

Lambeth Reading Groups Xmas Party 2012

Hosted this year by the Carnegie librarians. Book of the year...Xmas book quizzes...Book games. Free entry. Bring a bottle. ALL WELCOME! Thursday 13th December, 7 to 9pm



Christmas Arts & Crafts - for children of all ages.



Friday 21st December, 2pm

EXHIBITIONS IN THE GALLERY

(See back page for opening hours. To book space for an exhibition, speak to Caroline in the library.)



NOVEMBER. Out of the Blue: An Exhibition of Wall Quilts and Framed Pictures by Grit Traum.

6th November to Saturday 1st December.

DECEMBER. **The Book Wrecker.** An Exhibition by Sally O'Sullivan, painter, maker, creator and book-lover. What's happening to the book? Will there always be the book? This new work is the book revisited, the book re-conceived, the book re-viewed.

Wednesday 5th December to Saturday 5th January. Private View-7pm, Monday 10th December For more information email Sally: yllas2@hotmail.com

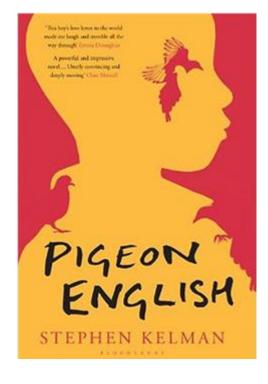
(No library books will be used in this exhibition!!)

CARNEGIE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

First Monday of each Month

Monday 7th January 2013 at 7pm.

Meetings are from 7 to 8.30pm. The book for January is Pigeon English by Stephen Kelman. You can collect a copy from the desk. For more information about the Book Club please speak to Caroline.





Caroline Mackie

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND STITCHERS...



Following expressions of interest, it is proposed to start a club in the New Year. First we need an initial meeting to discuss the ins and outs, such as frequency and times of meetings, etc. If you are interested, please come along to the Library on the afternoon of **Saturday 5th January**, when the Friends' monthly Tea and Cake stall will be available for refreshments from 2.30.

If you cannot make that date, just drop a note into the Friends' Red Tray, marked for Ceres Dandridge, and we'll make sure you are kept informed.

Thank you.

Ceres E.S. Dandridge

Make a Difference Day: "Andy Crafts"



Pictured: Kim Lewis

As my husband said, there was something ironic about taking books into a library, but I've got a big collection of books about crafts, including nineteenth century ones (inherited from my great-grandmother and her five daughters, each of whom specialised in a different type of needlework) and coming right up to the present with several glossy little books which tell you how to turn your old T shirt, and anything else you might have, into (a) a bag; (b) a cushion; (c) a hat; (d) a doorstop; (e) a Japanese-style toy which would frighten the socks off any sensitive infant, and (f) a soft toy made of old socks.

Community Service Volunteers (CSV), who run this volunteering scheme, hope to encourage friendliness, the sharing of skills, and other improvements to the tone of the neighbourhood. In the past we've had some garden-centred Make a Difference Days, and helped to organise Diwali celebrations in the garden, usually in years when we weren't participating in the London Open House Scheme. Feeling that an indoor activity might suit the weather forecasts, we planned a double "Make a Difference Day": on 20th October, the first day of the MADD fortnight, we had an inspiration day, with lots of crafts books and exchange of ideas. Then on 3rd November a half day session, to compare notes and hand over the artefacts to Angela Thorne, from Lambeth's early learning literacy project, who had lent us some of her story books to show what sort of things were needed to enhance the enjoyment of children under five and under three.

So Bob Goodrick ordered hefty sandwiches for a free lunch, which Jackie Plumridge organised serving; Jackie also spent considerable time copying posters and putting them up all over the place. The title, "Andy Crafts" was produced by Stephen Carlill and Jeff Doorn, together with a cartoon of Andrew Carnegie as a toddler with an obsession about building libraries with his box of bricks. The posters went out rather late, but looked interesting, and everybody who heard about our plan said that it was most unusual and sounded fine.

On the day, we laid out books full of ideas, and stimulating bits of this and that for craft work. About 50 people dropped in and said "What a nice idea!" and some of them even stayed to try some crafty activities. Seven people who signed the Visitors' Book said that they wanted to have a Crafts Club at the Library, and the rest recorded their enjoyment of the day (and the sandwiches!). Several took things with them to finish off, and several indulged in an orgy of fabric stamping which must have been difficult to get off!

On 3rd November we laid out the finished creatures and the story books, and the very generous gifts of felt-making materials; wools, needles and patterns; haberdashery, buttons and interfacing. Kim Lewis brought in her lovely pink pig and a little elephant (hailed joyfully as 'a mouse!' by a young visitor), with some small frogs in a bright green bag. Liz Ochagavia had made a beautiful check bag with pompons on the drawstrings, which were made of 'French knitting', and three gorgeous white mouse finger puppets to go in it. I was making a muppet-like glove puppet, but couldn't find time to finish it, so brought it in looking like a furry, mouthy pin cushion. Some ladies and a girl who came on the first day had made some lovely monsters from striped, rainbow-coloured stockings, with buttons stuck on to the stuffed toes for eyes. The young man who sat down quietly and made a very quirky-looking frog from my old T-shirt and half a pair of green socks must have been quite taken with it, since he didn't bring it in to give it to Angela for the use of toddlers

So, it wasn't quite a success, but it wasn't a failure either. You never know what to expect with a Friends of Carnegie Library event, particularly if you happen to be organising it. The Events Sub-Committee are now working on the Winter Fair (1st December) and who knows how that will turn out?

LOCAL EVENTS

Wednesday 12th December, United Church Hall, Red Post Hill, 7:30 for 7:45 sharp. A Herne Hill Society event. 'Diamonds and Pearls'. An evening of readings inspired by the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Society's Pearl anniversary. The themes will be loosely interpreted in poetry, prose and song. Expect an end of year feast of fun, studded with gems and perhaps a glitter of post-Olympic gold

www.hernehillsociety.org.uk/index.php/society meeting

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

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 Monday and Wednesday

Ruskin Readers. One-to-one literacy tuition for adults. Monday evenings, 7 – 9pm Wednesday afternoons, 2.30 – 4.30pm Contact Caroline

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 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

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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/

DVDs, CDs and TAPES

The Carnegie stocks a good range of talking books, language courses etc. Also films & music CDs to rent.

INTERNET FREE WI-FI!!

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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Or email it to foclnewsletter@amail.com Thank you.

To contact the Friends, please either drop a note in the Friends' Red Tray in the library, or email <u>foclchair@gmail.com</u> or telephone 7274 3176.

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Merry Christmas to All...

