



A CO-OPERATIVE LIBRARY?

On Monday 9th July the Lambeth Cabinet approved council proposals for:

- Continuation of library service in all Lambeth libraries, despite heavy cuts to the library budget.
- Some other council services, and community activities where appropriate, to be located in certain of the library buildings, including Carnegie; in these places the library building will become a 'community hub'.
- Capital investment in library buildings estimated at £6 million (depending on asset sales) over the next 4 years.
- 7-day opening in Brixton, Clapham One (the new library) and Streatham.
- New technologies to include borrower self-service machines, and wi-fi.
- Revenue savings (ie budget cut) of £750,000 over the current year and next year. This cuts the total spend on libraries to £4.037 million in 2012-2013 and £3.637 million in 2013-2014.
- The allocation of these cuts between libraries, using a 'needs based' method. Under the method selected Herne Hill scores the lowest points, so Carnegie is rated as the least 'needy' library, and therefore suffers the biggest budget cut – down from **£213,000** in 2011-2012 to **£128,000** in 2012-2013 and **£110,000** in 2013-2014 (thus almost halved).
- Developing the 'hub' libraries – including Carnegie – 'in partnership with the local community'.

What do we make of all this? The good news is that Lambeth Council, having consulted residents, has listened and (unlike many other Councils) accepted the principle of keeping libraries open. For this the Council deserves our praise. No library is closing, though there may be some local relocation. Other good news is that capital proceeds from asset sales are to be 'ring fenced' for library buildings.

The bad news is the operational cuts – nearly 50% in the case of Carnegie. It is hard to see how any 'efficiency drive' can make up for such a severe reduction. The Co-operative Libraries report now approved by Cabinet says 'the existing model of [library] service delivery is unsustainable and will cease'. The new service model will be 'co-designed and co-produced' by communities, library users, non-users and library staff. The report goes on to say 'It is likely that a patchwork of community-led arrangements will evolve across the borough, which will require the Council to mould itself around by providing tailor-made support'.

The next stage is a series of co-design meetings between Council officers and local stakeholders during July and August, with a view to a further (progress) report to Cabinet in September.

So now we face a step in the dark. Can a poor library service be 'modernised' into a good one, while having its budget cut in half? Quite simply, that is the challenge.

Frances Lamb

ink to the Co-operative Libraries report (18 pages) can be found at the bottom of this web page:
<http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/moderngov/mgAi.aspx?ID=18384>

MESSAGE FROM CAROLINE MACKIE, OUR NEW LIBRARY SERVICES MANAGER



I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I've received since starting work at Carnegie. It is a challenging time for Libraries and I look forward to working with staff and the community to build upon the great work that's taken place already. Carnegie Library is the heart of our community and I hope to increase our profile through a range of initiatives. Local marketing of our service will be crucial to sustain and increase our membership, usage and borrowing. Over the coming year I hope to arrange more sessions aimed at our younger community, as well as build upon the current range of activities we already offer. I am also a keen advocate of reader development and improving the reader experience. I will be looking at new ways to entice our members to read more and borrow more. Partnership working will be key over the next year and I hope to work with community groups and schools with the aim of promoting the service and improving the Library offer.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all over the coming months.

Caroline Mackie

CARNEGIE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP



If you haven't tried a book club, why not give our group a go? Meetings are monthly on the first Monday, from 7 to 8.30pm. The next meeting is on Monday 6th August. The book for August is *Mrs Robinson's Disgrace* (*The private diary of a Victorian lady*). By Kate Summerscale. See enclosed flier.

You can collect a copy of the book from the desk. For more information about the Book Club please speak to Caroline.

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PEOPLE LOVE LIBRARIES



On the internet are many blogs by library lovers around the UK. Here are some comments from Somerset folk, whose libraries were threatened with closure (this was later stopped by the High Court):

'The words 'free' and 'public' are really important, especially now that universities aren't free - the libraries are our free university.'

'Whether I'm living in a caravan or a tent, I can access this knowledge.'

'If they can't understand the social purpose of a library, and what this means to us, then they shouldn't be representing us.'

'There is nowhere else in this world that I can take my son and say 'Here you are, here is a world at your disposal...'

'We forget that there are masses of people who live without silence, and they need a bit of space and a bit of time, to think.'

If you have strong views, memories or anecdotes, about libraries in general or a particular library, do please share them with readers; send them to me for the newsletter. foclnewsletter@gmail.com
Thank you.

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BAT FUN DAY Saturday 4th August -FREE **Includes an evening Bat walk, with the 'Embrace' Ruskin Park Project**



- **2.30 to 3.30pm.** First a session in the Library to revise your bats! Bring your bat-folder from last year if you still have it, and check what you know about bats, ready for...
- **3.30 to 5.30pm,** in Ruskin Park (weather permitting): a poetry workshop on Bats;
- **7.45 to 9.00pm** in Ruskin Park. Join Embrace Co-operation Ltd and Friends of Carnegie Library on a gentle stroll to look for the squeaky chums. Come along and learn about these fascinating creatures, and find out how many of the **seventeen** different species living in Britain we will find. Also learn from a bat expert where, when and how to watch and identify these flying mammals. A **few** bat detectors will be available for people to use but there will not be enough for everyone so **if you have your own please bring it.** The walk is limited to 30 participants maximum. Meet at entrance to Carnegie Library. For more information please email john.c@myembrace.org Telephone 020 7274 9450.

Footnote. This event is part of Brixton-based Embrace Co-operation's 'Lost Stories of Ruskin Park' project. This year-long project, aided by the Heritage Lottery Fund, aims to increase awareness of the historic and natural heritage of Ruskin Park and the local area surrounding the park. Activities include recording interviews with local people who have memories of the park; researching the park's history with the help of Lambeth Archives, and increasing awareness of John Ruskin and his writings. Heritage research techniques are taught, with a view to preserving the heritage of the Park for future generations.
<http://ruskinparkproject.wordpress.com/projects/>

JESSOP YOUNG VIOLINISTS



Library goers and other local residents were treated to a free afternoon concert on Monday 9th July, when pupils aged 6 and 7 from Jessop Primary School gave a performance of eight pieces on their violins. The children were rated 'fantastic' and we hope they will come again.

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/>

REFRESH OUR RAILINGS

Last July a team of volunteers began preparing the library railings for repainting. As it was a showery day, they did not make much progress. Subsequently, a few members got together every so often to continue the task. However, as the paint is water-based, it can be used only when the weather is likely to be dry for two or three days in a row. We need to get on with the job of protecting our railings, which like the library itself are Grade II listed; but this year's wet summer has prevented progress. While we wait and hope for sunnier days, it would help to gather a pool of potential volunteers to continue the work as and when we can. If you are willing to be on the railings refurbishment team, please email me on foclchair@gmail.com. Then watch the weather forecasts and expect to be contacted at short notice. Many thanks.

Jeffrey Doorn

CARNEGIE LIBRARY SUMMER EVENTS

(see also back page, for our regular events)

Young People's event:

Your Shout! Rap performance and book launch with Breis (Breeze)

Meet rap performance artist BREIS who will perform some of his own original work and talk about his first published book, the exciting new hip hop book called *Brilliant Rappers Educate Intelligent Students*. What makes this book unique and sets it apart from other poetry books is not only does it feature wonderful witty rap lyrics for young people but it looks at the inspiration behind the lyrics, the writer's favourite lines and little interactive challenges to further engage the reader. It's a cross between Jay Z's *Decoded* and Benjamin Zephaniah's *Funky Chickens*. It's full of verses that cover a wide range of topics like being human, bus rides, Nigerian culture, relationships, Pirates, riddles, fears and dreams and so much more. Not to be missed

Friday 20 July, 5.00pm to 7.00pm at Carnegie Library

Ages 12 years and above

Children's events:

Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Do you fancy being King or Queen for the day? Come and make a range of royal goodies.

For ages 4 to 11 years

Friday 27 July, 2.30pm to 4.00pm

Freshwater Theatre 'Olympic Quest' Drama Workshop

Join the Champion of Olympic Knowledge on a quest through the ages, experiencing the very first games through to the opening ceremony of our capital's greatest sporting event. Participants will train in many sports, explore the participating countries and learn how to eat like an athlete in this sprint-paced workshop. Ready, set, go!

For ages 5 to 11 years

Friday 3 August, 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Story Lab with Squiggles the Storyteller

When Squiggles taps 'Olympics' into the Story Lab computer, Lex, Rani, Will, Evie, Aesop and all the children travel back 2,000 years to Olympia, site of the Ancient Olympics. On arrival, the computer shuts down!

Participants will help Squiggles build an enormous statue (out of balloons) to Zeus, King of the Marathon to Athens, race chariots, throw the discus and javelin. Just as our own mini Olympics come to an end, Evie fixes the Storylab computer and we follow invading Romans to Londinium

For ages 4 to 11 years

Friday 10 August, 2.30pm to 4.00pm

Olympic Quizzes and Games

Join the Story Lab kids to decipher codes, take part in quizzes and games

For ages 5 to 11 years

Friday 17 August, 2.30pm to 4.00pm

'Story Flag' Workshop with Margaret Bateson Hill

Design your own 'story flag' which will be used as bunting for your library to celebrate stories from around the world, the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics, with author and storyteller Margaret Bateson Hill

For ages 5 to 11 years

Friday 24 August, 2.30 to 4.00pm

Story Lab prize winning and awards celebrations

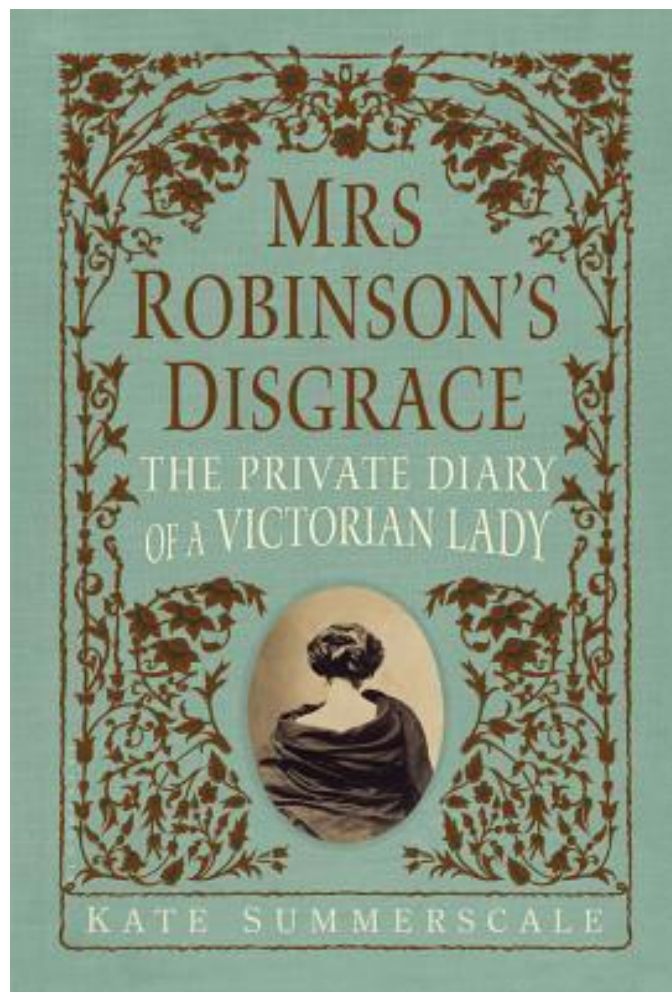
This session celebrates the work and achievements of all young people who participated in the 2012 Summer Reading Challenge: Story Lab. A certificate will be awarded to those who completed the Reading Challenge and will be entered into a prize draw for a further prize. So come on, complete the Olympic trail.

Friday 31 August, 2.30pm to 4pm

Carnegie Library Book Group

**First Monday of each Month
Monday 6th August 2012
at 7pm**

The next book is...



EVENTS

Summer events for children & young people

see separate page.

Saturday 4 August, Bat Fun Day. A Friends joint event with Embrace Co-operation of Brixton. Starts 2.30 at Carnegie Library. An evening bat walk in Ruskin Park. See separate item above for more information.

September (*please check dates*), Carnegie Gallery
London landscapes - mostly south London
By artist **Andy Insh**.

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.
The book for 6 August is - *Mrs Robinson's Disgrace. The private diary of a Victorian Lady.* By Kate Summerscale. Collect a copy 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 in advance as everything is read aloud to you each week. You can simply drop in, sit down 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

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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

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

CDs and TAPES

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

INTERNET

Don't forget that the Carnegie has free internet access.

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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