



*Lambeth*

***Carnegie Library Friends'***

**Saturday 2nd December**

# WINTER FAIR

**11am - 3pm**

***All Welcome***

***Fun For All Ages***

**Live Jazz**

***Craft Activities***

***Raffle with Fabulous Prizes Galore***

***Delightful Light Refreshments***

***at the Carnegie Library, Herne Hill Road, SE24 0AG***



## Making the most of your library

As most of our readers will know, the library is the hub of our local community used for many different group activities summarised on the last page of this newsletter. It is also a very welcoming drop-in facility. The library lends some 3,000 books a month but, even so, it is not at all clear that all visitors to the library appreciate the great selection of books on the shelves. Please have a look at what is on offer and, if you are not currently a member of the library, please join. You can join online by going to <https://libraries.lambeth.gov.uk/protected/join-the-library> and collect your library card the next time you visit the library. You will need to produce some proof of identity. The most common one people use is a bank card.



Library membership also gives access to a host of online material. This includes ebooks, eaudiobooks, magazines, newspapers and a really helpful collection of reference materials such as Encyclopaedia Britannica and the Dictionary of National Biography.

Also included is a free films service, Kanopy. The films include many excellent documentaries and classic films. There are also some gems of independent and World cinema.

*The chess club clearly enjoying themselves.*

## Monthly Author Talks

These are arranged by the Friends in conjunction with the library service. The range of subjects is practically unlimited. The audiences comprise regulars who come almost every month and people who attend because they are particularly interested in the topic. So, it is worth keeping an eye out for the monthly emails from the Friends announcing what is coming up. The next few talks are listed on the last page of this newsletter.

The talks are always on the second Tuesday of the month and run from 7 to 8.30pm, including an opportunity to ask questions. The Friends lay on free tea and coffee from 6.30 to welcome the audience. The librarians livestream many of the talks and place recordings on the library's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Carnegie-Library-100064818063321/>



*Louise Candlish with Jeff Doorn of the Friends*

## 500% Returns from your local library!

This is the conclusion of recent research funded by Arts Council England, which is the central government agency for public libraries, and eleven local authorities. Clever academics from the University of East Anglia made conservative estimates of money values for the digital inclusion, children's literacy and health & wellbeing produced by libraries. Their report is at <https://www.librariesconnected.org.uk/resource/libraries-living-and-living-better>

The figures will surprise most people. That is partly because most people do not appreciate how little libraries cost. When she was Leader of Lambeth Council, Lib Peck pointed out in an article in the *Fabian Society Review* that the public mistakenly think that libraries and parks account for a large share of local government expenditure. The spending on these is dwarfed by the cost of social care. Loneliness is the worst thing for one's health. Our library is a friendly place that anyone can drop into without having to spend money. If only a few of us older users of the library postpone the dates when we will need domiciliary and subsequently residential care it saves the Council a fortune. Similarly, children who get the habit of reading for pleasure are set fair to do well at school and be productive as adults.

Happily, increasing numbers of Lambeth councillors and the relevant senior officers of the Council do appreciate the value of libraries.

### Home Library Service

If you know someone who is housebound, even if only temporarily while recovering from an illness, or a carer who finds it difficult to get out then please draw their attention to this free service. A librarian visits to help choose books every three weeks and has these delivered.

The service is much praised by its users.

To obtain the service for yourself or someone else you can phone 020 7926 8335 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday or email [LibraryOutreachService@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:LibraryOutreachService@lambeth.gov.uk)

## Carnegie Libraries: History and Ethos

We are greatly honoured to have Professor Oriel Prizeman, who is a leading expert on Carnegie Libraries coming to talk to us on this fascinating subject. It will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November starting at 2.30pm

Quiz time: Which element of the original building was not paid for by Andrew Carnegie? The answer is on the back page.





**Carnegie Library**

**Herne Hill Road**

**SE24 0DG**

**Lift access is  
from Ferndene  
Road**

## Opening Hours

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon &amp; Evening</b>
Monday	Closed	2 to 7
Tuesday	10 to 1	2 to 7
Wednesday	10 to 1	2 to 6
Thursday	10 to 1	2 to 7
Friday	10 to 1	2 to 6
Saturday	9 to 1	2 to 5



There is always a friendly librarian present to assist library users.

## Regular Events in the Library

**Bridge Club:** for players of any standard on Mondays 2.15 to 5.15.

**Chatter Books:** Book club for 7- to 11-year-olds on the last Monday of every month 3.30 to 4.30

**Reading Group** on the first Monday of the month from 7 to 8. Please ask the librarian for the current book.

**Friends Author Events** on the second Tuesday of each month. Refreshments from 6.30pm; presentation from 7.00 to 8.30. In the library and live streamed. Suggestions for future authors and books are always welcome.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** Renowned artist Jeremy Deller will present his book *Art is Magic*.

**January 9<sup>th</sup>** Sue Hubbard makes a welcome return to the library with her latest novel *Flatlands*.

**Wriggle and Rhyme:** Rhymes, stories, movement, puppets, scarves, shakers BUT MOST OF ALL FUN for under-5s and their grown-ups on Wednesdays 10.30 to 11.15.

**Chess Club:** for players of all standards, with some tuition for beginners, on Saturdays 2 to 4.30

**Friends Tea Stall** on the first Saturday of the month 2.00 to 4.00.

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