



Winter Fair!

Crafts for sale
Live Music (from noon until 2:30 or so)
Local community group stalls

Please come along!

A vibrant poster for the Carnegie Library Friends' Winter Fair. The background is dark with colorful bokeh lights in shades of blue, red, yellow, and green. At the top center is the Carnegie Library logo. Below it, the text 'Carnegie Library Friends' is written in a blue, italicized font. Underneath, 'Saturday 7th December' is displayed in white text on a dark green rectangular background. The main title 'Winter Fair' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a slight shadow effect. Below the title, several lines of text are presented in white or yellow on various colored rectangular backgrounds: 'Free for All' (green), 'Fun For All Ages' (dark green), 'Live Music' (blue), 'Children's Craft Activities' (dark green), 'Raffle with Fabulous Prizes' (green), and 'Light Refreshments' (dark green). At the bottom, the time '11am - 3pm' is shown in yellow on a blue background. The final line of text, 'at the Carnegie Library, Herne Hill Road, SE24 0DG', is in yellow on a dark green background.



Carnegie Library Friends'

Saturday 7th December

Winter Fair

Free for All

Fun For All Ages

Live Music

Children's Craft Activities

Raffle with Fabulous Prizes

Light Refreshments

11am - 3pm

at the Carnegie Library, Herne Hill Road, SE24 0DG

Lambeth Libraries open annual meeting

Saturday, 2 November, 2:30-4:30

At Brixton Library (Windrush Square)

Hosted by Susanna Barnes, head of Lambeth Libraries

Hear what's planned for the future

Make your own suggestions

Let's bring our community libraries safely into the 21st Century



**LAMBETH LIBRARIES
AND FRIENDS OF LAMBETH
LIBRARIES ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday 2 November, 2.30-4.30pm
Brixton Tate Library Exhibition Room

LOVE LIBRARIES?
GET THE NEWS!
GIVE YOUR VIEWS!
ALL WELCOME AT OUR PUBLIC
MEETING

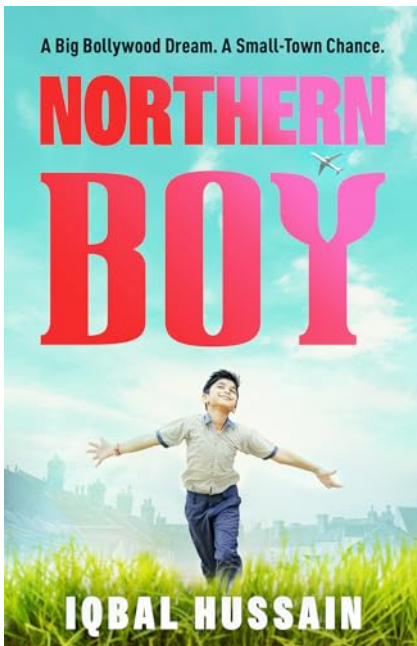
Lambeth

Upcoming

Authors in the library, every second Tuesday of the month

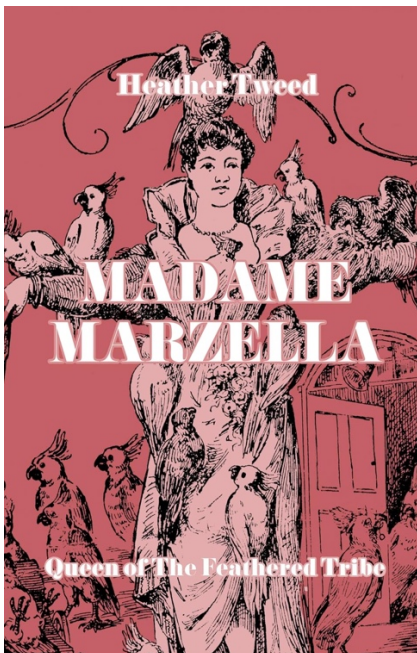
Drop in from 6:30pm for tea, coffee and cake – 7pm start

Or livestream to view online from home (details on our [website](#))



12 November

1981 Blackburn, Rafi Aziz wants to be a Bollywood star. 20 years later he is flying home from Australia for his best friend's wedding – he has everything he ever wanted: starring roles in musical theatre and the perfect boyfriend, but this is the ultimate test: can he show his true self to his community?



10 December

Heather Tweed specialises in bringing “overlooked and hidden Victorians” back into the limelight, researching from primary sources. Her latest subject is Madame Zarzella, Queen of the Feathered Tribe. This is the true story of a little girl who charmed animals and birds on her forest walks in Germany - then grew up to be a rich and famous star, thrilling and delighting Victorian audiences with her spectacular bird shows.

Last month

Audacious Mr Astley! Actor and Ringmaster Chris Barltrop gave us his one-man show about the teenage dragoon who went from trick-riding displays to invent the circus (by the way, Astley hated the word circus and he never used it)



Bat Walk

On 5 October, Dr Iain Boulton, Lambeth Community Parks Officer, took a group of about 50 into Ruskin Park, after sunset, equipped with bat detectors. This has become an annual event, which children and families always enjoy.



Radical Lambeth

A large audience came to hear Simon Hannah talk on 10 September about his book covering that turbulent period 1978-1991, when the looney left ran the Council.



The Half of It

Another large crowd on 8 October, for an interview of Emma Slade and Nicole Ocran by Natalie Morris, about their book and podcast on being mixed race, followed by a lively audience discussion and a long queue to buy the book.



About the Carnegie Community Trust...

Unnecessary concern has been caused recently by misleading statements about what is happening with the Carnegie Community Trust (also known as the Carnegie Library Hub). Currently, the Trust has control of five rooms in the building. Its trustees have announced that the Trust will cease trading at the end of December.

The important things to note are:

- **The library is not closing.** There will not be any adverse effect on the library, which has always been separate from the Trust's activities.
- **Rooms will continue to be hired out, so community use will not be affected.** The library service will handle bookings, in the same way as it does for other Lambeth libraries.
- **The Trust will still be able to put on community events,** just as it has occasionally done in the past, hiring the space for these from Lambeth.

The principal purpose of the Trust was to generate revenue to pay the running costs of the building. So far it has failed to contribute even a single penny towards those costs. Lambeth council is willing to allow the Trust time to turn its finances round, but the trustees has chosen rather to bow out.

Neither the library nor the Friends is involved in this dispute.

The members of our committee are sure that there is nothing anyone can usefully do about the dispute unless the Trust first publishes the council's new offer and an explanation of why the Trust is at present refusing to accept it.

The space will still be available for use by the community.

The original plan was for Lambeth to transfer ownership of the building to the Trust by way of a rent-free long lease, but only when an adequate revenue stream was in prospect. The Trust has had exclusive use of five rooms, totalling 5,000 square feet, for it to exploit temporarily.

Noise nuisance will be remedied.

Readers who live close to the library will be aware that there is noise nuisance caused by some of the groups currently hiring rooms from the Trust. This has had a very serious impact, especially on the occupiers of the flats in the building. Following complaints from the occupants, Lambeth initially tried to remedy the situation through its noise team as anti-social behaviour, but to little effect.

Lambeth has now intervened in its capacity as owner of the building and partly remedied matters by changing which rooms are hired to which groups. However, this approach appears not to be working with two groups, who will no doubt be required to relocate. They do not seem to be particularly local, so there will be plenty of areas they can look at to find a new venue. Even in Herne Hill, there are at least half a dozen suitable venues, so they will not be without choice.

Stephen Carlill



**Carnegie Library
Herne Hill Road
SE24 0DG
Level access is from
Ferndene Road**

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

Opening Hours

Day	Morning	Afternoon/Evening
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

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 third Monday of the month from 6.30 to 8. Ask in the library 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.

November 12th Iqbal Hussein presents *Northern Boy*

December 10th Heather Tweed presents *Madame Marzella Queen of the Feathered Tribe*

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 and Saturdays 9.30 to 10.30.

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.

Write Club: Women's writing club on the third Monday of the month from 6.30 to 8. Open to all levels.