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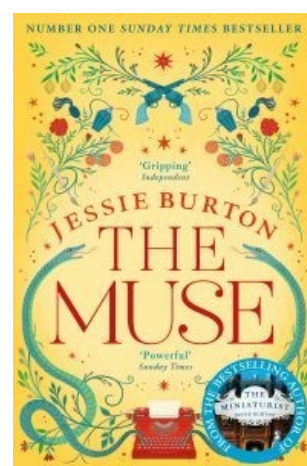
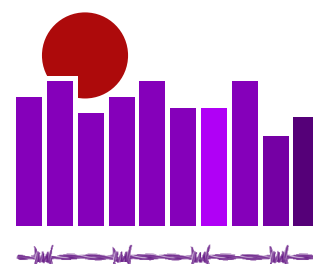
in the Library May 2018

CITYREAD LONDON 2018 IS HERE!

A Picture Hides a Thousand Words... Read "The Muse" and enter the worlds of 1960s London and 1930s Spain to unravel the mystery surrounding a lost Spanish masterpiece.

Throughout May Public Libraries in London will be hosting a varied programme of activities to bring communities together through the shared experience of reading the same book, *The Muse* by Jessie Burton.

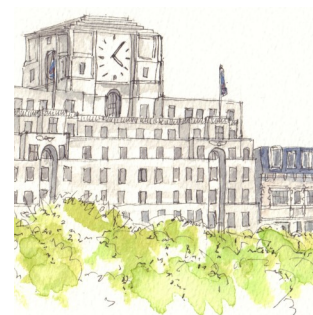
Come along to Barbican Library and borrow a copy, join our Open Reading Group or sign up for one of our themed events (these are indicated below with **CITYREAD LONDON**).



EXHIBITIONS (admission free):

2 – 26 May, LIBRARY FOYER: An Artist's Journey - Mike Greaves SGFA

As an artist, Mike has always been intrigued and inspired by London. In this second solo Barbican Library exhibition of new ink and watercolour paintings, Mike will explore the buildings and places that give London its distinctive character. Since 2015, Mike has been the artist-in-residence for The Maritime Archaeology Trust, creating fifty pictures for their Heritage Lottery funded project, *The Forgotten Wrecks of the First World War*. The exhibition will include a small display of these paintings with artefacts.



9 April – 27 June, Music Library: Inside Abbey Road Studios: Through the lens of Jill Furmanovsky

Renowned Rock photographer **Jill Furmanovsky** returns to Barbican Music Library to present a photographic celebration of the iconic Abbey Road Studios. A collaboration between Abbey Road Studios, Jill Furmanovsky and Barbican Music Library, looking at the past and the present of the studios. Featuring various prints, photographs, artefacts and unique paraphernalia including a selection of iconic microphones.

Jill joined Abbey Road Studios as Artist in Residence in 2017 but has shot artists and bands at the studio since way back in 1975, when she worked with Pink Floyd during the 'Wish You Were Here' recording sessions. Her recent work at the studios encompasses Nile Rodgers, Royal Blood, Novelist and Mura Masa plus many more as two additional new studios within the Abbey Road Studios building welcome the next wave of musical talent.

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ADULT EVENTS

Wednesday 2 May: 12.30 – 1.30pm: The Spanish Civil War - a Portrait of Turmoil: A historical Talk by Nick Dobson

Speaker **Nick Dobson** looks at the origins and course of the Spanish Civil War, illustrated by the amazing art works and posters that chronicled those turbulent times. Admission FREE but advance booking advisable.

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Saturdays 5, 12, 19 & 26 May, 1.30 – 3.30pm: Boost your confidence - and your word-count! Writing Course with Rachel Knightley – paid event

Green Ink Writers' Gym is for everyone who wants to write. Writers of all genres and levels of experience will develop new material in a positive, supportive atmosphere. These will be informal, focused group sessions, combining inspiring exercises with quality time and space to write. £95 for the 4-week course. £18 for a trial session. Book at: <http://greeninkwritersgym.com/>

Rachel Knightley is a freelance writer and teacher of creative writing, speech and drama. She is currently taking a PhD in creative writing and, as Green Ink Theatre, runs literary and theatre-based fundraising events for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Wednesday 9 May: 12.30 – 2.00pm: Morning Sunlight: A painting demonstration by Bill Newton

Professional artist, author and art tutor Bill Newton will demonstrate watercolour techniques by completing a country scene. Admission FREE but advance booking advisable. Please telephone 020 7638 0569 or email barbicanlib@cityoflondon.gov.uk **CITYREAD LONDON**

Wednesday 9 May, 6-9pm: Long Poem Magazine Launch Issue 19

Introduced by Linda Black and Lucy Hamilton, with readings from the latest edition of the magazine and refreshments. Entry Free by booking advisable—please phone 020 7638 0569 or email barbicanlib@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Tuesday 15 May: 6 – 9pm: Play Reading Evening – To Sir with Love by E L Braithwaite (adapted for the Stage by Ayub Khan Din)

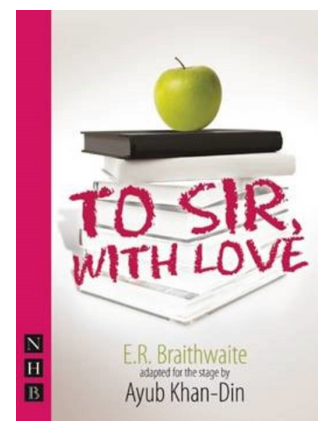
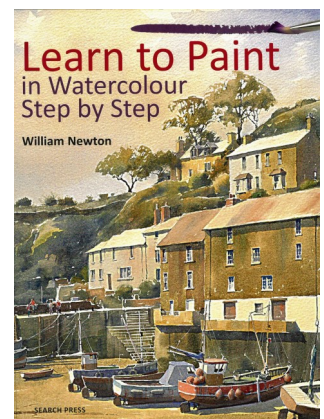
Literature Lovers are invited to join us for an evening of reading and refreshments. No acting experience required. Dramatic parts will be drawn from a hat. Admission FREE but advance booking essential - please telephone 020 7638 0569 or email barbicanlib@cityoflondon.gov.uk **CITYREAD LONDON**

Wednesday 16 May, 12.30 - 1.30pm: Thomas More's Utopia and Evil May Day

Thomas More House in the Barbican is a reminder of the famous son of the City. Buried in 'Utopia' are blueprints for urban living. It had just been published five hundred years ago when More found himself quelling riots on the doorstep of today's Barbican. **Lester Hillman** will explore the local dramas, the colourful personalities and modern-day legacies close to hand. Our speaker is an award-winning planner and he has been engaged in commemorations of 'Utopia' and other recent celebrations of city heritage. Admission FREE—Just turn up!

Tuesday 29 May: 6 – 7pm: Open Reading Group

An opportunity to join one of Barbican Library's regular reading groups for an informal discussion of the Cityread London 2018 book 'The Muse' by



Jessie Burton. Open to all who have read the novel. Light refreshments available. Admission FREE but advance booking essential. Please telephone 020 7638 0569 or email barbicanlib@cityoflondon.gov.uk

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Wednesday 30 May: 12.30 – 1.30pm: Inspiration – artists and their muses: A talk by Alexandra Epps

In this illustrated talk discover women as muses and as artists in their own right – from the ‘stunners’ of the Pre-Raphaelites to Picasso’s Weeping Woman, to the Mothers of American Modernism. Admission FREE but advance booking advisable - telephone 020 7638 0569 or email barbicanlib@cityoflondon.gov.uk

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Thursday 31 May, 12.30 – 1.30pm: The City by the Book: The surprising literary history of the Square Mile

Charlotte Bronte loved it, Alexander Pope hated it. Known mainly as a place for money making and trade, the narrow alleyways of the City also gave birth to writers and poets. It either charmed or repelled its visitors and has featured in and inspired books and poetry over the centuries. The City is awash with literary landmarks that will delight and surprise you. Join City Guide and lecturer **Jill Finch** for a fascinating talk on the City of London's literary influence, part of **London History Day** celebrations. Free but please book via Barbican Library or online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-city-by-the-book-the-surprising-literary-history-of-the-square-mile-tickets-45231575861>



In addition to the Cityread London events taking place at Barbican Library there are two related walks which will start outside the Kindertransport statue OUTSIDE Liverpool Street Station, near McDonalds, on Liverpool Street:

**Tuesday 8 May: 11am – 1pm & Saturday 26 May: 11am – 1pm
A Walk Around Spitafields – Guided City Walks**

Spitafields has been an area where immigrants have settled for 400 years. From the Huguenots of the late 1600s, to the Irish of the early 1800s, to the Jews of the late 1800s, to the Bengalis of the 1960s, Spitafields has seen successive waves of immigration. As you will see on the walk, each group has left its mark. **Meet at the start of the walk at 11am..**

Charges: £8 per person, £7 concessions for over 60s and City of London Library members. Under 12s free. Payment to the Guide on the day.

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REGULAR EVENTS

Thursday 17 May, 5.30 - 7pm: Barbican Comic Forum

A discussion group devoted to comic books and graphic novels. Get recommendations, make friends and choose from a wide selection of books. From novices to fanatics: open to all! Admission Free. For more information email joel.janiurek@cityoflondon.gov.uk



IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY (ALL EVENTS ARE FREE)

Tuesday 1 May, 2 – 3.15pm: Meet Barry Loser author Jim Smith

Children of all ages can come and meet the author of the amazing Barry Loser books. Copies of Barry Loser books will be available for sale and **Jim Smith** will be happy to sign them.

Saturday 5 May, 2 – 2.45pm: Barbican Storytelling Workshop

All ages are welcome to come to this workshop to learn or improve story reading to children. Booking essential – please contact the Children's Library for a ticket.

Thursday 10 May, 5.15 – 7pm: (Secret) Film Club

Fun for the whole family! Come and watch a film projected on a big screen in the comfort of the Barbican Children's Library. Suitable for children aged 5 and over.

Monday 14 May, 11.15-11.45am: Eye Clinic Visit

Following the regular Monday Rhymetime, representatives from the *City Sight* clinic (University of London) will be on hand to discuss matters of eye and optical health with parents and children.

Saturday 19 May, 2 – 3.30pm: Saturday Art Club

Children of all ages are invited to come and unleash their creativity. All materials provided.

REGULAR CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Every Thursday, 4 – 5pm: Monster Club

A regular weekly club for children aged 6 and over with activities such as art and games. Children can sit, chat, meet other children and make friends, read a book - it's up to them. No booking required - they can just show up, relax and have some fun!

Every Friday, 11.30am – 12 noon: Barbican Blocks Storytelling

Children of all ages are invited to half an hour of wacky, weird and wonderful stories.

Every Saturday, 10.45-11.15am: Dads' Rhymetime

Dads - bring your toddler along to our special 'dads-only' rhymetime. Listen to stories, join in with the singing, bond with your child and meet other local fathers. Ages 0-5

Please note: If you have a disability you wish us to consider when attending our events, please inform the staff in advance.

**May bank holidays: the Library will be CLOSED
on Monday 7 and Monday 28 May.**

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