

## **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR Opening Times**

## Please note that the Library will be CLOSED on:

- Monday 24 December 2018
- Tuesday 25 December 2018
- Wednesday 26 December 2018
- Tuesday 1 January 2019.

## EXHIBITIONS (admission free)

#### 30 November – 22 December: Barbican Foyer Exhibition

**"All of London Life is There" (from 'Bartholomew Fair' by Ben Jonson)** The latest exhibition at the Barbican Library of original oils, watercolours and drawings celebrates the excitement of London life. Come and enjoy insights into all corners of London, by the artist friends of 'Drawing London', now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year. All works for sale £50-£600. See <u>drawinglondon.org.uk</u> or @drawinglondongroup on Instagram

#### 16 October – 31 December : Barbican Music Library Exhibition Women in Jazz

A musical and social survey of the rich contribution women have made to jazz over the last 100 years, and of the talented upcoming generation who herald an exciting new era. The exhibition pays particular attention to instrumentalists. While many vocalists such as Ella, Billie, Nina and Cleo are household names, many star players and pioneers have been sadly neglected and deserve to be rediscovered. Drawing on the rich resources of the National Jazz Archive the exhibition includes photos, posters, journals, video and memorabilia.

### **EVENTS**

#### Wednesday 19 December, 12.30 - 1.30pm As Good as Gold

The story of gold and its significance and symbolism throughout the history of art. Gold as the colour of the sun; the colour of divinity; the colour of status and the colour of love. From creations ancient and contemporary, sacred and profane - all that glitters is most certainly gold... Join City Guide Alexandra Epps for this illustrated talk to learn more! **FREE–Just turn up!** 











### **REGULAR EVENTS**

#### Thursday 13 December, 10am – 12 noon Read and Relax

This event is held at the Ralph Perring Community Room, above Golden Lane Leisure Centre, Fann Street EC1Y 0SH

This friendly informal group meets once a month over tea or coffee to share a short story and a poem. Nothing to prepare, just come along! If you would like more information email: <u>geraldine.pote@cityoflondon.gov.uk</u>

#### Thursday 13 December, 1-2pm Barbican Library Tour

FREE informal 60-minute sessions which include an introduction to the layout of the library and information on the many services available. Booking is essential—please call 020 7638 0569. Evening tours at 6pm are available on request.

#### Every Tuesday, 10.30am-12.30pm Let's Talk! Conversation Group

Are you learning English? Come along and practise speaking with other Londoners in a relaxed and friendly environment. No need to book and free of charge.

#### Every Thursday, 3 to 5pm GAMES CLUB

Meet new friends, learn new strategies and have fun in our new weekly games club. Bring your own game or choose from Scrabble, Chess, Rummikub, and Cribbage. Free - No need to book!

#### ALL AGES WELCOME!

#### Thursday 20 December, 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)

#### Saturday 8 December, 2 – 3pm Cracking Christmas Crafts

Children can spend a creative hour making Christmas cards, crackers and decorations for the festive season. Suitable for children of all ages and all materials will be provided.

# Thursday 13 December, 5.15–7pm (Secret) Film Club

Children aged five and over can come and watch a film projected on a big screen in the comfort of the Barbican Library.













#### Saturday 15 December, 1.15 – 1.45pm and 2.15 – 2.45pm Improvised Music & Storytelling

*AdLib* presents three performers (keys, flute, soprano / storyteller) doing improvised storytelling and music sessions with a loose festive theme. Suitable for children of all ages.

#### Wednesday 19 December, 4 — 4.30pm Stories Around the Christmas Tree

A special story time for the under fives to get them into the Christmas spirit by listening to seasonal stories and singing festive songs. With a special visit from you-know-who!

#### Every Thursday, 4 – 5pm Monster Club

A regular weekly club for children aged 6 and over with activities such as art and games.

#### 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:

When attending our events, if you have a disability you wish us to consider, please inform the staff in advance.

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