



The Library will be CLOSED for Easter from Friday 19 April to Monday 22 April inclusive.



# EXHIBITIONS (admission free)

# 3 – 29 April

Into India

Susan Sands` paintings provide a kaleidoscope of Indian images, ranging from the decorative arts to the wild life, but principally to the people. Her work with a small village school enables her to observe and record people living at the simplest level, far from the tourist spots.

### 4 April – 29 June

### It's NOT only Rock 'n' Roll—the music photography of Mark Allan

Mark Allan has spent over 30 years in music and entertainment photography, working with major artists such as Bowie, Britney Spears, Tina Turner and Gorillaz amongst others. This diverse exhibition showcases some of Allan's most striking prints from across the years. He went from photographing Freddie Mercury at Live Aid as a student in the audience, to shooting U2 backstage for the Radio Times Live 8 cover. For much of the last decade Allan has documented musical performances for many of Radio 1 and 2's leading shows. The exhibition features one section specifically dedicated to some of the World's most famous conductors, including Riccardo Chailly, Bernard Haitink, Mariss Jansons and Simon Rattle. Mark is also a regular photographer in his role shooting classical music for Barbican Centre.

Amy Winehouse, and other photos all © Mark Allan





# **EVENTS**

## Friday 5 April, 12.30-1.30

### Neuropoetry – a fusion of science and art

Join scientist and artist Dr Jaythiny Kangatharan an innovative poet whose debut book Multilingual Neuropoetry explores aspects of the brain using poetry in many languages. She'll read from her book and hold a Q&A session before helping you to create your own poems on the brain in any language. Free talk, just turn up.

### Wednesday 10 April, 12.30 – 1.30pm

# Life at Ground Level – A Village School in South India: A Talk by Susan and Martin Sands

Susan and Martin Sands will be showing some images and talking about the school in Tamil Nadu, South India which they have supported for the last thirty years. Annual visits have enabled them to grasp some of the problems of life in a very poor part of India and hopefully to help relieve them. The project has grown to encompass not only the school, but a small farm and also the economy and health of Mettupalayam, the village that has grown up around it. It's an interesting story of what can be done with an inspired Indian head teacher and a group of committed volunteers from Britain, to offer poor children a better future, while caring for the practicalities of life in an impoverished rural community. Free entry.

### Thursday 11 April, 12.30 – 1.30pm London Lives

Join Danny Rosenbaum and Rupert Vandervell, the co-authors of London Lives, for this illustrated talk. They'll reveal their insights into London and Londoners through interviewing such luminaries as Zandra Rhodes (fashion designer), David Ison (the Dean of St Paul's) and Steven McRae (principal dancer at the Royal Ballet) and many others. Using a range of anecdotes Rosenbaum reveals how an inspiring picture of the capital emerged from the 24 people featured (one for each hour of the day). Drawing on the 70 plus photographs in London Lives, Vandervell casts light on the many faces of London and how he chose to photograph them. FREE—Just turn up!

# **REGULAR ADULT EVENTS**

### Thursday 14 February, 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: geraldine.pote@cityoflondon.gov.uk

### 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!

### Saturday 30 March, 2–3.30pm Barbican Writing Group

This FREE friendly writing group meets on the last Saturday of every month at Barbican Library 2-3.30pm. This is a self-led group suitable for all levels where you can read out work for group feedback (no pressure to do so if you don't want to) and share creative tips and exercises. Whatever the words, writing is good for your mental health. Come and discover the novel within. Free – just turn up!

# ALL AGES WELCOME!

### Thursday 21 March, 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 6 April, 2 - 3:30pm Saturday Art Club

Unleash your creativity and join us for an afternoon of artistic and colouring excitement! For children of all ages.

### Monday 8 April to Thursday 18 April Easter Egg Hunt

For children of all ages – if they solve the clues to locate all 12 eggs they will win a chocolatey prize!

### **Easter Holiday Club**

Tuesday 9 April: 11am – 12.30pm; Wednesday 10 April: 2 – 3.30pm; Thursday 11 April: 11am – 12.30pm; Tuesday 16 April: 11am – 12.30pm; Wednesday 17 April: 2 – 3.30pm; Thursday 18 April: 11am – 12.30pm.

Get creative making bookmarks, flowers, colouring-in, listen to songs and stories, play games, make friends and more at our fabulous Easter Holiday Club!

### Wednesday 9 April, 1 - 2pm Police Horses in the Park

Children of all ages are invited to come and meet the City of London police horses in Fortune Park and hear a story!











# Thursday 11 April, 5.15 - 7pm (Secret) Film Club

Ever have a fish come true? Come watch a film projected on a big screen in the Library. For children aged five and over.

### Saturday 13 April, 2 - 3:30pm Saturday Art Club

Children of all ages can come and unleash their creativity and join us for an afternoon of artistic and colouring excitement!

### Wednesday 17 April, 11 - 11:45am

Story Time with Anna-Christina

Children aged two to seven can come and listen to a story, make drawings that will be published on Anna-Christina's website and take part in her fun Easter story!

# **REGULAR CHILDREN'S EVENTS (ALL FREE)**

### Every Monday and Friday and Saturday, 10.45-11.15am Bookstort Rhymetime

Get your child's literacy off to a flying start by coming to one of our popular rhymetime sessions. They can sing songs and nursery rhymes, listen to stories, then stay and play with our toys.

### Every Monday 4–4.30pm Bookstart Storytime

Children aged three years and over are invited to come and listen to an assorted hand-picked collection of wonderful stories:

### Every Friday 4–5pm Friday Clubs

A difference club every Friday!

- · First Friday each month: The Arts Club
- · Second Friday each month: The Games Club
- $\cdot$  Third Friday each month: The Puzzle Club

• Fourth Friday each month: The Monster Club

For children of all ages and all materials will be provided.

### Every Saturday, 10.45-11.15am Saturday Rhymetime

A family rhymetime (dads are especially welcome) for children of all ages. Listen to stories, join in with the singing, bond with your child and meet other parents.

### 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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