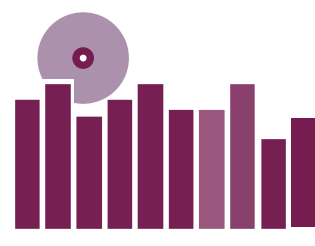


What's On

in the Library March 2019



**making
music**

EXHIBITIONS (admission free)

16 January — 23 March: Barbican Music Library Exhibition

Making Music together:

A celebration of leisure-time music in the UK

In communities all across the UK, friends, neighbours and colleagues meet up regularly to make music. From jazz to folk, pop to classical, barbershop to brass, thousands of groups gather together in halls, houses, garages, churches, fields and theatres for the joy of creating and performing with others.

Making Music Together celebrates the scale and breadth of this leisure-time music scene, and the positive impact taking part has on the hundreds of thousands of players and singers who get together week after week to make music. The exhibition features quotes, posters and film contributed by Making Music member groups alongside a specially commissioned series of portraits of leisure-time musicians.



12 — 30 March: Barbican Library Foyer Exhibition

Primavera

Launched in 2004, the East Finchley Open is a diverse and committed group of artists and craftspeople in North London. With EFO's diverse multidisciplinary talent of painters, printmakers, ceramicists and jewellers, its exhibition of 'Primavera' allows the group to explore the tantalising meaning of the word.



EVENTS

Friday 8 March, 12.30 — 1.30pm

The Dark Fantastic: Folklore and Urban Myth in Fiction

Three authors (Zoe Gilbert, Phoebe Locke and Anna Mazzola) who have used folk tales and urban myth in their writing discuss what draws us to these stories and why folklore is experiencing a resurgence.

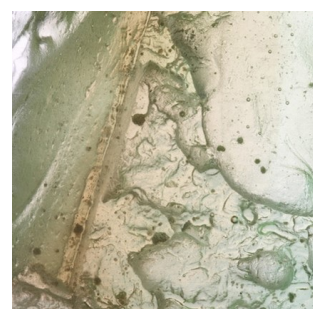
Free just turn up



Saturday 9 March, 2 — 3.30pm

Crumhorn: a blast from the past!

Join early music group Crumscrum for a demonstration workshop exploring the music, history and personalities of the crumhorn, one of the most distinctive instruments of the Renaissance. Tickets are free: available online with a limited amount available for reservation at the Music Library enquiry desk. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crumhorn-a-blast-from-the-past-tickets-55473210867>



Thursday 21 March, 12.30 – 1.30pm

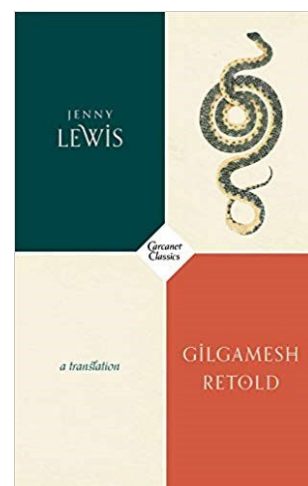
GILGAMESH RETOLD -Poet Jenny Lewis takes a fresh look at the ancient Mesopotamian epic

Jenny Lewis' *Gilgamesh Retold* (Carcenet Press, 2018) relocates Gilgamesh to its earlier, oral roots in a Sumerian society where men and women were more equal, the reigning deity of Gilgamesh's city, Uruk, was female (Inanna), only women were allowed to brew beer and keep taverns and women had their own language – emesal.

This shift of emphasis captures the powerful allure of the world's oldest poem and gives it a fresh, more human dynamic. In celebration of **World Poetry Day** Jenny will present extracts from the book, talk about her award-winning doctoral research into the Epic of Gilgamesh at Goldsmiths, and show how new ways of interpreting old texts can help us to experience them afresh and open them up to new audiences. Free, no booking required.

Biography

Jenny Lewis is an Arts Council Funded poet, playwright, children's author, translator and songwriter who teaches poetry at Oxford University. She has published four books of poetry and had seven plays and poetry cycles performed at major theatres including the Royal Festival Hall and Pegasus Theatre, Oxford. Since 2012, she has worked with the Iraqi poet Adnan al-Sayegh on a major project, 'Writing Mesopotamia', aimed at fostering friendships between English and Arabic-speaking communities.



Gilgamesh Retold
'Innovative, graceful, erudite and utterly unputdownable!'
New Statesman
Books of the Year 2018



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)

Friday 1 March, 11.15am – 12.45pm

Let's Get Active

Healthy Family Workshop – Discover ways to get your under 5s and you up and moving to help you both get, and keep, fit.



Monday 4 March – Saturday 9 March, during Library opening times

We're Going on a Picture Hunt...

Children of all ages are invited to join the World Book Day Picture Hunt. Hidden around the Barbican Children's Library will be 10 pictures of some of our favourite books. If children solve the clues and locate all 10 pictures they will win a prize!



Thursday 7 March, 4 – 5pm

Bedtime Stories and Crafts

Children of all ages are invited to dress up in pyjamas or as their favourite fictional character and visit the Children's Library to listen to stories, followed by crafts and refreshments.



Thursday 7 March, 5.30 – 7.15pm

World Book Day Film Night

A super-smart book-loving girl outwits her cruel parents and monstrous head teacher... Children of all ages can come and watch a film projected on a big screen in the comfort of the Barbican Library.



Saturday 9 March, 2 – 3.30pm

World Book Day Crafts

Children of all ages can come along to the Children's Library and MAKE! From creating books and bookmarks to making story masks and decorating crowns – children are invited to join in with some creative World Book Day fun!

Thursday 14 March, 5.15 – 7pm

(Secret) Film Club

A little pig goes a long way... Children aged five and over can come and watch a film projected on a big screen in the comfort of the Barbican Library.



Saturday 23 March, 2 – 3.30pm

Saturday Art Club

Children of all ages are invited to unleash their creativity and join us for an afternoon of artistic and colouring excitement.

Saturday 30 March, 2 – 3.30pm

Mother's Day Crafts

Children of all ages can show their mum how much they love her by making her some beautiful crafty thing!



REGULAR CHILDREN'S EVENTS (ALL FREE)

Every Monday and Friday and Saturday, 10.45-11.15am

Bookstart 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**
- 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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