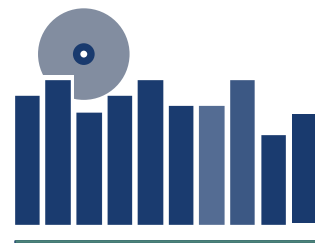


What's On

in the Library May 2019



The Library will be **CLOSED** for the bank holidays on **Mondays 6 and 27 May 2019**.

EXHIBITIONS (admission free)

3 – 29 May

Kind of Blue

An exhibition of ceramics and paintings by Gail Altschuler and Laura De Benedetti, from North London. **Laura De Benedetti** works with porcelain and uses interesting glazes, her floral watercolour paintings are inspired nature and light. **Gail Altschuler** combines ceramics and painting with printmaking. She is inspired by jazz music, pattern and colour.



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

Cityread London returns for its eighth annual festival, turning the capital into one massive, interactive book group with Ayisha Malik's 'Sofia Khan is Not Obligated' as the City's collective page-turner.

Barbican & Community Libraries are joining in with the celebrations with a series of events to mark the festival. A dedicated Cityread leaflet, listing all Barbican & Community Libraries' Cityread events is available from the Library.



Cityread London

Friday 17 May, 2.30-1.30pm

Regency Outrage: A Talk by Lester Hillman

Spencer Perceval, Prime Minister, was shot dead in May 1812. The assassin's gun was purchased around the corner from Barbican. Lester Hillman will explore the Regency drama and the local links, many of which were playing this week in the City, just over 200 years ago. Free—just turn up!

Wednesday 29 May, 6.30-9.30pm (doors open at 6pm)

Long Poem Magazine Launch Issue 21

Come and celebrate the launch of Issue 21 with poets Fleur Adcock, Daragh Breen, Rosie Jackson, Tom Lowenstein, Susan Watson, Tamar Yoseloff, Diane Mulholland, Simon Collings, Robert Minhinnik and Richard Morwood. Editors Linda Black and Claire Crowther will be introducing the evening. Free entry, no need to book. Refreshments available.

Friday 31 May, 12.30 - 1.15pm

For Parliament or King? The City and the Civil War

The Civil War years of the 1640s were amongst the most tumultuous in history. People of all classes who had previously co-existed peacefully suddenly found themselves opposing each other on political, religious, and economic grounds. Society was literally 'by the sword divided'.

The Livery Companies that regulated trade and commerce in the City—what was their contribution to the parliamentary war-machine? And the ordinary citizen, called upon to fight and pay new taxes? And what of the churches, once places of spiritual respite but now centres of impassioned debate? Presiding over all was the Corporation of London. The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council: to whom should they pledge their loyalty, the King or Parliament?

City of London guide Robin Rowles' short talk examines a few strands of how the Civil Wars impacted on the City of London; its citizens, and other stakeholders. The 'London factor' was vital to the outcome of the war: had the City supported the king, instead of parliament, the royalists might have won. FREE—Just turn up!

REGULAR ADULT EVENTS

Thursday 9 May, 10am – 12 noon

Read and Relax

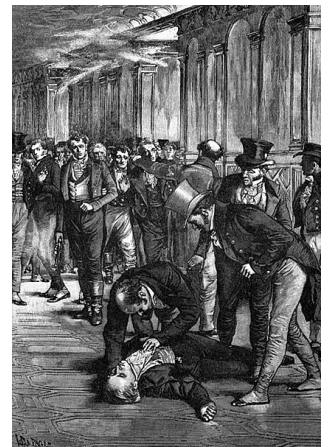
This event is held at the Ralph Perring Community Room, above Golden Lane Leisure Centre, Fann Street EC1Y 0SH

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 25 May, 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 16 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)

Saturdays 4, 18 and 25 May, 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!

Thursday 9 May, 5.15 - 7pm

(Secret) Film Club

It's never too early to be annoyed at Christmas. Come watch a film projected on a big screen in the Library. For children aged five and over.

Saturday 11 May, 2.30 - 3:30pm

Pictures Tell Stories

Children aged 5 to 10 are invited to meet author Paul Watkins for book readings and a drawing workshop.

Saturday 25 May, 1pm

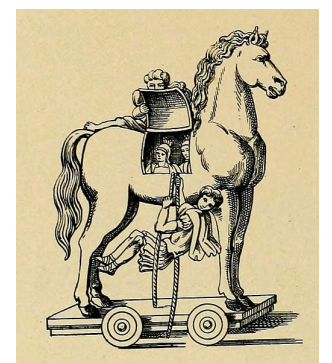
Outside Storytelling at London Wall Place

Children of all ages are invited to join the Barbican Children's Library team and Culture Mile for some storytelling in the sunshine at **London Wall Place**.

Tuesday 28 May, 11am - 12.30pm

Odysseus and the Trojan Horse

Children of all ages can come and learn about the Trojan War, listen to Greek myths and make a Trojan Horse.



Tuesday 28 May, 3pm

My Favourite Book: A Cinderella Story

Children of all ages are invited to come and watch our play – a new telling of the Cinderella story written and performed by the Shoe Lane Library's Children's Team.

Thursday 30 May, 11am – 4pm

Bundle Day: A Royal Feast

Please note that this event takes place at multiple sites

Guildhall Art Gallery, Salter's Company and the Barbican Children's Library join forces to create a day full of royal fun. Tickets will be required to attend this event and will be available from the Barbican Children's Library at the start of May.

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.

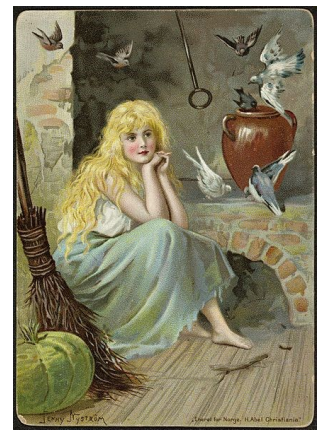
Every Saturday, 10.45-11.15am

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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