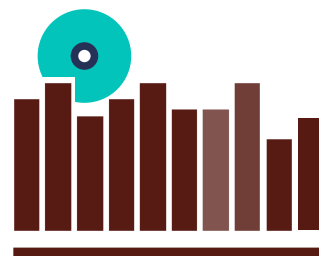


What's On

in the Library November 2019



EXHIBITIONS (admission free)

Barbican Library Foyer exhibition: 1 – 27 November 2019

Linnet Dawson and Basil Goode

Linnet's designs for jewellery are inspired by the fascinating randomness and limitless possibilities of melted wax poured onto various surfaces. Each wax is viewed to realise its potential, influenced by subconscious memory and disciplines of Ikebana. Final objects are assembled from chosen pieces to be cast in silver or gold, after which they can be further worked on, finished, polished and Hall Marked. Original sculptures are unique, although some can be reproduced to extend the design possibilities. The delight is always in the outcome of wax transformed into metal.



A selection of Linnet's father's paintings will also be on display. These were created in Cromwell Tower, Barbican, in the 1970s

Barbican Music Library exhibition: 12 October 2019—4 January 2020

Ronnie Scott's 1959-69: Photography by Freddy Warren

A warm and intimate series of portraits marking the 60th anniversary of London's legendary jazz club and the publication of a new book. To celebrate the work of **Freddy Warren**, a selection of photographs is showcased in this exhibition that captures the atmosphere and movement of jazz. His photographs include performance shots and off-stage pictures of Miles Davis, Art Blakey, Stan Getz, Zoot Sims, Duke Ellington, Nina Simone and more. A previously unseen archive of his work also features behind the scene images of Ronnie Scott, personally overseeing the construction of the club's iconic Soho venue. Free.



EVENTS

Saturday 2 November, 2—3.30pm

Battle of Ideas: The Life of Brian at 40

A part of the Barbican Centre's **Battle of Ideas** weekend this session will consider if we are more easily offended today than when Monty Python's film was released in November 1979. Admission free but spaces will be limited.





Monday 4 November , 6-9pm

Launch of Long Poem Magazine Issue 22

Come and celebrate the launch of Issue 22 with poets Anna Robinson, Tim Dooley, Lucy Sixsmith, Matt Martin, Terence Dooley, David Sollors, Joan Michelson, Gregory Woods, John Greening, Ian Seed and Alasdair Paterson. Linda Black and Claire Crowther will be introducing the evening. <http://longpoemmagazine.org.uk/> Free entry, no need to book. Refreshments available.

Tuesday 5 November, 12.30—1.30pm

World Town Planning Day! A celebration

Planning Heritage is richly reflected in and around the Barbican. In listed buildings, awards, conservation areas, place names, institutions and plaques the City has much to celebrate. At the seventieth anniversary of World Town Planning Day **Lester Hillman**, who has helped lead and coordinate previous global celebrations, will explore this world-wide initiative from its origins in Argentina in 1949 through personalities and institutions to today with global players and events on the Barbican doorstep. Free just turn up



Saturdays 9, 23, 30 November & 7 December, 2 - 3.30pm

Creative Writing for beginners... and anyone who wants to boost their confidence and word-count!

Develop skills with practical and inspiring exercises, stimuli and discussion in description, dialogue, point-of-view, plot and structure. Explore the questions and ideas that motivate you as a writer. Join us for a series of four workshops with freelance writer and teacher **Rachel Knightley**. She is completing her PhD novel and runs Green Ink Writers' Gym for writers of all genres and levels of experience.

Book the four-week course (£95) at: <https://greeninkwritersgym.com/creativewritingtoolkit>, or email Rachel, info@greeninkwritersgym.com, to try the first Barbican workshop on 9 November at £20



Thursday 14 November, 3-7pm

Dragon Café in the City @ Barbican Library

Building on the success of the Dragon Café's *Wellness Wednesdays* at Shoe Lane Library, this half day event at Barbican Library will offer a variety of free sessions to anyone who is experiencing stress and/or anxiety, or who is simply looking for a break from work or home life pressures. There will be a range of activities, events and workshops aimed at promoting good mental health

and wellbeing. Please come along - you can stay as little or as long as you like! Yoga places are limited so please book online at <https://www.balancegarden.co.uk/upcoming-events>
For the full programme - <https://www.dragoncafeinthecity.com/whats-on/dragon-caf-in-the-city-at-barbican-library> Free just turn up!

Wednesday 20 November, 12.30-1.30pm

Students and Swingebacklers: Life in a Tudor Inn of Court

By the reign of Elizabeth the City of London had grown to be 'a large excellent and mighty city of business', a city not just of merchants but also adventurers like Walter Raleigh and poets and playwrights such as Shakespeare and John Donne. And in the centre of it all were the four Inns of Court, the homes not only of lawyers but also law students, joking, arguing and watching everything that was happening. **John Mitchell**, the Chair of the Middle Temple Historical Society will describe what life was like in this 'third university'. FREE — Just turn up



Wednesday 20 November, 7-9pm. Doors open 6.30pm

Brittle Star Launch Issue 45

Join us for brilliant poetry and short fiction, a few tasty nibbles and the chance to chat to us and some of the contributors to the magazine in the warm and friendly environment of Barbican Music library. Some of the things that people have said include *"Well-organised, straightforward, a chance to listen to some good writing"* *"the variety of voices, lovely warm setting and chance to meet the writers..."* Free entry, no need to book.



REGULAR ADULT EVENTS

Thursday 14 November, 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 November, 1.30—3.30pm

Barbican Writing Group

This FREE friendly writing group meets on the last Saturday of every month at Barbican Library 1.30-3.30pm. 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 November, 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)

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, spaces limited to 30 buggies.



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, 2 - 3.30pm

Saturday Art Club

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

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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