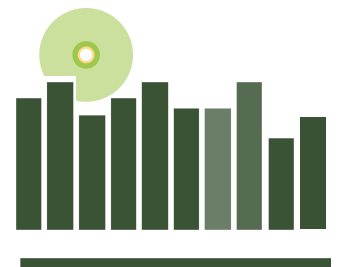


What's On

in the Library January 2020



NB The Library is CLOSED for the bank holiday on Wednesday 1 January 2020

EXHIBITIONS (admission free)

Library Foyer exhibition:

8 - 29 January

'I loved the song which Nature sung', - London's Epping Forest. An exhibition of paintings by Alison Chaplin

Barbican Library foyer exhibition

Alison lives opposite Epping Forest and enjoys drawing and painting its ever-changing landscape. She is particularly interested in capturing the fleeting shadows that play on the foliage and pattern the forest floor.



The diversity of colours in the forest is constantly altering, and results in a variety of moods that poets capture in words and artists capture in paint. The poet John Clare lived in Epping Forest from 1837 until 1841 and wrote many poems during his stay. Alison finds that she relates to the immersive quality of these works. We experience the forest directly through his eyes and Alison has the same ambition with her portrayal of the forest. The link between John Clare's poetry and Alison's paintings is celebrated by her use of short quotes to title her works. Alison's work is in private collections in USA, Australia and Britain.

Music Library exhibition: Continuing until 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.

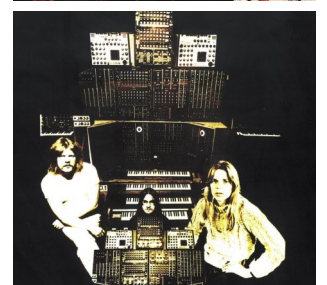


16 January - 2 May

Tangerine Dream: ZEITRAFFER

Music Library exhibition

The band Tangerine Dream, founded in 1967 by Edgar Froese in West Berlin, was formative for the genre of electronic music, and, with albums like *Phaedra* and *Rubycon*, they laid the foundation for music styles such as Ambient or Trance. Now, at a time when synthesizers and sequencers are being rediscovered in music and pop culture, the exhibition looks at the band's electronic beginnings, fast-forwarding through their 50-year history. With the help of photographs, previously unpublished articles and video clips from the 1970s, the exhibition reveals, above all, London's special role in the progression and development of Tangerine Dream. Personalities such as BBC Radio DJ John Peel and Virgin founder Richard Branson were key figures for the band's international breakthrough, and their resulting entry



into the Hollywood film music business. Original synthesizers from the early days, as well as music on vinyl and cassette, all invite you to share in an analogue trip through an important chapter of electronic music history. Free.



Events

First Saturday of the month January - May, 1pm - 2pm

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 4 workshops with freelance writer and teacher **Rachel Knightley**. Her short story, 'Before I Walked Away', appears in *Uncertainties III* (Swan River Press, recommended in the Washington Post and Times Literary Supplement). Other stories have previously won the 'Promis' Prize for Children's Fiction and first place in Writers' Forum's fiction competition. Her plays have been performed by the National Trust, HENs Theatre and Endpaper Theatre. She is completing her PhD novel and runs Green Ink Writers' Gym for writers of all genres and levels of experience. Booking essential: www.greeninkwritersgym.com/creativewritingtoolkit Email Rachel info@greeninkwritersgym.com to try the first Barbican workshop for free on 4 January.



Wednesday 8 January 12.30 - 1.30pm

Developing Emotional Intelligence. Workshop with John Fitzmaurice

Have you ever said or done something that retrospectively you wish you hadn't? Well, it happens to us all. In this interactive session, we will look at what emotional intelligence is, and how to break the negative cycle. We will gain insight and awareness on how to deploy self-coaching techniques into our working and personal lives.

John Fitzmaurice is the founder of Coaching to Evolve. He became a coach after a successful career leading business change and co-running a recruitment agency. He is an accredited coach, an accredited NLP Practitioner, and a member of the Association of coaching. He leads and directs personal growth by using his accumulated intelligence and experience, listening to and questioning people in new and interesting perspectives. Free, just turn up



Saturday 18 January 1.15 - 3.30pm

Open Reading with the Writer's Initiative

Free, please sign up via Meetup <https://bit.ly/2LScwR1>

Join us in a friendly atmosphere, to read out your written work - from short stories to part of your novel, or any fictional/non-fictional work you'd like to share. Each reading will be followed by feedback and thoughts from fellow attendees. Please also feel free to just come along to listen and offer feedback. The Writers Initiative, based in Farringdon, aims to further the skills of writers around the world. <https://writersinitiative.com/>

Tuesday 21 January 12.30 - 1.30pm

Picasso and his women

Picasso told his biographer, John Richardson, that his work was like a diary – “to understand it, you have to see how it mirrors my life.” This lecture examines the way Picasso’s emotional life influenced what he painted and how he painted it. His response to each new love in his life can be seen in the different styles in which his many women were represented. When he fell out of love, that fact would be revealed first in his paintings. We’ll focus on the seven most important women in his life, two of whom he married. **Val Woodgate** is a guide at Tate Modern and Britain and a lecturer at the Arts Society. Free talk, just turn up!

REGULAR ADULT EVENTS

Thursday 9 January, 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 - 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 16 January, 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)

Thursday 2 January, 4 - 4:45pm

Kids' Philosophy Club

Children aged eight and over are welcome at our Kids' Philosophy Club, where they can discuss new ideas, have fun and expand the limits of their mind.



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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