

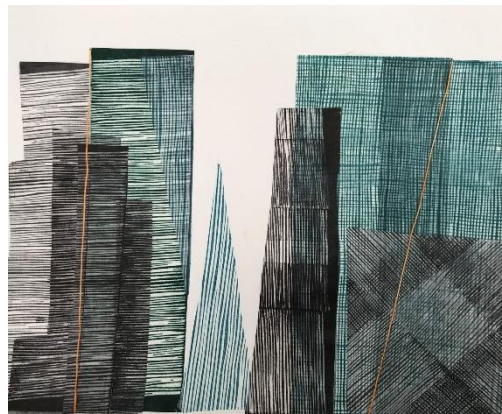
What's On in the Library February 2020

EXHIBITIONS (admission free)

5 - 27 February: SGFA @ The Barbican Library

Library Foyer exhibition

The Society of Graphic Fine Art is the only national society dedicated to drawing in all forms and mediums. Thirty of its members will be exhibiting and showing the best of their current work. In 1919 the Society came into being at the time of the rise of modernism and the feeling that the traditional drawing skills were no longer needed. The SGFA hopes to be a leading voice in the resurgence of drawing today. Following this show in the Barbican Library, the next Open show will be in July at the Mall Galleries, London.



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 fifty-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 With the help of photographs, previously unpublished articles and video clips from the 1970s, the exhibition reveals, above all, London's special role in the progression and development of Tangerine Dream.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.



Events

Creative Writing for beginners... and anyone who wants to boost their confidence and word-count: First Saturday of the month January - May, 1pm - 2pm

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. 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

True Tales - Open Mic Night: Thursday 6 February, 6.30-7.30pm

They say everyone has a story to tell. Do you? Join us and share your three to five-minute true story. Stories might be about memories we keep to ourselves, deeds we've done, or anything in between. As long as these are your stories to tell, we want to hear it. Have a story to share? Email barbicanlib@cityoflondon.gov.uk or sign up in the library for your under five-minute (two to four pages A4) open-mic slot! Don't want to tell your story yourself? Our host can read your story for you, but please e-mail us your story in advance. If you are not ready to tell your story yet - don't worry just come and listen to others tell theirs! Drop by and feel inspired! Free.

Her Lost Language/ The Power of the Voice. An evening of inspiring poetry with open mic: Thursday 27 February, 6-7pm

Free, just turn up. Join us for a special night of poetry about identity and history with prize-winning poet, Jenny Mitchell. She will perform from her debut collection Her Lost Language. Four talented poets will also read their eclectic, dynamic work: Isabelle Baafi, Jack Cooper, Appiah Sackey and Paul Baker. Four open mic slots are also available on a first come first served basis.

About Jenny Mitchell: She is joint winner of the Geoff Stevens Memorial Poetry Prize and was a prize-winner in the Ware Open and Segora competitions. Her work has been broadcast on BBC2, Radio 4 and published in several magazines.

REGULAR ADULT EVENTS

Read and Relax: Thursday 13 February, 10am – 12 noon

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

Let's Talk! Conversation Group: Every Tuesday, 10.30am - 12.30pm

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.

Games Club: Every Thursday, 5 - 7.15pm—Please note the new time!

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!

Philosophy Club: Thursday 6 February, 5.30 - 7pm

Do you have curious mind? Do you like to think about things? Come along and learn about the fundamental questions of life, the universe and everything. This month's question: What is Utopia? Admission free.

Barbican Comic Forum: Thursday 20 February, 5.30 - 7pm

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)

EVENTS

Monster Holiday Club: Tuesday 18 February and Thursday 20 February, 2 – 3.30pm

Children of all ages are invited to come to our special edition half-term Monster Club.

Springtime Pop-Ups: Friday 21 February, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Children aged four years and over can get into the swing of spring and learn how to make a 3D pop-up flower card.

REGULAR CHILDREN'S EVENTS (ALL FREE)

Philosophy Club: Thursday 6 February, 4 – 4.45pm

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.

(Secret Film Club): Thursday 13 February, 5.15 – 7pm

Children aged five and over are invited to come and watch a film projected on a big screen in the Children's Library.

Bookstart Rhymetime: Every Monday and Friday and Saturday, 10.45 - 11.15am

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. Monday sessions for children aged 18 to 36 months, Fridays 0 to 18 months and Saturdays one to five years. Spaces are limited to 30 buggies.

Bookstart Storytime: Every Monday, 4 - 4.30pm

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

Friday Clubs: Every Friday, 4 - 5pm

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.

Saturday Art Club: Every Saturday, 2 - 3.30pm

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

If you have a disability you wish us to consider

When attending our events, if you have a disability you wish us to consider, please inform the staff in advance. Due to Health & Safety, wheelchair places are limited—please telephone to book a place before the event.

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Opening Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am to 7.30pm; Saturday 9.30am to 4pm.