

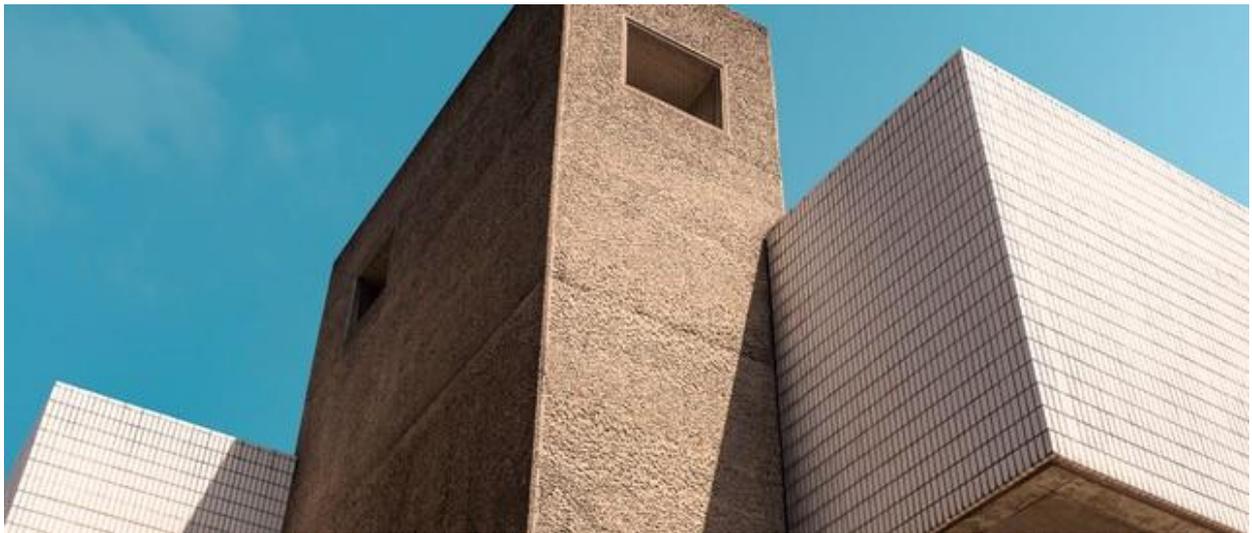
What's On in the Library March 2020

EXHIBITIONS (admission free)

4 - 30 March: Abstracting modernism. Photographs by Keith van Loen

Barbican Library Foyer exhibition

This series of photographic images examines how modernist architecture is defined. Rather than documenting in a rule-based image, photographer Keith van Loen has taken an abstract approach to the modernism that adorns our city and crops up in expected places. In responding to the question, 'what defines modernist architecture?', it had to be conveyed without knowledge of the architect or build period. The building must speak for itself. Line, colour, texture and angle provide a language for these bold architectural statements. Architectural photography is often defined in an image that keeps everything upright. Keith wanted to revert to the first rule of photography with this project – break the rules!



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 With the help of photographs, previously unpublished articles and video clips from the 1970s, the exhibition reveals, above all,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

How to Overcome Sleep Problems and other Problems: Wednesday 11 March, 12.30 – 1.30pm

Join **Beatrix Schmidt** to explore how sleep works and why we need it, especially in today's fast-moving world.

- Which of the seven areas of your life is keeping you awake at night
- The top three reasons why you might be insomniac and not even realise

Find out simple and effective ways to get over insomnia or other sleep problems. Beatrix will help you to see the bigger picture when it comes to sleeping issues and ways you can improve your situation. This will be an informative and interactive talk addressing some of the most common misconceptions about sleep and what to do about them. Beatrix is a speaker, coach and author of 'The Sleep Deep Method'.

The Golden Section – Divine Proportion in Art and Architecture: Thursday 12 March, 12.30-1.30pm

For thousands of years the mystery of the Golden Section has inspired thinkers from all disciplines - from artists to architects, mathematicians to musicians. Discover the secrets of its sacred geometry and divine beauty within creations from the classical to the contemporary. Join Tate and Art Society lecturer Alexandra Epps at this illustrated talk to learn more!

Open Reading with the Writer's Initiative. Saturday 14 March, 1.30 – 3.30pm

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

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/>

REGULAR ADULT EVENTS

Read and Relax: Thursday 12 March, 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!

Connect with Creativity: Fortnightly - Tuesdays 3 March, 17 March and 31 March, 5 - 6.30pm

Barbican Library invites you to join in this new exciting group. If you like to learn various drawing and painting skills and techniques as well as make new friends,

socialize and relax over a cup of tea then this is the group for you. Come for one session or every session. All materials will be provided, no experience is needed, and everyone is welcome! The group is run and managed by artist Madhumita Bose. To find out more please contact the Library. Funded by GLA

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Philosophy Club: Thursday 5 March, 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.

Admission free.

Barbican Comic Forum: Thursday 19 March, 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

World Book Day Treasure Hunt: Monday 2 March to Saturday 7 March

If children can solve the pirate clues to locate all ten pictures, they will win a prize.

World Book Day Stories & Quiz: Thursday 5 March, 4 – 5pm

Children of all ages are invited to dress up as a favourite character, come to the Barbican Children's Library and listen to stories. Storytelling will be followed by a quiz and there are prizes to be won!

Open Wide and Day Ahh!: Monday 16 March, 11.15am – 12 noon

Bow Lane Dental will be offering a free oral screening for children of all ages, and information for parents / carers on nutrition and oral health.

REGULAR CHILDREN'S EVENTS (ALL FREE)

(Secret Film Club): Thursday 12 March, 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 Games Club**

Second Friday each month: **The Art 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 wheelchair 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.