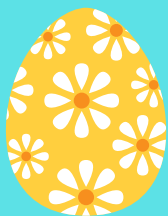


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THIS MONTH AT THE LIBRARY

Happy Easter / Spring holiday to all our readers!

Thank you to all those who responded to our survey about the newsletter. We are delighted that most of you love the content and the layout, and you have given us some great suggestions for future editions.

April is another busy month in the library! Read on to find out about events, talks, children's holiday activities, new courses, the latest fundraising news and more.

Finally - an early notice of closure of the library on Thursday 2nd May. The venue will be used as a Polling Station on that day.

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OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday: 10:00 - 19:00
Wednesday: 11:00 - 17:00
Thursday: 10:00 - 19:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 16:00

UPCOMING EVENT



OUR NEXT AFTERNOON SOCIAL 2:30pm, MONDAY 8th APRIL COLLAGE MAKING SESSION



FREE EVENT

Come and spend a creative hour with us - bring your friends or come and make some new ones!
Tea and coffee will be served.

Northfields Community Library
255a Northfields Avenue
W5 4UA

(Right next door to Northfields Tube Station and the
E2/E3 bus stop!)

UPCOMING EVENT



FREE EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

11:30 TO 12:30

THURSDAY 4TH APRIL

**EXPLORE LEARNING MATHS SESSION
(SATS REVISION FOR 8-11YEAR OLDS)**

TUESDAY 9TH / WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL

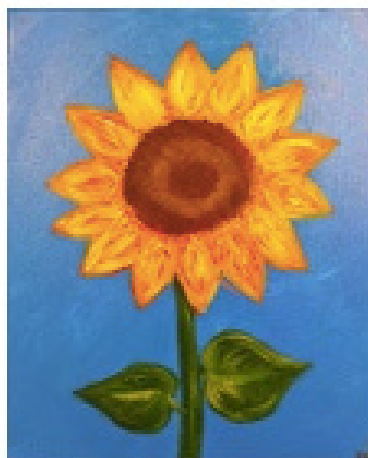
**PLANT SALE POSTER PAINTING COMPETITION
(BRING AN APRON FOR YOUR CHILD!)**

THURSDAY 11TH APRIL

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**Parents/Carers to stay in the library during
the sessions please**

PLANT SALE CHILDREN'S POSTER COMPETITION



Northfields Community Library will be holding its third plant sale on **Saturday 18th May**. It's going to be bigger and better than ever and we're asking local children to help us design our poster. There's a prize of a book token for the winning entries!

There will be poster design workshops in the library on the **9th, 10th and 11th April at 11:30am** or we'll be delighted to accept pictures that budding artists have done at home – just bring your posters to the library by Saturday 13th April.

The competition will be open to children in two age categories - between 4 to 7 years old, and 8 to 11 years old.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE ON A4 PAPER OR CARD AND IN PORTRAIT FORMAT. BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR ENTRIES BOLD, BRIGHT AND COLOURFUL!

We'll use the best entries on posters around the library and around Northfields to help promote this vital fundraising event and help to keep your local library alive and thriving.

Parents/carers – please add the child's name and age and your contact email written clearly on the back of the poster.

UPCOMING EVENT



TALK ON THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF HONG KONG

7:30pm THURSDAY 11TH APRIL

This session has been suggested by the Ealing and Northfields Hong Kong Club.

It will cover the history of Hong Kong's transformation into a British colony and how newcomers shaped British Hong Kong.

Speaker Brian Shum is a historian from WeToastHK, a self-organised research community founded in 2016. The group aims to promote history to a wider audience and specialises in Hong Kong history and cultures.

TICKETS £5.00 (STUDENTS £2.50)

AVAILABLE FROM THE LIBRARY

UPCOMING EVENT



NUTRITION TALK: Eating Healthily on a Budget 7:30pm TUESDAY 16th APRIL

Learn how to shop, cook and organise your kitchen to help you save money, without having to compromise on taste or a nutrient dense diet.

- Eating Healthy on a Budget – Myths to debunk
 - Strategies to save money
 - How to create an “On Budget” Kitchen
 - How to shop on a Budget
- How to create a tasty salad on a Budget •Other Helpful Recipes and Resources
 - Q&A

Valentina Cartago is a nutritional therapist. She conducts 1:1 consultations and corporate or community health talks, focusing on incorporating both diet and lifestyle for overall well-being.

TICKETS £3.00 AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

UPCOMING EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

PLEASE PASS ON TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



Northfields Community Library
255A Northfield Avenue
W5 4UA

ARE YOU AGED 13 - 16 YEARS?

**Would you and your friends like to use
our library as a meeting place?**

**Have your say at a Young People's Focus
Group!**

**Monday 22nd April
5.30 - 7pm**

**This is a chance for YOU to tell us what events and
activities we could offer for young people in the
Community Hub at Northfields Library.**

Bring a friend! Refreshments will be provided.

**If you're interested please email
getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk
by 28th March.**

NEW! BEADCRAFT CLASSES



**6 CLASSES IN BEADCRAFT JEWELLERY MAKING
WITH TUTOR ISABELLA**

THURSDAYS AT 2:00 - 3:00PM

DATES

18th April

25th April

9th May

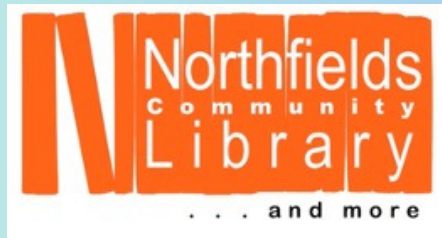
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30th May

LIMITED AVAILABILITY!

To make the most of these classes, you should sign up for all 6 sessions if you can. To secure a place please contact getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk



TWO FREE WORKSHOP SESSIONS: CV WRITING AND INTERVIEW SKILLS

Wednesday 24th April: 11:30am - 12.30pm

Thursday 9th May: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

We are pleased to announce the delivery of two CV and Interview Skills workshops, aimed at local residents who are actively looking for a new role or promotion - or simply want to refresh their CV and interview technique. The workshops will focus on:

- Identifying features of a powerful CV
- Understanding key ingredients for your LinkedIn profile
- Developing a structure for interview questions
- Improving personal confidence in your preparation and delivery of a good interview

Both sessions will take place at Northfields Community Library.

**To reserve a place please email
getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk**

The sessions will be delivered by local resident Rose O'Donovan who is an Occupational Psychologist and accredited Coach. Rose worked in various Learning and Development roles for many years, latterly as an Executive Coach, supporting professionals to develop their confidence and make good choices about their careers.

The workshops are free so why not invest an hour of your time in these vital life skills?

PAUSE IN THE MACMILLAN WELFARE BENEFITS SERVICE AT THE LIBRARY:

Macmillan Welfare Benefits Service in conjunction with Citizens Advice Bureau has been providing free one to one fortnightly sessions with specialist advisers in the library since June 2023. This is specifically aimed at people living with cancer including their families and carers.

This service is being paused for two months commencing April in order to recruit and train a replacement adviser as the current adviser is reducing her hours.

In the meantime anyone who wishes to access the service should call the central Macmillan/Citizens Advice telephone number: 0203 011 0339

They have an office in Ealing Hospital which is accessed by appointment only.



VOLUNTEER VACANCY

TITLE: Volunteer IT Tutor

HOURS PER WEEK: Minimum 2 Hours a week

LOCATION: Northfields Community Library

SUMMARY :

Northfields Community Library along with one of their partners ACDA, (Adult & Community Development Academy), is currently seeking a motivated Basic IT Skills Tutor to work on a voluntary basis to support adult learners with very little or no IT (digital) skills.

The ideal volunteer will have excellent IT skills and be able to use new technology including hardware and apps e.g. Internet tablet devices, social media, Google Android and the Windows 11 Operating Systems.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO HELP LEARNERS TO:

- Browse the Internet Safely
- Create, Send and Receive Emails
- Do online Shopping and Banking
- Use Social Media
- Access online Library & Council Services
- Complete online Applications & Forms
- Search for Courses & Jobs online
- Find accurate Health information online
 - Plus More

For further information and a full role description please contact ACDA Skills Training on 020 3290 1128 or 0770 964 2243. You can also email info@acda.org.uk

FUNDRAISING NEWS

PLANT SALE - SAVE THE DATE!! SATURDAY 18TH MAY

Northfields Community Library Annual Plant Sale will be held on Saturday May 18th 2024, and will be bigger and better than ever! More news coming shortly.

Now is the time to become a Friend of Northfields Community Library

Join now and you will receive an invitation to our first annual Friends event on Wednesday 12th June. It's our opportunity to thank you for your support and tell you what we have achieved so far. Over refreshments, you will be able to contribute your ideas for how you would like to see us develop into a vibrant Community Hub for the Northfields area.



Join now. Just click on the QR code, and for only £5 a month, or the discounted rate of £50 a year, you will receive a free ticket to an author talk, two free books from the bookstall, and 10 free photocopies – and that invitation to share your views, along with the knowledge that you are helping the library grow and thrive.

Hiring the library

Did you know that you can hire the library for a community group event or a regular activity. To make an initial inquiry and find out more click on the QR code or go to

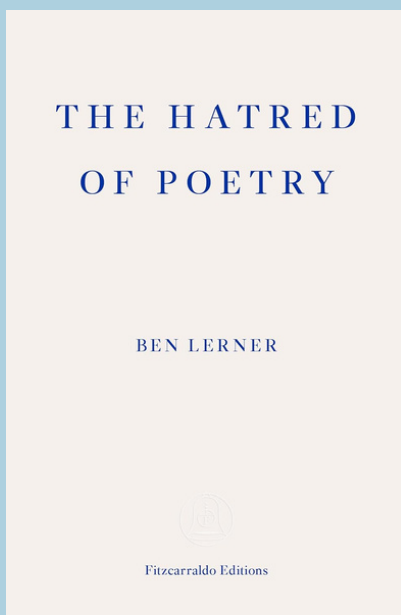
<https://northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk/lettings.htm>



BOOK REVIEW

Recommended by Rosemary Norman, Volunteer and Poet

Ben Lerner: The Hatred of Poetry: Fitzcarraldo Editions, 2016



Fitzcarraldo books are beautiful, white and blue with what I've just learned are called French flaps, stiff paper covers folded like the flaps on a hardback jacket. I bought this because I couldn't resist the title.

It's a funny book, at least to begin with, because there's something funny about our approach to poetry. I don't know if they use the expression "sheer poetry" in the U.S. but that seems to be what we want, transcendent, breaking the bounds of language and communication. And we can't have it.

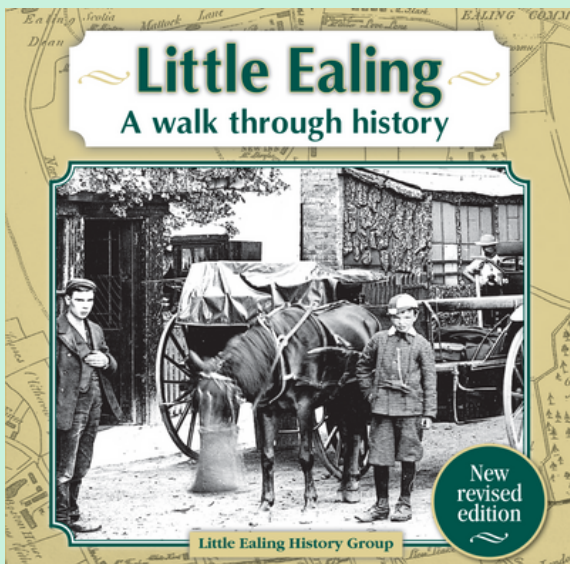
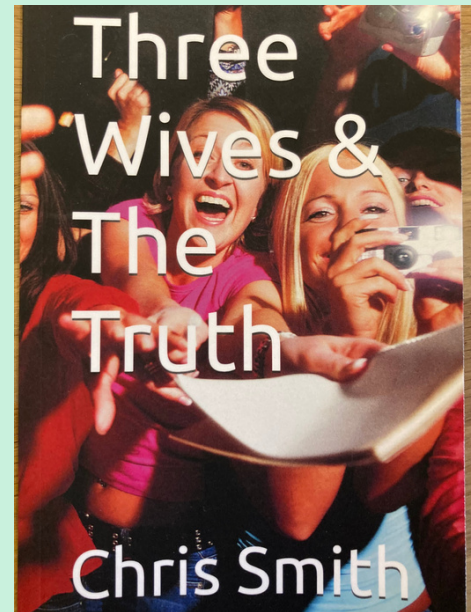
Lerner quotes Keats's Ode on a Grecian Urn, "Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard / Are sweeter". And he looks in detail at William McGonagall's dreadful The Tay Bridge Disaster, a huge and hilarious gap between what's attempted and what's achieved. Less to laugh at later looking at Claudia Rankine, whose task as a poet is to give a readership who may not share it, a sense of her experience as a black American woman.

The poetry world wouldn't agree, but I think the many people who aren't interested in poetry are mostly none the worse for that. This book isn't for them.

LAST MONTH IN THE LIBRARY

Our author talk on 12th March was from Chris Smith. He spoke about his career in the music business, and as a radio presenter presenter, his love of Country Music and his newly published novel.

Chris's book, "Three Wives & The Truth" tells the story of a fictional Country singer from Texas. The book is available on Amazon.



We were delighted to welcome the Little Ealing History Group to the library on 14th March, when they launched their new book "Little Ealing, A Walk Through History"

The library was packed with attendees, who enjoyed a wonderful talk about the way our neighbourhood has changed through the centuries.

We hope the Group will come back soon to talk to us again!

What's Going On: Weekly

Tuesday

- ▶ 10:30 – 11:00: Rhyme Time
- ▶ 12:30 – 14:30: Free Digital Skills Training
- ▶ 16:00 – 17:00: IT Support with volunteer Ben. No appointment needed

Wednesday

- ▶ 11:15 – 12:15: Knit and Natter Group
- ▶ 14:00 – 15:30: Shared Reading Group, led by a trained Reader Leader

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 10TH APRIL

Thursday

- ▶ 11:15: Coffee Morning: Join us for a cuppa and a chat
- ▶ 14:00 – 15:00: **NEW!** Beadcraft classes. First session 18th April
- ▶ 15:30 – 16:00: Rhyme Time Singing With Gilbert **NOT 4th / 11th APRIL**

What's Going On: Monthly

Ealing Repair Cafe

▶ **NEXT SESSION: TUESDAY 16TH APRIL AT 17:00-18:45**

Offering advice on how to mend by sewing, embroidery, visible mending, patching, boro and sashiko stitching. Sewing equipment, threads and fabric for patches provided.

Northfields Community Library Book Club

▶ **NEXT MEETING: 19:30 ON TUESDAY 23rd APRIL**

We meet at the Library. At this meeting we will be celebrating World Book Night!

This month we are reading “The Marriage Portrait” by Maggie O’Farrell. New members are welcome. If you would like to join us email getintouchncl@outlook.com and we will send details.

There is no charge for these events, but donations to library funds will be appreciated



...and more

That's all for now!

If you have any suggestions for content or for groups or activities we might organise, we'd love to hear them.

You can contact us by any of the methods below - or come in and see us in the library!

With best wishes,

**Tanya, Paul, Alison P, Alison S, Angela,
Maureen, Joy and Meena**

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