Hanwell Community Library

Library News

November 2022

Library events

Our welcoming space

The Library is open for 27 hours a week as a welcoming space for all members of the community in Hanwell and wider community throughout Ealing.

Whether you are a Library member or not, anyone is welcome to sit in the Library to read books, study, play the board games we have on offer, and connect to our free WI-FI. We also have colouring sheets for kids in the Children's Library.

Visitors are also welcome to register for a Library card. Registering for the Library is free and allows users to use the PCs in the Library and borrow books to take home.

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Opening hours

Tuesday
10am-1pm then 2pm-5pm

Wednesday
10am-1pm then 2pm-5pm

Thursday
2pm-5pm

Friday
10am-1pm then 2pm-5pm

Saturday
10am-4pm

Library events

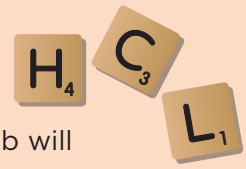
#HCLBooksEtc

#HCLBooksEtc is a diverse and informal book club led by Sara-Jade Virtue. **#HCLBooksEtc** which meets in the Library every couple of months.

There are no set books, instead, members are encouraged bring along a book they have enjoyed which loosely relates to the given theme to discuss with the group. The theme for the November meeting will be: **animals**.

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 9th November 17:30-18:30**. To sign up please email: **HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk**

Scrabble Club



Hanwell Community Library Scrabble Club will be taking place **every Friday morning** in the Library at **11 am**. Boards will be provided and there is no need to book, just turn up to play! **All ages welcome!**

Local History Exhibition

David Blackwell will be based in the Library from **10-4** on **Saturday 5th November**. Learn about the history of Hanwell through maps, books and photos! Free entry, no need to book.

HCL Tuesday Morning Reading Group

The Tuesday Morning Reading Group meets on the first Tuesday of each Month to talk about a book that we have all read. We read mainly fiction but also enjoy the occasional non-fiction book. Books are sometimes from stock which Ealing Libraries hold for reading groups and sometimes books chosen from recommendations within the group. We welcome new members, the only criteria is to enjoy reading and discussing books. If you are interested come along to one of our meetings.

Meetings are held at **10.30am** on the **first Tuesday of each month** at Hanwell Community Library.

Rainbow Poetry Group

For everyone who enjoys poetry on a wide range of subjects, the Rainbow Poetry Group invites you to its informal meetings in the Library on the **second Tuesday each month at 2.30pm**.

Members of the group bring, read and discuss published poems, with a specific theme each time. For further details please contact **Don Kennedy** on **020 8567 4397** / e-mail: **donkennedy@f2s.com**

Hanwell Community Library 'Knit and natter'

Pop along to our informal knitting group for adults at Hanwell Community Library **every Tuesday 11-12**.

Bring along whatever you are working on and use the space to knit, chat and make new friends. Please note: attendees, please bring your own materials.

Help with form filling

Ealing Law Centre

Ealing Law Centre's Triage and Outreach service will be available throughout October at Hanwell Community Library to help members of the public with completing applications for Personal Independence Payment and UC50 forms. If you need assistance with this, please visit us during the Law Centre opening hours:

Monday 9:30-17:30
Tuesday.....9:30-17:30
Wednesday.....9:30-17:30
Thursday.....9:30-17:30
Friday.....9:30-17:30

Library events

Hanwell Community Library Homework Club

Do you need some help with your homework or want to find a book on a school topic?

Hanwell Community Library Homework Club takes place in the Library every Tuesday afternoon 15:30-17:00. Sessions will take place on a drop in basis, there is no need to book.

Ealing Friendship Centre

‘Pep’ up your social life? Join Ealing Friendship Centre.

Meet in the Library on the third Thursday of every month, 2pm-4pm. We have a varied programme.

For more information, phone **Chris** on **020 8579 9868.**

Storytime

Storytime is a great free activity for young children to attend and usually includes two stories followed by a series of nursery rhymes. Storytime takes place in the Library at **11 am** every **Wednesday**. All are welcome!

Check out our new board games library!

We now have a board games Library in the Library! Library users are welcomed to use our library space to play the board games provided!

How does it work?

We have a range of games for children and adults. Our board games can be found in the main Library. Library users are welcome to take them from the table and play the games

in the Library space. Just remember to put them back once you have finished playing!

A word on our volunteer social and planning evening

We would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers who came to our social and planning evening in September. The evening was a lovely way for our volunteers to shape where they would like to see the Library going next! We received many wonderful ideas including setting up a board games bank (please see above), having physical copies of our newsletter available in the Library for users and having more local art in the Library space.

Since the social evening, we have began to start implementing all of the above and we hope this will make this space welcoming for all our users and volunteers.

Thank you to everyone for coming along and sharing your brilliant ideas with us!

Over 5s Winter Craft Morning

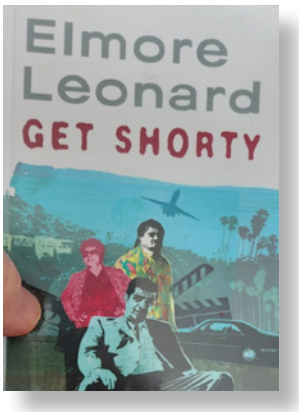
Come and join us at Hanwell Community Library for our children's Winter Craft morning. **Saturday 19th November 10:30-12:00**. To sign up please email

HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk. Please note: parents are asked to remain present.

Hanwell Community Library volunteer book review

by Steve Page

Get Shorty - Elmore Leonard



If you like your humour dark, your plots twisted and your crime gritty, then this is for you. It's the story of Chili Palmer, a Miami loan shark and tough guy in Vegas and LA, making a new life for himself in the movie world. There's a lot more to it, but the plot is secondary to the array of interlocking characters who seem familiar despite being like noone you've met. You'll make friends with them as you follow their complex dance and you'll wish you could be in the room, in the car, in the bar, to listen in to their lives.

Yes, there's a movie, but read the book first, it's about the characters and their interplay. There's more of them in the book, so it's more fun. (The movie captures that interplay really well and Travolta is his normal cool self, a great casting.)

But back to the book. It's the type to stuff into your back pocket, bring out in Costa while waiting for a friend, spill coffee over, shake dry and keep reading, leaving the finished copy looking battered and over-loved.

[Oh, I very just remembered that this is a library book review. Ignore what I just said - it was just for effect.]

It's a storming good read and if you fall for Chili, there's always 'Be Cool' to follow.

Steve Page

Would you like to volunteer?

Here at Hanwell Community Library, we are always looking to welcome new volunteers!

Whether you would like to help run the Library on a day to day basis or there is a specific event or club you would like to run, there is a place for everyone!

Public facing volunteer roles include activities such as:

- Registering new users
- Issuing books
- Returning books
- Renewing books
- Shelving and sorting library stock
- Helping answer customer questions

If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please fill in the form on the 'Get Involved' section of our website:

hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk/volunteer/

Or ask at the Library front desk for a physical copy of the form.

Thank you and welcome!

The Library would not be able to run without the help of all of our fantastic volunteers who regularly give up their own time to ensure that the library is an inviting and inclusive place for all users. Thank you everyone!

We would also like to welcome our new volunteers Hidaya and Safiya to the Library.Thank you everyone!

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