Hanwell Community Library

Library News

December 2022

Library update

Christmas opening hours

The Library will be open until 5pm on Thursday 22nd December 2022. It will then close until Tuesday 3rd January at 10am.

If you need to return or renew a book during this period, the opening hours of Ealing Council managed Libraries can be found in the table at the bottom of this newsletter. We will be running the following special events for Christmas:

Over 5s Christmas Craft Morning

Our over 5s family Christmas craft morning will be taking place on Saturday 17th December, 10:30-12. To sign up, please email HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Christmas Poetry evening

Join us for a free open mic poetry evening at Hanwell Community Library. Thursday 8th December at 7pm. Bring your favourite poem that celebrates Winter or Christmas. Email HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrar.org.uk to sign up!

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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

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

Local History Exhibition

David Blackwell will be based in the Library from **10-4** on **Saturday 3rd December**. Learn about the history of Hanwell through maps, books and photos! Free entry, no need to book.

#HCLBooksEtc

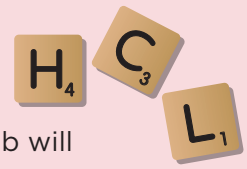
#HCLBooksEtc is a diverse and informal book club led by Sara-Jade Virtue. #HCLBooksEtc which meets in the Library every couple of months.

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 18th January 18:00-19:30**.

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 next theme will be: New beginnings and fresh starts.

If you would like to join, or would like more details, 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!**

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. The last homework club of this term will take place on **Tuesday 13th December 2022**. Homework club will restart on **Tuesday 10th January 2023**.

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!

Hanwell Library youth club

Aged 14-17 and looking to meet like-minded people? Why not come along to our youth club? Games, music, tea, coffee and biscuits! Email HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary to sign up.

Over 5s Christmas Craft Morning

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Council Libraries Christmas opening hours

Date	Ealing Central & Southall Libraries	Acton Library	Northolt Library	Northolt Leisure Library	Greenford & Jubilee Gardens
Fr 23/12/2022	Open as normal	Open as normal	Open as normal	Open as normal	Open as normal
Sa 24/12/2022	10.00-16.00	10.00-14.00	10.00-16.00	**Self-serve**	12.00-17.00
Su 25/12/2022	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mo 26/12/2022	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tu 27/12/2022	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
We 28/12/2022	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Th 29/12/2022	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Fr 30/12/2022	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sa 31/12/2022	10.00-16.00	10.00-14.00	10.00-16.00	**Self-serve**	12.00-17.00
Su 1/1/2023	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mo 2/2/2023	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tu 3/1/2023	Open as normal	Open as normal	Open as normal	Open as normal	Open as normal

Council resources

Customer Service Points at Libraries

If you are at risk of becoming homeless, please call 020 8825 6444 or email your name and phone number to EmergencyHousing@ealing.gov.uk. If you email by 4.30pm you will receive a call back on the same day. Emails received after 4.30pm will receive a call back the next working day. This table outlines the quickest and easiest way to access council services:

Service	How to access
Council Tax enquiries	My Account www.ealing.gov.uk/myaccount Telephone: 020 8825 7050
Housing Benefit enquiries	My Account www.ealing.gov.uk/myaccount Telephone: 020 8825 7000
Benefit documents for scanning	Send clear photos of documents to: hbscanning@ealing.gov.uk Drop envelope in letterbox outside Customer Service Centre (to right of main glass doors)
Housing Options (applying for housing)	LOCATA: www.locata.org.uk/ealing Telephone: 020 8825 8800/7274
Housing Solutions (housing advice)	Telephone: 020 8825 8888
Housing repairs	My Account www.ealing.gov.uk/myaccount Telephone: 020 8825 5682
Parking enquiries	My Account www.ealing.gov.uk/myaccount Email: parkingservices@ealing.gov.uk Telephone: 020 8825 7050
Environmenal enquiries	My Account www.ealing.gov.uk/myaccount www.ealing.gov.uk/rubbishandrecycling Telephone: 020 8825 6000
Schools Admissions	Primary School telephone: 020 8825 5511* Secondary School telephone: 020 8825 5522* *telephone lines only open 9am-12noon, Mon-Fri
Social Services/safeguarding	Telephone: 020 8825 8000
Council switchboard (Out of hours service - emergencies only)	www.ealing.gov.uk Telephone: 020 8825 5000

If you do not have access to the internet, there is free Wi-Fi and access to computers available at all of the borough's libraries including the Community Managed Libraries. If you need additional support, please visit the Customer Service Point closest to your home, Monday – Friday 10:00am – 5:00pm.

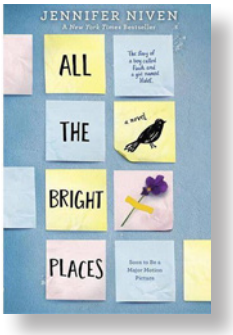
Acton Library, Everyone Active, Acton Centre, W3 6NE
Southall Library, The Dominion Centre, UB2 4BQ
Northolt Library, Church Road, UB5 5AS
Ealing Central Library, Ealing Broadway Shopping centre, W5 5JY

Please be aware that advisors at the Customer Service Points cannot support customers at risk of becoming homeless. Please call 020 8825 6444.

Volunteer book review

By Priya Davies

All The Bright Places - Jennifer Niven



I bought this book the day before we went into lockdown in 2020, it was the title that sparked my initial attraction.

'All The Bright Places' seemed an uncanny title for a book. In fact, it was more of a statement than title. I wondered what the author meant by 'Bright Places', was this something metaphorical or physical? The more pages I turned the more I realised it could be both.

The book tells the story of two teenagers named Violet and Finch, who both encounter difficulties with death. Whilst Violet struggles with the loss of her sister,

Finch struggles with the deterioration of his mental health. The two meet at the top of a belltower, both ready to take their own life, yet they somehow manage to save one another from first interaction. I find it interesting Niven decided to begin the book this way- mid action when death seemed so near. Perhaps Niven begins this way to emphasise the fragility and delicacy of life, so easily taken, hence it must be treasured.

Love plays a major role in the book, it acts as the 'cement between the bricks', something which can solve all pain and sorrow. However, Niven suggests too much love is bad, especially when you fall so quickly for someone.

As the book progresses Violet and Finch both try and give the other a reason to live instead of focusing on their own reason to live. In trying to help each other they forget to help themselves. The exhilaration and richness that comes from love is explored deeply, yet also the pain of it being taken away after a short period of time.

Whilst Violet and Finch remain connected throughout, I found it interesting the book switches from Violet's then Finch's perspective. Perhaps Niven wanted to keep their thoughts separate from each other's, allowing the reader to join this up themselves- for a more personal read.

Having read this during lockdown, at a time when lives were being taken and mental health became more prominent, it really reminded me to value the people you have in your life, as they can be taken away so easily.

Overall, this is a must-read book if you're looking for something meaningful yet carefully crafted.

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 & 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 volunteer Sheila, we hope the Library will be a fun and fulfilling place for you to volunteer!

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