Hanwell Community Library

Library News

February 2023

We are looking for volunteers!

Saturday Volunteers

Here at Hanwell Community Library, we are looking for volunteers to help on our Saturday shifts (10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm).

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: https://hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk/volunteer/

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

IT Volunteers

Do you enjoy using computers and would like to share your knowledge with others? If so, Hanwell Community Library needs you!

We are looking for volunteers to lead a monthly 3 hour drop in session to provide guidance and information for those who need help with basic IT skills. If this is something you would be interested in, please fill in the form on our website: https://hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk/volunteer/ or ask at the front desk.

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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

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 3:30-5pm.

Sessions will take place on a drop in basis, there is no need to book.

Hanwell Library Book Doctor

In a Reading Rut?
Come and meet the Hanwell Community Library Book Doctor.

Drop in to Hanwell Community Library from **10am** on the **first Saturday of every month** (beginning 4th March) and let local Book Doctor Sara-Jade Virtue, creator of the #HCLBooksEtc* community group, prescribe your next page-turner.

#HCLBooksEtc

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

The next meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday 1st March** at **6pm**.

There are no set books, instead, members are encouraged bring along a book they have read and enjoyed based on a set theme to discuss with the group. The next theme will be: **Saints and villains**.

If you would like to join, or would like more details, please email HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org

KidsYogaFlo returns to Hanwell Library- free event

We are delighted to welcome Emma Hoddy @kidsyogaflo to run 2 Free yoga sessions on **Thursday 16th February** (half-term). She is running a parent/ carer and child (ages 3-5 years) from 10-10:40am. At 11-11:50am she will be leading a session for children aged 6-10 years (parents must remain on site).

There are limited places and booking is essential via: https://bookwhen.com/kidsyogaflo

If you book a place we kindly ask that you inform Emma if you are no longer able to attend so she can offer the space to someone on the waiting list.

If you are unable to get a place due to overbooking then please email Emma at kidsyogaflo@gmail.com and she will place you on a waiting list

Help with form filling

Ealing Law Centre's Triage and Outreach service will be available throughout February 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

Ealing Law Centre

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.

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.

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.**

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!

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

Local History Exhibition

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

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 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.

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.

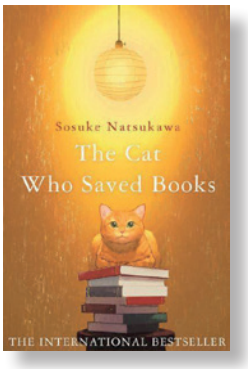
Acton Library, Everyone Active, Acton Centre, W3 6NE
Southall Library, The Dominion Centre, UB2 4BQ
Northolt Library, Church Road, UB5 5AS
Ealing Central Library, Ealing Broadway Shopping centre, W5 5JY

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 Denys Gaskill

The Cat Who Saved Books
Sosuke Natsukawa, translated by Louise Heal Kawai



Should a Christmas tradition in our family ever decide to conk out, there would be words and toys thrown out of the pram. Whatever theme our present giving may take, there must always be at least one gift that is a book. The festive season then finds us scattered about the living room, all absorbed in whatever story has caught our attention, even if it wasn't bought specifically for us (this is known as nosy) and we have to be shouted at a few times to come and peel veg/make tea/roast the potatoes before surfacing from the adventure.

For this month may I bring to your attention 'The Cat Who Saved Books'. I will confess I bought this for me as an 'I survived Christmas shopping' treat but it does still count as a gift (according to my rules). I would suggest a Sunday afternoon when everyone else is out, bring out the best biscuits, a hot drink, wrap to keep extremities warm and turn off the TV – now you are set to enter the world of 'The Cat Who Saved Books'. Rintaro is an introverted Japanese student who has just lost his grandfather and acquired Natsuki Books, the bookshop belonging to the latter. Rintaro loves reading and delights in the eclectic mix of stock accumulated. A few days after his grandfather dies he is visited by a talking ginger cat who needs his help.

I finished this in one gulp and will be slotting this alongside 'The Horse, the Boy, the Fox and the Mole' to be read when life seems to be getting in the way and things are not going well. It has a similar mindset, with added books and is, as the Observer reviewer states 'enchanting'.

My grandmother was an English teacher and I can remember her sitting my sisters and I down when we visited to read to us before bedtime. She taught us A A Milne poems and introduced us to Mole and Ratty and Badger and Toad, Pongo and Perdita, Pooh and Piglet; stories that I still read today. 'The Cat Who Saved Books' is a proud addition to that collection.

Volunteer news

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!

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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!

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