Hanwell Community Library

Library News

March 2023

New Hanwell Community Library IT Support Hub

Support will be available on the **first Tuesday of every month**, from **10am to 12 noon**, starting on Tuesday 7th March. No need to book, help provided on a first come first served basis.

Help for simple queries regarding:

- Texts
- Emails
- Using phones/tablets
- Using the internet
- Microsoft Office
- And more!

Please note: We cannot help with repairing hardware or complex IT issues.

We are looking for new Storytime volunteers

Do you enjoy reading to children and helping them to explore the world of books through stories and nursery rhymes? If so, why not volunteer?

Our Storytime sessions take place on a rota basis on **Wednesday mornings 11-11.30am**. To volunteer, 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 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.

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.

White Ink

White Ink Club is a cultural club. This club is interested in arts and literature and believes that multiculturalism is an advantage that it is necessary to invest in.

White Ink Club holds its events in more than one language. White Ink Club will hold an event in English on **March 16th, 5-7.30pm** titled **Analysis of a Book**.

#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

Help with form filling

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

Spring Poetry Evening

Hanwell Library will be having a spring poetry evening! The poetry evening will take place in the Library on T**hursday 23rd March** at **7pm**. Come along to listen or maybe even read a poem of your choice! To sign up to attend, please email HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org

Library events

Ealing Friendship Centre

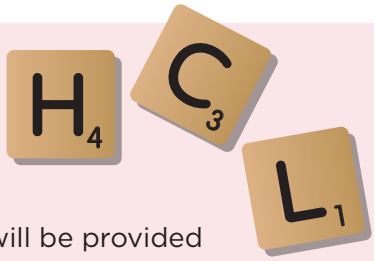
'Pep' up your social life? Join Ealing Friendship Centre.

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!

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.

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.

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!

Local History Exhibition

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

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

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 10am – 5pm.

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

The Maze Runner

by James Dashner

Set in a post-apocalyptic world under an authoritarian regime, Dashner tells a compelling, dystopian masterpiece. The novel begins in media res with a sixteen-year-old boy named Thomas riding up a lift to be appointed a place in The Glade. It soon becomes apparent to the reader that The Glade is in fact a maze, imprisoning Thomas, and other teenage boys against their will. The memories of all the 'Gladers' (teenagers) have been wiped, leaving them with nothing but an empty conscience. Dashner takes the reader on an enthralling journey as Thomas and the other Gladers try to work their way out of the maze, recovering pieces of his past in doing so.

I read this novel a few years ago but re-read it recently. I found it interesting how I noticed different aspects of the book on my second read. Dashner subtly reveals pieces of Thomas's past-life through the use of dreams and visual imagery before this imagery becomes reality. I like this factor as Dashner allows the reader to dwell on unanswered questions, to form their own answers, before revealing them at the novel's conclusion. The book is heavily plot based, with Thomas being an exception, there is little detail put into other characters. This emphasises the toneless reality of the maze, in which the boys are merely just 'pieces' in a game, rather than valid people.

The book has parallels to other dystopian novels such as The Hunger Games and Divergent. However, I felt the Maze Runner had more of a mysterious tone compared to other dystopian novels. I like this factor as the reader feels equal with Thomas as he knows as little as we do.

Overall, The Maze Runner is a transfixing story that creates a uniquely terrifying world of the unknown. It's ideal for someone who enjoys suspense and mystifying puzzles. Nothing is made clear until the very end, by that time you wish you'd never known.

Review by Priya Davies

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!

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 **Sue, Kemar, Ian, Martin** and **Teresa**. We hope the Library will be a rewarding place for you to volunteer.

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