Hanwell Community Library

Library News

April 2023

Easter News

Hanwell Library Annual Easter Egg Hunt Returns!

The Easter bunny has been back and has been careless once again! He is dropped ten eggs around the Library, can you find them all in return for a tasty treat?

Our free Easter Egg hunt will be open from **23rd March until 17:00 on Thursday 6th April**. No need to book, just turn up.

Easter Closure

The Library will close for Easter at 17:00 on Thursday 6th April.

We will re open at 10:00 on Tuesday 11th April. Please ensure that you renew or return any books due during this period.

Hanwell Library Writing Group

Working on your next great novel or short story? Starting creative writing for the first time? Join the Hanwell Writing Group for motivation and company. Anyone is welcome to sit and write on their own or trade ideas and peer edit. Every other Tuesday from 28th March 2023. Stop by anytime between 18:00 and 19:30.

Email Hanwellwritinggroup@gmail.com to join

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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

Homework help at Hanwell Library

Does your child need help with their homework or support with a subject they are studying?

If so, Hanwell Library can help!

One to one support available **every Tuesday afternoon (Term time) between 3.30-5pm**.

Free, just drop in- 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** and let local Book Doctor Sara-Jade Virtue, creator of the #HCLBooksEtc* community group, prescribe your next page-turner.

Hanwell Community Library IT Support Hub

First Tuesday of every month, from **10am to 12 noon**. 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.

#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 17th May** 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: **Kings and Queens**.

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

Help with form filling

Ealing Law Centre

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

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

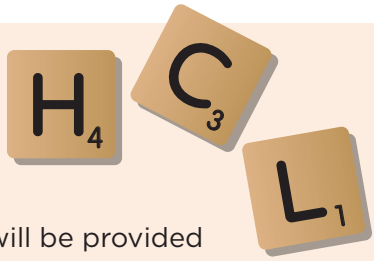
'Pep' up your social life? Join Ealing Friendship Centre.

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

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 1st April**. Learn about the history of Hanwell through maps, books and photos! Free entry, no need to book.

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 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 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.

Volunteer book review

The Reading List

by Sara Nisha Adams (Harper Collins)

If you love books and libraries and our part of London, this novel could be perfect for you.

At the centre of the story is Harrow Road library. Mukesh Patel, an elderly widower, is struggling to deal with the death of his wife and its impact on his relationship with their three daughters and his granddaughter, Priya. Aleisha is a lonely teenager who works at the library during the summer holidays while having to cope with caring for her Mum with her older brother, Aidan.

A chance meeting at the library between Aleisha and Mukesh starts their journeys into the world of books. They discover a love of reading and a renewed energy for life.

The journey starts when Aleisha finds a mysterious handwritten note in a library copy of "To Kill a Mocking Bird" by Harper Lee. The note contains a list of eight classic novels, some recent, some vintage (no spoilers here). Well-known characters from those novels play their part in this new story. But what I enjoyed about this book was not just its literary connections. It was an insightful and intimate portrayal of the different and sometimes very challenging worlds inhabited by the author's own characters. I loved her natural and warm depiction of their responses to what happens in their lives as a new and enthralling story unfolds.

If you need any more persuasion .... Hanwell library makes an appearance in the story half- way through!

Review by Jane Batalona

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 **Sara-jade, Catherine, Des** and **Marion**. We hope the Library will be a rewarding place for you to volunteer.

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