Hanwell Community Library

Library News

May 2023

May Closure

The Library will be closed on Saturday 6th May. We will be open on all other Saturdays throughout May.

Hanwell Community Library one to one homework support

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.

Join us for a game of spot the crown

To celebrate the coronation, we will be hosting a game of spot the crown! Tell us how many crowns you can see around the Library for a prize.

Spot the crown will be taking place from **2nd-5th May 2023**. Free, just turn up to take part.

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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

Age UK are looking for volunteers

Would you like to help older residents in Ealing get online? We are looking for Digital Champion Volunteers to help run digital skills sessions for those who are inexperienced with digital devices or feel they are digitally excluded from accessing online services. Key skills were looking for:

- Good IT skills
- Confident presenting skills
- Enthusiastic with good interpersonal skills
- Sympathetic, patient, and sensitive
- Previous training skills experience would be desirable but not compulsory
- A full UK drivers license is desirable but not compulsory

If you're interested, apply through our website - https://www.ageuk.org.uk/ealing/get-involved/volunteering/

For any questions, please contact digitalinclusion@ageukealing.org.uk

#HCLBooksEtc

#HCLBooksEtc is a diverse and informal book club led by Sara-Jade Virtue. **#HCLBooksEtc** that 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's Triage and Outreach service are available 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 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.

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

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.org to sign up.

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!

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 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:

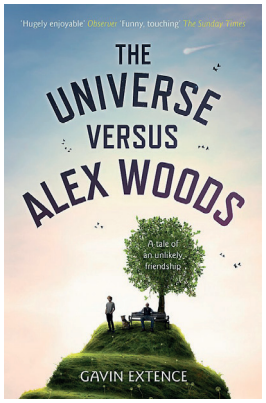
hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk/volunteer/

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

Volunteer book review

by Steve Page

The Universe versus Alex Woods
by Gavin Extence



I like a book that starts near the end – in a moment of jeopardy – and then tells the story from the beginning to answer all the questions that the first chapter presents to the reader. It tantalises. It gives you a taste of the reward awaiting you when you've caught up on the back story.

Gavin does this very well – by page 16 I was hooked and wanted to know why this strange teenager, Alex, was stopped by border force with the cremated remains of Mr Peterson along with the stash of marijuana in the glove compartment (or 'the herbal cigarettes').

It's a tale of how a minor celebrity (Alex – on account of the incident with the meteorite) makes an unlikely friendship with the grumpy Mr Peterson (on account of the damaged greenhouse) and the life lessons learned along the way, with some help from Kurt Vonnegut and Friedrich Nietzsche).

It's moving, funny and paints wonderful pen pictures of the characters in Alex's life.

By page 397 you'll be all caught up – and ready for Alex's mum to square up to the authorities.

Trust me - you have to be there.

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 volunteer **Des**. We hope the Library will be a rewarding place for you to volunteer.

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