Hanwell Community Library

Library News

June 2023

Hanwell Community Library IT Support Hub

We will be offering more help from June! First and third Tuesdays

First and third Tuesday every month, from 10am to 12 noon.. No need to book, help provided on a first come first serve 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.

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.

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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

Local History Exhibition

Would you like to learn more about the history of your local area?

Visitors are welcomed to come and explore the history of Hanwell through word, maps and pictures led by local resident David Blackwell.

David will be based in the community room on the **first Saturday of every month, 10am-4pm**. No need to book, free entry. The next exhibition will take place on **Saturday 3rd June.**

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 that meet in the Library every couple of months.

The next meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday 19th July** 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 is **'Classics'**.

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 Library Writing Group

Working on your next great novel or short story?

Starting creative writing for the firsttime?

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 6pm and 7:30pm. Email: **Hanwellwritinggroup@gmail.com** to join.

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!

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.

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

Volunteer book review

by Denys Gaskill

A Gentleman in Moscow *by Amor Towles*

I am a firm believer in books for specific occasions. Books for lounging (preferably in hammocks), books in the bath, novels on the tube, new discoveries in book shops that just have to be opened and perused there and then (hovering about until you can snaffle that seat just by the window). Each has its time to be read, but some genres work better at specific times, and need the space/ leisure to take in what the story is. For example, should I have the occasional bout of insomnia at 3.25am it's no good reaching for the final few chapters of the crime story as this will set my brain working even more – for this I need Winnie the Pooh or The Horse, The Boy, the Fox and the Mole. Tube stories work best with short stories as you will be paying attention subconsciously to the alerts rather than worrying about the relationship unfolding (dramatically) in front of your eyes between the pages. Classics impress potential in-law visits (not necessarily being read but placed in strategic places), cosy crimes mean interminable bus journeys pass in the flash of an eye.

All this is leading to my choice for this month, which requires peace, attention, and a very large sofa to repose upon. 'A Gentleman in Moscow' recounts the incarceration of Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov in the Hotel Metropole, Moscow in, initially, one room in the attic, by The Emergency Committee of the People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs from June 1922, on pain of being shot if he ever steps outside.

Put aside a whole afternoon and you will become tangled with characters casually encountered, friends allowed to visit and how the remarkable human spirit adapts to such a sentence while managing to keep its sense of humour, humanity and sense of adventure. You could then find yourself pondering, when washing up, what would you do in such circumstances.

And that's no bad thing. It might even be worth being awake at 3.25am to continue walking with Count Rostov.

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 **Kiran** and **Megan**. We hope the Library will be a rewarding place for you to volunteer.

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