Hanwell Community Library

Library News

August 2023

Thank you Priya!

We would like to give a special mention and thank you to Priya, who spent a week completing her work experience at the Library in June for helping to put together this newsletter.

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BEAT
BOROUGH OF EALING ART TRAIL

We are excited to be a host location for BEAT for a third year!

We look forward to welcoming seven local artists who will be displaying items such as pottery, abstract art, graphics, jewellery and more. BEAT will be taking place on the following dates in September:

Saturday 9th Sept: 11am to 6pm

Sunday 10th Sept: 11am to 6pm

Saturday 16th Sept: 11am to 6pm

Sunday 17th Sept: 11am to 6pm

Summer Family Craft morning for over 5s

Whether you are going on a plane or not this summer why not come and join us and learn how to make your own paper plane followed by a plane flying race.

Our free family craft morning will be taking place on **Saturday 12th August 10:30-12noon.** To sign up please ask at the front desk or email:

HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk

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

HSBC Community Pop up

We are pleased to announce that HSBC will be running a community pop up at HanwellLibrary on the third Tuesday of every month 10:00-13:00. This will be an opportunity toobtain free advice on:

- Information on products and services
- Online and mobile banking registrations and resets
- Education on digital banking
- Education on how to reduce the risk of fraud
- Education on access to banking services
- Education on post office services

If you need help with your account. Please bring ID. If you need to withdraw cash or casha cheque, please visit your local branch or post office.

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.

#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 6th September** 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: **Bookshops and Libraries**.

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 and third 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

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.**

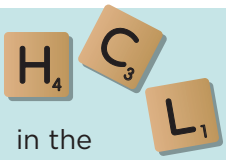
Rainbow Poetry Group

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

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 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 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.

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!

Library events

Hanwell Community Library one to one homework support for under 13s - term time only

Restarting September date TBC

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.

Summer Reading Challenge

We would like to encourage as many children as possible within our local community to get reading over the summer holidays! Can you read six books over the summer? Come along and take part to win a prize and a medal! Free!

Challenge ends Saturday 9th September 2023.

Local History Exhibition – no exhibition in August

Would you like to learn more about the history of your local area? Visitors are welcomed tocome and explore the history of Hanwell through word, maps and pictures led by localresident David Blackwell. David will be based in the community room on the **first Saturday of every month, 10-4**. No need to book, free entry.

Please note: Our local history exhibition will not be taking place in August the next exhibition will be on Saturday 2nd September.

Popular Newly Published Books of 2023:

Book Knowledge Quiz:

(answers at the bottom of the page)

1. What year did J.K. Rowling release Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone? a] 1997 b] 1995 c] 1999
2. The Midnight Library is a book written by which author? a] Billy Bryson b] Lucy Foley c]Matt Haig
3. In what year was the typewriter invented? a] 1789 b] 1912 c]1867
4. How many books does the average person read in a year? a] 8 b] 12 c] 5
5. What is the name of the novel that tells the story of a boy stranded on a boat with a tiger? a] To Kill a Mockingbird b] Life of Pi c] The Great Gatsby

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.

Quiz Answers: 1997, Matt Haig, 1867, 12, Life of Pie

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:

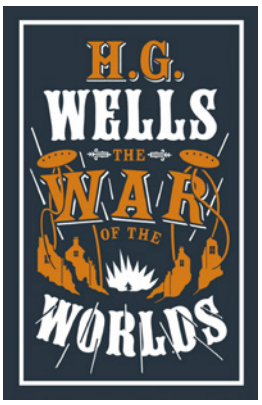
hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk/volunteer/

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

Volunteer book review

by Priya Davies

The War of the Worlds
by H G Wells



The War of the Worlds is a worldwide, literary phenomenon that alludes to a dystopian future of humanity. Set in the late 1890s in Woking, Wells tells the story of a Martian invasion which ultimately leads to the destruction of humanity and planet Earth.

Our narrator is an unnamed writer, who begins the novel with a series of explosions on Mars observed by astronomers, believing the explosions to be volcanic activity. The explosions are in reality the sound ofsilver canisters making their way to Earth, containing Martians ready to evoke total destruction on humanity and the natural order of Earth.

H.G. Wells was a socialist and held a strong belief for diminishing the social-class that dictated people's treatment in society. This influenced Wells to feature themes such as survival, social change and human superiority in the novel. He was also a biologist, hence why the book emphasizes the importance of caring for the natural world in current day.

Overall, The War of the Worlds acts as a warning for humanity. In present day we are effectively the Martians invading Earth and destroying the natural world, as seen through the Martians in the novel. Wells is suggesting we are the invaders on planet Earth, and if we don't start to care for our environment, something greater than ourselves will come to remove us systematically from Earth.

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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