Hanwell Community Library

Library News

November 2023

A Walk in the Woods - Kids craft morning

FREE over 5s craft morning!

Saturday 11th November, 10:30am-12noon.

Email HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk to sign up or ask at the front desk.

FREE Winter Poetry Evening

Welcome to the WINTER-VERSE, an evening of seasonal poetry. Come and read your own or your favourites.

7pm 6th December 2023 at **Hanwell Community Library**

[mulled wine and mince pies included]

RSVP to: nottoopoetry@gmail.com

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

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 between 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

#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 1st November** 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: **ghosts and ghouls**.

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

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, 10-4**. No need to book, free entry.

Hanwell Library Youth Club - Wednesday evenings

Aged 14-17 and looking to meet like-minded people?

Why not come along to our youth club? Games, music, tea, coffee and biscuits! The Youth Club restarted on **Wednesday 4th October** and takes place every other Wednesday at **5pm**.

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.

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

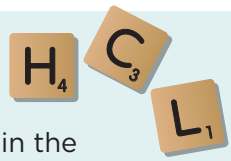
Rainbow Poetry Group

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!

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.**

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.**

Stop by anytime between **6pm and 7:30pm**. Email: Hanwellwritinggroup@gmail.com to join.

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.

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 **11am** every **Wednesday**. All are welcome!

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.

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

Volunteer book review by Denys Gaskill

A Quiet Flame *A Bernie Gunther novel by Philip Kerr*

When the weather turns autumnal I find my reading choices turning slightly darker and when I say autumnal it's the lashing rain, dark lowering clouds at 2pm and winds snatching umbrellas scenario than wonderful crisp bright days walking dogs, pub lunches and stamping through brightly coloured leaf piles.

With those conditions abounding, the sofa becomes the reader's best friend and with blanket/wrap for the body, feet ensconced in thick woollen socks/slippers and the good biscuits within easy reach why would anyone need to venture out? The weather also aids in creating a good gloomy atmosphere for our anti-hero to try to sort out the world.

This month's choice is definitely an anti-hero; Bernie Gunther. He was a First World War soldier, a member of the criminal police in Berlin for 11 years before the National Socialists came to power in 1933 and kicked out all non-members (and Bernie is definitely not the joining type, especially those guys) and now a private detective for hire. There are 14 books in the series featuring Bernie and you don't have to read them in any particular order as each of his adventures can stand alone. The one I started with is 'A Quiet Flame', where Bernie has travelled to South America incognito with three other Nazi officials, who are all wanted for war crimes (except Bernie). He finds himself in the thick of it when asked to investigate by the local police a killing strongly resembling his last case as a criminal detective; the story thus has two timelines - Buenos Aires and Berlin.

Bernie Gunther, the sofa, warm socks, hot coffee (or a glass of wine), the good biscuits - my recipe for the long winter months.

I wonder/I write

facilitated by Mary Burns, Writing for Wellbeing Group Facilitator

Friday 10 November
10.30am to 12noon

Come along and take the opportunity to wonder/reflect and better understand your world through guided writing/story/poetry/discussion.

In writing for well being there is no emphasis on writing style, paragraphs, punctuation, no mistakes are possible. You just write what comes up for you. You choose whether to share your writing or not, this is completely up to you. And you will have lots of fun!

Please email **Mary** at meb1202meb@gmail.com if you would like to attend this free taster session. Places limited to twelve.

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!

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