HANWELL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

December 2023

Library updates

Christmas opening hours

The Library will close for Christmas at 17:00 on Thursday 21st December 2023. The Library will re open at 10:00 on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Please note: the last Storytime session of 2023 will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 11am.

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

Kids craft morning

FREE over 5s craft morning! Saturday 9th December 10:30-12:00. 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). 7 pm 6th December 2023 at Hanwell Community Library.

[mulled wine and mince pies included]
RSVP to nottoopoetry@gmail.com

#HCLBooksEtc- MOVING TO MONTHLY MEETINGS
is a diverse and informal book club led by Sara-Jade Virtue. #HCLBooksEtc meet in the Library on the first Wednesday of every month at 18:00. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

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: Love and Marriage. If you would like to join, or would like more details, please email HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk

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.

Next date: Saturday 2nd December

Hanwell Community 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 at 17:00 and takes place every other Wednesday. Email HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk to sign up.

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 15:30-17:00. Sessions will take place on a drop in basis, there is no need to book.

Hanwell Community Library IT Support Hub

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 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 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

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

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!

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!

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 - 020 8567 4397 / e-mail: donkennedy@f2s.com

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 02085799868

Volunteer Book Review of Mr Mercedes by Steve Page

Now, I had always associated Stephen King with horror. And understandably so.

He's a great horror/supernatural writer. BUT he's just as talented as a thriller/crime writer.

(And I'm glad cos I'm not a horror fan in the main.)

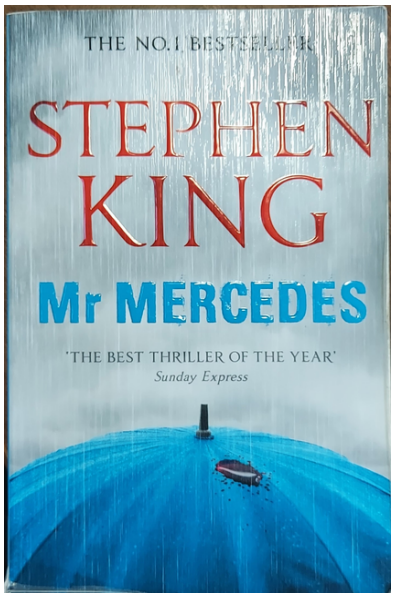
I was recommended 'Mr Mercedes' and am grateful for it. It's a classic cat and mouse drama – retired cop, Bill Hodges, and the killer from Bill's big unsolved case chat in an anonymous online chat room.

What makes it compelling reading is the Colombo approach of identifying the killer early on and the telling of both characters' stories.

It keeps you gripped with the credibility of each character and the unexpected turns of the plot. Don't expect a fairy tale ending; don't expect a stain-free hero. But do expect to be thoroughly entertained and be sucked into the unfolding story.

Imagine my joy when I later realised that King has written a trilogy featuring Bill Hodges and that some of the other characters have re-emerged in their own thriller. He's savvy, that Mr King.

· Mr Mercedes (now a drama on Amazon as well)
· Finders Keepers
· End of watch



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 letter box 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 6677
Environmental 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-12 noon, 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.

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

Thank you

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!