Hanwell Community Library

Library News

December 2024

Library updates

What a wonderful 2024, whether you joined us for Hanwell Hootie, one of our workshops, Storytime or were issuing and returning your books - THANK YOU.

We welcomed new faces galore this year, which provided a fantastic reminder of the joy that community can bring to our lives.

This year, we opened our doors for groups and facilitators to hire our Main Hall and Community room and have welcomed Student Filming, Yoga and Training sessions which has been delightful.

Thank you for stepping through our doors, have a fantastic end to your 2025.

120th Anniversary - Writing Competition!

2025 will be the 120th year anniversary of the library first opening to the public! In order to kick off our celebrations we are inviting you to submit your own 120 word (give or take) story. Whether this is poetry, prose, a script, or comic - we cannot wait to read it!

Deadline: 12 May 2025

Ages: All ages welcome, adults and children will be judged separately.

Prize: Winners work will be included in our 120th anniversary celebratory magazine.

Submit: Hand it to the front desk or email submissions to hcl@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk

What would you like to see in our library newsletters? Get in touch and let us know!

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Opening hours

Tuesday
10am-1pm then 2pm-5pm

Wednesday
10am-1pm then 2pm-5pm

Thursday
2pm-7pm

Friday
10am-1pm then 2pm-5pm

Saturday
10am-4pm

Library updates

End of year closures

One off closure on
Thursday 12th December

Closed from
Friday 20th December

Re-opening on
Tuesday 7th January 2025

If you incur a fine throughout this period due to overdue books, please mention this at the front desk upon our re-opening.

Books for sale

We are now selling books in the library. We have a range of paperbacks and hardbacks ranging from cooking & gardening books to mystery thrillers.

Thank you to everybody who has donated any books so far - we have quite the selection.

Don't miss out on some wonderful best sellers.

Christmas fun

Santa's hiding in the library - whilst we're open bring in your little ones to search for Santa's hiding spots.

Whilst you're here, write your letters to santa and post them in our christmas Letter Box.

Would you like to support us into 2025?

Like our favourite museums, here at Hanwell Community Library our maintenance, activities, and the services we provide are benefitted by the generosity of our users.

How to make a donation to support the library:
Scan the QR Code (right), click on the link below, or visit our front desk for direct card payment

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=M3E32KDRJWWUU

Thank you for your support.

We understand that not everybody is in the position to provide financial support, if you would like to support us by becoming a volunteer or have other suggestions, please reach out!

Did you know Hanwell Community Library is an IT Support Hub?

On the first and third Tuesday of every month, from **10am to 12 noon**, our volunteers are on hand to support you with various IT needs.

There is no need to book and all help is 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.

Winter open-mic

To celebrate the winter months Steve will once again be hosting his quarterly poetry open mic.

December 12th at 7pm

This will be a celebration of the spoken word amongst likeminded people.

Please bring your favourite poems (this can be ones you've written!)

To sign up, email nottoopoetry@gmail.com to celebrate all things seasonal.

Library activities and groups

Do you have an activity or group you'd like to host at the library? This could be a drop-in creative session in the main library space, a scheduled session every month or a one-off . . .

All ideas are welcome, reach out via hcl@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk with your details and idea and we can see if what's possible.

#HCLBooksEtc

#HCLBooksEtc is a diverse and informal book club led by Sara-Jade Virtue. **#HCLBooksEtc** that usually meet in the Library on the **first Wednesday** of every month at **6pm**.

Next date: February 5th. Theme: Matters of the Mind

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.

If you would like to join, or would like more details, please email HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org

Hanwell Library Youth Club

Hanwell Community Library Youth Club is currently paused whilst we recruit new members - do you know any young people who would like to help facilitate with the help of library staff?.

Email HCL@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org to sign up.

Local History Exhibition

- First and Third Saturday of the month

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, 10-3**. with a focus on the rest of the Borough on the Third Saturday of the month.

No need to book, free entry.

Shared Reading

- every Wednesday 2.15-3.45

Drop in to Hanwell Library and enjoy a new weekly activity of shared reading.

Grab a cuppa, listen to a story/poem read aloud by trained volunteers.

Join in or just sit back and listen. No pressure to read. No Homework.

Stories and poems bring people together to talk, to laugh, to share or just sit back, relax and listen. Join us on Wednesday afternoons.

Hanwell Community Library 'Knit and natter'

- Every Tuesday

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.

Neurodivergent Club

- last Saturday of every month, 1-4pm

A social club exclusively for neurodivergent and disabled folk to connect in a safe, welcoming environment.

Email Saph for more information including the Discord server information.

Kids craft morning

FREE over 5s craft morning! 10:30-12:00.

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

Please provide your child's name and the name & mobile number of the guardian accompanying them.

Library activities and groups

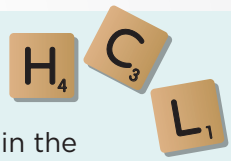
Rainbow Poetry Group

- second Tuesday of the month

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 - every Friday



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.**

Storytime

Storytime is a fun-filled free activity for young children. Joined by our wonderful storytellers, children can enjoy stories and a series of nursery rhymes for them to sing along with.

Storytime takes place in the Library at **11am every Wednesday.** All are welcome, with no booking required.

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 Book Doctor

- first Saturday of the month

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.

Library activities and groups

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 for your school topics?

Hanwell Community Library Homework Club takes place in the Library **every Tuesday afternoon between 3.30-5pm**.

No need to book, just drop in.

Hanwell Library Writing Group

- Every other Tuesday

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.

"I owe my whole life to books and libraries,"

Zadie Smith

UPDATES

Extended Thursday Openings

On Thursday evenings we have now extended our opening times until 7 - you have 2 extra hours to study, work, relax, read or collect/return your books.

2025 IS OUR 120TH ANNIVERSARY

2025 will be 120 years since Hanwell Library first opened to the public.

On September 27th 1905, Hanwell Library opened - 120 years later we will be celebrating what the library has held all these years: Stories!

To celebrate this momentus occassion, we want to invite you to interact with us and our space in new ways. We want to continue to encourage community connection and the use of the space as somewhere for YOU to access the resources (whether physical or emotional) that you need.

We hope you will continue to support us in the ways you can.

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.

News

Are you looking for a community room or large main hall to use?

Many of our wonderful activities take place in our community room on the Ground Floor!

We are always looking for new communities, individuals & groups to support.

Whether this is a one-time use of the room, or a more ongoing use for weeks/months, we'd love to hear from you.

If you're looking for a space to host your group, event/ activity, meeting or other get together reach out at admin@hanwellcommunitylibrary.org.uk with your details for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you and having you in our space. **HCL**

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

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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