Hanwell Community Library

Library News

June 2024

Library updates

Art Club hosts required

Would you like to host an art club? We're currently looking for new facilitators and would love to hear from you! Reach out via email or phone for more information.

New Library substack

HCL now has a substack where we'll be sharing articles, tips and tricks, and suggestions, written by our volunteers.

Read our first post at hanwellcommunitylibrary.substack.com/

New Library Activity

Every Wednesday you can join Shared Reading

This activity encourages you to connect with others through reading in a pressure-free environment. Grab a hot drink, listen to a story or poem being read aloud by volunteers, and share stories and laughter with new people.

In the Library, Wednesdays at 2.15-3.45

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-5pm

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

Saturday
10am-4pm

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: July 3rd**

Theme: LETTERS

There are no set books, instead, members are encouraged to 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 Comunity 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.

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.

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

On the **first and third Tuesday 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 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!

If you, or someone you know need a little extra help, join us!

Please note: We cannot help with repairing hardware or complex IT issues.

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.

We're currently seeking a new lead volunteer for this activity. If this is of interest to you please reach out via the email above.

Library activities and groups

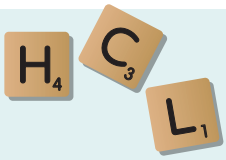
Rainbow Poetry Group

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

- 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

– Wednesdays 11am

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 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.

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.

Did you know we accept donations?

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!

Recently, the guardian has shared their wonderful "20 easy, enjoyable ways to read more brilliant books"

If often seems like there simply isn't enough time to read all the books we want to and sometimes it's difficult to decide between reading what we want to read and what is being suggested by others.

With tips like "work out what you are drawn to in books" and "widen your search" there's a little advice in there for everybody....Our favourite tip is join a library (but we're sure you've done that already!)

You can find it on the guardian's website now!

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

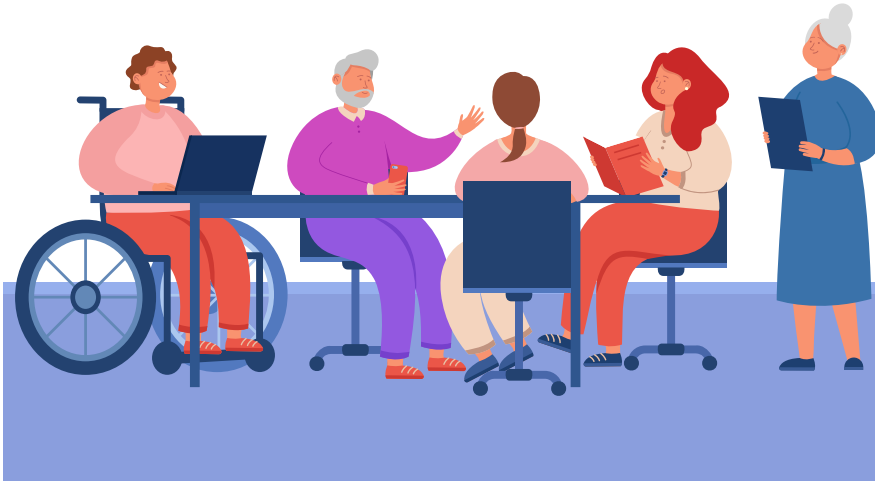
If you do not have access to the internet, there is free Wi-Fi and access to computers available at all of the borough's libraries including the Community Managed Libraries. If you need additional support, please visit the Customer Service Point closest to your home, Monday – Friday 10:00am – 5:00pm.

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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