



January - February 2012

Events and Activities

From events for under 5s
to over 50s, we've got it all!



Idea Store Events and Activities

Come and join us to start your new year with fun and festivities!

Over the next two months we have a whole host of activities and events for you to enjoy from storytelling, arts and crafts to exhibitions and more. Celebrations include Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Month, National Storytelling Month, Chinese New Year and many half-term events for children.

For more information about any event, just ask at the helpdesk or call 020 7364 4332. For information about Idea Store Learning courses call 020 7364 5665.

Idea Store Bow Events

National Storytelling Week

[Ages 5-15]

Monday 30 January -

Saturday 4 February

4:00 - 4:30pm

To celebrate National Storytelling Week 2012 we'll be reading 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl all week after school!

TinTin's Half Term Adventures

[Ages 5-15]

Monday 13 February -

Sunday 19 February

2:30 - 3:45pm

Join us for a week full of adventurous activities.

LGBT Month Film Screening

[Ages 16+]

Every Monday in February

10:30 - 11:30am

To celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Month 2012 we'll be screening some of the most groundbreaking and inspirational LGBT films.

Book Break

[Ages 16+]

Tuesdays

3:00 - 5:00pm

Our reading group is different; we read stories aloud and talk about the characters, their situations and what we have in common. Join in, share a book and make new friends!

Book Group [Ages 16+]

Wednesday 11 January

7:00 - 9:00pm

'Ours Are the Streets' by Sunjeev Sahota.

Wednesday 8 February

7:00 - 9:00pm

'Norwegian Wood' by Haruki Murakami.



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Idea Store Canary Wharf Events

Knit Wits [Ages 18+]

Tuesday 17 and 31 January
and 14 and 28 February

1:00 - 2:00pm

Got the knitting bug? Or just starting out and would like to talk wool with other knitters? Come along to our friendly laid back lunchtime sessions. Materials not provided but books, information and chat is...free!

Book Break

[Ages 18+]

Every Tuesday

1:00 - 2:00pm

Our reading group is different; we read stories aloud and talk about the characters, their situations and what we have in common. Join in, share a book and make new friends!

Turning Pages Book Group

[Ages 18+]

Tuesday 17 January

6:00 - 7:00pm

Talk books over a cup of coffee and find out about new reads. January's group will be discussing 'Birdsong' by Sebastian Faulks.

First Click

[Ages 50+]

Launching Monday 23 January

2:00 - 3:00pm

Have you always wondered how to start using a computer or how to set up an email address? Come along to our basic get started sessions and work at your own pace.

Chinese New Year:

Year of the Dragon

[Ages 4- 12]

Saturday 21 January

2:30 - 4:00pm

Prepare for the special celebrations on the 23rd with our dragon events; stories and dragon drawing.

Snowflake Wonderland

[Ages 4-12]

Saturday 28 January

2:30 - 4:00pm

Make your own special snowflake and help build a winter wonderland and cosy up to winter warmer stories.

Guess How Much I love You?

[Ages 4-10]

Monday 13 February

2:30 - 4:00pm

Make someone special a Valentine card to tell them.

Where's Spot?

[Ages 3-7]

Wednesday 15 February

2:30 - 4:00pm

Come and join in the fun with Spot with stories, art and fun.



Idea Store Chrisp Street Events

Money Advice Event [Adults]

Thursday 19 January

10:30 - 11:30am

Get advice on managing your money from organisations such as Credit Union, Money Advice Service, TH Debt Agency.

Chinese New Year [Ages 0-10]

Saturday 21 January

2:00 - 3:00pm

Join in the celebrations and welcome the new Chinese year, by designing crafty face masks.

Volunteering Open Day [Adults]

Thursday 26 January

10:00 - 2:00pm

Can't get a job without experience? Can't get experience without a job? Volunteering could be the answer! Find out about the many volunteering opportunities available in Tower Hamlets and get involved in helping your community.

An Introduction to Creating your Graphic Memoir [Adults]

Saturday 28 January

2:00 - 4:00pm

Presentation and practical workshop with Nicola Streeten, illustrator and author of the highly praised graphic memoir 'Billy, Me & You'. No experience necessary. Materials will be provided.



Tin Tin Poster Making [Ages 0-10]

Monday 13 February

2:00 - 3:00pm

This half term will be dedicated to the adventures of Tin Tin. Show off your artistic flair by designing your very own poster.

3D Valentine's Heart [Ages 0-10]

Tuesday 14 February

2:00 - 3:00pm

Design and give your loved ones a special card this Valentine's Day.

Tin Tin Special Gadget [Ages 0-10]

Wednesday 15 February

2:00 - 3:00pm

Want to feel like an investigative reporter? Come in and design your own binoculars.

Creative Learning Taster Day [Adults]

Wednesday 15 February

4:00 - 8:00pm

Sample our creative learning courses on this Taster Day. All sessions are FREE.

Idea Store Whitechapel Events

Regular Events

Sunday Afternoon Art Club

[Ages 6-14]

Every Sunday

2:00 - 4:00pm

Interested in art? Like getting creative? Then come along to our regular Art Club and start building up your own portfolio of work.

Family Reading Group [Ages 7+]

Every Tuesday

4:30 - 5:30pm

Share the joy of reading together as a family and in a group.

Bright Young Book Stars

Children's Bookgroup [Ages 8-12]

Every Wednesday

4:00 - 5:00pm

Come along and read, discuss and enjoy books together.

Homework Club [Ages 7+]

Every Thursday

4:30 - 6:00pm

Need a little help with your homework? Try our weekly drop-in Homework Club.



Silver Surfer Session [Ages 50+]

Every Tuesday

10:15 - 11:45am

Are you interested in attending this beginners computer session? Then speak to a member of staff for more information.

Mums Online [Ages 16+]

Every Friday

10:15 - 11:45am

A regular event for local women to improve their IT skills for employability, to signpost local services and to share reading experiences.

Book Break [Ages 16+]

Every Thursday

10:15am - 12:00noon

Sit back and relax whilst listening to stories and poems, or join in with the reading and conversation. 'Get into Reading' groups are an enjoyable way to meet new people.



Idea Store Whitechapel Events

Special Events

Make a Comic Cartoon Calendar **[Ages 5+]**

Saturday 7 January

2:15 - 3:45pm

Get your year off to a cracking start by designing a comic cartoon character for your own 2012 Calendar.

National Storytelling Week **[All Ages]**

Saturday 28 January

2:15 - 3:45pm

Come along and delve into the world of storytelling as we celebrate the start of National Storytelling Week with a visit from a mystery storyteller.

National Storytelling Week: **Storytelling Workshop** **[Ages 7+]**

Saturday 4 February

2:15 - 3:45pm

Would you make a good storyteller? Find out by coming along and using your imagination to write and perform a great story.

Valentine Heart Cards [Ages 5-14]

Saturday 11 February

2:15 - 3:15pm

Make a handmade card to show that special someone you really care.

Half Term Activities

'Animal United' Film [All ages]

Monday 13 February

2:15 - 4:15pm

Animal antics in Africa. A courageous meerkat and a laid back lion prepare to go the distance in order to avoid dying of thirst.

Valentine's Read and Review **[Ages 7-14]**

Tuesday 14 February

2:15 - 3:45pm

Come along and read or listen to some Valentine stories. Then discuss them in a group.

Games Galore [Ages 5-12]

Friday 17 February

2:15 - 3:45pm

To celebrate the last day of half term, we are having a footie fantastic fun session!



Bethnal Green Library Events

London Writing Book Group [Adults]

Thursday 5 January

6:30 - 7:30pm

Join the book group that celebrates London. This month we are discussing 'The Girls of Slender Means' by Muriel Spark. Set in London in 1945, when all the nice people were poor. Pick up a copy from the library.

Book Break [Adults]

Every Thursday

3:00 - 5:00pm

Our reading group is different; we read stories aloud and talk about the characters, their situations and what we have in common. Join in, share a book and make new friends!

New Year Resolution Scroll [Ages 5+]

Saturday 7 January

2:00 - 3:00pm

Come and design your own scroll with your New Year resolutions.

Chinese New Year [Ages 5+]

Saturday 21 January

2:00 - 3:00pm

Celebrate the year of the dragon by making Chinese lanterns with dragon designs.

Winter Wonderland

Monday 13 - Friday 17 February

Tower Hamlets Parks Service and Bethnal Green Library present a winter wonderland, including ice skating in Bethnal Green Gardens during February half term.

Ask at the Library for more details.

Author Event Jean Fullerton— How to Fall in Love with the Past [Adults]

Saturday 4 February

2:30pm

Jean will be talking about how the East End inspires her historical fiction writing and reading from her work.

Storytelling Afternoon [Ages 5+]

Saturday 4 February

2:00 - 3:00pm

National Storytelling Week. Listen to your favourite book read out loud.

London Writing Book Group [Adults]

Tuesday 9 February

6:30 - 7:30pm

Join the book group that celebrates London. This month we are discussing 'Jamrach's Menagerie' by Carol Birch. Set in a Victorian London with vivid storytelling of filthy streets and strange creatures. Pick up a copy from the library.

LGBT Month Author Special [Adults]

Thursday 16 February

From 6:30pm

To celebrate LGBT history month we are joined by two writers, D.J. Connell and Timothy Graves. Their respective novels, 'Julian Corkle is a Filthy Liar' and 'Homo Jihad', both explore love, relationships and romance in a, at times, hostile environment.

Cubitt Town Library Events

BBC First Click Computer Course [Adults]

Tuesday 3 January

3:00 - 4:00pm

Start the new year learning a new skill with the computer course that helps you develop skills at a touch of a button!

Afternoon Book Group [Adults]

Thursday 16 January

2:00 - 3:00pm

Launch of our daytime book group. Join us for a coffee and chat and pick up Nick Hornby's 'A Long Way Down'.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid [Ages 5+]

Half Term Activities

Saturday 11-18 February

A whole week of activities to keep your kids amused during the school holidays. See in-store for details.

Cubitt Town Over 50s Club

Every Thursday

10:30am - 12 noon

2012 the year of the Olympics

Thursday 5 January

With the Olympics coming to London, discuss with others your hopes and fears.

Tin Baths and Doodlebugs

Thursday 12 January

Life stories from Tower Hamlets with a talk from one of the authors of this book.

Creative Writing Session

Thursday 19 January

Be inspired from last week's session and take part in our 'Growing Old on the Island' writing session.

Cubitt Over 50s Club

Open Day

Thursday 26 January

Jump and jive into the new year with a morning of music and laughter. Don't forget to bring your dance partner.

Dickensian Times

Thursday 2 February

What is your favourite Dickens book and character? Celebration of the 200th birthday of Charles Dickens.

Diamond Jubilee

Thursday 9 February

Crown jewels reminiscence session with a guest from the Tower of London.

Sol-Monath

Thursday 16 February

February is the Anglo Saxon month of sol-monath where plenty of cakes were eaten. Bring your favourite cake and recipe.

Pepys' Greenwich

Thursday 23 February

To celebrate the 400th birthday of Samuel Pepys we will visit Pepys' Greenwich.

Watney Market Library Events

Design Your Own Calendar

[All ages]

Saturday 7 January

2:00 - 3:00pm

Make a beautiful calendar for yourself or as a gift.

Free tickets available from the Library from 12:00 noon on the day.

Sum it Up [Ages 7-12]

Saturday 14 January

2:00 - 3:00pm

Making Maths fun for everyone.

Chinese New Year Crafts

[All ages]

Saturday 21 January

2:00 - 3:00pm

Design a 3D Dragon to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Free tickets available from the Library from 12:00 noon on the day.

Read Around the World [All ages]

Saturday 28 January

2:00 - 3:00pm

Storytelling from other countries to celebrate National Storytelling Week.

Regular Events

Storytime [Ages 0-5]

Monday to Friday

10:30 - 11:15am

Rhymes, stories and fun for under 5s.

Homework Help Club

[Ages 7+]

Every Wednesday during term time

3:30 - 4:30pm

Half Term Activities

Card Craft [Ages 4-12]

Monday 13 February

2:00 - 3:00pm

Come and make a Valentine's Day card for someone you love.

Free tickets available from the Library from 12:00 noon on the day.

Word Up [Ages 7-12]

Wednesday 15 February

2:00 - 3:00pm

Have fun with word and story games.

Choose it - Make it - Take it!

[Ages 4-12]

Friday 17 February

2:00 - 3:00pm

Your chance to choose what to make.

Free tickets available from the Library from 12:00 noon on the day.

Mythical Manga [Ages 7-12]

Saturday 25 February

2:00 - 3:00pm

Re-tell Greek and Roman Myths in the Manga style.

Golden Time [Ages 50+]

Every Thursday

10:00am - 12:00 noon

Activities, crafts or just tea and a chat for the Over 50s.

Local History Library & Archives Events

Exhibitions

Noel Gibson

3 January - 9 February

A self-taught artist born in Scotland, Noel Gibson was a prolific painter of local street scenes during the 1960s-1970s. Gibson's paintings capture a changing borough, often depicting rows of old houses on the brink of demolition. Join us for the exhibition launch on Thursday 12 January at 6pm.

Shared Roots in Faith: the Abrahamic East End

14 - 23 February

Working with local Jewish, Christian and Muslim organisations and places of worship, interfaith group Interact present a new exhibition based on interviews carried out by a diverse group of young people with individuals who have grown up in London's multi-faith East End. With accompanying workshops (see below).

Events

Workshops:

Caribbean Ancestral Research Group [Adults]

Saturday 21 January

12:00 noon - 4.00pm

Join genealogy expert Sharon Tomlin for our new regular Caribbean family history study session. This month's theme is 'military records'.

Limited spaces - contact Sharon Tomlin on 07508 375 417 or email sharon@tomlinso.com to confirm attendance.



Talk:

Lesbian and Gay Newsmedia Archive [Adults]

Thursday 2 February

6.00 - 8.00pm

Robert Thompson of LAGNA (www.lagna.org.uk) presents a light-hearted look at how the portrayal and representation of LGBT people in the press has evolved since the early twentieth century. Check www.ideastore.co.uk for more LGBT History Month events!

Film screening:

Who Is My Neighbour? [Adults]

Saturday 4 February

2.30pm

Against the backdrop of huge social and economic flux and upheaval in this part of East London, this new film shows how the organisation Neighbours in Poplar has galvanised generations of volunteers to help a community look after itself.

Storytelling and discussion Shared Roots in Faith [Adults]

Thursday 16 and 24 February

6.00pm

Participants from the Shared Roots in Faith exhibition discuss the project.

Idea Store Opening Times

Monday-Thursday	9:00am - 9:00pm	
Friday	9:00am - 6:00pm	
Saturday	9:00am - 5:00pm	
Sunday	10:00am - 4:00pm	(Bow, Chrisp Street)
	11:00am - 5:00pm	(Whitechapel)
	12:00 noon - 6:00pm	(Canary Wharf)

Library Opening Times

Monday	10:00am - 6:00pm	(Bethnal Green, Cubitt Town, Watney Market)
	Closed	(Local History/Archives)
Tuesday	10:00am - 6:00pm	(Bethnal Green, Cubitt Town, Watney Market)
	10:00am - 5:00pm	(Local History/Archives)
Wednesday	10:00am - 6:00pm	(Bethnal Green, Cubitt Town, Watney Market)
	9:00am - 5:00pm	(Local History/Archives)
Thursday	10:00am - 8:00pm	(Bethnal Green, Cubitt Town, Watney Market)
	9:00am - 8:00pm	(Local History/Archives)
Friday	10:00am - 6:00pm	(Bethnal Green, Cubitt Town, Watney Market)
	Closed	(Local History/Archives)
Saturday	9:00am - 5:00pm	(Bethnal Green, Cubitt Town, Watney Market)
	9:00am - 5:00pm	(Local History/Archives open fortnightly see below)
		Local History Saturday Opening Dates: 7 January and 21 January 2012 4 February and 18 February 2012
Sunday	Closed	

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