

Events and Activities

Special Events

March - April 2010



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Library Learning Information

Events for under 5s to over 50s we've got it all



Put a spring in your step and join us in Idea Stores and Libraries. Over the next two months we have dozens of events for you to enjoy, including World Book Day, some very special author events, Easter fun for the kids and lots more.

From Monday 1 March to Sunday 28 March we will also have a limited amount of £1 World Book Day books available in all Idea Stores and Libraries. The books can only be exchanged for the £1 Book token children will receive from School.



For more information about any event, just ask at the helpdesk or call 020 7364 4332. For more information about Idea Store Courses and Learning, call 020 7364 5665 or email info.ils@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Idea Store Bow Special Events

Golden Time World Book Day Special [Ages 50+]

Thursday 4 March

10.00am - 12.00pm



Celebrate World Book Day with a Golden Time special!

Win prizes in our author bingo; enjoy tea, coffee and a delicious World Book Day cake!

International Women's Day Celebration [All Ages]

Saturday 13 March

11.00am - 4.00pm

Celebrate International Women's Day with henna painting, information stalls, massage, music and more!

Manga Workshop for Girls [Girls Ages 11+]

Monday 8 March

see in store for times

All you young women out there kick start International Women's Week with a Manga workshop!



Idea Store Bow Special Events



Horrid Henry's Holiday Havoc: Giant Horrid Henry [All Ages]

Tuesday 6 April
2.30pm - 4.00pm

See how horrid you can paint a giant Horrid Henry!

Horrid Henry's Holiday Havoc: Horrid Masks [All Ages]

Wednesday 7 April
2.30pm - 4.00pm

Would you like to be Horrid Henry, Perfect Peter or Moody Margaret? Here's your chance to make a mask of all your favourite characters!

Horrid Henry's Holiday Havoc: Story Writing [All Ages]

Thursday 8 April
2.30pm - 4.00pm

'Horrid Henry comes to the Idea Store and creates havoc...'
Complete this horrid story!

Horrid Henry's Holiday Havoc: DVD screening [All Ages]

Friday 9 April
2.30pm - 4.00pm

Watch Horrid Henry on the big screen and see what horrid things he gets up to.

Horrid Henry's Holiday Havoc: Comic Strip [All Ages]

Saturday 10 April
2.30pm - 4.00pm

Create your very own horrid comic strip!

Horrid Henry's Holiday Havoc: Giant Perfect Peter [All Ages]

Monday 12 April
2.30pm - 4.00pm

Had enough of being horrid with Henry? Paint a perfect picture of Perfect Peter!

Horrid Henry's Holiday Havoc: Book Cover [All Ages]

Tuesday 13 April
2.30pm - 4.00pm

Have you read all the Horrid Henry books? Here's your chance to design your very own Horrid Henry book cover!

Idea Store Bow Special Events

Horrid Henry's Holiday Havoc: Horrid Monster [All Ages]

Wednesday 14 April

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Make a horrid monster and scare your mum and dad!

Horrid Henry's Holiday Havoc: Design a new Horrid Character [All Ages]

Thursday 15 April

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Would you like to be a Horrid Henry character? Would you be horrid or nice? What would your name be? Design your own unique character!

Horrid Henry's Holiday Havoc: DVD screening [All Ages]

Friday 16 April

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Watch Horrid Henry on the big screen and see what horrid things he gets up to!

Horrid Henry's Holiday Havoc: Finale [All Ages]

Saturday 17 April

11.00am - 4.00pm

End Horrid Henry's Holiday Havoc with a huge raffle with prizes, quizzes, slime, face painting and many more horrid things!

Idea Store Canary Wharf Special Events

Meet the Author: Gypsy Joe Smith [Ages 18+]

Thursday 4 March

6.00pm - 7.30pm

Come and hear his amazing life story, from a traditional gypsy background and the world of bare knuckle fighting to taking up the unlikely sport of professional golf. He will be reading & signing copies of his book.

A World Book Day event in partnership with London Books.



Writing from the Heart [Ages 18+]

Monday evenings in March

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Have you got a desire to write but don't know where to start or just need a bit of guidance? Come along to our creative writing sessions with Oscar nominated writer Chris Fallon.

Small cost involved. Ask in store for details.

Idea Store Canary Wharf Special Events

Mirror of Infinity

March 11 - 21

Idea Store Canary Wharf

An interactive digital art piece by London based artist Kasia Molga, where projections on the Idea Store walls can be altered by text messages to create an ever evolving art work.

The event will be accompanied by a show of sketches, drawings and paintings at Idea Store Whitechapel from 4 March to demonstrate the creative thinking process and thus help an audience to find a bridge between traditional art and digital artwork.

Mother's Day Picture Frames

[Ages 4-12]

Saturday 13 March

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Come and make a special present for your mum to put her favourite pictures in (maybe of you!).

Turning the Pages Book Group [Ages 18+]

18 March & 15 April

6.30pm - 8.00pm

Do you love talking about books? Come & meet some like-minded souls and discuss the book of the month & all things books.

Crafty Canaries [Ages 2-4]

Wednesdays 10.00am - 11.30am

Come along with your toddlers and let their imagination run riot with our special crafty sessions as well as song, stories and a chance to meet up with others. Remember to take some stories & activity books home with you!

3 March: **Passover Baskets**

10 March: **Mum's the Word**

17 March: **Lucky Clover**

24 March: **Flower Power**

31 March: **Creepy Crawlies**

Spring Begins Craft Session [Ages 4-12]

Saturday 20 March

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Make some springy art and let your Saturday go with a bounce!

Spring Begins Story Time Session

[All children welcome]

Saturday 27 March

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Story time special!

Idea Store Canary Wharf Special Events

Eggstra special Easter celebrations

Eggciting [Ages 3-10]

Saturday 3 April

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Egg art event followed by an Easter egg hunt.



Friendship Bracelets [Ages 5-14]

Tuesday 6 April

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Bring a friend and make a bracelet for each other and be friends for life.

'Where The Wild Things Are' Art Session [All children welcome]

Thursday 8 April

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Come and make some monster art.

Gruffalo Biscuits [All children welcome]

Monday 12 April

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Create your own monster and then eat him or her!

Gruffalo Story Time [Ages 3-8]

Wednesday 14 April

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Here comes-a-gruffalo!

Make a Gruffalo Story Book [Ages 5-11]

Friday 16 April

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Love the story? Come and add to it and make up your own in words or pictures.

Story & Rhyme Time Special [Ages 3-8]

Saturday 17 April

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Join in with the songs & stories we love and pick up some of your own to take home.

Idea Store Chrisp Street Special Events

Aaj Kal Women's Group: World Book Day [Ages 18+]

Wednesday 3 March

11.00am - 1.00pm

Join our reading group and discuss your favourite books.

Prizes to be won!

World Book Day [All ages]

Thursday 4 March

4.30pm - 5.30pm

Celebrate the biggest annual celebration of books and reading in the world by taking part in our special World Book Day activity, themed around some of your favourite books.



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International Women's Day [All ages]

Saturday 13 March

10.00am - 3.00pm

Celebrate the economic, political and social achievements of women past and present. Visit our information stalls, and browse the books from our women's writing display.

Dhaka City Photographic Exhibition [All ages]

30 March - 2 May

A Photographic exhibition celebrating the achievements of Bangladesh.

Half-Term Easter Activities [All ages]

Tuesday 6 - Friday 16 April

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Daily Easter activities to keep you busy over the holiday! See in store for details.

World Health Day [All ages]

Thursday 8 April

10.00am - 4.00pm

As part of Tower Hamlets' Healthy Borough Programme, come along and learn about healthy living from our information stalls and complementary book displays.

Idea Store Crisp Street Special Events

Easter Funday [All ages]

Saturday 17 April

10.00am - 4.00pm

Join in the fun with our annual Easter celebrations with face painting, arts and crafts, Easter egg hunt, and more!

Shape up for Summer [Ages 18+]

Friday 23 April

10.00am - 4.00pm

All the information you need to get in shape for Summer! Stalls from Crisp Street Health Centre, Weight Watchers, Healthy Eating Advice Group, and more!



Idea Store Whitechapel Special Events

World Book Day Celebrations [Ages 5-12]

Thursday 4 March

3.30pm - 5.30pm

Come in after school to exchange your book token for a special World Book Day book for you to keep. Add to our giant reading tree with your own favourite book recommendation, enter our Horrid Henry Giant Book Cover Competition and design a beautiful bookmark too. Don't miss out!



World Book Day

Thursday 4 March

Choose a great read from our displays throughout the store and celebrate World Book Day the way it should be, by reading some excellent literature.

Girls Allowed Fun Day [Ages 5-16]

Saturday 6 March

10.15am - 3.45pm

To celebrate International Women's Day we're having a whole day of great activities just for girls! See in store for details - free tickets to this event will be available from 27th February.

Words Apart: Mothers and Daughters in Exile:

The divide between cultures - between memory - between restrictions and freedom - from the tongue of the mother

Wednesday 10 March

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Exiled Writers Ink present as part of Wisewords Women's Literature Festival.

Author panel includes Fatima Hagi, Ziba Karbassi and award winning writer, Shereen Pandit. Plus interactive rap poetry with Alev Adil.

No Smoking Day

Wednesday 10 March

11.00am - 3.00 pm

Thought about quitting? Don't know where to start?

Why not try giving up for one day and come in store to get advice on quitting for good.

Forid Afzal Uddin 'Spices of Brick Lane' Book Group Author Visit

Thursday 11 March

6.30pm - 8.00pm

Forid Afzal Uddin will be reading, discussing and signing copies of his novel 'Spices of Brick Lane'. The story is based between both London's East End Bengali community and Bangladesh.

Idea Store Whitechapel Special Events

Make a Mother's Day Card [Ages 5-14]

Saturday 20 March

2.15pm - 3.45pm

Thank your wonderful mum for everything she does by making her a beautiful card to give to her on Mothering Sunday.

World Theatre Day

Saturday 27 March

12.00pm - 5.00pm

Come and join us for a day of drama workshops with local actress **Debra Baker** who is currently rehearsing 'Mercury Fur' for 'theatredelicatessen'. She has starred in over 20 short films, a feature film and various roles in TV. Debra is also a drama facilitator/workshop tutor and works freelance for many theatre companies and arts organisations.

Children's Drama Play Group

[Ages 5-15 - children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent]

12.00pm - 2.00pm

Adults Play Reading and Textual Analysis

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Make an Easter Bunny Mask [Ages 3-12]

Saturday 3 April

10.15am - 11.45am

Haven't seen the Easter bunny yet? Don't worry - become one yourself instead at our great mask-making session!

Design an Easter Basket [Ages 3-12]

Saturday 3 April

2.15pm - 3.45pm

Create your own Easter basket out of card and then decorate it with bunnies and flowers ready to fill with goodies!

Martial Arts [Ages 7-16]

Tuesday 6 April

4.20pm - 5.15pm

Come and learn the art of self defence with a Grand Master. A mixed class suitable for any level of experience.

Games, Games, Games! [Ages 5-14]

Wednesday 7 April

2.15pm - 3.45pm

April showers bringing you down? Come and have some indoor fun by joining in with our extravaganza of board and party games!

Idea Store Whitechapel Special Events

Comic and Manga Group: Wolverine Special [Ages 7-16]

Thursday 8 April

2.15pm - 3.45pm

Bring one of the most entertaining comic book heroes to life by making Wolverine a costume that Dr Xavier himself would be proud of!

DIY Bookshelf! [Ages 5-12]

Monday 12 April

2.15pm - 3.45pm

Make a beautiful set of bookends so that you can display all your favourite books on your own mobile bookshelf!

Happy Families Fun Day [Families]

Tuesday 13 April

11.00am - 4.00pm

Come along to take part in some great activities about staying healthy as a family and how fitness and healthy eating can be fun! We'll have advice from professionals as well as activities for children of all ages.

See in store for details.

Robot Rampage! [Ages 5-12]

Wednesday 14 April

2.15pm - 3.45pm

Make your own robot costume at our fantastic arts and crafts workshop. An evil Dalek or a friendly helper? The choice is yours!

Art Attack! [Ages 5-14]

Thursday 15 April

2.15pm - 3.45pm

Come and show us your artistic flair in our painting, drawing and collage session. As well as creating your own work you can contribute to a huge piece of art to be displayed in our children's library.

Movie Time:

Up [All ages, Certificate: U]

Friday 9 April

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Transformers 2

[Ages 12+, Certificate: 12A]

Friday 16 April

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Idea Store Whitechapel Special Events

Golden Time [Ages 50+]

Mondays 10.15am - 12.00pm

Come and join us for a variety of different activities in a comfortable, friendly environment with the opportunity to make new friends over free refreshments.

1 March Design your own bird feeder

8 March Design your own mug

15 March Create your own clay pottery

22 March Paint your clay pottery

29 March Fun and games

5 April Bank Holiday (Closed)

12 April Easy Peasy Cross Stitch

19 April Georgian Places workshop with Historical Royal Palaces

26 April St George's Day Quiz



Bethnal Green Library Special Events

International Women's Day [All Ages]

Saturday 6 March

11.00am - 3.00pm

Celebrate International Women's Day at Bethnal Green Library with information stalls, activities and food.

Guest speaker: Rushanara Ali, Associate Director of the Young Foundation.

Upstairs at Bethnal Green Library - Sorry at present we have no disabled access.

Prick Your Finger [Adults]

Saturday 6 March

10.30am - 12.00pm

Interested in knitting or crafts? Then why not come along to celebrate International Women's Day with Prick Your Finger. Refreshments provided.

London Writing Book Group, Jewish Book Week Special [Ages 16+]

Tuesday 2 March

6.00pm - 7.30pm

Baron, Kops, Litvinoff, Mankowitz, Zangwell.

Join Clive Bettington from the East End Jewish Celebration Society in discussing the rich tradition of East End Jewish writing. Choose from a selection of books at Bethnal Green Library. Refreshments available.

A Long Night in London [All Ages]

Wednesday 3 March

6.00pm onwards

A play by Bernie C. Byrnes, Join the Stairway to Heaven Memorial Trust for this rehearsed reading of a new play, which commemorates the Bethnal Green Tube disaster of 1943. Tickets cost £7.50 and advanced booking is required: Please call 07722 162 168.

Spring Collage [All Ages]

Saturday 13 March

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Create a beautiful collage from all things spring.

Golden Time Special: Be Aware!!! [Ages 50+]

Tuesday 23 March

10.30am - 11.30am

Join our friendly group and learn about fire safety in the home.

Easter Cards [All Ages]

Saturday 27 March

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Make Easter cards in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Bethnal Green Library Special Events

Easter Craft [All Ages]

Saturday 3 April

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Come along and join in the fun with craft and paints in our Easter Event.

London Writing Book Group [Ages 16+]

Tuesday 6 March

6.00pm - 7.30pm

This month's book is 'The Tiger in the Smoke' by Margery Allingham. A novel revealing the deprivation and violence of a post-war London shrouded in a yellow fog.

Easter Bunny & Face Painting [All Ages]

Tuesday 6 April

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Come and have fun finding the Easter bunny and get your face painted.



Cubitt Town Library Special Events

Over 50s Club [Ages 50+]

Thursdays 10.00am - 12.00pm

11 March **Book discussion:**
'The Vintner's luck' by
Elizabeth Knox

25 March **Games session**

8 April **Chat time**

22 April **Morning mystery trip**
and lunch!

Book Club [Adult]

6.30pm - 7.30pm

Monday 8 March

'The Darling' by Russell Banks

Monday 12 April

'The Icarus girl'
by Helena Oyeyemi

Special Present for Mum [Ages 5-10]

Saturday 13 March

2.00pm - 3.30pm

Make something special for
Mothering Sunday.

Easter Crafts [Ages 5-10]

Saturday 27 March

2.00pm - 3.30pm

Make a splendid Easter gift bag.

Make a Bookmark [Ages 5-10]

Tuesday 6 April

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Make a fabulous bookmark and
help look after your books!

Spring Crafts [Ages 5-10]

Tuesday 13 April

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Make a spring animal mask!

Watney Market Library Special Events

World Book Day [Ages 50+]

Golden Time

Thursday 4 March

10.00am - 12.00pm

'My Favourite Book'

Come along for tea/coffee and a chat about the best books you've ever read.

World Book Day [Ages 5-14]

Thursday 4 March

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Come along after school and make your own bookmark to celebrate 'World Book Day'.

FREE refreshments provided.



Dotty Doodles [Ages 5-14]

Saturday 6 March

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Celebrate National Doodle Day!

Create your self-portrait with cartoonist Steve Marchant.

Limited tickets available at the library from 12.00pm on the day.

Make it for Mum [All Ages]

Saturday 13 March

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Make your mum a card and gift for Mother's Day.

Limited tickets available at the library from 12.00pm on the day.

Rap Around the World [Ages 5-14]

Saturday 20 March

2.00pm - 3.00pm

Write a rap for National Poetry Day. Colour it, frame it then take it away!

Easter Crafts Club [All Ages]

Saturday 27 March

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Make Easter cards and gifts for friends and family.

Limited tickets available at the library from 12.00pm on the day.

Easter Eggstravaganza! [All Ages]

Saturday 3 April

Celebrate the Easter weekend with an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt and Colouring Competition running all day and also join in our...

Easter Hat Craft Session

2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Craft session tickets available at the library from 12pm on the day.

Watney Market Library Special Events

Dear Zoo [Ages 5-14]

Tuesday 6 April

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Featuring the Rod Campbell book 'Dear Zoo'.

Make and paint a wooden animal to take home.

Limited tickets available at the library from 12.00pm on the day.

Little Gems [All Ages]

Thursday 8 April

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Jewellery making craft session.

Limited tickets available at the library from 12.00pm on the day.

Bollywood comes to Watney [Ages 5-14]

Saturday 10th April

2.00pm - 3.00pm

Bollywood dance performance and workshop - learn to dance the Bollywood way.

Limited tickets available at the library from 12.00pm on the day.

Placemat Pizzazz! [All Ages]

Tuesday 13 April

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Make your own 'healthy eating' placemat and coaster to take home.

Limited tickets available at the library from 12.00pm on the day.

The Secret Garden [Ages 5-14]

Thursday 15 April

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Create your own tiny version of Francis Hodgson Burnett's 'Secret Garden', to take home.

Limited tickets available at the library from 12.00pm on the day.

Family Craft Club [All Ages]

Saturday 17 April and
Saturday 24 April

2.00pm - 3.00pm

Art, crafts and fun for everyone.

Healthy Living Day [Adults]

Friday 30 April

10.00am - 4.00pm

Get healthy! Come along and meet representatives from local health organisations.

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Idea Store Opening Times

Monday-Thursday 9.00am - 9.00 pm

Friday 9.00am - 6.00pm

Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 10.00am - 4.00pm (Bow, Crisp Street)
11.00am - 5.00pm (Whitechapel)
12.00 noon - 6.00pm (Canary Wharf)

Library Opening Times

Monday 9.00am - 8.00pm (Bethnal Green, Cubitt Town, Watney Market)
Closed (Local Studies/Archives)

Tuesday 9.00am - 8.00pm (Bethnal Green, Cubitt Town)
9.00am - 5.00pm (Watney Market)
10.00am - 8.00pm (Local Studies/Archives)

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 9.00am - 8.00pm (Bethnal Green, Cubitt Town, Watney Market,
Local Studies/Archives)

Friday 9.00am - 6.00pm (Bethnal Green, Local Studies/Archives)
9.00am - 5.00pm (Cubitt Town, Watney Market)

Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm (Bethnal Green, Cubitt Town, Watney Market,
Local Studies/Archives)

Sunday Closed

Dorset Library is temporarily closed for Health and Safety reasons. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. In the interim the Idea Store Mobile Library will be visiting the area.

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