

September-October 2010

Events and Activities for Adults



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Library Learning Information

Idea Store Bow Special Events

Golden Time Special [Ages 50+]

Thursday 30 September
10.00am - 12.00pm

Celebrate Older People's Day with this year's theme of 'getting and staying active in later life'.

Idea Store Canary Wharf Special Events

Creative Writing Workshops

From Monday 6 September for 6 weeks
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Following the earlier popular courses in creative writing Chris Fallon (Oscar & BAFTA nominated for a short film 'Killing Joe') is back with a new short course in creative writing. Pick up a leaflet soon on how to enrol. Who knows, you could be publishing your first novel before you know it.

Introduction to Screen Writing

From Wednesday 8 September
for 6 weeks
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Explore the essentials of writing for film and television with an experienced professional writer (Chris Fallon). You need to commit to the full six weeks of this course. Chris has written extensively for film, TV and radio. Pick up a leaflet in store on how to enrol.

Turning the Pages

Tuesday 21 September
& 19 October
6.30pm - 8.00pm

Love reading? Join in our free monthly bookgroup and meet up with like minded book lovers and talk books over a cup of coffee.

Trash the Ash!

Every Tuesday from 21 September
12.00pm - 2.00pm

Tower Hamlets health trainers will be on hand to give you the necessary information on how to stub out your smoking and start getting fit for life.

iTea and Biscuits [Ages 50+]

Thursday 23 September
10.30am - 12.00pm

Baffled by the internet? Confused by email? Check it all out in this one off taster session on how to access the internet and start to email.

Breast Cancer Awareness Week

Monday 18 October - Saturday 23 October

See in store for details nearer the date about this very important week.



Golden Time [Ages 50+]

Tuesdays fortnightly
2.00pm - 4.00pm

- 14 Sept: Visit to the National Portrait Gallery
- 28 Sept: Visit to Old Spitafields Market
- 12 Oct: Taste of the Caribbean: food and drink from the Caribbean Islands
- 26 Oct: Visit to St Katherine's Dock

Idea Store Crisp Street Special Events

Creative African Arts Session [Ages 50+]

Thursday 7 October
10.00am - 12.00pm

Discover and create artistic pieces inspired by African techniques.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Author Visit: Steph Daniels [Ages 50+]

Thursday 14 October
10.00am - 12.00pm

Author Steph Daniels will be talking about her writing experiences and reading from her book. Light refreshments will be provided.

Literature Performance with James Messan [Ages 50+]

Thursday 21 October
10.00am - 12.00pm

Entertainment will be provided by poet, teacher, and performer James Messan. Light refreshments will be provided.

African Print Making [Ages 50+]

Thursday 28 October
10.00am - 12.00pm

Make a printing block inspired by African patterns and create a stunning masterpiece. Light refreshments will be provided.

Idea Store Whitechapel Special Events

Book Group Author Visit: Alessandro Gallenzi, Bestseller

Thursday 9 September
From 7.00pm

Jim Talbot is willing to go to extreme lengths to make his dream of literary stardom come true. Charles Randall, a small independent publisher, is about to be brutally sacked by a newly appointed business consultant. Inevitably, and calamitously, Charles and Jim's paths are about to collide. A novel of intrigue, deceit and sheer desperation, Bestseller is a caustic portrait of contemporary culture and of Britain's obsession with fame, success and becoming the next J.K. Rowling. Signed copies available for sale.



Black History Month Author Visit: Uchenna Izundu

Thursday 7 October
From 7.00pm

Join us for an evening of spoken word fiction. Nigerian author Uchenna Izundu. Uchenna is an energy journalist; her short stories have been published in London/33 borough shorts; IC3: Penguin Book of New Black Writing in Britain; Tell Tales: Vol. 1; the anthology of short stories; Fathers & Daughters: an anthology of exploration and Sable Litmag.

Black History Month Book Group Author Visit: Yaba Badoe, 'True Murder'

Thursday 14 October
From 7.00pm

In this assured debut, Yaba Badoe explores a passionate, if unlikely friendship between two troubled adolescent girls and the dysfunctional and ultimately destructive power of love.

Yaba Badoe is a Ghanaian-British documentary filmmaker and journalist.

She will be reading from and discussing her book as well as signing copies which are for sale at the event.

Kudu Arts presents, Black History Month Sister Circle: Poetry and Performance with Sabrina Mahfouz

Sunday 31 October
From 2.00pm

After a summer full of festival performances, Sabrina brings her 'sparkly splendid' (Apples & Snakes) poetry with bite to Sister Circle.

Sabrina will read, perform, discuss and debate her poems and the exciting world of London's spoken word. There will be a chance for you to develop your own poems for performance. Workshop is open to all ages, all backgrounds. Free entry. Places are limited so please email Kinsi at kinsi.kudu@talk21.com to book your space. For more information call Kinsi on 07949 534 402. www.kuduarts.org



Art Exhibitions

Eli Zafran: Image In

10 September - 10 October

Installation by London-based Israeli artist Eli Zafran, inspired by Roald Dahl's story The BFG.

Olympic Heroes

15 October - 21 November

A tribute to Olympic athletes from London's East End.

Presented in partnership with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets 2012 Unit.

Bethnal Green Library Special Events

London Writing Book Group

Tuesday 7 September
6.00pm - 7.30pm

This month we are discussing "London Belongs to Me" by Norman Collins.

This classic London novel set on the eve of the Second World War follows the lodgers of 10 Dulcimer Street, Kennington, as they work, dream, drink, fight and fall in love.

Pick up a copy from Bethnal Green library.

Commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Blitz

Saturday 4 September
From 2.00pm

Bethnal Green library and the Stairway to Heaven Memorial Trust remember the 70th anniversary of the start of the Blitz on September 7th 1940. During the Second World War, London was bombed for 76 consecutive nights and the East End took the brunt of the bombing. Hear speakers from the trust and historian Sean Dettman talking about his book: 'The Bethnal Green Tube Shelter Disaster: A Stairway to Heaven'.

Barmy Park Art Exhibition: We need a little madness to be free, or a little freedom to be mad.

Saturday 11 - 25 September

Upstairs at Bethnal Green Library.

Exhibition opens during library hours and until 8pm during Barmy Park evening events on 11, 16, 18 and 23 September including the one off Barmy Park book group. Further details from the library.

Bethnal Green Library is hosting a fortnight of art, spoken word, performance, local history and film which explore the links between madness and art, featuring a selection of artists with and without mental health issues. The micro festival harks back to the library's history as the site of a notorious 'private madhouse' for 200 years. In association with Core Arts.



(performance by Paul Sakolsky, 2009)

Bethnal Green Library Special Events

London Writing Book Group Author Event: Mark Piggott

Tuesday 5 October
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Join writer Mark Piggott who will be reading and discussing his new novel 'Out of Office' and the process of writing. Mark is an original and talented writer who makes you think about contemporary Britain in a new way. 'Out of Office' is a fast paced novel set in a chaotic London around the time of the 2012 Olympics.

Kisses Galore Performance

Wednesday 6 October 7.00pm
Thursday 7 October 7.00pm
Saturday 9 October 7.00pm

Upstairs at Bethnal Green Library.

Kisses Galore is a performance by Bethnal Green artist Kim Dexter. Based upon a photograph of an Edwardian music hall dancer from a recently discovered family archive; the piece reinterprets music hall, variety and early film techniques, to explore feelings of nostalgia and contemporary preoccupations with the past.

Walter Tull. Officer, Footballer.

Saturday 16 October
1.00pm - 2.30pm

Walter Tull was Britain's first black infantry officer and was also a professional footballer. From 1898-1909 he lived in an orphanage in Bethnal Green. Join Phil Vasili, the biographer of Walter Tull, to learn more about the life of this inspirational local man who challenged racism.



Cubitt Town Library Special Events

Thursday Morning Club [Ages 50+]

Thursdays Fortnightly
10.00am - 12.00pm

9 Sept: Chat time

23 Sept: Card making

7 Oct: Chat time

21 Oct: Steve Pilcher from the St. George's German Lutheran Church is coming to talk about the history of the building.



Local History Library and Archives

Black History in the Archives

Wednesday 13 October
5.30pm - 8.00pm

Black people have lived in Tower Hamlets for centuries but what traces of their presence did they leave in the historical record? Guest speakers will introduce their work with archive and local history sources. Includes presentations from Black Cultural Archives and more!

A display from the borough's archive collections will be on show.

Free but advance booking essential (email localhistory@towerhamlets.gov.uk or phone 020 7364 1290).



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, Chrisp 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)

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Wednesday Closed

Thursday 9.00am - 8.00pm (Bethnal Green, Cubitt Town, Watney Market,)

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

Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm (Bethnal Green, Cubitt Town, Watney Market)

Sunday Closed

Local History Library and Archives will be offering a reduced service while it undergoes building works. From June until a temporary service closure in September it will be open 9-5 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday only. Following the works it will reopen the end of October 2010.

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.

For more information about any of our events, just ask at the helpdesk, call **020 7364 4332** or visit **www.ideastore.co.uk**