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A **celebration** of history, arts, literature and film
A guide to Lambeth Libraries' events
Autumn 2024

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Lambeth Libraries Black History Month 2024

Introduction

I hope you will join us as we celebrate African and Caribbean history and heritage, celebrating our ongoing support for the Windrush generation and wider African and Caribbean communities. The whole month is a wonderful opportunity to discover and celebrate the wide variety of vital contributions to Lambeth's culture by Africans and Caribbeans.

Lambeth Libraries has partnered with many local organisations, along with a selection of brilliant writers and artists, to deliver this fantastic programme of events.



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We are proud that Round Table Books are our official bookseller for the month.



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Programme events

Island Movements Ballet Performance

Saturday 28 September, doors 6.30pm, performance 7pm
Clapham Library, SW4 7DB

Bookings

Island Movements is a short ballet that tells the epic story of Windrush and explores the impact of this generation's experiences on their families, communities and society. Beginning with a young Caribbean soldier in WW2 Britain, this moving tale follows her and her family through their life in the UK up to the current day.

Featuring original music by the groundbreaking Kinetika Bloco, the story is driven by a pulsating mix of reggae, calypso and contemporary black British music. The show will be followed by a Q&A with the dancers and creators.

If you've never seen a ballet before, then this is the one for you!



Black Business In Brixton: The History and the Future

Tuesday 1 October, 5.30pm to 8pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join a panel of Black business owners and managers to discuss the past, present and future of Brixton's Black business. Hear and be part of capturing the voices of individuals who have been an integral part of the foundation and growth of Brixton as a landmark in the UK.

Discussion will focus around 3 main areas: How Brixton landscape has changed over time and how Black business has shaped Brixton, what are the stories and experiences that need to be captured and learned from, historically and currently and what needs to currently happen to support Black business in Brixton.



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Brixton Poets Celebrate Benjamin Zephaniah

Thursday 3 October, 6pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Benjamin Zephaniah started writing poetry at a young age, adding many more skills to his sharp wit and love of words until we lost him to a brain tumour in December 2023. Born in Birmingham in 1958, his journey took him to Brixton, prior to making Newham his home.

Together with local schools and poets, and some of his friends, the Friends of Brixton Library and the Local Heroes Initiative invite the Brixton Community to celebrate Benjamin Zephaniah on National Poetry Day.



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Celebrate National Poetry Day – Open Mic Poetry and Spoken Word Night

Thursday 3 October, 7pm to 9pm
Upper Norwood Library, SE19 1TQ

Bookings

Celebrate 30 years of National Poetry Day at Upper Norwood Library this Black History Month with the theme of 'Counting'.

If you're a Black poet or spoken word artist and would like to perform, please email Zoey at zcdixon@lambeth.gov.uk

There will also be five open slots to book on the night for those who are feeling inspired after listening to others.

#NationalPoetryDay



National Poetry Day



Pegasus Opera Company presents *Legacy and Hope* Concert 2024

**Friday 4 October, 7pm
Clapham Library, SW4 7DB**

Bookings

Let us take you on a joyful musical journey as Pegasus Opera Company celebrates Black History Month 2024.

For more than 30 years, Pegasus Opera Company has fearlessly paved the way for diverse talent in Opera. Pegasus Opera Company supports artists from African, Caribbean and Asian heritage based in the UK to hone their skills and create sustainable careers in opera.

Come and join Pegasus Opera Company for their *Legacy and Hope* concert featuring top classical singers and their community choir performing songs from composers of African, Caribbean and Asian heritage, gospel, spirituals, opera, musical theatre and songs inspired by the Black diaspora.



Black Culture Market

**Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October
11am to 5pm
Department Store,
248 Ferndale Road, SW9 8FR**

Bookings

Black Culture Market



Join Black Culture Market this October event for their exciting Black History Month event. Black Culture Market is the destination to support and shop from Black-owned businesses in Brixton. Over the weekend, explore the wonderful stalls whilst catching up with friends. The market has something for everyone and supports emerging entrepreneurs and new black businesses of African and Caribbean descent with opportunities to be more visible in the retail industry.

If you're looking for food, drinks, gifts, cards, unique art, jewellery, male grooming kits, skincare, clothes, accessories and more come down! This market truly the community's spirit as well as supports Black businesses. Come early to avoid disappointment.



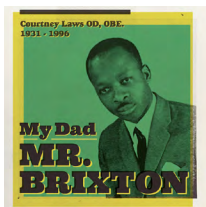
The Making of My Dad, Mr Brixton with Claudette Parry Laws

Monday 7 October, 6.30pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Courtney Laws OD, OBE (1931 – 1996) spent four decades of his life uplifting the Black community from the thriving cornerstone of black culture – Brixton.

A significant pioneer of the Windrush Generation he helped thousands of people adjust to life in Britain from as early as the 1950s as he sought to support, empower, inspire and represent them, utilizing a phenomenal skill set developed through his political aspirations as a teenager in Jamaica and yet his contribution to black British history has remained untold until now!



My Dad Mr Brixton

is a 9-part podcast series written and produced by his daughter Claudette Parry Laws and the result of a decade long pursuit to put his story on the public record. Her investigation brings to life a curious case of a missing legacy, offering a different perspective on modern Black British history and raises questions no daughter should have to ask.

Join Claudette for an illustrated talk on her father and the making of *My Dad Mr Brixton* which is available on all podcast platforms.

Link: www.mydadmrrixton.com

The Half of It: A Discussion of Race, Identity and Political Polarisation

Tuesday 8 October, 7pm Carnegie Library, SE24 0DG

Bookings



In *The Half of It*, authors Emma Slade Edmondson and Nicole Ocran, hosts of the critically acclaimed podcast *Mixed Up*, discuss what it truly means to be of mixed heritage. They delve into everything from culture and identity to interracial relationships, to adoption, to understanding the historical context of mixed-race people – ultimately culminating in a rounder and deeper appreciation for the mixed-identity.

Whether you are mixed, you know someone mixed, if you have ever considered dating outside of your race, if you're a parent committed to sharing a more diverse view of the world with your child, or indeed an adult wanting to expand your views on culture and identity – then *The Half of It* is for you.

Event organised with the Friends of Carnegie Library. Special thanks to The Uncommon wine company for sponsorship.



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Reclaiming Narratives

Tuesday 8 October, 6pm
Lambeth Town Hall, SW2 1RW

Bookings

Join Lambeth Council for an evening of exhibits, performances, entertainment and discussion on how we can and will reclaim narratives in the local context of Lambeth.

This year we celebrate Black History Month by embracing the theme 'Reclaiming Narratives' which marks a significant shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.



Honour Our Heroes: Challenge the narratives that have often overlooked the contributions and achievements of Black individuals both in the UK and globally.

Embrace Our Stories: Take control of our stories, honour our heroes, and shine a light on the diverse and profound impact of Black individuals across various fields.

Empower and Educate: Join us in embracing, educating, and empowering one another through the stories that shape our collective identity.

Decolonising The Curriculum In England's Schools: Challenges And Success Stories

Thursday 10 October, 6pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join us for an evening of discussion on why curriculum diversity matters in Multicultural Education in England's schools as part of celebrating Black History Month. Professor Feyisa Demie (Durham University) and Dr Richard Race (Teesside University) will share how history curricula side-line black histories and the contribution of ethnic minorities. They also show how Lambeth schools use inclusive curricula to enrich history, arts and geography.

This interactive session includes a presentation, question and answer time, and open discussion.





Shakespeare's Othello in Lambeth: Curator's Talk

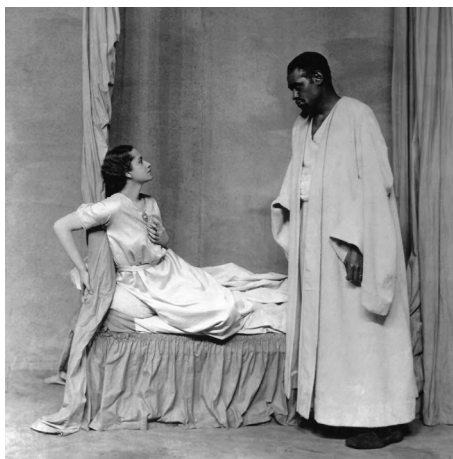
Thursday 10 October, 6.30pm
Lambeth Archives, SW2 1ET

Bookings

Celebrating three centuries of Shakespeare's plays in Lambeth theatres, Lambeth Archives will be hosting an exhibition throughout October focusing on historic performances of Othello by Black actors.

Ira Aldridge in the 1820s at the Old Vic was the first Black actor to perform the role; Paul Robeson in 1930 at Streatham Hill Theatre was still only the fourth. There have been many more recent stagings at Oval House and the National theatres.

Jon Newman of Lambeth Archives talks about historic Shakespeare performances in Lambeth with a particular focus on the various performances of Othello starring Black actors.



Lambeth Archives

Black History Month Wellbeing and Peace Event

Friday 11 October, 1pm to 4pm
South Lambeth Library, SW8 1QP

Bookings

Join us for a joyful BHM event with health & wellbeing activities, craft workshops, live music and much more!

Line-up for the afternoon:

1pm to 3pm: Health & Wellbeing stalls and activities, arts & craft workshops

2pm to 2:30pm: My Heritage: Black Genetic Genealogy

3pm to 4pm: Happy Vinyl Memories: Fun interactive music and dance workshop

This is a Black History Month Wellbeing & Peace event supporting people from Black communities living with chronic pain. All welcome



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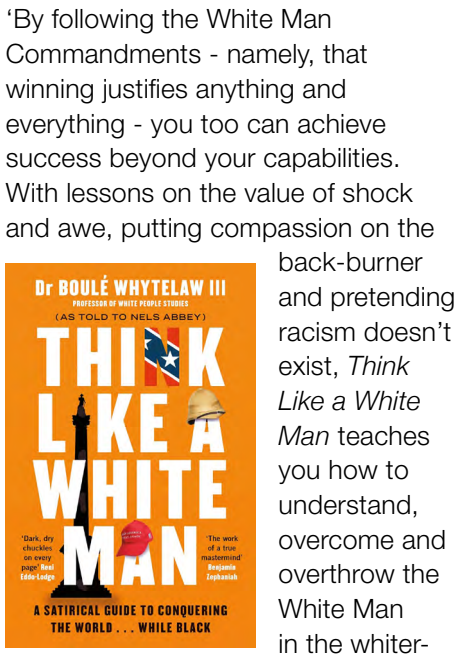


Brixton Radical Readers discuss *Think Like a White Man... While Black!*

Friday 11 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join Brixton Library's Radical Readers to discuss *Think Like a White Man: A Satirical Guide to Conquering the World .. While Black* by Dr Boulé Whytelaw III



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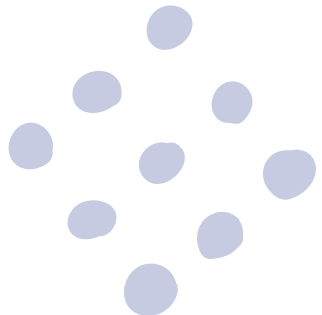
To pick up a copy of the book,
contact Brixton Library.

Black Cinema Club Special

Tuesday 15 October, 1pm
South Lambeth Library, SW8 1QP

Contact Tate South Lambeth
Library for film details
Tel: 020 7926 0710 or email
southlambethlibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

Join the Tate South Lambeth Classic Film Club for a free afternoon screening of a classic from Black Cinema and for a lively, after-film discussion.





British History, Black Music, Racism & The Music Industry: 1507 to 2020

Tuesday 15 October, 6.30pm
Clapham Library, SW4 7DB

Bookings

Historical musicologist Kwaku's mashup video documentary covers 500 years of Africans in Britain and the engagement of black music in dealing with Afriphobia, racism, and apartheid. It also reflects on the music industry's programmes that sprung up to deal with racism in the aftermath of the Afriphobic murder of George Floyd. This screening will allow us to consider, with the help of a panel, whether the music industry has gone forward or back since 2020.

This event will be viewable via Zoom.
Please book a ticket for the link.



Encounters with James Baldwin: Celebrating 100 years

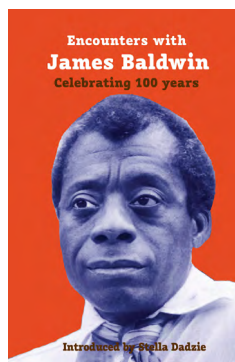
Wednesday 16 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join us to celebrate the centenary of the birth of the trailblazing African American author, James Baldwin.

Encounters with *James Baldwin*

is a wide-ranging volume of short essays, reflections, interviews, poetry and photography by over 30 contributors from the literary world,



demonstrating the significant legacy of the writer and activist who spoke truth to power during the era of the fight for Black civil liberties in the US, and after.

Join **Michael McMillan, Gabrielle Beckles-Raymond** and a selection of other contributors, some of whom talk of their personal meeting with Baldwin. They reveal the influence of Baldwin's thought, speech and writing on their personal journeys and their awareness of the need for social justice.



The Persecution of the Black Community in Nazi Germany

Thursday 17 October, 6.30pm
Lambeth Archives, SW2 1ET

Bookings

Using the Wiener Holocaust Library's collections, **Yasmin Gledhill** explores the persecution of the Black community in Germany by the Nazi regime, exploring the origins of Black Germany, pre-war experiences in education and daily life and the position of Black people in the Nazi 'racial' state.

The talk includes the story of Ronald Roberts, who was born in Wiesbaden to a white German mother and a British/Barbadian father and dictated his memoir towards the end of his life.



The Wiener Holocaust Library Collections

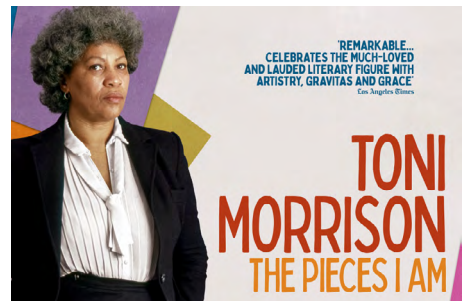
Kanopy Film Screening: Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am

Monday 21 October, 7pm
Minet Library, SE5 9QY

Bookings

In this film, author Toni Morrison leads an assembly of her peers, critics and colleagues on an exploration of race, history, America and the human condition. An artful and intimate meditation on the life and works of the legendary storyteller and Nobel prize-winner.

(2019, running time, 2 hours)
English subtitles



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The Wiener Holocaust Library Collections



The Wiener Holocaust Library



The Wickedest with Caleb Femi

Tuesday 22 October, 6.30pm
West Norwood Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join Caleb to discuss his landmark, life-affirming, new poetry collection, *The Wickedest* - a minute-by-minute depiction of a typical night at a legendary monthly house party known as 'The Wickedest'. Here we meet a vivid cast of characters, young and old, all surfing a revelry steeped in camaraderie, community, desire and a spirit of jubilant defiance.



Caleb Femi is a writer, director and photographer, and was featured in the *Dazed 100* list of the next generation shaping youth culture. Femi's award-winning debut poetry collection, *Poor*, won the Forward Prize in 2021 and was added to AQA's English Literature GCSE syllabus in 2022. He has directed for HBO, the BBC and Netflix, as well as shows for Louis Vuitton, TikTok, Bottega Veneta, Dior, Mulberry and NCS. From 2016 to 2018 he was the Young People's Laureate for London.



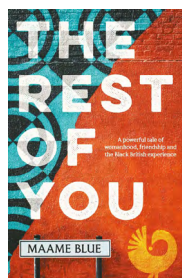
The Rest of You with Maame Blue

Wednesday 23 October, 6.30pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join prize-winning author Maame Blue to discuss her new novel, *The Rest of You*, an emotionally wrenching book, set in today's London and 90s Ghana, exploring generational trauma and what it means to be Black British, surviving the gaps of knowledge around familial migrant journeys.

Spanning three decades and told through the viewpoints of her characters, Whitney, her aunts, Gloria and Aretha, and Maame Serwaa, *The Rest of You* explores what happens when we try to resolve the mysteries of our past. A powerful tale of womanhood, friendship and the Black British experience.



Maame will be in conversation with prize-winning author **Chibundu Onuzo**.





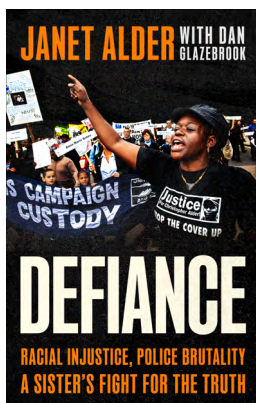
Janet Alder - Defiance: Racial Injustice, Police Brutality, A Sister's Fight for the Truth

Thursday 24 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

From the sister of Christopher Alder, a damning account of injustice in the UK police system. Join Janet to discuss her new book – *Defiance!*

The police killing of Christopher Alder was one of the most notorious deaths in custody in the UK, involving the destruction of evidence, a whitewash of an investigation and illegal surveillance. Christopher's sister Janet has been relentlessly fighting for justice for decades, and fearlessly holds the UK's state institutions to account in this extraordinary book. This is a probing exposé of what went on, based on exhaustive documentary evidence, as well as the personal story of Janet's fight to uncover the truth.



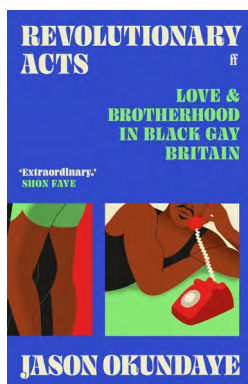
Lambeth LGBTQ+ book group discuss Jason Okundaye's Revolutionary Acts

Friday 25 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join the Lambeth LGBTQ+ book group to discuss Jason Okundaye's *Revolutionary Acts: love & brotherhood in Black gay Britain*

Revolutionary Acts renders a singular portrait of South London through the seventies, eighties and nineties from the perspective of those buffeted by the winds of marginalisation and discrimination. It is a portrait marked by resilience and self-determination, inspired by the love and beauty Black men have found in each other.



To borrow a copy of the book please contact the library.



The Black Men's Consortium, Performance Events

**Saturday 26 October, 11am to 1pm
and 2pm to 4pm
Streatham Library, SW16 1PN**

Bookings

The Black Men's Consortium

These community engagement events immerse you in film, interactivity, debate and include improvisation. With a fantastic cast of performers, these interactive events force you to consider the sometimes-uneasy question of 'what is needed to improve the lives of Black men in the UK?'

The Black Men's Consortium is a community-led exploration arts and health project in which Black men of African Descent meet to experience positive and meaningful interactions and discuss issues that matter to them.



Beyond the Photo Documentary Screening + Q&A with Director Cathy Hassan

**Monday 28 October, 7pm
Minet Library, SE5 9QY**

Booking

Do we stop to think about the story that lies behind a photo, and its true significance? Beyond a Photo is a documentary that helps important, yet invisible, community narratives come to light – using photographs to tell the stories.

Tracing the journey of a photo depicting two young friends in the 1970s, the photo is revisited decades later to chronicle the personal stories that help shape Black British history. Join us for a screening of the documentary at Minet Library followed by a Q&A with its director Cathy Hassan.



Al Vanderberg



Brixton Black History - Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

Tuesday 29 October, 6pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Booking

Ever been curious about contributing to the world's biggest online encyclopaedia but didn't know how? Brixton Library's monthly Wikipedia meetup can show you! If you like learning about and contributing to the recording of Black history in your community then this is a great place to get involved.



Kim Aldis via Wikimedia Commons

We will be working with Wikimedia UK for this edit-a-thon, to write about and enhance articles about Black people, history and society. You can use the session to explore Brixton Library's Black Interest book collections, our library service's online subscriptions to packages like the British Newspaper Archive and Who's Who and much more! We will also look at Wikimedia Commons and how you can use photographs and images. Bring along a laptop or use our computers in the library. In partnership with Wikimedia UK.

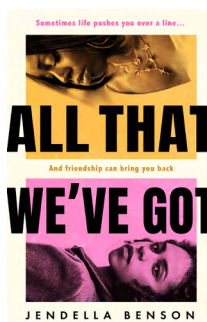


Jendella Benson and Shani Akilah

Thursday 31 October, 6.30pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join authors Jendella and Shani to discuss their fantastic new novels, *All That We've Got* and *For Such a Time as This*. Both novels discuss friendship and family, romance and relationships, positivity and repression and much more. Two stunning voices with plenty to say!



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Shani Akilah
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Black Girl, No Magic with Kimberly McIntosh and Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP

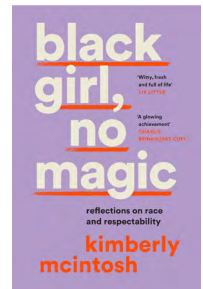
**Thursday 7 November, 6.30pm
Brixton Library. SW2 1JQ**

Bookings

Kimberly McIntosh has lived a full life, with a loving family, messy friendships, mind-expanding travel and all-night parties. She's also spent that life wondering why such opportunities aren't always available to people who look like her.

Stemming from years of social policy research and campaign work Kimberly uses her own experiences to reveal how systematic injustice impacts us all, from the pressure of nuclear families, to enduring toxic friendships, to how painful it can be to watch Love Island!

Kimberly will be in conversation with Lambeth MP
Bell Ribeiro-Addy



Amin Abdulrahman: Is Anyone Home

Tuesday 2 October to Saturday 28 October
Durning Library. SE11 4HF

Exhibition available during
Library opening hours

Amin Abdulrahman (b.2001- they/ them) is a London-based, British-Nigerian visual artist working primarily with photography. Their work attempts to explore themes of effervescence, belonging, temporality, and positionality - all of which are explored against a backdrop of navigating the world as a Black individual. They work between Nigeria and the UK, using imagery, print manipulation, and sound.



Is Anyone Home deals with the loss of Abdulrahman's family home, sentimentally and physically, due to the building's fall into a state of disrepair. It recounts the history of the family home, colloquially referred to as 'Shango' whilst also questioning, who makes home, home?

Further information:
aminabulrahman.com
[@aminaarahman](https://www.instagram.com/aminaarahman)



Opening Reception: Wednesday
9 October 6pm to 8pm

Bookings



Marcia Bennett-Male, MRSS
If Not The Tree, Then Check our Roots

Wednesday 9 October to Sunday 3 November
Brixton Library. SW2 1JQ

Exhibition available during Library opening hours

Opening Reception:
Tuesday 8 October
6pm to 8pm

Bookings



You couldn't find two artistic mediums more different than those used by the Black British artist Marcia Bennett-Male. For around three decades she has made her living as a stone carver and letter cutter, while intermittently expressing a very different aspect of her personality through her textile pieces.

Her carvings revolve around the universal topic of food and tend to be subtle and meditative, expressing the pleasure she derives from the shapes and forms of organic food produce, looking especially at produce from the African diaspora.

Her bright, bold and deceptively simple textile pieces tackle a myriad of subjects, from forgotten Black women of history to her own mental health issues, and how she fits into the dominant culture.

Further information:
@marciabennetmale
www.mbennettmale.co.uk

Stone carving workshop & artist talk:
Saturday 19 October, 1pm to 3pm

Bookings



The Legacy of People of Nigerian Descent in Britain

Monday 14 October to Sunday 27 October
Clapham Library, SW4 7DB

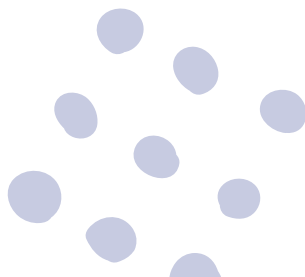
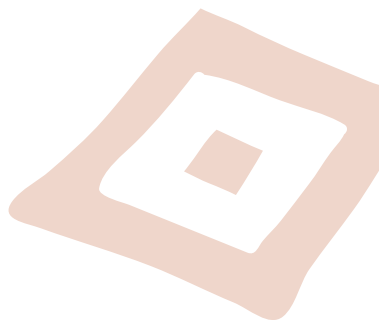
Exhibition available during Library
opening hours

This exhibition is part of IROKO Theatre Company's *Home from Home* project which aims to highlight British-Nigerian contribution to the cultural, political, educational, artistic, spiritual, and sporting life of Britain and London in particular. The project celebrates the community's strength, struggle, commitments, perseverance,

achievements, and ingenuity, as they navigate their existence in the UK.

Home from Home is supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

For further information, please visit
hfh.irokotheatre.org.uk
email info@irokotheatre.org.uk





Sir Frank Bowling, OBE RA: Selected Prints

Tuesday 5 November to Tuesday 31 December
Brixton Library. SW2 1JQ

Exhibition available during Library opening hours

Brixton Library is extremely proud to announce an exhibition of sixteen special edition prints by Sir Frank Bowling, OBE RA, one of Britain's foremost contemporary abstract artists, best known for his abstract paintings which can be seen in museum collections all over the world.

Sir Frank Bowling and DACS – the Design and Artists Copyright Society – began their collaboration with art publishers King & McGaw in 2021. The result is a collection of sixteen giclée prints of Bowling's masterful paintings ranging from 1968 to 2020. Handmade in Sussex, the prints are produced in limited runs on 330gsm Somerset Velvet Cotton. The collection includes Bowling's 'map paintings' that trace and layer stencils of countries and continents, and 'pour paintings' where acrylic paint is poured directly onto the canvas.

The group of 16 prints includes *Middle Passage*, 1970, a rich, warm and vibrant work recently exhibited in the major group show *Entangled Pasts: Art, Colonialism and Change* at the Royal Academy of Arts, London.

Further information:

@frankbowlingstudio
www.frankbowling.com



Sacha Bowling

About King & McGaw: Founded in 1982 by three brothers in a basement flat in Brighton, King & McGaw exists to celebrate art. With forty years of printing and framing experience under their belts, world-leading institutions – such as the V&A, Tate, and National Gallery – endorse our products, and we're proud guardians of prestigious licenses to produce iconic artworks.

@kingandmcgaw
www.kingandmcgaw.com

Opening Reception:
Tuesday 12 November 6pm to 8pm

Bookings

For details of school workshops, and with the wider community, run at Brixton Library by the Frank Bowling Studio throughout November and December contact Rossella at **rblack@lambeth.gov**

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Events for Children and Young People

Join Author Ella Phillips for a Sensational Children's Workshop!

Embark on a captivating journey with author Ella Phillips in a multi-sensory workshop that blends storytelling, interactive fun and creativity to spark your imagination.



Darryl Gadzekpo

Gather for mesmerizing storytelling, brought alive with scents, sounds and textures. *Grandma's Magic Recipes* is a joyful celebration of food, family and the magic of cooking together.

It's autumn and Zee and his family are carving pumpkins – just in time to make Grandma's famous monster soup! It's the perfect thing to warm up chilly nights and make Zee and his little sister feel brave. Join them as they celebrate a plant-powered autumn with their Magic Recipes.

Saturday 5 October, 10.30am.
Upper Norwood Library, SE19 1TQ.

Bookings

Drumming Workshop

Join Tony B of Happy Drums for a free drumming workshop for the whole family.

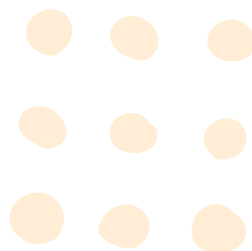
Saturday 5 October, 10.30am.
Clapham Library

Bookings



Saturday 5 October, 2pm.
Streatham Library

Bookings





Tree Planting in memory of Benjamin Zephaniah

To remember Benjamin Zephaniah, a poet of our times, we will be planting a tree at Minet Library. The planting is part of the boroughwide Lambeth **Tree Planting Programme**. Those close to Benjamin, who died in December 2023 said:

"We recommend, that if you want to, please plant something like flowers or trees anywhere you wish and name them as Benjamin Zephaniah in memory of him"

The planting will be in collaboration with local primary schools, Lambeth Libraries and Tree Services and will feature nature-based poetry written by local children to celebrate the life and rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah.

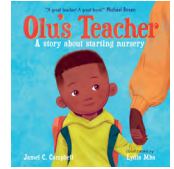
For more information email treeguardians@lambeth.gov.uk

Wednesday 23 October, 10.30am.
Minet Library



Storytelling with Jamel C. Campbell: Olu's Teacher: A Story About Starting Nursery

Join Olu on his first day at nursery in a sweet, confidence-boosting story, written by an Early Years expert.



Olu is about to start nursery and meet his teacher, Jay... But what will Jay be like? What if he has big sharp teeth like a dinosaur, wonders Olu, or breathes fire like a dragon? His worries fly away when Jay greets him with a big smile, before reading stories, playing the guitar and making Olu feel right at home.

Drawing on first-hand observations from Jamel C. Campbell, a highly respected Early Years consultant, this is a reassuring story about a child's first experience of nursery or preschool. For Ages 3+.

Saturday 26 October, 11am.
West Norwood Library

Bookings

Kente Cloth Paper Weaving

Using paper, weave and design your own Kente Cloth to take home with you!

Tuesday 29 October, 2.30pm.
Upper Norwood Library

Wednesday 30 October, 2.30pm.
Minet Library

Thursday 31 October, 2.30pm.
Carnegie Library



Black History Month Storytime with Author Portia Mushambi

Get ready for some interactive fun with Portia, the author of the *Naniso* & *Shinga* book series, as well as the *Tarirai & the Safari Five* picture books. Ages 3 to 7 years.

Tuesday 29 October, 10.30am to 11.30am. Streatham Library



Capoeira Workshop

Capoeira is a very unique martial art that was developed by predominantly enslaved West-Africans in Brazil over 500 years ago, as a way to train their bodies, keep mentally fit and fight against their oppressors. Capoeira combines self-defence, dance, acrobatics, philosophy, instrumental playing and singing. Join UINCAP International Union of Capoeira for an introductory workshop. Ages 7+

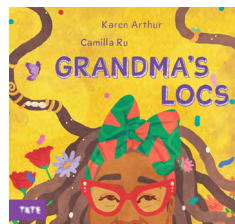
**Tuesday 29 October, 2pm.
Durning Library**

Bookings



Grandma's Locs with Karen Arthur

Celebrating the beauty of natural Black hair, this debut picture book is an infectious, imaginative and colourfully illustrated tale about the love that is shared between family. Grandma has beautiful locs. Whenever she comes to visit, she wears them in so many wonderful ways!



Come along to Clapham Library and listen to Karen Arthur reading her new book *Grandma's Locs*. Find out about different Black hair styles, products and tools. Try out what you would look like with natural hair styles such as braids, locks and afros. Bring your own hairstyle and have a picture taken. Ages 4 to 12

**Tuesday 29 October, 2pm.
Clapham Library**

Bookings





Black Pioneers - Craft for Kids

Join this creative craft session in the celebration of Black pioneers, past and present, creating 'I Have a Dream', Pop-up Card and Rosa Parks 'Bus Crafts'. Ages 5+ years.

Wednesday 30 October, 2.30pm.
Streatham Library



Badge Making

Design your own badge to wear with pride. Will it feature an inspirational figure from Black History, empowering quotes or your own unique design?

Wednesday 30 October, 2.30pm.
Brixton Library

Melanin Dreams Library Take-over

Join Melanin Dreams Bookshop for a Library take-over highlighting the best in Children's publishing. The day will include fun, fun, fun ... and lots of books. In the morning we'll have Arts & Crafts with create an African-themed music shaker and in the afternoon build a three-position traffic light inspired by Garrett Morgan.

Wednesday 30 October, 11am to 4pm.
West Norwood Library.

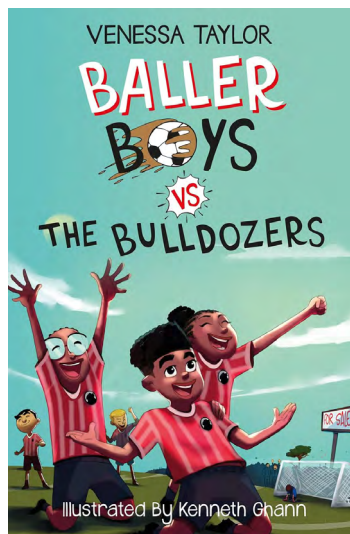


Library Visits

Schools can enjoy visits to their local library throughout the month of October listening to traditional stories and folklore. Contact your local library to book your visit – see inside back page for details.

Baller Boys with Venessa Taylor

Venessa Taylor brings two decades of experience as teacher and assistant headteacher to the creation of the *Baller Boys* series. Aimed at encouraging boys to find pleasure in reading, the football-themed stories are written with young readers in mind. Venessa is passionate as a literacy leader through her creative writing, and this paid off when *Baller Boys* was voted The Best Children's Book for The People's Book Prize 2021. Lambeth Libraries proudly welcomes Venessa to discuss her books. A fun and interactive session. For all the boys and girls who love football!



Monday 7 October, 10.30am.
Durning Library

Monday 14 October, 10.30am.
Durning Library

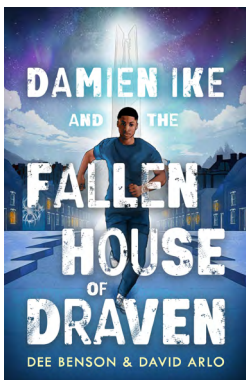
Contact Arthur for school bookings at
alech@lambeth.gov.uk



Damien Ike and the Fallen House of Draven

Conceived by music creator and producer

David Arlo Osuhon and written in collaboration with **Dee Benson**, *Damien Ike and the Fallen House of Draven*



is an action-packed Young Adult fantasy, exploring fear, prejudice and hope.

Join David at Brixton Library to hear all about co-writing a novel, exploring the themes of the novel (disenfranchisement, control and fear of difference) and learn about his background in the wider arts industry. For Ages 12+

Monday 14 October, 10am.
Brixton Library

Contact Zoey for school bookings at zcdixon@lambeth.gov.uk



Keaton Rich

Stone Carving Workshop and Artist Talk with Marcia Bennett-Male

Marcia Bennett-Male's carvings revolve around the universal topic of food and are subtle and meditative, expressing the pleasure she derives from the shapes and forms of organic food produce, looking especially at produce from the African diaspora.

Tuesday 22 October, 1pm to 3pm.
Brixton Library

Contact Rossella for school bookings at rblack@lambeth.gov.uk



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Brixton Oval SW2 1JQ.

Tel: 020 7926 1058

Carnegie Library,

192 Herne Hill Road SE24 0DG.

Tel: 020 7926 6050

Clapham Library,

Mary Seacole Centre, 91 Clapham High Street, SW4 7DB.

Tel: 020 7926 0717

Durning Library,

167 Kennington Lane SE11 4HF.

Tel: 020 7926 8682

Minet Library,

52 Knatchbull Road, SE5 9QY.

Tel: 020 7926 6073

Streatham Library,

63 Streatham High Road SW16 1PN.

Tel: 020 7926 6768

Tate South Lambeth Library,

180 South Lambeth Road SW8 1QP.

Tel: 020 7926 0705

Upper Norwood Library,

39-41 Westow Hill. SE19 1TQ.

Tel: 020 7926 1063

Waterloo Library,

The Oasis Centre,
1 Kennington Road, SE1 7QP.

Tel: 020 7926 8751

West Norwood Library,

1-5 Norwood High Street SE27 9JX.

Tel: 020 7926 8092

Lambeth Archives,

16 Brixton Hill, London SW2 1ET.

Tel: 020 7926 6076.

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For Library bookings: All library event can be found at **www.eventbrite.com/o/lambeth-libraries-17776185319**

Otherwise for further details please phone the local library or email **Blackhistorymonth@lambeth.gov.uk**

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