

Lambeth Libraries



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

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Lambeth Libraries Black History Month 2025

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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Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities



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www.lambeth.gov.uk/black-history-month



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



Cover photograph: author Oyinkan Braithwaite Credit: Studio Q

Programme events

Umbilical; Born Black; Borne Silent! Theatre Performance

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

Bookings

A powerful story of three Black men each navigating the silences, struggles, and inherited wounds that shape Black fatherhood and family life.

While much attention is rightly given to maternal outcomes, **Umbilical** brings into focus the parallel journey of Black men - fathers and partners who too often find themselves sidelined, silenced, or criminalised when simply advocating for their loved ones.



These three men's stories interweave to reveal the weight of generational trauma - trauma borne not only from systemic racism, but from the inherited silence of fathers unable or unwilling to speak their pain.

Written and directed by Lloyd Curtis and co-produced and performed by the members of theblackmensconsortium.com/

Black Culture Market

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 October
11am to 5pm
Department Store, 248 Ferndale Road,
SW9 8FR

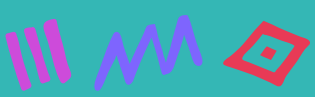
Bookings



Join Black Culture Market this October for an exciting and inspiring showcase of carefully selected Black businesses for 2025. This is an indoor, face-to-face event that supports emerging entrepreneurs and new Black businesses of African and Caribbean descent with retail opportunities.

Taking place over two days in the heart of Brixton it offers a diverse, quality shopping and cultural experience celebrating producers of the African and Caribbean community.

If you're looking for gifts, cards, unique prints, jewellery, male grooming kits, skincare, clothes or other original accessories come down! This market truly embodies the community's spirit as well as supports Black businesses.



Kanopy Film Screening: Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming a Space

Monday 6 October, 6pm
Minet Library, SE5 9QY

Bookings

Zora Neale Hurston has long been considered a literary giant of the Harlem Renaissance, but her anthropological and ethnographic endeavours were equally important and impactful. This is an in-depth biography of the influential author whose groundbreaking anthropological work would challenge assumptions about race, gender and cultural superiority that had long defined the field in the 19th century. (2023: 1hr 53min, English Subtitles).



SHAY's World: Pivot, Stop and Go

Tuesday 7 October, 5pm to 8pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

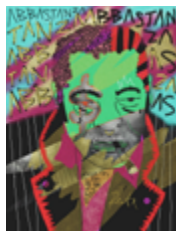
Bookings

Shay Casanova & Abbastanza Collective's **Pivot, Stop & Go** is a powerful, immersive art event that reimagines the past to reshape the future. More than an art exhibition/ installation, it is an experience that invites trailblazers, artists, thinkers, and community leaders to engage with art, music, and conversation that speaks to the heart of Black identity, gentrification, and collective healing.

Throughout the evening a live DJ curates a soundscape blending the revolutionary rhythms of Fela Kuti, the soul of Bob Marley, and the raw energy of Vybz Kartel - As the evening unfolds, we gather for a community-led panel discussion, a handpicked roundtable chosen by Shay. Together, we'll unpack the echoes of the past that still shape our present and imagine what real change looks like when grounded in unity, creativity, and truth.

Further information:

abbastanzacollective@gmail.com
[@abbastanzadaily](https://www.instagram.com/abbastanzadaily)



African Deeds with Mandy Parker-Sharp

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

Bookings

Theatre and Music creative Mandy Parker-Sharp brings **African Deeds** to Lambeth, after a successful launch of her Black British family collection and book, at the Black Cultural Archives.

Inspired by her great-granddad's 1899 land title deeds, which pass through three generations, Mandy presents a rare African ancestry story, one of pre 'Windrush' immigration with standout characters that include pioneering Pentecostalist and African businessman Thomas Brem-Wilson (1865-1929), known as the 'Black Pastor of Peckham', 'Mr Bingo' Philip Brem-Wilson (1908 -1999), a Song and Dance man who got involved with south London gangsters The Richardsons, and 'Nina the Great', Nina Brem-Wilson (1937 -2021), a Lewisham and Deptford market-worker who, in search of her African ancestry, finds gold!



Mandy's taking her archive 'on the road', using her book **African Deeds**, visual and sound materials, readings, and ancient documents in multi-media vibrant storytelling. A real treat for this year's Black History Month.

Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason: To Be Young, Gifted and Black

Thursday 9 October, 6.30pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

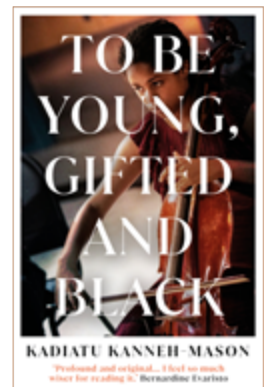
Bookings

What does it mean – and how does it feel – to grow up as a Black artist today?



Jake_Turney

Through conversations with her extraordinarily gifted family, Kadiatu explores what it's like to come of age in these turbulent times, when Black artistic self-expression is so often met with disparagement and abuse online – and offers a hopeful, powerful way through.





Brixton Radical Readers discuss **Nobody Can Give You Freedom: The Real Mission of Malcolm X**

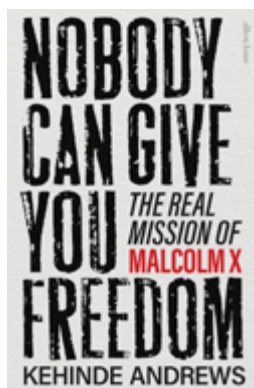
Friday 10 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join Brixton Library's Radical Readers to discuss **Nobody Can Give You Freedom: The Real Mission of Malcolm X** by Kehinde Andrews.

Malcolm X is a titanic figure in political history, but he is also one of the most misunderstood. So much of what we know about his life and politics is from books, films and documentaries that are all guilty of peddling the Malcolm myth for their own nefarious interests. Forever known as the violent Yang to Martin Luther King's Yin. But here, for the first time, Malcolm is rediscovered. On the centenary of his birthday, in a world shaken by decades of injustice and racism, Malcolm's political mission is more urgent than ever.

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



Spoken Word Poetry Open Mic

Saturday 11 October, 1pm to 4pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join Tony B for a fantastic afternoon of spoken word at Brixton's open mic!

The mic will be open to all ages.

Register by email:
tonybhappydrums@gmail.com

First 19 booked will perform 1 to 3 poems each. As children will be present, please keep the language PG.



Stella Dadzie: **A Whole Heap of Mix Up**

Monday 13 October, 6.30pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

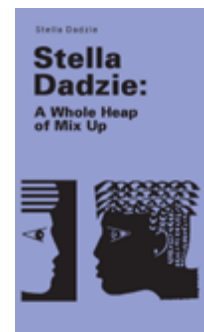
Reflections from a life lived in the struggle by Black British feminist and activist, Stella Dadzie.

Stella Dadzie has been a key figure in the Black women's movement in Britain since the 1970s. This unique new collection showcases her creative, personal and political writings, covering themes from her family life and early years to political activism, travel in Africa and the Caribbean, and race and racism in Britain.



Karina Stevens

Featuring short stories, poems, speeches and travel writings, in addition to personal photographs and a curated selection of her artwork in a photo spread at its centre, this definitive collection presents Dadzie as she has never been seen before: raw, funny and human, both artist and activist. It offers new insights into the issues that defined a generation of Black women. This is the fifth book in Lawrence Wishart's Radical Black Women Series, in partnership with the Black Cultural Archives.



In Between with Maud Blair

Tuesday 14 October, 7pm
Carnegie Library, SE24 0DG

Bookings

What does it mean to grow up with an African mother and European father in racially segregated 1950s Rhodesia? For Maud Blair it meant being sent, aged four, to a 'Coloured' boarding school run by Christian nuns. It meant being taught in English rather than her native language, which she was encouraged to forget. It meant only seeing her family for two weeks during the school Christmas holiday, where Maud longed for the sense of belonging, she once had.

Labelled as neither African nor European, Maud tries to make sense of her mixed identity in the midst of political unrest and de facto apartheid, taking her to England via South Africa and back to post-independence Zimbabwe. The result is a strikingly original memoir that confronts privilege, prejudice and the place we call home.

Event organised with the Friends of Carnegie Library.





Peter Apps and Kwajo Tweneboa: Tackling London's Housing Crisis, Rebuilding Community

Thursday 16 October, 6.30pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join us for an evening of discussion with two leading writers on the housing crisis facing Londoners.

Peter Apps won the Orwell Prize for his book **Show Me The Bodies: How We Let**



Grenfell Happen. In his new book **Homesick** he dismantles the sham of UK housing policy with his razor-sharp, stylish, and morally unflinching writing.

Kwajo Tweneboa is a writer, campaigner and activist and has been on the frontline of this housing crisis, highlighting the shocking conditions so many are forced to live with. He knows better than anyone the brutal realities the UK is facing, from the decimation of our welfare services to the rising poverty rates as the cost-of-living crisis continues. He is the author of **Our Country in Crisis: Britain's Housing Emergency and How We Rebuild.**



Join Peter and Kwajo to discuss the impact of the continuing housing crisis for communities.

My Mother in-law's Dresses

Saturday 18 October, 2pm to 4pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

A reminiscence workshop dedicated to the memory of Girleyvine - a Windrush Pioneer - showcasing some of her beautiful dresses and photographs, documenting her arrival from Jamaica to West Norwood in 1958. Hopefully her dresses and personal photos will bring back those lost memories. Girley has left behind a wealth of memories for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to share and remember her by.

Bring your own photographs, bring the family and that favourite dress, come along, and share your memories, share your stories, we have already lost too much.

Workshop by Sonia Winifred, Windrush Campaigner, former Lambeth Councillor and Cabinet Member. A special event, not to be missed.



The Mercy Step with Marcia Hutchinson

Saturday 18 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join Marcia Hutchinson to discuss this year's most talked about debut novel – **The Mercy Step.**



A precocious Mercy makes her reluctant entrance into the world, torn from the warm embrace of her mother's womb, to a chaotic household that

seems to have no place for her. Left to herself, Mercy finds solace in books, her imagination, and the quiet comfort of her faithful toy, Dolly. But escapism has its limits, and as the grip of family, faith and fear threatens to close in, Mercy learns she must act if she wants a different future; one where she is seen and heard.

The Mercy Step is a sharply witted and tender portrait of a young girl's quiet rebellion, and her refusal to be broken.



Lambeth Black History - Wikipedia Edit-a-thon



Monday 20 October, 6pm
Lambeth Archives, SW2 1ET

Bookings

Ever been curious about contributing to the world's biggest online encyclopaedia but didn't know how? This Wikipedia edit-a-thon can show you! Join us to learn how to create content on Wikipedia. Trainers from Wikimedia UK will give an overview of Wikipedia editing, why it is important and help you get started. 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.

We will be working with Wikimedia UK for this edit-a-thon, to write



Wikimedia Commons

about and enhance articles about Black people, history and culture. You can use the session to explore Lambeth Archives 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 Archives. In partnership with Wikimedia UK.



Documentary Film Screening: Madan Sara plus Q&A

Monday 20 October, 6.30pm
Minet Library, SE5 9QY

Bookings

The women known as Madan Sara in Haiti work tirelessly to buy, distribute, and sell food and other essentials in markets through the country. Despite the obstacles faced by the women working in a sector that lacks investment, infrastructure and state assistance, the Madan Sara continue to be one of the most critical parts of the Haitian economy and identity.

The Madan Sara documentary tells the stories of these indefatigable women who work at the margins to make Haiti's economy run. Despite facing intense hardship and social stigma, the hard work of the Madan Sara puts their children through school, houses their families, and helps to ensure a better life for generations to come. This film amplifies the calls of the Madan Sara as they speak directly to society to share their dreams for a more just Haiti. (50 minutes, English subtitles).



An Evening with Grantley Haynes: A Windrush Legacy - My Story

Wednesday, 22 October, 7pm
Clapham Library, SW4 7DB

Bookings

Join us for a lively talk and audience Q&A with Grantley Haynes, a pioneering voice in British reggae, founder of GTS Records and author of **The British Reggae Music Industry**.

Discover the story of reggae in the UK, the lasting legacy of the Windrush Generation, and the music that shaped a culture. Book available to purchase on the night.



Rita Keegan OBE: Fabric of Time

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

Bookings

Join artist Rita Keegan OBE to discuss her long-standing creative relationship with Brixton, from her experiences co-founding the Brixton Art Gallery in the early 1980s to a recent commission entitled 'Fabric of Time' for TFL, inspired by seat fabrics on the London Underground and Keegan's expansive photographic archive.



Rita Keegan OBE (b. 1949, Bronx, New York) moved to the UK in 1980, settling in London, where she co-founded the Brixton Art Gallery and became an important figure in the Black Arts Movement. Rita works across print, photography, film, sound, textiles and installation. Her work considers the representation of Black communities historically and acts of self-fashioning in relation to the experience of Black women, often through self-portraiture. In 1984 Rita co-founded Community CopyArt, and in 1985 she established the Women Artists of Colour Index, to catalogue, document and remember the work of Black women artists.

Rita discusses her work and life as a Black artist.

The Brixton Immortals Domino Club Celebration

Saturday 25 October, 11am to late
Clapham Library, SW4 7DB

Bookings

Join the Brixton Immortals Domino Club (BIDC) as they proudly present the annual Black History Month Celebration at Clapham Library.

Immerse yourself in The Black History Month Show, featuring a diverse lineup of intergenerational performers showcasing live drumming, spoken word, singers, domino displays, and cultural dance... and more. Prepare to be captivated by the talent within our community as local individuals of all ages and backgrounds, ordinary people like you and me, generously volunteer their time to entertain and inspire during this special Black History Month Celebration. The evening will end with live DJs playing reggae, soca, afrobeat and R&B.

Come and celebrate with us as we honour and rejoice in the rich heritage and accomplishments of the Black community. It promises to be an extraordinary occasion filled with joy, unity, and cultural appreciation. The event is free for all to attend and hosted by The Brixton Immortals Domino Club (BIDC) – a cultural cornerstone of Brixton since the 1970s.





Pegasus Opera Company presents Legacy and Hope Concert 2025

Tuesday 28 October, 7pm
Clapham Library, SW4 7DB

Bookings

This Black History Month, Pegasus Opera Company invites you on a joyful musical journey.

For over 30 years, Pegasus Opera Company has championed diverse voices in classical music, supporting UK artists from global majority backgrounds to shine on stage and build lasting careers.

Join us for Legacy and Hope – a vibrant concert bringing together world-class classical singers and our inspiring community choir. Expect a powerful mix of opera, musical theatre, South Asian sounds, and uplifting gospel – a performance that will move, delight, and bring us together.



Remi Kone and Oyinkan Braithwaite in Conversation

Thursday 30 October, 6.30pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join debut crime author Remi Kone, in conversation with Oyinkan Braithwaite, author of global bestseller **My Sister, the Serial Killer**.

Remi Kone

is a British Nigerian Emmy-nominated producer who has worked on well-known television dramas, such as **Killing Eve**, **Spooks** and **Lewis**. She lives in London, and **Innocent Guilt** is her first novel. The second in the series publishes in May 2026.



Oyinkan Braithwaite is a Nigerian-British novelist and writer. Her first novel, **My Sister, The Serial Killer**, was published in 2018 to wide acclaim. It was a Sunday Times



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bestseller, longlisted for The Booker Prize, shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction, and won the Crime and Thriller Book of the Year in the British Book Awards 2020.

Her new novel, **Cursed Daughters** is out now.

Join them both for a fantastic night of literature!



Cultural Rhythms: A Black History Celebration for people aged 50+

Friday 31 October, 1pm to 4pm
South Lambeth Library, SW8 1QP

Bookings

Join us for a joyful Black History Month event with health and wellbeing activities, art workshops, information stalls and live music!



Lambeth LGBTQ+ book group discuss **The Prophets** by Robert Jones Jr

Friday 31 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join the Lambeth LGBTQ+ book group to discuss **The Prophets** by Robert Jones Jr

In this blinding debut, Robert Jones Jr. blends the lyricism of Toni Morrison with the vivid prose of Zora Neale Hurston to characterise the forceful, enduring bond of love, and what happens when brutality threatens the purest form of serenity. Two young enslaved men, Samuel and Isaiah dwell among the animals they keep in the barn, helping out in the fields when their day is done. But the barn is their haven, a space of radiance and love - away from the sun and the cruelty of the toubabs - where they can be alone together.

The Prophets summon a choral voice of those who have suffered in silence, with blistering humanity, as the day of reckoning arrives at the Halifax plantation. Love, in all its permutations, is the discovery at the heart of Robert Jones Jr's breathtaking debut.

To borrow a copy of the book please contact the library. This event is also hybrid, so please do book a place to receive Zoom details.





Launch of the Lambeth Libraries Black Classic Literature Collection

Saturday 1 November, 2pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join us and special guests for the unveiling of an exciting new collection that honours the rich legacy of Black British and diasporic literature. **The Black Classic Literature Collection** brings together timeless works – from the poetic brilliance of **Una Marson** to the radical prose of **CLR James** – in a curated selection of novels, essays, memoirs, and poetry.

These titles are a celebration of resilience, creativity, and identity. They showcase revolutionary ideas and enduring stories that have long deserved centre stage.

Following the launch, titles from the collection will be available to borrow on a **one-week loan basis**.

Come celebrate literature that moves, challenges, and inspires.



Nicola Williams – Killer Instincts

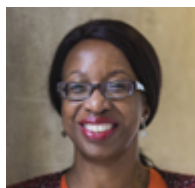
Monday 17 November, 7pm
Durning Library, SE11 4HF

Booking

Nicola Williams started her career as a barrister in private practice, specialising in Criminal Law and now sits as a Crown Court Judge. She also writes crime fiction and Bernardine Evaristo chose her first book, **Without Prejudice**, the first book in the Lee Mitchell series, for the critically acclaimed **Black Britain: Writing Back series**. She has just published **Killer Instinct**, a gripping, twisty new legal thriller starring underdog barrister Lee Mitchell in a case that strikes at the heart of her chambers!



Having served for many years as a Criminal Barrister and currently as a Crown Court Judge, Nicola has a unique insight into the Criminal Justice System which results in a thrilling authenticity and fresh take to the legal thriller that explores the complex interplay of race, class and authority.



Join Nicola and the Friends of Durning Library for a night of crime!

This event is organised with the Friends of Durning Library. Refreshments available (donation £3 suggested).

Exhibitions



BMT Proud to Be – Axematic Solo Exhibition: Unveiled

Showing until Saturday 8 November
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Exhibition available during Library opening hours

BMT Culture Hub presents BMT Proud To Be: Unveiled, an exciting solo exhibition by digital artist Akin Okusami (AKA Axematic)

Stepping to the fore as an artist of note and leader of emerging art collective Sonar Collective 22, Axematic brings his distinctive “Digital Renaissance Art” style to the Grade II listed venue. This comprehensive showcase features the complete collection of eight “Unveiled” character portraits for the first time. This solo presentation offers intimate glimpses into Axematic’s creative process whilst maintaining BMT Culture Hub’s mission to create spaces where ‘stories come to life’.

BMT Proud To Be is a programme of events and workshops designed to raise confidence and cultural awareness amongst young people and in wider communities. Through collaboration, BMT demonstrates their commitment to making culture accessible beyond traditional arts venues, reaching families, students, and community members who might not typically engage with gallery spaces, thereby fulfilling their mission of inclusive cultural celebration.

Opening Launch:
Thursday 2 October 6pm to 8pm

Bookings

Further information: [@axematic](https://twitter.com/axematic)
proudtobe.org.uk/
[@iitstagram/](https://www.instagram.com/iitstagram/) [@bmtstories](https://www.instagram.com/bmtstories)





Olympia Alsawi: Summer Nights

Wednesday 1 October to
Friday 31 October
Durning Library, SE11 4HF

Exhibition available during Library
opening hours

Olympia Alsawi is a Contemporary artist based in London. She grew up in Barcelona, Spain, with Palestinian Lebanese and Congolese roots. Drawn from her multicultural heritage, her paintings reflect on personal experiences around race and gender stereotypes, through unique oil and mixed media portraiture, filled with generous layers of earthy colours and confident brushstrokes.

Alsawi's portraits focus on the positive representation of her subjects and the celebration of their identity. These include people drawn from found images and from her own photographs of the people she encounters in her natural environment.

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



Vibrant Threads of Nigeria: 65 Years of Artistic Celebration

Thursday 2 October to
Friday 31 October
Lambeth Archives, SW2 1ET

Exhibition available during Archive
opening hours

Nigeria Magazine, in partnership with the Lambeth Archives, is presenting an exhibition celebrating Nigerian art over the past 65 years, show-casing the dynamic and diverse expressions of Nigerian artists and their blending of tradition with modernity.

From vibrant paintings to intricate sculptures, the exhibition captures Nigeria's rich cultural essence and features artists who have shaped Nigeria's artistic landscape, reflecting themes of identity, history, and community.

Join us in Lambeth to experience Nigerian artistry's colourful narratives, honouring its contribution to global Black culture.



Events for Children and Young People

This October, we invite children and young people to take part in Black History Month 2025, with a special focus on British Black men and women who have made and continue to make powerful, positive contributions to Black British history.

Throughout the month, a wide range of exciting events and activities will be held to help young people explore, learn, and celebrate the rich and diverse stories that shape Black British heritage.

Special school-focused programmes are also available, with activities designed to inspire and educate students in line with this year's theme. School visits are warmly welcomed. To book a school visit or find out more, please contact your local library.



Chatterbooks Clubs

Calling all book-loving youngsters aged 7 to 11 - come and chatter, get involved in fun and creative activities and choose new books to read. This October, we're celebrating incredible Black British Icons, from the trailblazing nurse Mary Seacole to the inspiring space scientist Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the brilliant author Alex Wheatle, the poet Benjamin Zephaniah, and many more.

Streatham Library
Tuesdays, 4pm

Brixton Library
Wednesdays, 4pm

West Norwood Library
Wednesdays, 4pm

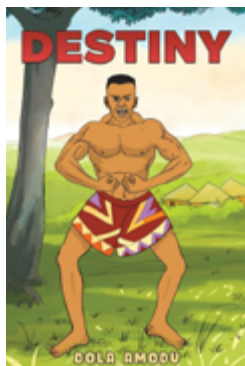
Minet Library
Third Monday of each month, 4pm

Carnegie Library
Last Monday of each month, 4pm

Meet Author Dola Amodu: The Story Behind Destiny

Join our Chatterbooks Reading Group and meet author Dola Amodu who has written her first novel **Destiny**.

She was inspired to become a writer when she became a grandma and wanted to write fun stories for her grandchildren.



Destiny is about Fabunmi, a strong and brave wrestler. He finds out he has a special curse and goes on a big adventure. With the help of a tiny fairy named Iwin and his family, Fabunmi fights the tricky god Shango and wins! He saves all the children and becomes a true hero.

Come along for a fun afternoon. There will be an opportunity to purchase Dola's book.

For ages 7 to 12.

**Wednesday
8 October, 4pm
West Norwood
Library,
SE27 9JU**



Create Your Own Poetry Bookmark

Celebrate Black poets and bring poetry to life! Choose your favourite poem by poets such as Benjamin Zephaniah, John Agard, Grace Nichols and others to create and decorate your own bookmark to take home with you.

**Tuesday 28 October, 2.30pm to 4pm
Upper Norwood Library, SE19 1TQ**

**Thursday 30 October, 2.30pm to 4pm
Carnegie Library, SE24 0DG**



Under 5s Sessions

Traditional Tales for Under 5s - Step into a world of stories, songs, and rhymes! This October, our regular Under 5s sessions will be filled with traditional tales brought to life through storytelling, music, and activities for little ones to join in. From classic favourites to magical folktales in celebration of Black History Month, it's the perfect way for children to enjoy the rhythm of language and spark their imaginations. For further information, contact your local library.

Empowering Young Voices: BHM Celebration & Wellbeing for Children and Young People

Join us for a joyful BHM event for children, with health and wellbeing activities, drumming, live music and much more!

11am to 1pm: The line-up for the morning is for families with children under 5 and older siblings and includes fun art and craft activities including Drumming with Tony B.

3pm to 6pm: The afternoon will focus on activities for young people (16+) with creative art workshops and live performances.

This is a Black History Month celebration. All welcome.

**Wednesday 29 October, 11am to 6pm
South Lambeth Library, SW8 1QP**

Bookings



Make Your Own Black History Month Zine!

Join us for a fun, educational and exciting zine-making workshop. You will have the chance to explore Black history and culture and create your own unique zines highlighting important moments and unsung heroes of Black history.

**Wednesday 29 October, 2.30pm to 4pm
Minet Library, SE5 9QY**



Author Talks and Creative Writing Activities with The Black Curriculum

Join **The Black Curriculum** and **BookLove** at Brixton Library for an exciting morning full of fun, new books and creative activities. Meet the authors of **The Black Curriculum's** book series and hear readings from the books. Shop around and see what **BookLove** has to offer and buy a book or two!

Create collages and zines to do with African and Caribbean history, amazing Black British people and the different places in Britain that Black people have changed.

**Thursday 30 October,
10.30am to
1.30pm
Brixton Library,
SW2 1JQ**



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.

The Quest for... The Windrush

Join the Time Traveller as they journey back to 1948 to travel on the Empire Windrush as it voyages to Great Britain.

Through drama techniques like role-play, your children will step aboard and imagine what it was like to journey as passengers. Then, arriving in Britain, they will discover what settling in a new country was like, the difficulties of finding work and the discrimination that many people faced. For Y3 and Y4.

Monday 13 October, 2 sessions 10am to 11am and 11.15am to 12.15pm
Durning Library

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

This event is funded by the Friends of Durning Library.



Kofi and the Magic Shaker (Storytelling for Children with Additional Needs)

Celebrate Black History Month and join in these specialist storytelling sessions developed for children with additional needs using special props to tell stories.

Kofi is sitting under a coconut tree trying to keep cool when he is approached by a spider who offers a magical solution to the heat!

Monday 13 October, 10.30am
Clapham Library

Booking essential Contact:
claphamlibrary@lambeth.gov.uk



SHAY's World: Kids Vision Board Workshops

This Black History Month, little creatives are invited to join Shay Casanova's interactive vision board workshop at Brixton Tate Library. Using pages from Abbastanza Collective's second colouring book, kids will explore their dreams, identity, and imagination through art.

Guided by themes of culture, hope, and self-expression, they will create vibrant vision boards that reflect who they are and who they want to become.

A fun, hands-on experience filled with colour, creativity, and purpose!

Thursday 16 October, Workshops
10.30am and 1.30pm, Brixton Library

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



Other Events

Naomi Bedford and The Ramshackle Band

Friday 24 October, 7pm
Clapham Library, SW4 7DB

Tickets £12

Join Naomi Bedford and the band, live at the Library! Naomi is an English singer working in the folk and country genres. She has made five acclaimed albums; most recently **Strange News Has Come To Town** which entered the UK folk charts and received great national press. Her previous albums have featured contributions from UK music legends such as Justin Currie, Andy Summers, Alasdair Roberts and Paul Heaton.

She also regularly performs and records with Paul Simmonds, chief songwriter and mandolin player with The Men They Couldn't Hang.

Naomi has toured widely throughout the UK and appeared at many prestigious Festivals including Glastonbury, Cambridge, Celtic Connections, Sidmouth and Wickham. She has also appeared in session for Mark Radcliffe on Radio 2 and on BBC Radio Scotland.



Warsaw Calling - Reception and Exhibition Launch

Tuesday 4 November, 6pm
Clapham Library, SW4 7DB

Bookings

Join us to launch the 'Warsaw Calling' Exhibition commemorating the Warsaw Uprising of 1944. The Warsaw Uprising was the greatest and bloodiest military operation undertaken by any resistance movement during the Second World War. For two months in the summer of 1944, superior Nazi forces were held in check by the Polish underground army fighters, many just teenagers.

The Uprising cost the lives of estimated 200,000 inhabitants of Warsaw. 85% of the city was destroyed by the Nazis.

The Warsaw Calling Exhibition tells the story of this dramatic, heroic and tragic event

WARSAW CALLING is organised by the Polish Underground Movement Study Trust, the historic archive based in Ealing London. www.studium.org.uk



More information:
warsaw1944.uk



London Football Book Market

Saturday 15 November, 12pm to 5pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Bookings

Join Stanchion Books and Brixton Library for the third London Football Book Market, celebrating the wealth of independent football publishing that is transforming the way we see and speak about the beautiful game.

An exciting mix of publishers, authors, illustrators and other football brands will be present selling books, magazines, fanzines, photobooks, shirts, prints and other merchandise. The event is free entry all day, open to all ages.

If you're a football-related author of books, magazines, fanzines or a brand selling kits, merch art, illustration, board games etc - and you fancy being one of the sellers, please email londonfootballbookmarket@gmail.com



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