I am delighted to invite you to this year’s Black History Month celebrations, which will be running throughout October. Last year so many of you told us how inspiring and uplifting you found the events and this year’s programme is equally as exciting.

This year we continue to remember and support the Windrush generation and acknowledge their struggle for a right to remain and for compensation. The month includes something for all ages and all tastes. Please take this wonderful opportunity to learn about and celebrate African Caribbean Heritage and Culture, which influence and enrich all our lives.

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

I hope you will join us.

Cllr Sonia Winifred

Cabinet Member for Equalities and Culture
**Alex Wheatle**

**Cane Warriors**

**Wednesday 30 September, 6.30pm**

Online event: Bookings [Eventbrite](#) Alex Wheatle – Cane Warriors

NOBODY FREE TILL EVERYBODY FREE

Join Lambeth Libraries for the launch of the brand-new novel from Guardian Award-winning author Alex Wheatle. *Cane Warriors* is a deeply compelling story of courage, brotherhood and hope, it follows the true-life slave rebellion, known as Tacky’s War, in 18th century Jamaica through the eyes of one boy.

**Jamaica, Britain and the Akan Maroon War**

**Thursday 8 October, 7pm**

Online event: Bookings [Eventbrite](#) Black & British History

Paul Crooks discusses a hidden Black and British history of Jamaica’s Maroons. Who were the Akan Speaking Maroons of Jamaica? Why did Britain go to war with them? Who were the leaders?

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**Rosanna Amaka**

**The Book of Echoes**

**Tuesday 6 October, 7pm**

Online event: Bookings [Eventbrite](#) Rosanna Amaka - The Book of Echoes

With irresistible joy and grace, Rosanna Amaka writes of people moving between worlds, and asks how we can heal and help each other. Humming with beauty and horror, tragedy and triumph, *The Book of Echoes* is a powerful debut from an authentic new voice in British fiction. Join Rosanna discussing her book with Lambeth Libraries.

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**Hood Feminism - Brixton Radical Readers Book Group Special**

**Friday 9 October, 7pm**

Online event: Bookings [Eventbrite](#) Hood Feminism

Join the reading group to discuss *Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women that White Feminists Forgot*, by author Mikki Kendall. To borrow a copy of the book please contact the library on 020 7926 1056.
**Okechukwu Nzelu**  
*The Private Joys of Nnenna Maloney*  
**Tuesday 13 October, 7pm**  
Online event: Bookings [Eventbrite](#) Okechukwu Nzelu  
*The Private Joys of Nnenna Maloney*

Okechukwu Nzelu brings us a funny and heartwarming story that covers the expanse of race, gender, class, family and redemption, with a fresh and distinctive new voice. Join Okechukwu to discuss one of the most talked about books of the year. Talk organised with Friends of Carnegie Library.

**Shame On Me: An Anatomy of Race and Belonging with author Tessa McWatt**  
**Monday 19 October, 7pm**  
Online event: Bookings [Eventbrite](#) Tessa McWatt

‘What are you?’ Tessa McWatt knows first-hand that the answer to this question, often asked by white people, is always more complicated than it seems. In Shame On Me Tessa unspools all the interwoven strands of her inheritance, she dismantles her own body and examines it piece by piece to build a devastating and incisively subtle analysis of the race debate as it now stands. Talk organised by the Friends of Durning Library.

**House of Music: Raising the Kanneh-Masons with Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason**  
**Wednesday 14 October, 7pm**  
Online event: Bookings [Eventbrite](#) Raising the Kanneh-Masons

Join Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason to discuss what it takes to raise a musical family in a Britain divided by class and race. Kadiatu is the mother of seven musical children. Sheku Kanneh-Mason performed at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Two of his siblings are also former BBC Young Musician category finalists and the eldest, pianist Isata, was a presenter for the BBC at the 2019 Proms.

**The Autumn Glories present: Grabbing a bit of history as we go along the way**

Lambeth Theatricals Drama Group the Autumn Glories are proud to present Grabbing a bit of history as we go along the way - an oral history production with a live Q&A for Lambeth's Black History Month celebrations. The theatre performance will be viewed online followed by a live Q&A with the group.
Monday 26 October, 7pm
Online event: Bookings

The First Woman with author Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi

*The First Woman* by Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi follows Kirabo on her journey to become a young woman and to find her place in the world, as her country is transformed by the dictatorship of Idi Amin. Jennifer has written a sweeping tale of longing and rebellion, at once epic and deeply personal, combining an intoxicating mix of ancient Ugandan folklore and contemporary feminism. Jennifer is a Ugandan novelist and short story writer acclaimed for her prize-winning first novel, *Kintu*. Join her to discuss her new novel.

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Saturday 24 October, 11am - 1pm
Online event: Bookings via Zoom or contact Kate at Healthwatch, tel: 07943 986 256, email: kate.damiral@healthwatchlambeth.org.uk

Vascular Dementia and Me: a community conversation with Lambeth’s African and Caribbean residents

Join this community conversation with live drama performance to explore how vascular dementia is particularly affecting Lambeth’s Black communities. This event will be hosted by Black Thrive, Healthwatch Lambeth and South London and Maudsley NHS Trust.

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Sunday 25 October, 7.30pm
Online event: Live stream

www.pegasusoperacompany.org/virtualconcert

Pegasus Opera: Legacy & Hope

Join Pegasus Opera online for our virtual Black History Month concert entitled ‘Legacy and Hope’. This vocal extravaganza features Britain’s leading black classical singers who will regale you with opera, calypso and musical theatre as we also pay tribute to the Windrush generation. We know you will love this unique and uplifting digital event!

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Wednesday 28 October, 7pm
Online event: Bookings

Family Tree Making Workshop

Join Dr Audrey Allwood, author of *Belonging in Brixton: An Ethnography of Migrant West Indian Elders in Brixton* for a Family Tree Making Workshop. Here Audrey touches on her own experience and sets out the steps you’ll need to take to construct your family narrative.
**The Windrush Generation: 492 Korna Klub Interactive Performance**

**Thursday 29 October, 7pm**

492 Korna Klub presents a live interactive performance and community debate about the Windrush Generation. They have been creatively working over the summer to explore all the issues around the Windrush Generation and their Kin. We are living in a Historic moment, join the 492 Korna Klub on the global stage for a virtual performance so that we can connect and join the dialogue about how we can move forwards in this hostile environment whilst celebrating and commemorating the Windrush generation and their Kin.

**GIRL: Essays on womanhood and belonging in the age of Black girl magic with Kenya Hunt**

**Wednesday 18 November, 7pm**
Online event: Bookings [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/girl-with-kenya-hunt-virtual-tickets-124553686168)

Join Award-winning journalist and 'American in London' Kenya Hunt to discuss her latest book *Girl* which is a provocative, heartbreaking and frequently hilarious collection of original essays on what it means to be black, a woman, a mother and a global citizen in today’s ever changing world.

**Kwame in Lockdown**

**Friday 30 October, 7pm**

How can Black men survive COVID19 and remain proactive during these challenging and uncertain times? What can Black men do collectively to look after their Mental Health & Wellbeing and address our current reality? How can Black men support and guide the next generation so that we are better prepared for civil action?

Join the Black Men’s Consortium for an interactive theatre performance & community dialogue event about Black men in the time of COVID19.

**Black Writers Challenge**

Have you read a book by a Black author this year? Maybe you’d like to discover new writing and authors?

On Twitter? Follow @LamLibs and join the conversation using the hashtag #BlackWritersChallenge @BHMLambeth.
Exhibitions

Windrush: Portrait of a Generation - A photo-story by Jim Grover

To book a free slot to view the exhibition please call: 020 7926 1058

Celebrating the Caribbean community in South London. This photo-story by award-winning social documentary photographer Jim Grover looks at the community following the arrival of ‘SS Windrush’

For further information: www.jimgroverphotography.com, www.windrushportraitofageneration.com, Twitter/Instagram: @jimgroverphoto

Black Futures Month @ Black Cultural Archives

For Black Cultural Archives, October is Black Futures Month a season of programming which seeks to use our shared histories to look forward and dream. Black Cultural Archives is working with early career curators Pelumi Odubanjo and duo Languid Hands, with guidance from artist and curator Barby Asante. Look out for the project across all of the BCA’s digital platforms. Made possible through the Arts Council Emergency Response Fund.

Black Lives Matter: Signs and placards from a summer of protest

Monday 5 October to Saturday 31 October

Time: 11am to 4pm Monday to Saturday.

Viewing by appointment only Minet Library

Bookings: tel: 0207 926 6073 email: minetlibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

An exhibition of some of the signs and placards left behind after the recent Black Lives Matter protests in London. Do you see your sign here? Do you want to donate a sign that you still have at home or any other BLM content? Then get in touch, we want to record your story. Contact Lambeth Archives at archives@lambeth.gov.uk
**Events for Children and Young People**

**Wriggle and Rhyme Under 5s**

Throughout the month of October, African and Caribbean folktales and stories will be told during our under 5 sessions. Hear what tricks Anancy is up to and sing-along to traditional rhymes. Facebook live everyday @ Facebook/Lambeth Libraries: Wriggle and Rhyme Online.

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**Lambeth Early Action Partnership (LEAP)**

LEAP is working with community partners in October to bring you and your children a range of activities and events to celebrate Black History Month. Settle in with your little one at an online storytelling session, get active with an African drumming lesson, or teach them to cook delicious snacks guided by our healthy chefs. We’ll also be sharing birth and breastfeeding experiences and support, and links to what’s on in the community to help you celebrate black culture, traditions and history. Keep checking our online calendar for new events and activities throughout October: https://www.leaplambeth.org.uk/events

... And if you’re looking for inspiration, check out our Facebook for local heroes during the month. You might spot someone you know, or be introduced to someone new: https://www.facebook.com/LEAPLambeth

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**Black Books for Kids**

**Saturday 3 October, 10.30am**

Online event Instagram Live @lambeth_libraries

Join librarian Zoey as she shares some of her favourite books for children and teens written by and about Black People. Zoey will also be giving some away!

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**Connecting With Black Culture Through Food**

**Wednesday 21 October, 10:30am to 12pm**

Online event: To register email: marta@stockwell.org.uk

Join Natural Chef Nena Foster for a special Black History Month cookery class focused on food and the myriad ways that it is created and enjoyed in Black cultures. We'll share food memories and favourite culturally-inspired dishes and get cooking a few recipes inspired by Nena's own cultural heritage and her love for health-focused food!

Fantastic event for families with children under 5.
Big Kids Storytime

Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2020 (half-term), 4:15pm each day
Online event Instagram Live @lambeth_libraries

Tune in each week day from 4:15pm on Instagram to listen to librarian Zoey read Race to the Frozen North; the remarkable true story of Matthew Henson, the first man to reach the North Pole, written by Catherine Johnson, illustrated by Katie Hickey and published by Barrington Stoke.

Happy Windrush Day with Winston Nzinga

Saturday 31 October, 10am
Online event: Facebook - Lambeth Black History Month

Old time stories come back again. Come and join in the fun.

Play along with a drum, a shaker or bell.

Listen and sing along with Winston Nzinga recounting special Caribbean folk stories with music and song from the Windrush generation. A lively storytime, where you will hear and be entertained by traditional tales. Ages 5 years and above.

Libraries Contact details:

Brixton Library, Brixton Oval SW2 1JQ. Tel: 020 7926 1058
Carnegie Library, 192 Herne Hill Road SE24 0AG. 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 0710

Upper Norwood Library, 39-41 Westow Hill. SE19 1TJ. Tel: 020 7926 1063
Waterloo Library, The Oasis Centre, 1 Kennington Road, SE1 7QP. Tel: 020 7926 0750
West Norwood Library, 1-5 Norwood High Street SE27 9JX. Tel: 020 7926 8092

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For further information email: Blackhistorymonth@lambeth.gov.uk