

**MAY
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WE ARE AN AWARD WINNING LIBRARY!!

Charity Registration Number: 1185498



THIS MONTH AT THE LIBRARY

PLEASE NOTE: THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY 2ND MAY AS THE VENUE IS TO BE USED AS A POLLING STATION.

But during the rest of May the library is very much open and the month is full of events and activity sessions! You can read about them on the following pages.

Our annual Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 18th May. This is one of our biggest events of the year and we'd be very grateful for any plant donations you can offer - see the next page for details and when to deliver.

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OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday:	10:00 - 19:00
Wednesday:	11:00 - 17:00
Thursday:	10:00 - 19:00
Saturday:	10:00 - 16:00

PLANT SALE

Saturday 18th May 10 - 3pm

255 Northfield Avenue

(next to Northfields station)

**ALL
FUNDS RAISED
HELP TO KEEP
YOUR LOCAL
LIBRARY
OPEN**



**CAN
YOU DONATE
PLANTS?**

*If so, please bring them to
the library on
Friday 17th May, 4-7pm*

*Please note that we
cannot accept plants
on the day of
the sale*

PLANT SALE POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

Thanks to everyone who entered the competition to design a poster for the Plant Sale. All the entries will be displayed in the library from 3rd May. The winners, seen here, will receive a Book Token and a professionally printed copy of their poster design.



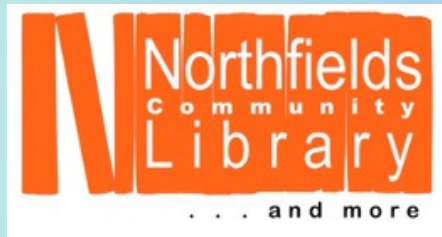
Solomiya Myroslava aged 9



Valeria Rizova-Paerez aged 9



Samragyee Gurung Ghale aged 6



FREE WORKSHOP SESSION: CV WRITING AND INTERVIEW SKILLS

Thursday 9th May: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

We are pleased to announce the delivery of a second CV and Interview Skills workshop, aimed at local residents who are actively looking for a new role or promotion - or simply want to refresh their CV and interview technique. The workshops will focus on:

- Identifying features of a powerful CV**
- Understanding key ingredients for your LinkedIn profile**
- Developing a structure for interview questions**
- Improving personal confidence in your preparation and delivery of a good interview**

The session will take place at Northfields Community Library.

**To reserve a place please email
getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk**

The session will be delivered by local resident Rose O'Donovan who is an Occupational Psychologist and accredited Coach. Rose worked in various Learning and Development roles for many years, latterly as an Executive Coach, supporting professionals to develop their confidence and make good choices about their careers.

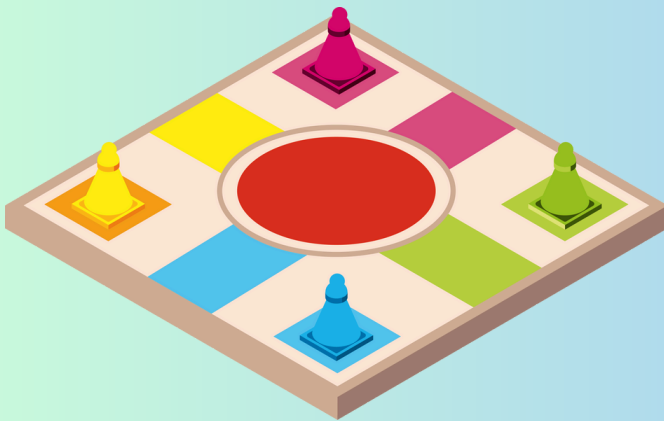
The workshop is free so why not invest an hour of your time in these vital life skills?



OUR NEXT MONTHLY SOCIAL

2:30pm, MONDAY 13th MAY

GAMES AFTERNOON!



FREE EVENT

Play Uno, Scrabble and card games - bring your friends or come and make some new ones!

Tea and coffee will be served.

Northfields Community Library

255a Northfields Avenue

W5 4UA

(Right next door to Northfields Tube Station and the E2/E3 Bus Stop)

**NEED HELP WITH CLOTHES REPAIR?
LEARN HOW TO STITCH AND MEND**

Ealing Repair Cafe



**STITCH
IT -
DON'T
DITCH
IT!**

**TUESDAY 21st MAY 5:00-6:45PM
NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Ealing Repair Cafe offers advice on how to mend by sewing, embroidery, visible mending, patching, boro and sashiko stitching. At sessions we help by providing sewing equipment, threads and fabric for patches.

**DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR DAMAGED CLOTHES -
BRING THEM TO THE EALING REPAIR CAFE AND GIVE THEM
A NEW LEASE OF LIFE!**



TALK - THE EALING CLUB

THE CRADLE OF BRITISH ROCK MUSIC

7:30 pm, THURSDAY 23RD MAY



The Ealing Club will forever be remembered as the birthplace of British rhythm and blues, the Rolling Stones and other legends of the music industry.

Alistair Young co-founded a community interest company in the hope that the legacy of the Ealing Club will live on.

At this event, Alistair will tell the story of the Club, with archive photographs and footage and some live music

TICKETS £5:00 - AVAILABLE FROM THE LIBRARY



HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

11:30 TO 12:30

**TUESDAY 28TH MAY
WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY
THURSDAY 30TH MAY**

**K'NEX MODELLING ACTIVITY
ART ACTIVITIES
GAMES**

**Parents/Carers to stay in the library during
the sessions please**



FREE WORKSHOP - INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING

2:00-3:30pm, TUESDAY 4th JUNE

If you're interested in starting to write but not sure how to get going, come and join this fun workshop that will help get your creative energy flowing.

We'll be using prompts and exercises for sparking plot ideas, building up your characters and creating a convincing sense of setting. Nobody will be asked to read their work out loud and all you need to bring is yourself and something you can write on.

TO BOOK A PLACE EMAIL:

getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk



Marianne Holmes is the author of A Little Bird Told Me and All Your Little Lies and lives in Ealing. She studied Classics and Linguistics and worked in marketing before writing her first novel with the support of the Ealing-based West London Writers' Group.

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NEW! BEADCRAFT CLASSES



**GIFT MAKING AND UPCYCLING TIPS
WITH TUTOR ISABELLA**

THURSDAYS AT 2:00 - 3:00PM

DATES

25th April

9th May

16th May

23rd May

30th May

£2.50 PER CLASS



**To make the most of these classes, you should sign up for all
5 sessions if you can. To secure a place please contact
getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk**


FUNDRAISING NEWS



Are you passionate about promoting reading and fostering community spirit in Northfields?

Join Friends of Northfields Community Library NOW to be invited to our first Annual Friends Event in June for

 Reports on this year's highlights
 Engaging discussions about the future of the library

 A chance to influence future library programmes and initiatives

and of course our trademark warm welcome and delicious refreshments.

Friends of Northfields Community Library invites you to be part of something special -

- Community events for all ages
- Library resources from across the south of England on your doorstep
- Opportunities to volunteer and make a difference
- A vibrant, welcoming atmosphere for book lovers of all kinds

Join us in preserving and enhancing this vital Community Hub

For only £5 a month or £50 a year you can become a Friend of Northfields Community Library and help to sustain our invaluable local services.



Together, we can write the next chapter of success for Northfields Community Library!

Go to https://northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk/support_us.htm or just click on the QR code to make reading and community connection thrive!

Reviewers say:

"A great community run library, the staff are always friendly and helpful"

"Lovely place and kind staff"

"Great community run library. All run by volunteers that give up their free time for such a valuable learning resource and community hub."

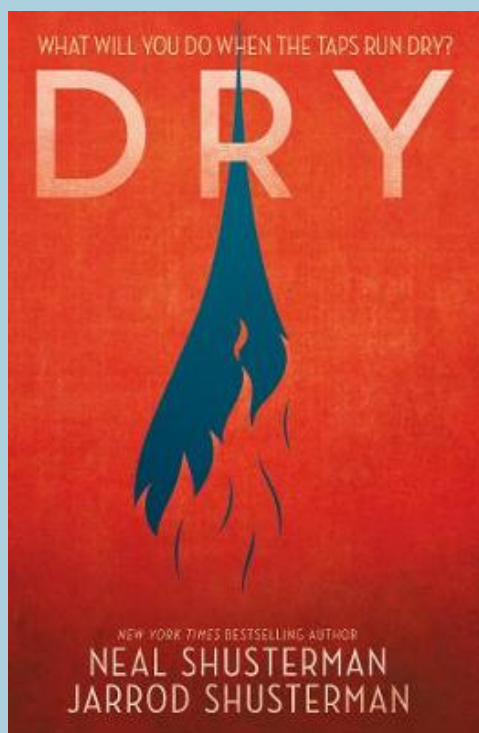
(Google reviews)

YOUNG ADULT BOOK REVIEW

Recommended by **Matthew Jenkins,**
Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteer

DRY

by **Neal Shusterman**
and **Jarrood Shusterman**



The drought, or the Tap-Out, is a climate crisis affecting the whole of California. But one day, the water runs out completely. Suddenly, Alyssa's quiet suburban neighbourhood descends into a warzone of desperation, with families turning against each other on the hunt for water. Her life - and the life of her brother - is at risk, and Alyssa will have to make impossible choices in order to survive.

"Personally, I thought Dry was an amazing book. Reading it felt like watching a disaster movie, it created a very convincing portrayal of the apocalyptic scenario. One aspect I really liked was the variety of characters in the book. Each character had an interesting perspective to read from, and the switching viewpoints in the novel helped emphasise the scale of the situation.

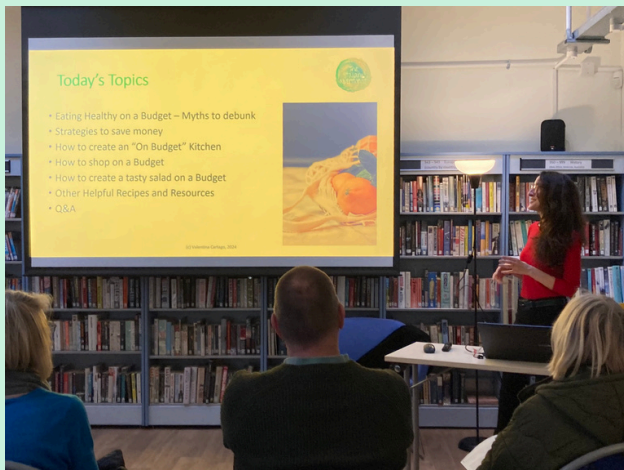
With only 400 pages, this book is packed with action, drama and plot twists. This novel was dark and violent at times, but it added to the realism of the story, with the potential for it to one day be real makes it all the more scary. The conclusion was short but satisfying, although it could have had more clarity as to what had happened to some of the minor characters.

Overall, I found this book to be a tense, thrilling read, which I would definitely recommend."

LAST MONTH IN THE LIBRARY

Brian Shum gave us a fascinating talk which explained the history of Hong Kong's transformation into a British colony and how newcomers shaped British Hong Kong.

Brian is a historian from WeToastHK, a self-organised research community founded in 2016 which aims to promote history and culture to a wider audience



Another talk was "Eating Healthily on a Budget". The speaker was Valentina Cortago, aka The Italian Nutritionist.

The talk was packed with money saving ideas, nutritional facts and suggested recipes, and made us all feel really hungry!

At our monthly Monday social we held a collage making activity - the results are wonderful and many are on display in the library.

Come and join us at our next social - 2:30pm on Monday 13th May!



What's Going On: Weekly

Tuesday

- ▶ 10:30 – 11:00: Rhyme Time
- ▶ 12:30 – 14:30: Free Digital Skills Training
- ▶ 16:00 – 17:00: IT Support with volunteer Ben. No appointment needed

Wednesday

- ▶ 11:15 – 12:15: Knit and Natter Group
- ▶ 14:00 – 15:30: Shared Reading Group, led by a trained Reader Leader

Thursday

- ▶ 11:15: Coffee Morning: Join us for a cuppa and a chat
- ▶ 14:00 – 15:00: **NEW!** Beadcraft classes.
- ▶ 15:30 – 16:00: Rhyme Time Singing With Gilbert

What's Going On: Monthly

Ealing Repair Cafe

▶ **NEXT SESSION: TUESDAY 21st MAY AT 17:00-18:45**

Offering advice on how to mend by sewing, embroidery, visible mending, patching, boro and sashiko stitching. Sewing equipment, threads and fabric for patches provided.

Northfields Community Library Book Club

▶ **NEXT MEETING: 19:30 ON TUESDAY 21st MAY**

We meet at the Library.

This month we are reading “The Testament of Mary” by Colm Tóibín. New members are welcome. If you would like to join us email getintouchncl@outlook.com and we will send details.

There is no charge for these events, but donations to library funds will be appreciated



...and more

That's all for now!

If you have any suggestions for content or for groups or activities we might organise, we'd love to hear them.

You can contact us by any of the methods below - or come in and see us in the library!

With best wishes,

**Tanya, Paul, Alison P, Alison S, Angela,
Maureen, Joy and Meena**

Trustees.



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