



NEWSLETTER 8th July, 2020

Dear volunteers and supporters,

We hope you and your families are keeping well.

This week's newsletter comes to you a little later than usual. The Trustees have just finalised plans for the fundraising strategy for our library, details of which are below, and we wanted to announce them here before sharing them with the wider public.

We're still not able to confirm when we will be opening the library. At the moment we're not able to go inside as the refurbishment work needs to be completed and the building has to be deep cleaned before entry is permitted. Once we can go in again we would love some assistance from volunteers and we'll call on some of you who are willing to help arrange the shelves and the books and prepare the library for business.

Please be assured that all necessary safety measures will be in place before anyone is allowed to work there and the training programme for volunteers will be reinstated as soon as it's safe to do so.

We'll give you more details as we have them. If you have any questions do email them to the usual address: getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk

OUR FUNDRAISING STRATEGY

As we wait for news of when we can open our library, we feel that now is the time to launch our fundraising strategy. To augment the three year grant from Ealing Council, funding will need to come from three sources - secondary grant applications, paid for events at the library and donations.

As you know, our aim from the outset has been to extend the library's main purpose and build it into a vibrant community resource, with clubs, events and activities for residents of all ages. You'll also be aware that during lockdown we have provided a digital offer for volunteers, supporters and the wider community in Northfields, with online events and clubs. It's been wonderful to see that many of you have participated in these activities, and we've been able to make new friends in virtual groups which we hope will become physical groups before too long!

As a registered charity, Northfields Community Library will rely on funding and donations to build and sustain this lively and welcoming resource at the heart of our community.

We are announcing our strategy first to you, our volunteers and supporters, and we will be launching a wider fundraising campaign over the coming weeks.

If you would like to become a friend of Northfields Community Library and contribute to making our physical and digital offering a success, you may do so by making a secure one-off or recurring donation via Paypal on our website at <https://northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk> Alternatively you can scan this QR code on your mobile, which will take you directly to the donation page.



Any contribution, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES ON OFFER (VIRTUALLY!)

We'd like to say a BIG thank you to volunteers Wei Hei Kipling, Brittany Burton and Andreea Fagetan, who have given us so much of their time, preparing and running weekly sessions for us since the beginning of lockdown.

Brittany's wonderful storytime sessions have paused now for a summer break, but she and her family will be back in September. Details of other sessions are here, and they are continuing until further notice.

"SINGING WITH GILBERT" FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

10:30am every Tuesday and Thursday morning

"Singing with Gilbert" is a series of online nursery and action rhyme sessions aimed at pre-school age children and lasting for about 20 minutes. The babies and young children who attend get so much from these sessions – the youngest 'regular' is 9 months old and she is now recognising the songs and loves the actions! If you have a little one do bring him or her along and join in.

These sessions are delivered on Zoom, so please email the host Wei Hei Kipling and she will send you the link to join the sessions. Email Wei Hei at gilbertr.stmarys@gmail.com and entitle your email **"Singing with Gilbert"**. Please add your first name and the number and age of the children who will be with you. If you'd be happy to mention your children's names they might be greeted personally during the session.

GUIDED MEDITATION SESSION EVERY THURSDAY

Next session: Thursday 9th July at 11:00

Andreea is holding guided mediation sessions online every Thursday at 11:00am. Attendees are finding these 20 minute sessions a peaceful and uplifting experience. If you'd like to join us, email getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email **Guided Meditation**. We'll then send you a link for the session.

THE CAMPFIRE STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

<https://www.campfire-storytelling.co.uk>

This is still happening! It's likely to be on Sunday 19th July, as an online workshop, but we're waiting to confirm the date. If you're interested in taking

part please email us and title your email **Campfire Storytelling Workshop**.
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NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Our Book Club met last Tuesday. We very much enjoyed the session and will meet again on Zoom on Tuesday 28th July. The books we have agreed to read and discuss at our next meeting are as follows:

Fiction title: “Queenie” by Candice Carty-Williams

Non fiction title: “The Windrush Betrayal” by Amelia Gentleman

There’s always room for new members! If you’d like to join please email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email **Book Club**.

¿Hablas español?

We’re hoping to find a Spanish speaker to run our beginners’ Spanish conversation group, but we need help! If anyone speaks the language, or knows someone who does, and might be prepared to lead some sessions, that would be fantastic.

If you are interested either to run or to join this group, please email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk with the title **Spanish Conversation**

SUMMER ACTIVITY RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

Underway now and continuing till Friday, Children’s Laureate Cressida Cowell is running a “Creativity Summer Camp” in association with the Book Trust. Cressida is joined by an all-star line-up of leading authors and illustrators – including Eoin Colfer, Theresa Lola and Rob Biddulph – to encourage young creatives with writing workshops, drawing masterclasses and much more.
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-laureate/>

That's all for this week - thank you so much for your continuing support, and take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

With best wishes,

Jenny, Tanya, Paul, Alison P, Alison S, Monica and Louisa
The Northfields Community Library Trustees.

For more information about library developments:

<https://northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk>

For offers of help, and any ideas for making our offer even stronger:

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