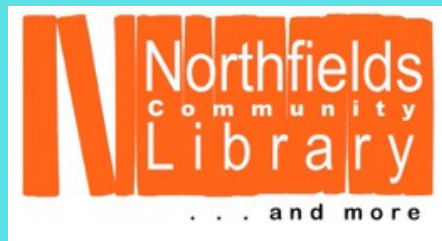


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WE ARE AN AWARD WINNING LIBRARY!

Charity Registration Number: 1185498



HELLO EVERYONE!

At the time of writing it's Small Charity Week and we thought it appropriate to hold an event for Friends of the Library, on 26th June, to thank them for their support. We'll be giving a presentation to show how our library is developing and asking the attendees to contribute ideas about how we might grow as a Community Hub. A full report on this event will appear in the next newsletter.

The children's Summer Reading Challenge launches on Saturday 6th July - details on the next page. Most of our activities across the summer will be for children - especially important for those whose families may not be going on holiday. The Reading Challenge is a key event for us and our Outreach team will be busy at school fairs, getting families to sign up and showcasing what our library has to offer.

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OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday: 10:00 - 19:00

Wednesday: 11:00 - 17:00

Thursday: 10:00 - 19:00

(CLOSED 4TH JULY AS POLLING STATION)

Saturday: 10:00 - 16:00



THE
READING
AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge



THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE IS BACK!

LAUNCHES SATURDAY 6TH JULY

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to take on a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'. Each year the Challenge motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence.

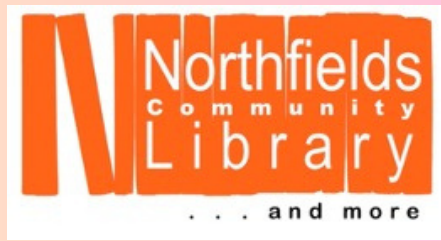
This year, The Reading Agency is partnering with CREATE, an arts organisation, and all our children's activities over the summer will reflect that theme.

Children will be able to sign up to the Challenge in our library from 6th July to win medals and certificates. In addition we will be offering weekly activity sessions for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 23rd July and throughout the summer holidays - all activity details are on page 6 of this newsletter.

**DO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO SIGN UP
(OR PASS THIS ON TO ANYONE YOU KNOW WHO HAS CHILDREN!)**

Finally, a big thank you to the team of volunteers who have worked hard to prepare for the Challenge and who have offered their time to help run the event. It is such an important part of our library year.





LYRICAL VOICES CHOIR PERFORMANCE

FREE EVENT

6:15PM, TUESDAY 2ND JULY



**Lyrical Voices are the Ealing Libraries
Community Choir. The Choir is made up of
people of all ages and stages in life who just
love to sing together!**

**Come and hear them perform some of their
work at a short concert.**

Drop in event - no booking needed!

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

Ealing Repair Cafe



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

**TUESDAY 16th JULY 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!**



JOIN OUR BOOK CLUB!

Northfields Community Library Book Club

**Next meeting: At the library
19:30, Tuesday 23rd July**



The Book Club meets once a month. We choose a mixture of fiction and non-fiction titles to read.

This month our chosen title is "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck

New members are always welcome.

**If you would like to join us email
getintouchncl@outlook.com**



SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

TUESDAYS FROM 23rd JULY, 11:30 - 12:30

23rd JULY: ART SESSION - FREE

30th JULY: MUSICAL STORYTIME - FREE

6th AUGUST: AUTHOR TALK FOR 7-11 YEAR OLDS

13th AUGUST: DRAMA WORKSHOP (£1 PER CHILD)*

20th AUGUST: POETRY SESSION

27th AUGUST: LEARN TO KNIT AND CROCHET

TUESDAYS FROM 30th JULY, 15:30 - 16:00

RHYME TIME FOCUS SESSIONS - FREE

**ACTION SONGS AND RHYMES AIMED AT CHILDREN WHO
WILL BE STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER**

***(RHYME TIMES ON TUESDAYS AT 10:30pm AND
THURSDAYS AT 3:30pm AS USUAL)***

THURSDAYS FROM 30TH JULY, 11:30-12:30

GET CREATIVE WITH K'NEX MODELLING - FREE

***SIGN UP FOR THE DRAMA WORKSHOP IN THE LIBRARY
Parents/Carers to stay in the library during sessions please**

Let's

Speak English

Together!

Come and improve your **English Language** skills!

Location: **Northfields Community Library**

Address: Northfield Avenue
Ealing
W5 4UA

Days: **Every Thursday**

Times: **From 10.30am to 12.30pm**

Start Date: **16th May 2024**



FREE ESOL Classes to help you:

Practice Conversational English
Find out about local facilities and services
Learn UK History and adjust to the culture
Meet local people and make friends

Have Fun Learning English!
Open to Everyone! Join Anytime!
No Eligibility Requirements.

● Learn **English** ● Meet **new people** ● Make **friends** ● Be more **confident**

For further details call **ACDA** on **020 3290 1128** or **0770 964 2243**
or sign up at **Northfields Community Library**



Community-Based
Learning
Programmes



ACDA Skills Training
ADULT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY



Register Here
for FREE
Computer Classes!

Online Basics

Free Digital Skills Training Sessions

Northfields Community Library


Northfield Avenue
Ealing
W5 4UA

Every **Tuesday**

From **12.30pm to 2.30pm**

Start Date: 17th October 2023

Learn how to:

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- Browse the Internet Safely
 - Create, Send and Receive Emails
 - Do online Shopping and Banking
 - Use Social Media
 - Access online Library & Council Services
 - Complete online Applications & Forms
 - Search for Courses & Jobs online
 - Find accurate Health information online
 - *Plus More!*

For further information contact ACDA Skills Training on [020 3290 1128](tel:02032901128) or [0770 964 2243](tel:07709642243). You can also email us at info@acda.org.uk

LAST MONTH IN THE LIBRARY

We were thrilled to host best selling author Janice Hallett, who gave a talk about her work on 25th June.

The session was so insightful and Janice was an absolute delight. The audience feedback was excellent, and people commented on how much they learned about an author's writing process. Janice has promised to return to the library when her first children's book is published next year.



On 23rd June, on a beautiful Sunday morning, book club member and Blue Badge Guide Elaine Wein led a group from the book club on an arts and literary tour of Ealing. We visited several blue plaque sites and heard stories about Ealing Studios, the Ealing Club, Billy Bunter's creator Frank Richards and Lady Byron, whose plaque sits on the wall at Thames Valley University. Many thanks to Elaine for a fascinating morning.

LAST MONTH IN THE LIBRARY



On 22nd June Charis Eldrid led a session about mandalas, which are geometric designs that hold great significance in Hindu and Buddhist art. She gave a very interesting presentation and then the attendees made their own mandalas. Everyone really enjoyed the session and commented on how relaxing and meditative the process was. We hope to repeat the session as it was so popular.



Finally, here's Poppy enjoying last week's Rhyme Time!

Rhyme Time sessions are held twice a week in the library, on Tuesdays at 10:30am and on Thursdays at 3:30pm (Singing with Gilbert the rabbit)

Babies and toddlers love the songs and even the youngest recognise the tunes after just a few weeks of attending.



REPORT ON THE 2024 COMMUNITY LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

The London Regional Conference 2024, organised by the Community Libraries National Peer Network, was held on 12 June. It provided an ideal opportunity for representatives from community managed libraries (CML's) across the country to meet and network with each other. Our library was represented by trustees Meena Shah and Joy Doyle, who has written this report.

The conference was hosted by Corbett Community Library, located in Catford, Lewisham. This library became a CML in 2016 so it is a few years ahead of Northfields library on its journey.

The morning saw a presentation from the staff and council member on the workings of Corbett Library. It was reassuring to hear how their successes and challenges mirrored those of Northfields library.

As the day passed it was beneficial to network with volunteers, trustees and delegates, all swapping ideas. In the afternoon Corbett CML hosted stalls which focused on specific elements of their delivery service which included: Digital inclusion in the community, on-line support service, RNIB - one of their partners, and meeting their board of Trustees.

The end of the conference was topped off with an invitation to have a glass of Prosecco on the lawn and thankfully the rain stopped!

In short a very enjoyable and insightful day - so beneficial to connect with other volunteers in the CML sector too!

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
- ▶ 10:30 – 12:30: English Classes for speakers of other languages
- ▶ 15:30 – 16:00: Rhyme Time Singing With Gilbert (**not 18th July**)

What's Going On: Monthly

Ealing Repair Cafe

▶ **NEXT SESSION: TUESDAY 16th JULY 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.

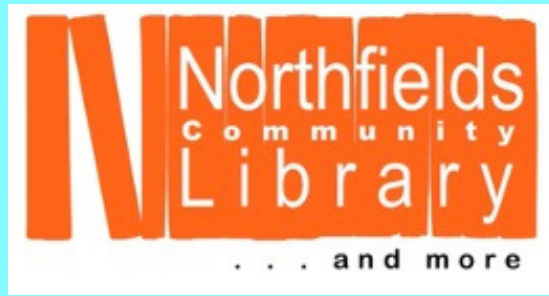
Northfields Community Library Book Club

▶ **NEXT MEETING: 19:30 ON TUESDAY 23rd JULY**

We meet at the Library.

This month we are reading “The Grapes of Wrath” by John Steinbeck. 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



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,



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



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