



Dear Volunteers and Supporters

Great news that some council run London libraries have now reopened, Brent, Harrow and Hounslow libraries among them. Ealing Council is working to confirm the opening date for the Central Library. There's no news yet of when the five new Community Libraries will be able to open their doors, but we're still hoping that Northfields can start to welcome residents in September.

In the meantime, our "virtual library" events and activities will continue through the summer for any of you who'd like to take advantage of them . . . see overleaf!

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

NORTHFIELDS COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 28TH JULY

We have chosen the following books to discuss at our next meeting - members can read either or both of these titles:

Fiction: **Queenie**, by Candice Carty-Williams

Non-fiction: **The Windrush Betrayal**, by Amelia Gentleman



New members always welcome! If you'd like to join please email getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email Book Club

COFFEE AND A CHAT

11:00 AM, FRIDAY 31ST JULY

Please join us for a cup of coffee (or tea!) and a chat with Northfields neighbours. No particular topic - just drop in and say hello. Whether you live with others or live alone, it's always good to make new friends!

We've set a date for our first get together - 11:00am on Friday 31st July. Online for now, but it would be great to continue these get togethers face to face when the library opens.

If you'd like to join us, email us at getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email Coffee and Chat. We look forward to meeting you!

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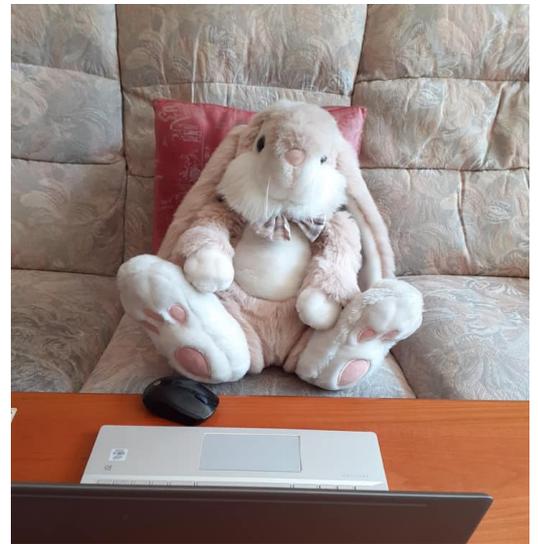
SINGING WITH GILBERT

SUMMER BREAK IN AUGUST - LAST SESSIONS
10:30 AM, TUESDAY 28TH AND THURSDAY
30TH JULY

Singing with Gilbert (pictured) is a fun and lively series of online nursery and action rhyme sessions, aimed at pre-school age children and lasting for about 20 minutes.

Gilbert is taking a well earned break in August, but sessions this week will take place as usual.

These sessions are delivered on Zoom, so please email the host Wei Hei at gilbertr.stmarys@gmail.com and she will send you a link to join the event.



GUIDED MEDITATION SESSIONS

NEXT SESSION: THURSDAY 30TH JULY AT 11:00

Andreea is holding guided meditation sessions online every Thursday at 11:00am. Thoroughly recommended if you have time to take a break for a short while and join in.

If you're interested, please email getintouch@northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk and title your email Guided Meditation. We'll then send you a link for the session, which will take place on Zoom.

REPORT ON THE NORTHFIELDS LIBRARY CAMPFIRE STORYTELLING WORKSHOP 19TH JULY, 2020



Big thanks to Charlotte Wolf and Sam Young from the Campfire Storytelling Collective, who ran a truly inspiring online workshop for Northfields Community Library on 19th July.

This three hour personal storytelling workshop was designed to help participants to:

- Find their stories
- Structure their stories for impact
- Create that all important opening 'hook'
- Develop the details
- Tell their stories!

Eight of us took part and it was wonderful see the different stories emerging and developing through the afternoon. Charlotte helped us throughout the session to refine our stories for maximum effect and at the end we were able to share them with each other. Some were funny, some were poignant, some were lyrical and some mysterious, but all were memorable and affecting and we, the trainee storytellers, had a wonderful experience.

Once Northfields Library is able to welcome groups back to the building we will hold a Campfire Storytelling night and we look forward to sharing with you what we learned and created at this workshop. (Other storytellers and audience equally welcome!)



THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE FOR CHILDREN

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency, is delivered in partnership with public libraries and funded by Arts Council England. The Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure over the summer holidays, providing lots of fun and enjoyment as well as helping to prevent the summer reading 'dip'.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Each year the Challenge motivates over 700,000 children to keep reading to build their skills and confidence. This year, the Summer Reading Challenge's Silly Squad will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck into all sorts of funny books!

With the disruption caused by Covid-19 the 2020 Challenge has launched in a new digital format designed to keep children engaged and interested in reading. It will support parents and carers with children at home.

The Summer Reading Challenge website is free to access and features games, quizzes and downloadable activities that incentivise and encourage children to take part in reading related activities.

With many children missing the company of their friends, this year's fun-filled Challenge will be all the more vital as a way of helping parents and carers find fun, family-friendly activities, maintain literacy levels and create a safe space for children to connect with their peers.

OUR FUNDRAISING STRATEGY

As announced previously . . . but very important! 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.

While 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. 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](https://northfieldscommunitylibrary.org.uk) 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.

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.

