

Lambeth Children and Young People's Readers & Writers Festival 2021

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Welcome to Lambeth Libraries Children and Young People's Readers and Writers Festival 2021



A fantastic literary festival dedicated solely to children and young people. We have a packed programme of events to suit all tastes, whether you enjoy reading, writing, discussion or simply sitting back and listening. Come and join us and express yourself! You'll be amazed at the fun you can have in your local library.

Cllr Sonia Winifred
Cabinet Member for Equalities and Culture

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 Lambeth Readers and Writers Festival
 readersandwriters@lambeth.gov.uk

Within the month of June, we mark the rich diversity of Lambeth by celebrating and acknowledging Refugee Week, Empathy Day, Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month (GRTM) and Windrush Day. A range of activities and events are hosted including storytelling, author talks, quizzes, workshops and much more. We hope you find something to enjoy!



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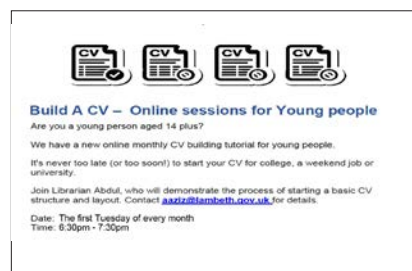
Build A CV – Online Sessions for Young People

Tuesday 1 June, 6.30pm

Contact:

aaziz@lambeth.gov.uk

14+



We have an online monthly CV building tutorial for young people. It's never too late (or too soon!) to start your CV for college, a weekend job or university. Join librarian Abdul, who will demonstrate the process of starting a basic CV structure and layout.



In Conversation with AM Hellberg Moberg Wednesday 2 June, 11am

Eventbrite **Book here**

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AM Hellberg Moberg is a UK-based, multilingual writer speaking Swedish, English and Spanish. To date, her career and travels have taken her to 96 countries.

Author of both nonfiction and fiction books for adults, Anna Maria began writing for children and reads from her fairy tale, *Hug – Snow Days* with illustrations by Antonella Sands, which tells the tale of snowball fights, an ice-skating knight in shining armour and a bewitched attic, that takes the reader into a magical world of feisty women who rescue themselves and aren't scared to act their age and their shoe size!

Readings to be followed by a Q&A session.

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Empathy Day Throughout festival

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Empathy Day is a national event recognising how the power of books allows and helps children and young people to open up conversations about empathy, to understand others and think about 'walking in someone else's shoes'.

For further information and resources, and the brilliant events from Empathy Lab, visit:

<https://www.empathylab.uk/empathyday-2021>



Make an Empathy Book Thursday 3 June, 2pm

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Assistant librarian Magda shows you how to make a special emotion mix & match flip book. Go [here](#) or <https://www.facebook.com/LambethReadersAndWritersFestival>



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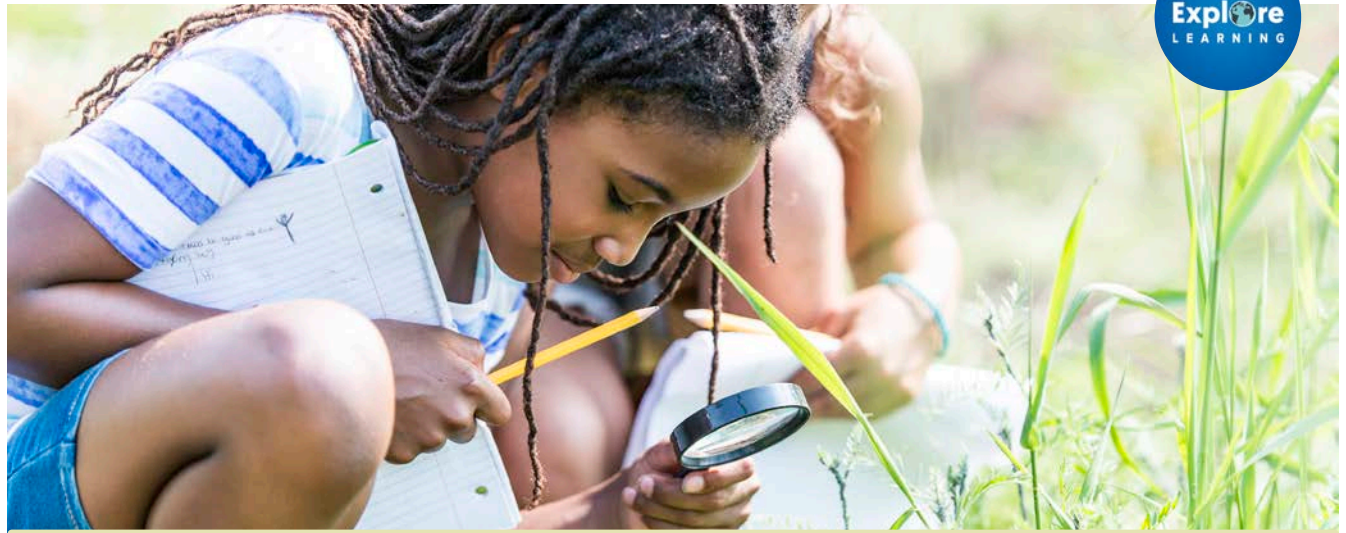
Empathy: Pacific Tales – Story Writing with Explore Learning **Friday 4 June, 11am**

Eventbrite **Book here**

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As an explorer, you are interested in getting to know new people and places. You have arrived on a Pacific island and want to record what you have found as part of your adventure!

Join our workshop to learn what empathy is and how to write a story using different literary techniques to express it. Bring your imagination as we explore our creative writing skills in this workshop!



Empathy Craft Stones with Brenda **Saturday 5 June, 2pm**

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Brenda shows you how decorating a stone or pebble with a simple word of kindness and gifting it to somebody can show them you care.

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Saturday Quiz Time – Guess the Authors

Saturday 5 June, 10am

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Join our weekly quiz – this week, guess the authors.

You can download the quiz here:

<https://www.facebook.com/LambethReadersAndWritersFestival>

Answers posted at 4pm.

Storytime with Tamika

Sunday 6 June, 6pm

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Join Tamika who reads *Grandma* by Jessica Shepherd. Oscar loves *Grandma*, and their time together is always lots of fun. As she becomes less able to look after herself, she must go into a care home. More and more children are encountering dementia and its effects on their families. This touching story, told in Oscar's own words, is a positive and practical tale about the experience.

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Ravi's Roar by Tom Percival
read by Edwin
Monday 7 June, 2pm

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Most of the time Ravi can control his temper but, one day, he lets out the tiger within. Being a tiger is great fun at first – tigers can do ANYTHING they want! But who wants to play with a growling, roaring, noisy, wild tiger who won't share or play nicely? Ravi is about to discover something very important about expressing his feelings and making amends. A clever and engaging book about temper tantrums, dealing with emotions and learning to express and understand your feelings.

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Empathy Day Book Chat
Tuesday 8 June, 4pm

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Join librarian Zoey @**Lambeth_Libraries Instagram LIVE**, as she chats about some of the titles featured in the Read for Empathy Book collections. You can find all the books in the collections here:

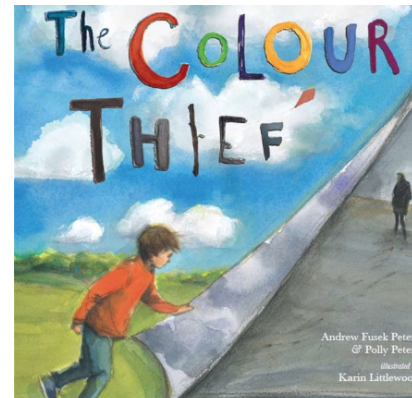
<https://www.empathylab.uk/RFE>

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**Empathy Storytime: The
Colour Thief: A Family's Story
of Depression Read by Brenda**
Wednesday 9 June, 4pm

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A tender story of a father's struggle with depression which drives a distance between him and his family. A story of hope and love.

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**Empathy Storytime: The
Promise by Nicola Davies**
Read by Tamika
Thursday 10 June, 4pm

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On a mean street in a mean city, a thief tries to snatch an old woman's bag. But she finds she can't have it without promising something in return – to “plant them all”. When it turns out the bag is full of acorns, the young thief embarks on a journey that changes her own life and the lives of others for generations to come. Inspired by the belief that a relationship with nature is essential to every human being, and that now, more than ever, we need to renew that relationship, *The Promise* is the story of a magical discovery.

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Saturday Quiz Time – Fairy Tales

Saturday 12 June, 10am

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How much do you know about traditional fairy tales?

Find out and take the quiz:

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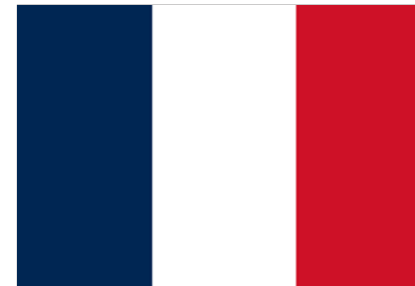
Answers posted at 4pm.



Learn French with Nicole – Apprendre Le Francais Avec Nicole

Saturday 12 June, 2.00pm

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Introducing a new club for all the family. Learn basic French from numbers, the alphabet to days of the week in this new monthly session hosted by Nicole.

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Storytime with Tamika
Sunday 13 June, 6pm

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Tamika brings to life the retelling of the Magic Porridge Pot by Rosie Dickins. An enchanting tale of a magic pot and what happens when it is stolen.

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The Day War Came read by Tamika
Tuesday 15 June, 4pm

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Tamika reads Nicola Davies' *The Day War Came* – a powerful story of the journey of a child forced to become a refugee when war destroys everything she has ever known.

Imagine if, on an ordinary day, war came. Imagine it turned your town to rubble. Imagine going on a long and difficult journey – all alone. Imagine finding no welcome at the end of it. Then imagine a child who gives you something small but very, very precious...

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Digital Handheld Cities STEM Workshop

Thursday 17 June, 4.30– 6pm

Eventbrite Book here

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Engage your imagination by creating your own 3D virtual world in our Digital Handheld City activity! Using a variety of exciting technologies, go on adventures through Virtual Reality to explore 3D worlds, then make your own Ecological City by taking inspiration from nature to help build your designs. Learn how to code your city to make it move and come to life! You can even hold your Digital City in your hands and explore it through Augmented Reality, which brings your virtual creation into the real world!

For this workshop you will need:

Laptop or tablet

Smartphone

Internet

VR headset

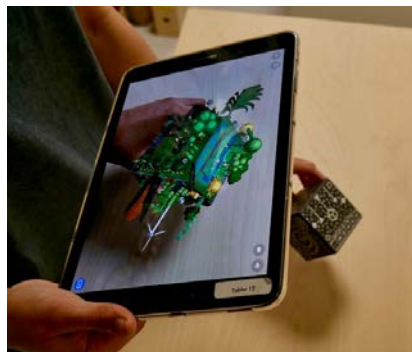
Scissors and glue

Merge Cube template printed out

<https://home.ioi.london/learn/experimental-cities-merge-cube-printout>

If you think you don't have the equipment needed to take part in this workshop, please contact Carnegie or Clapham Library where you can borrow a Digital Lending Box.

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**Saturday Quiz Time –
Celebrating Gypsy, Roma
Traveller History Month
Saturday 19 June, 10am**

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This month we celebrate The Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller community. How much do you know about the culture and traditions of the GRT community?

Test your knowledge in our quiz.

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Answers posted at 4pm.

**Creative Writing Workshop: A
Letter to My Pen Pal
Saturday 19 June, 2pm**

Eventbrite [Book here](#)

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We welcome back Explore Learning who get your creative juices flowing by setting you a task to write a letter to a pen friend from another country. In this workshop we will look at the definition of culture and how to identify different components of it. You will spend some time completing some group and independent research before planning a letter to a fictional pen pal which will share aspects of your culture with your new friend!”.



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Storytime with Tamika Saturday 19 June, 6pm

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Tamika reads *My Hair* – the debut story by Hannah Lee. My birthday's coming up so soon, I'll need new clothes to wear. But most of all, I need to know, how shall I style my hair? Will it be dreads or a twist-out? Braids or a high-top fade? Joyous and vibrant, this perfectly captures the excitement of getting ready for a celebration, as well as showcasing a dazzling array of intricate hairstyles.

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We Cannot Walk Alone – with Guest Speaker Dr Eiad Zinah Sunday 20 June, 2pm

Eventbrite [Book here](#)

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Every refugee has a story to tell and a shared experience. Dr Eiad Zinah is no exception to this, having to escape and leave his homeland of Syria in a boat with 400 other people. Through presentations, Dr Eiad speaks about his old and new life and what he has achieved. An informative session that gives a better understanding of those who had to leave their home, family, and life.

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Sunday Storytime with Tamika Sunday 20 June, 6pm

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Tamika reads Martin Waddell's popular *Can't You Sleep, Little Bear?* A timeless classic. Little Bear is afraid of the dark, Big Bear reassures Little Bear who finally falls asleep in his arms.
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Windrush Day – Tamika reads *Coming to England* Tuesday 22 June, 4pm

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June 22 marks the anniversary of the arrival of the Empire Windrush at Tilbury Docks in 1948, bringing workers from Caribbean islands to fill post-war labour shortages in the UK. The ship carried 492 passengers – many of them children. It marked the beginning of multicultural Britain. The UK celebrates Windrush Day to honour the British Caribbean community. Tamika reads *Coming to England*, the inspiring and true story about the triumph of Baroness Floella Benjamin: from Trinidad to London, as part of the Windrush generation, to the House of Lords.
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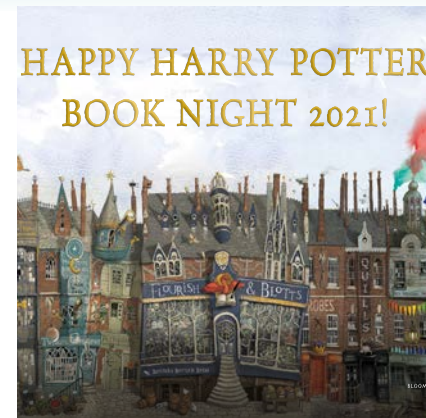
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**Calling all Harry Potter Fans
– Celebrate Harry Potter
Thursday 24 June, 4pm**

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You are invited to our online Harry Potter book club where we will be celebrating all things Harry Potter. Test your knowledge with our quiz and discover the secrets of Diagon Alley. Dress code (optional); Wizarding Robes or Harry Potter fancy dress.

**Special Rhyme and Storytime
– Guest Author Sandra Moodie
Saturday 26 June, 2pm**

[Eventbrite](#) [Book here](#)

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Back by popular demand, Sandra is the author of *Aminata* and *The Bag of Seeds* and the founder of Pass the Baton-Raise the Next Generation. Her work has stretched over three decades with children in schools, parents and families in her roles as a community leader and children's centre manager. In January 2020 Sandra started sponsoring *Aminata Jaru*, a little girl in The Gambia, to provide her school essentials. During the first lockdown she wrote a story featuring *Aminata* as the main character to inspire her and her peers at Bojang Tamba School in a village called Lamin.



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Saturday Quiz Time – Windrush Saturday 26 June, 10am

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Take our quiz to commemorate Windrush Day and learn about the great contribution from the Caribbean Community made to Great Britain.

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Answers posted at 4pm.



Sunday Storytime with Tamika Sunday 27 June, 6pm

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This week, Tamika reads *The Gruffalo's Child* – by Julia Donaldson. The Gruffalo said that no Gruffalo should ever set foot in the deep dark wood. But one wild and windy night the Gruffalo's child disobeys her father's warnings and ventures out into the snow. After all, the Big Bad Mouse doesn't really exist... does he?

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**Pride Month – LGBTQ+
interest books for Children
and Young People**
Monday 28 June, 10am

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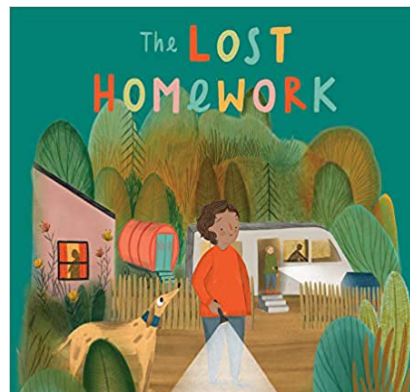
Past Carnegie Kate Greenaway's judges Liz Chapman (Sheffield Libraries) and Lambeth's Zoey Dixon are back to chat more about some of the new and upcoming LGBTQ+ interest books aimed at children and young people.
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**Traveller Stories – The Lost
Homework**
Wednesday 30 June, 4pm

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We celebrate the end of GRTHM with internationally acclaimed author Richard O' Neill's *The Lost Homework* read by Tamika. Sonny devotes his weekend to helping his neighbours and fellow Travellers with a variety of tasks. He uses many skills, from calculating the amount of fuel needed for a journey, to restoring a caravan. In fact, the only thing he doesn't do over the weekend is his homework – his workbook is missing! What will his teacher say?

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**Meet Guest Author Patrice
Augustus-Brown**

Monday 7 June, 11am

[Eventbrite](#) [Book here](#)

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Patrice Augustus-Brown, children's author of *Sky Up*, is an educator, a mother and a special needs assistant coordinator. She is passionate about supporting and empowering young people and her book *Sky Up* does just that.

It tells the story of Joziah who is set a homework task where he finds himself overwhelmed and unsure of where to start. What he does know is that he wants to be 'something different, something great, something outstanding!' Who would have thought that a day at his dad's barbershop would lead him to the answer he needs? This session will inspire and empower children to think positively about what they would like to be and achieve when they are older!



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Prize-winning Author Venessa Taylor – Baller Boys

Tuesday 15 June, 11am

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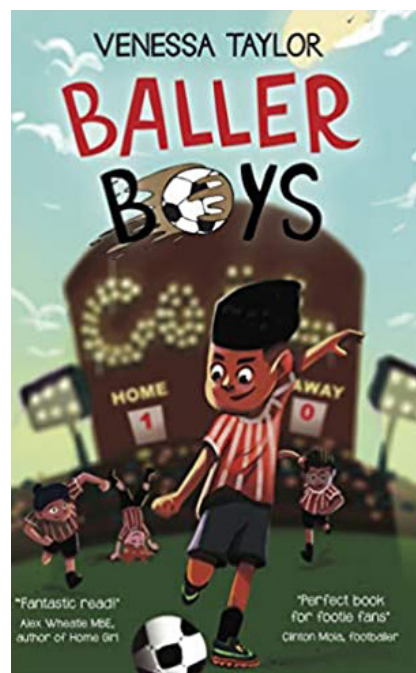
sdavidson@lambeth.gov.uk

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Venessa Taylor brings two decades of experience as an inner-city primary school teacher and assistant headteacher to the creation of the Baller Boys series.

Aimed at encouraging boys to find pleasure in reading, the football-themed stories are written with young readers in mind. Born and raised in London, Venessa continues her legacy and passion as a literacy leader through her creative writing.

This passion has paid off as Venessa's book *Baller Boys* was voted The Best Children's Book for The People's Book Prize 2021. Lambeth Libraries proudly welcomes Venessa to discuss her book and work as an author.



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Traveller Stories and Talk with Guest Storyteller Richard O'Neill

Thursday 24 June, 11am

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Richard O'Neill is an internationally acclaimed performance storyteller, author, and playwright. He was born and brought up in a large traditional, fully nomadic Romani Gypsy family, travelling throughout the North of England and Scotland. His roots are also to be found in the coal mining communities of the North East having family members who worked down the pits. His co-cultural upbringing is reflected in his creative work. As Richard says: 'Gypsy in my heart and coal in my veins'.

We are delighted and honoured that Richard will be sharing a selection of his favourite traveller stories and share his experience as a traveller. Not to be missed!



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Virtual School Visits

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Our libraries will soon be looking forward to welcoming you back for library talks and class visits. In the meantime, you can still access your library service. Staff are available to deliver virtual library talks via MS Teams. Visits include storytelling, how to join the library, exciting and new books available and how to use our new online resource, Encyclopaedia Britannica.

For further information and to arrange a visit, contact Sandra Davidson.

Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge 2021 Throughout summer

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The festival has come to an end! However, the fun continues with Wild World Heroes the theme for the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge. Lambeth Libraries in partnership with The Reading Agency have teamed up with WWF UK, the world's leading independent conservation organisation, for a very special nature themed challenge which will inspire you to stand up for the planet!

The aim is to read up to six books, and children can choose whatever they like from Lambeth Libraries' excellent range of books, including E- Books and E-audiobooks! Children receive a special themed Wild World Heroes collector's wallet and stickers. A certificate and medal are awarded once the challenge is completed.

The Challenge is aimed at children 4 to 12 years. Under 4s can also participate in their very own mini challenge. The fun begins on 17 July until 12 September. You can register online or at your local library. Further information:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/wild-world-heroes-intro>

or contact: sdavidson@lambeth.gov.uk





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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: 0207 926 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 0705

Upper Norwood Library

39-41 Westow Hill
SE19 1TJ
Tel: 020 7926 1063

Waterloo Library

The Oasis Centre
1 Kennington Road
SE1 7QP
Tel: 0207 926 8751

West Norwood Library

1-5 Norwood High Street
SE27 9JX
Tel: 020 7926 8092

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Booking: Unless otherwise stated please book by phoning the local library or emailing libraries@lambeth.gov.uk