



A CELEBRATION OF HISTORY, ARTS, LITERATURE AND FILM

Black History Month 2014

Welcome to Lambeth's 2014 Black History Month celebrations

Welcome to this year's Black History Month celebrations in Lambeth.

Black History Month is one of the most popular and exciting events in the council's calendar, with a mixture of inspirational and thought-provoking events to celebrate Black history.

Please join us in October - and while you are here, if you are not already a member, why not join your local library to take advantage of the many services that we provide.

Lambeth Libraries

Little Stitches play Tuesday 7 October 6pm Streatham Library

In the UK an estimated 137,000 women are living with the consequences of Female Genital Mutilation. BAREtruth brings together four writers to explore

the human stories behind the statistics. A play reading, followed by a talk with psychotherapist, campaigner and BAFTA nominee Leyla Hussein.

When I Came to England: An Oral History of Life in 1950s and 1960s Britain – Illustrated talk

Tuesday 7 October 2pm - Carnegie
Library

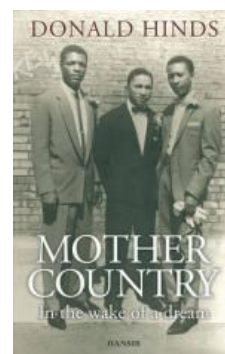


A uniquely honest and compelling anthology of reminiscence about life in Britain during the 1950s and '60s. The stories, collected and edited by Z. Nia Reynolds, cover the spectrum of human emotions and are tragic, funny, honest and frank. Join Nia and Lambeth elders for an afternoon of reminiscing, a bit of music, tea and cake. Organised with Age UK Lambeth.



Mother Country with author Donald Hinds

Wednesday 8 October 7pm
Brixton Library



Set against the backdrop of events that took place in Britain from the late 1940s to the mid-1960s, *Mother Country* reflects the reaction of so many Britons to Black migrants.

Donald came from Jamaica with literary ambitions in 1955. He worked on the buses while writing for the *West Indian Gazette* under the editorship of Claudia Jones. Join Donald discussing his latest book. Book tickets at

Eventbrite

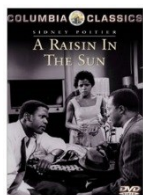
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - reading group special

Thursday 9 October 6.30pm
Tate South Lambeth Library

Join the Waterloo Library reading group to discuss the 1969 autobiography about the early years of African-American writer and poet Maya Angelou who sadly died in May this year.

A Raisin in the Sun (1961) Film Showing

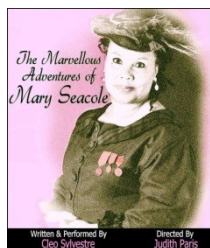
Friday 10 October 2pm - Minet Library



Minet Film club presents Sidney Poitier in Lorraine Hansberry's Masterpiece. The film has won numerous awards and depicts the experiences of one family as they climb the social ladder after moving into a neighbourhood that does not want them.

Embark on an enthralling journey with Mary Seacole

Friday 10 October 7pm - Clapham Library
Tickets cost £12/£8 concs.



The Marvellous Adventures of Mary Seacole has been performed by award-winning actor Cleo Sylvestre at venues all over the country.

Tonight's performance is in aid of the Mary Seacole Trust.

"Be prepared, Cleo Sylvestre will transport you back to the Victorian age and leave you thinking that you had actually met Mary Seacole"

Rise: A Tribute to Maya Angelou

Monday 13 October, 7pm
Clapham Library



Join Compere and Poetess Empressjajai for a celebration of the life and work of the late Maya Angelou.

Guest performances on the night.

12 Months - Film showing and Director Q&A

Wednesday 15 October 7pm - Tate South Lambeth Library

12 Months (2014; 64 minutes) is a documentary about a Los Angeles man who rented his home for \$1 per month to help a family in transitional housing. The story follows Felicia Dukes and her four children in Tony's home and explores the impact that generosity had on the community.

Americanah - reading group special

Thursday 16 October 7pm
Brixton Library



Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

Join the Brixton reading group to discuss the critically acclaimed

St Martin's Community Black History Celebration

Saturday 18 October 2pm to 8pm
St Martin's Community Centre,
Abbotts Park, SW2 3PW



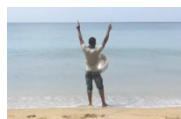
St Martin's Community Centre would like to celebrate the centenary of the formation of Marcus Garvey's

UNIA-ACL association. Activities on the day will include Caribbean folklore songs, films, dancing, talks, including the West Indian Ex-Servicemen's Association, food and drinks, and much more. Everyone welcome.

For further information contact St Martin's Community Centre on 0208 674 3038/ 0208 674 3040 or email St-martins@btconnect.com

Panomundo - Film showing

Wednesday 22 October 7pm
Tate South Lambeth Library



Panomundo (2014; 90 minutes) is a feature-length documentary

about the history of the steelpan and its influence across the world. Over two years more than 100 people were interviewed, including steelpan legends such as Ellie Mannette and Lennox "Boogsie" Sharpe. The film Premiered in Trinidad & Tobago in August.

Marley (2012) Film Showing

Friday 24 October 2pm - Minet Library



Minet Film club presents Kevin McDonald's *Marley*, a documentary on the life, music, and legacy of Bob Marley. Made with the support of the

Marley family, there is rare footage, incredible performances and revelatory interviews with the people that knew him best.

Children and Young People's Events and Activities



As part of Black History Month and the Family Arts Festival, Lambeth Libraries will be acknowledging the contribution that great African and Caribbean men

and women made to history and particularly the First World War. Talks and events with quizzes, displays and activity sheets to aid understanding for children and young people.

Creative Writing Workshop:

Our Heroes

Wednesday 1 October, 4.30pm
Brixton Library (Ages 7 plus)

Are you a young person interested in creative writing?



Historian and storyteller Sandra Agard will show you tips and techniques on how to write for a magazine, book or a poem.

The Centenary of the First World War: The Contribution and Impact of African and Caribbean Soldiers

Friday 3 October 10.30am to 11.30am
Tate South Lambeth Library (Schools only)

Wednesday 29 October, 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Streatham Library (Ages 7 plus – booking essential)

Historian, author and film director Phil Vasili presents the contribution of African and Caribbean soldiers to the First World War, with specific focus on Walter Tull, the first black British footballer and British army officer. Phil discusses the impact of soldiers of colour in the Great War. Q & A session to follow.

Quest for Empire Windrush

Thursday 9 October 10.30am
Minet Library (Schools only)

Thursday 30 October, 2.30pm to 3.30pm - Brixton Library (Ages 7 to 12 years)



Learn all about the Windrush in this exciting Quest for Knowledge. Re-create the journey from Jamaica to England, from packing your suitcase to finding a room and work in a

foreign land. Children will face many exciting challenges during which they prove and improve their knowledge of migration.

The Wonderful Adventures of Mary Seacole – A play

Friday 10 October 2pm to 3pm
Clapham Library (Schools only)

Born in Jamaica, Mary Seacole grew up with a passion for travelling, a gift for healing and a profound knowledge of herbal remedies learnt from her Creole mother. Playwright Cleo Sylvestre performs as Mary Seacole and takes us on a journey with this wonderful heroine.



My Family – A Personal Story

Monday 13 October, 5.30pm
Clapham Library (Ages 12 plus)

Wednesday 15 October, 5pm
Streatham Library (Ages 12 plus)

Wednesday 22 October, 5pm
Clapham Library (Ages 7 to 12 years)

Mrs Downer tells her own story of her father and two uncles who fought in the First World War. She tells us what it was like growing up as a child in the Caribbean while family members fought in the war. You will have an opportunity to see authentic letters from King George V, medals bestowed to her family and other First World War artefacts

Percussion music workshop

Wednesday 15 October, 1.45pm - Tate South Lambeth Library (Schools only)

Basic traditional African, Latin and Caribbean rhythms with singing. Tony Bailey introduces the history of the drum.

Handa's Surprise

Thursday 16 October 2.15pm to 2.45pm – Upper Norwood Library (Ages 2 to 4 years)

Welcome to a special Book Bug Club session - Fiona Byers will be telling a fun version of 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne and afterwards children will be invited to taste the fruits of the story.

A story or two about Anansi

Thursday 16 October 3.45pm to 4.15pm – Upper Norwood Library (Ages 4 plus)

Come hear an Anansi story. Fiona Byers will be telling a story or two about

Anansi, the half man, half spider trickster.

Book launch with author

Abyna-Ansaa Adjei

Monday 27 October, 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Brixton Library

Wednesday 29 October, 2.30pm to 3.30pm – Tate South Lambeth Library



Renowned Ghanaian author Abyna-Ansaa Adjei will be launching her new book: *ANANSESEM II – More Adventures of Kweku Ananse*. This is the story of the most cunning spider that ever lived. Ananse stories originated from Ghana, and are famous the world over. Abyna-Ansaa's will be available to sign copies of her book. Purchase price £6.99.

The challenging stories of African and Caribbean people in the British Military Forces

Monday 27 October, 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Clapham Library (Ages 13 plus)

This audio-visual presentation by Kwaku, a leading music and history consultant, shows the contribution and role of Africans and Caribbeans, drawn from the British Empire to the First World War, and some of the challenges they had to deal with at home in the 'Mother country' and elsewhere. This



thought provoking presentation ends with a Q and A session.

Princess and the Frog
Film afternoon for the family
Monday 27 October, 2pm
Minet Library (For all the family)

Directed by John Musker and Ron Clements, *The Princess and the Frog* moves the classic fairy tale to a snazzy version of 1920s New Orleans. Tiana, the first African-American Disney heroine, is not a princess, but a young woman who hopes to fulfil her father's dream of opening a restaurant to serve food that will bring people together from all walks of life.

Hair Braiding Family Workshop
Wednesday 29 October, 2pm to 5pm
Clapham Library



Have you ever wanted to braid your hair and do not know the technique? Stylist Funmi Akisanya talks through the techniques and skills for a diverse range of hair types. The

event will be a one hour presentation followed by a practical workshop. Booking essential.

The Adventures and Life of Mary Seacole

Wednesday 29 October, 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Durning Library (Ages 5 to 12 years)

Historian, storyteller and literacy consultant Sandra Agard takes us on a journey of what life was like growing up with one of the most famous black Britons of our time Mary Seacole. We learn through the eyes of her sister Louisa Grant what Mary was like as a child in a captivating interactive storytelling session.

Stories from Africa
Wednesday 29 October, 2.30pm to 3.30pm - West Norwood Library

Friday 31 October, 10.30am to 11.30am - Waterloo Library

Friday 31 October, 2.30pm to 3.30pm - Carnegie Library

Hear the tales of how Anansi became king of all the stories and how the Zebra got his stripes, brought vividly to life as your children revel in creating vibrant African scenes and marvel in the cunning Anansi capturing Osebo, the fearsome leopard.

The Untold story of Black British History
Wednesday 29 October, 11am to 2pm
Streatham Library



Join us for a day of workshops and activities packed full of fun facts, painting, drawing, storytelling and drama, creative writing and activities describing the unique cultural footprint of London's past. Something for all the family including making your own T-Shirt designs and Black historical photos.

Exhibitions

Brixton Black Panthers exhibition
1 to 31 October - Brixton Library



An exhibition of photographs of former members of the British Black Panther and Black Civil Rights movements in the UK, who were active in Lambeth in the late 60s and early 70s. Interviews, photographs and films have all been curated by young people into an engaging exhibition.

This project has been funded by Heritage Lottery Fund and Walcot Foundation.
www.organisedyouth.tumblr.com



Black Cultural Archives

Visit the inaugural exhibition *Re-imagine: Black Women in Britain* which delves into the remarkable history of Black women in this country and spotlights their inspirational lives and contributions to British society since the Roman era. Listen to a tapestry of voices and re-imagine the historical accounts of an 18th century freedom fighter, activists, musicians, writers and a woman serving in the Royal Navy.

The BCA also runs activities, talks and events throughout the year. To see what's happening in October visit the website at www.bcaheritage.org.uk/programme

Lambeth Libraries

Libraries Contact details:

Brixton Library, Brixton Oval SW2 1JQ.
 Tel: 020 7926 1056

Carnegie Library, 188 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

Lambeth Archives and Minet Library, 52 Knatchbull Road SE5 9QY. Tel: 020 7926 6073.

Tate South Lambeth Library, 180 South Lambeth Road SW8 1QP.
 Tel: 020 7926 0705

Streatham Library, 63 Streatham High Road SW16 1PL. Tel: 020 7926 6768

Upper Norwood Library, 41 Westow Hill SE19 1TJ. Tel: 020 8670 2551

Waterloo Library, 114-118 Lower Marsh SE1 7AG Tel: 020 7926 8750

West Norwood Library (temp), The Old Library Centre, 14-16 Knights Hill SE27 0HY Tel: 020 7926 8092.

For more events and information visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/events



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All events are free unless otherwise stated. To avoid disappointment please book for all events by emailing/phoning the local library.