

Our Camden Libraries



Keeping you informed on what's happening in our libraries.

May 2021 - Please wear a face covering, sanitize your hands and keep 2 metres distant from others when visiting Camden Libraries

Library opening hours

May Bank Holidays

During May our libraries will be closed on

- 3rd May for the Early May Bank Holiday
- 31st May for the Spring Bank Holiday

Our libraries will be open as normal on other dates.

Our opening times

- Camden Town Library is temporarily closed for use as a testing centre.
- Most of our libraries will be open from Monday to Thursday between 11am- 6pm and Friday and Saturday 11am-3.30pm.
- Highgate Library is open Tuesday to Wednesday 11am-5pm, Thursday 11am-6pm and Saturday 11am-3.30pm.

Local Studies and Archives is now open for a limited number of one hour appointments for one person at a time. Please contact Local Studies to book an appointment. Staff are available by email and phone to help with enquiries. Email them at localstudies@camden.gov.uk or phone 020 7974 6342 or 020 7974 3860. Find their programme of events [here](#).

Home Library Service is continuing to operate so if you, or someone you know, can't get out and about, they may be eligible for the free home library service. This also included people who maybe temporarily housebound. To request an assessment, email homelibraryservice@camden.gov.uk.

Library Services in May

We have Quick Choice books in all our open libraries so you can access the library to browse and choose books yourself. We are continuing to offer PC access in one hour slots in all our libraries.

You can still order books in advance and pick them up from our counters using our [reservations service](#). Fees are currently suspended for this service.

Study Space is available to [book](#) at Swiss Cottage, Pancras Square and Holborn libraries for a maximum of 2 hours. These will be by appointment only.

Children's libraries are open at Highgate, Swiss Cottage, Holborn and Pancras Square libraries. They are bookable for a maximum of 20 minutes for one household to make a quick choice of books. Families are invited to [book a slot](#) or call 0207 974 6987. Our other libraries will have a selection of children's books in the main library.



Swiss Cottage Gallery – reopens 17th May
The Gallery reopens with an exhibition exploring co-creation of jewellery pieces titled *Camden Alive and K2 Academy of Contemporary Jewellery present: Connecting Values*. It is free to attend but Covid Safe measures remain in place so cover face, make space and clean hands.

Nominate organisations and groups who have supported Camden through the pandemic

We are inviting you to nominate local organisations and groups of people who have helped your community since the pandemic began.

You can nominate a Camden-based organisation or group to be celebrated as part of our We make Camden campaign, where we'll share their story and achievements locally. Your nomination could be for:

- A Camden charity or voluntary group
- A Camden business helping the community
- A group of residents who have come together to help others out
- Young people or a school who have taken on a project
- A team within the NHS, Camden Council or other public service
- Plus many more besides

To nominate, email

camdentalking@camden.gov.uk or call 020 7974 4444 (option 9), giving the name of the organisation or group, and why you are nominating.

Virtual Tea Dances and Wedding Fair



Virtual Wedding Fair - 4 March to 4 July. We will be hosting our first ever virtual Camden Wedding Fair. For more information go to www.lovecamden.org/virtualweddingfair

Live exhibition Wedding Fair will be on Sunday September 5th at 5 Pancras Square in Kings Cross and free of charge. Please book on line via [Love Camden](http://LoveCamden). All enquiries events@camden.gov.uk 020 7974 5633

Virtual Tea Dances sessions - 13th May and 27th May. For more information contact events@camden.gov.uk, call 020 7974 5633 or visit the webpage www.lovecamden.org/teadance

Library Updates

Online Activities

Zoom Sessions

- [Poetry Group](#) Mondays 4-4.45pm (excluding Bank Holidays)
- [Knitting Group](#) Tuesdays 4-5pm
- [Story Time with Amina](#) Wednesdays 11am
- [Rhyme time with Bianca](#) Thursdays 10.30am
- [Camden Libraries Book Lovers](#) Wednesday on 26th May at 1pm



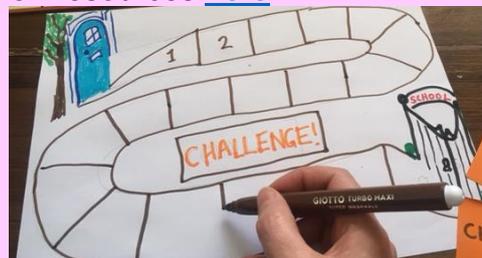
YouTube Videos

We have launched [YouTube videos](#) aimed at all ages. Our videos cover topics such as Story Time for children with Kilburn Library Centre and Swiss Cottage staff, Rhyme Time with Bianca, Ami's Crafts and Book reviews – adult books.

Maths on Toast 'Stay-in' Family Session – Walk 4 Maths Challenge Game!

For children aged 4 - 12 and their families - 22nd May, 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Walk to School Week will have taken place the week before this session, inspiring us to think about the maths that is everywhere we go - on your walk to school, the shops, the park! Make a board game, set challenges for your next walk, and push yourself creatively and mathematically with the rules! Book your free tickets via this [Eventbrite link](#)
After more creative maths fun? Find fun, hands-on resources [here](#)



Camden Alive and K2 Academy of Contemporary Jewellery present: Connecting Values an exhibition exploring co-creation through making at Swiss Cottage Gallery 17 May – 4 June 2021.

Connecting Values displays artworks that have at their heart a collaborative process. Each communicates a journey in jewellery making, expressing something to its intended wearer, whether personal, political or conceptual; a message chosen to be displayed, used, worn, celebrated and valued. Camden residents worked with Camden-based artists Katrin Spranger and Kelvin J Birk through a series of Camden Alive workshops at K2 Academy of Contemporary Jewellery.



Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre's Events

Hampstead Cemetery – An Online Historical Tour @ 6pm Tuesday 18th May – Free event



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Camden tour Guide Rhona Levene tells the fascinating story of Hampstead Cemetery, its history and its occupants from the man who saved the King's life to a biscuit maker, from the founder of a college for educating women to a ventriloquist – and his dummy. The talk lasts forty-five minutes and will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Book your place here – <https://www.camden.gov.uk/local-history-exhibitions-and-events>

To keep you up to date with changes to council services and support available through the Council and its partners, you'll find updates at

www.camden.gov.uk/coronavirus for the latest on council services and information on essential support. The webpage contains information in different languages and formats.

You can also check the rolling news feed at **camden.gov.uk/coronavirusnews**, Twitter **@CamdenCouncil** or speak to someone at the Council directly on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

Join our Libraries

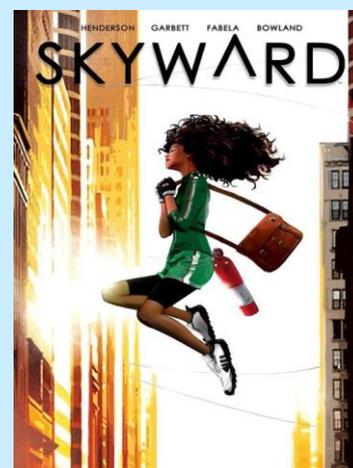
Anyone can [join Camden libraries](#). It's free to join and to borrow books. To get started just fill in the online joining form.

The system will give you a temporary membership ID. You can use that ID straight-away to from our [Digital library](#) using the PIN number you create when you fill in the form.

If you want to use our library computers or borrow physical items, you will need to bring your temporary ID with photo ID and proof of your address (or two proofs of address if you don't have photo ID) to your nearest library.

Our Digital Library

Use your library card to borrow from our digital library. Don't forget we have graphic novels as well such as Skyward by writer Joe Henderson and artist Lee Garbett.



<https://camdenlibrary.overdrive.com>