

# Our Camden Libraries

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

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## New faces, same great spaces



When you next visit your local library, you may notice that there have been some library staff changes with new faces joining the team.

While our great library offer remains the same, there have been some improvements. We have re-introduced managers into all our libraries. This allows us to address any local matters in a timelier way and more decisions can be made locally with the involvement of customers and the community.

Our library officers will be spending more time in the neighbourhood, linking in with local schools, community groups and businesses to bring our services to you and understand what you want to see in your local library.

## BSL for Kids @ Queens Crescent

Has your child ever been interested in British Sign Language and wanted to learn the basics?

If so, then Queen's Crescent Library is offering basic BSL sessions. The sessions promise to be lots of fun where children will learn how to sign many things in BSL including the alphabet, numbers, animals and much more.

Sessions start Tuesday 3 May from 4 to 5 pm and then every Tuesday at the same time at Queens Crescent Children's Library.

It is a drop-in session, any one can come on the day and join, no need to pre book.



## Ulysses Centenary Book Club

The London Irish Centre and Pancras Square Library are hosting **The Ulysses Centenary Book Club on Thurs 12 May and Thurs 1 September at Pancras Square Library from 6:30-8pm.** Book a place [here](#)

2022 is the 100th anniversary of the publication of the literary

masterpiece "Ulysses" by James Joyce.

Although it depicts a single day in Dublin, the book was written over seven years in three cities. It has been called one of the most challenging books to read.

You can borrow a copy of The Ulysses from your local library.

# Library of Things @ Kentish Town

It has been seven months since we opened the Kentish Town Library of Things (LoT) in the main library, where you can borrow useful things for your home, projects and outdoor adventures.

So far it has been very popular and people have borrowed over 420 things, saving residents approximately £10.4k.

At LoT you can borrow a range of useful things for:

- Cleaning
- Cooking and hosting
- DIY
- Hobbying and gardening
- Adventuring (including tents!)

Please do visit Kentish Town Library and get borrowing.



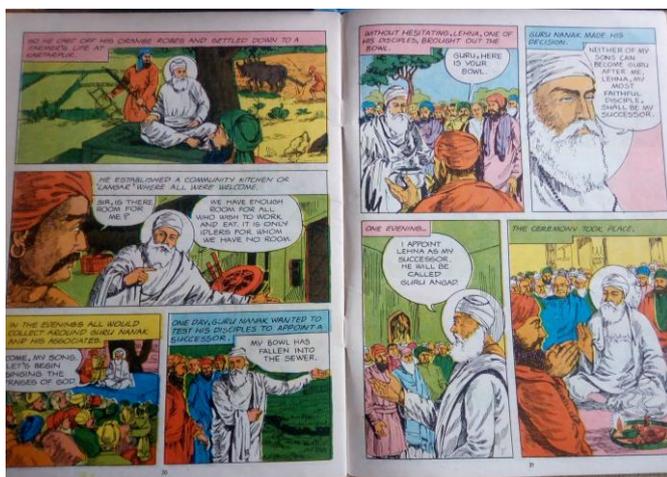
## ESOL Classes

Queens Crescent Library is providing English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes every Thursday at 11am.

These classes are pre booked. If you are interested in learning, you can leave your name and phone number at the library enquiry desk and the ESOL teacher or library staff will get in touch with you.

## Sikh Comics Exhibition

Holborn Library is hosting a comic book exhibition from the Association of Sikh Art and Cultural Heritage. The exhibition celebrates the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi and illustrates many aspects of Sikh culture including the establishment of 'langar' or the practice Sikh communal eating and the development of the Golden Temple, the most important Sikh place of worship. Why not pop into Holborn Library and find out more about Sikh culture.



## Events and exhibitions

**A Camden Industrial School: The Boys' Home, Regents Park Road**

*Camden Local Studies & Archives  
Tuesday 6 May, 6pm. Online. Free*



Martin Sheppard tells the story of this remarkable institution from the records and illustrations it left behind.

Book your place at this free event on [Eventbrite](#)

**Curious Crouch End – Andrew Whitefield**

*Thursday 12 May, 7pm. Hybrid. Free  
Highgate Library Civic & Cultural Centre*

Historian Andrew Whitehead tells the stories hidden away amid the Victorian villas and Edwardian terraces of this fashionable corner of North London

Register on [Eventbrite](#) (virtual event)

Register on [Eventbrite](#) (in person event)

**On the Beat in Hatton Garden: An Illustrated Online Talk**

*Tuesday 24 May, 6pm. Online. Free*

Join Chris for a light-hearted online meander around an area which is rich in history and where he was a Bobby on the Beat fifty years ago.

Book your place at this free event on [Eventbrite](#)