

# Our Camden Libraries

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

July 2022

## Summer Reading Challenge 2022

### GADGETEERS

The Summer Reading Challenge will launch in Camden libraries on Saturday 16 July.

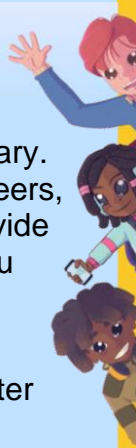
This year's Challenge is all about inspirational tales of creativity and invention, with picture books for early grade readers and middle grade books for more accomplished readers.

You'll find mind boggling and brilliant facts with these fun science and innovation themed recommendations.

Children can also join in the fun online, on the [Challenge website](#).

To take part you can drop into your library. They will get you signed up for Gadgeteers, help you find books to borrow, and provide you with fun reading activities to get you started!

Once registered at one of our libraries, you'll receive Gadgeteers collector poster and stickers.



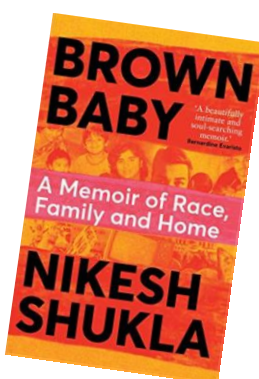
## Celebrating South Asian Heritage at Camden libraries

18 July to 17 August is South Asian Heritage Month.

We are celebrating with a range of activities and events in our libraries to showcase South Asian culture.

Swiss Cottage Library will be hosting a South Asian Heritage story and crafts session on Wed 20 July, 4-5:30pm. Short stories from *'The Elephant's Friend and Other Tales from Ancient India'*, followed by the animals craft session

Queens Crescent will have Bengali story time and Urdu rhyme time, while others have henna painting and sari cloth displays.



Why not take this heritage month as an opportunity to read a good book by South Asian authors like *'Kololo Hill'* by Neema Shah, *'Brown Baby: A Memoir of Race, Family' and Home* by Nikesh Shukla and *'Stories for South Asian Supergirls'* by Raj Kaur Khaira. These books and more are available to borrow from our libraries.



## Story telling is such a Drag!

To celebrate PRIDE, Camden libraries are hosting Tim the Panto Dame to lead some of our story telling sessions for children and families.

**Monday 4 July: Swiss Cottage Library – 10.30am**

**Thursday 7 July: Queens Crescent Library – 3.45pm**

**Friday 8 July: Kilburn Library – 10.45am**

## Queens Crescent Library Summer Fun

- Mon 18 July 10:30-11:30am: Craft session followed by rhyme time  
3pm: Bengali story telling
- Wed 20 July 3-4pm: Craft session
- Mon 25 July 10:30-11:30am: Craft session followed by Urdu rhyme time  
3pm: Quiz followed by story telling
- Wed 27 July 3-4pm: Craft session
- Mon 1 Aug 10:30-11:30am: Craft session followed by rhyme time  
3pm: Puzzles followed by story telling
- Wed 3 Aug 3-4pm: Craft session
- Mon 8 Aug 10:30-11:30am: Craft session followed by rhyme time  
3pm: Somali story telling
- Wed 10 Aug 3-4pm: Craft session
- Mon 15 Aug 10:30-11:30am: Craft session followed by rhyme time  
3pm: Story telling – surprise activity
- Wed 17 Aug 3-4pm: Craft session
- Mon 22 Aug 10:30-11:30am: Craft session followed by rhyme time  
3pm: Story reading
- Wed 10 Aug 3-4pm: Craft session

## Highgate Toy Library

Parents of children under five can borrow high quality toys for free with their library card.

The Under 5s Toy Library drop-in sessions are **Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:30am during terms times**. It will also be open for three weeks during the summer holidays.



This environmentally friendly scheme includes tactile baby toys, dolls, colourful wooden toys, trucks, board games, puzzles and musical instruments.



## Citizens' Advice Drop-ins @ Pancras Square

Citizen's Advice Camden is providing financial capability advice at Pancras Square Library **every Wednesday, 9:30am to 1pm**

No appointment is necessary, just drop in and someone will chat with you and offer the support you need. They can:

- help you save money on your bills.
- check you are getting the right discounts and benefits.
- check your whole financial circumstances and advise you on your options.

## Events and exhibitions

### Little Italy – The Story of London's Italian Quarter

An online talk for the Society of Genealogists by Tudor Allen, Archivist

*Wednesday 6 July 2022, 2-3pm. Admission £10 (S of G members £6.50)*

Book here:

<https://societyofgenealogists.arlo.co/w/events/c-at-8-social-local-history>

### Crossroads Women's Centre – A History

Tuesday 12 July



For more details about this event and how to book contact Camden Local Studies & Archives Centre [localstudies@camden.gov.uk](mailto:localstudies@camden.gov.uk)