

Our Camden Libraries

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

June 2022

Big Jubilee Read

The Big Jubilee Read is a national reading for pleasure campaign celebrating great reads from across the Commonwealth to coincide with the Queen's Jubilee.

Seventy titles have been selected from a "readers' choice" longlist with ten books for each decade of the Queen's reign.

The list offers writing produced by authors from a wide range of Commonwealth countries over the last seventy years to engage all readers in the discovery and celebration of great books.

Click [here](#) to see the full list of titles that are part of the Big Jubilee Read.

You can borrow several of these titles through Camden libraries. You can either come into one of our branches or visit our digital library.



THE
**BIG JUBILEE
READ**

June bank holiday opening hours

Thursday 2 June – libraries closed

Friday 3 June – libraries closed

Saturday 4 June – libraries open as usual

While our libraries are closed you can visit camden.gov.uk/libraries to:

- Check your library account, renew your items or reserve a book
- Browse our online reference information
- Get e-books, e-audio, e-magazines and e-comics from our digital library
- Find resources to support children's learning

Camden Windrush



Once again, this year Camden libraries will be celebrating Windrush Day on 22 June, highlighting the contribution Caribbean communities have made to the UK.

You can learn more about the Windrush generation and their experience of coming to the UK by reading our top ten list of titles.

Available to borrow from libraries or digitally

1. *Small Island*, *Andrea Levy*
2. *The Lonely Londoners*, *Sam Selvon*
3. *To Sir, With Love*, *ER Braithwaite*
4. *Mother Country*, *Charlie Brinkhurst-Cuff*
5. *Familiar Stranger*, *Stuart Hall with Bill Schwarz*
6. *War to Windrush: Black Women in Britain 1939 to 1948*, *Stephen Bourne*
7. *Windrush Songs*, *James Berry*
8. *Surge*, *James Bernard*
9. *Voices of the Windrush Generation*, *David Matthews*
10. *The Windrush Betrayal: Exposing the Hostile Environment*, *Amelia Gentleman*



Take Some Pride

June is Pride Month – a month dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+

communities all around the world. As usual we'll be marking the month in Camden with lots of information, resources and events.

At our libraries you'll see displays to commemorate the month and we'll be organising activities to mark the month.

We have a wide variety of titles celebrating LGBTQ+ stories and lives. Visit our [catalogue](#) to see what's available.

City of Stories @ Pancras Square Library

Wed 15 June 6–8pm

Calling all writers and readers! Come along to this special free event celebrating the launch of the City of Stories Home Anthology featuring talented new writers from across London, alongside published authors.



Hosted by S Niroshini, you'll be able to:

- Take part in a creative writing taster session
- Hear local authors read their stories
- Pick up your own free copy of the Anthology,
- Find out how your library can support you as a reader and writer.

Book your free tickets on [Eventbrite](#)

Jubilee & half-term fun

Swiss Cottage Library

Mon 30 May 10:30-11:30am: Story & Colouring
Sat 4 June 11am-12.30pm: Jubilee Storytime & Crafts

Kentish Town Library

Tue 31 May 11am-1pm: Art Competition – Kings and Queens

Holborn Library

Sat 4 June 2-3pm: Arts & Crafts/Storytelling

Kilburn Library

Wed 1 June 2.30-3.30pm: Jubilee Crafts
Thu 11 June 11am-12 pm: Storytelling

Pancras Square Library

Tue 31 May 2.30-3.30pm: Crafts
Sat 4 June 11am-12pm: Crafts

Camden Town Library

Mon 30 May 2pm: Jubilee Rhyme Time

Queens Crescent Library

Wed 1 June 3-4.30pm: Crafts

West Hampstead Library

Sat 28 May 2-3pm: Crafts

Highgate Library

Sat 4 June 10am: Rhyme Time & Stories

Print from anywhere

From June, our BYOD technology will allow our customers to use your own internet connected devices – i.e. laptops, tablets or mobile phones – to print documents from our libraries without necessarily having to use one of our PCs.

This self-service process even allows you to send documents from home or anywhere outside the library and pick up your printouts later. Use our QR code to register for an account.



Send your documents for printing to [SendToPrintPublic.camden.gov.uk](https://sendtoprintpublic.camden.gov.uk) and collect your printing from your preferred library.

Events and exhibitions

Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre – An Introduction *Adult Community Learning. Online Zoom. 6 June 11am. FREE*

Camden Local Studies & Archives Centre holds a wealth of resources for the history of Camden going back centuries. Archivist Tudor Allen introduces the centre. Use this Zoom link to join. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86407009706?pwd=Yk5uVXI1U0VEUmx3eEtXMSs1NWZDdz09>
Passcode: 828653



Regent's Park - Fantasy Terraces & Secret Gardens *Camden Guides 15 June 6pm and 19 June 2pm. £12. Meet at Great Portland Street Tube*
A summer stroll in London's most beautiful park with its stunning Regency Nash terraces on the Outer Circle and their gardens as well as the Royal College of Physicians with its displays of medicinal and poisonous plants. Book on [Eventbrite](#)

Treasures of the Archives: An Illustrated Talk by Tudor Allen. *21 June. 6pm. Camden Local Studies & Archives Centre, 2nd Floor, Holborn Library, 32-38 Theobalds Rd WC1X 8PA. FREE*
Tudor Allen, Archivist, presents some of the centre's collections, including photographs, art works, rare books, archives and ephemera. Among items examined will be a Kings James the First letters patent and letters from Millicent Fawcett and Charles Dickens. To reserve a place email localstudies@camden.gov.uk