

Autumn 2022

BLACK history month

A celebration of history,
arts, literature and film

A GUIDE TO EVENTS IN LAMBETH



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Blackhistorymonth@lambeth.gov.uk



We are proud that Round Table Books are
our official bookseller for the month.



I am delighted to invite you to this year's Black History Month celebrations, which will be running throughout October. Please join us as we celebrate African and Caribbean history and heritage – including 60 years of Jamaican independence, underlining our ongoing support for the Windrush generation. The whole month is a wonderful opportunity to discover and celebrate the wide variety of vital contributions to Lambeth's culture.

Lambeth Libraries has partnered with many local organisations, along with a selection of brilliant writers and artists, to deliver this fantastic programme of events.

I hope you will join us.

Cllr Donatus Anyanwu

Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Leisure and Sport



Black Culture Market
Saturday 1 October and Sunday
2 October, 11am to 5pm
Downstairs at The Department
Store, 248 Ferndale Rd, Brixton,
SW9 8FR



Join Black Culture Market, Downstairs at The Department Store, Brixton this October. You can meet a hand-picked selection of traders who will be different each day.

This market event offers a diverse, quality shopping and cultural experience celebrating producers of the African & Caribbean community. A unique selection of brands and products; ranging from clothing, food, stationery,

prints, cards, books, skincare, men's wear, ceramics, jewellery, homeware, prints, gifts, toys, original accessories and more will be available. This market truly embodies the community's spirit as well as supporting black businesses, so do come down.

www.blackculturemarket.co.uk



Motherland: A Jamaican
Cookbook with Melissa
Thompson
Wednesday 5 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

[Eventbrite](#) **Book here**



Photo: Patricia Niven

Melissa Thompson is a food writer and recipe developer based in London, of Jamaican and Maltese heritage, she is a former newspaper journalist and restaurateur.

She has written for *BBC Good Food*, *The Guardian*, *Condé Nast Traveller*, *Stylist* and more.

Motherland is a cookbook that charts the history of the people, influences and ingredients that uniquely united to create the wonderful patchwork cuisine that is Jamaican food today, it doesn't shy away from the brutality of the

colonial periods but takes us on a journey through more than 500 years of history to give context to the beloved island and its cuisine.

Join Melissa for a night of the history and delights of Jamaican food.





My Place: Home in a Changing World: Spoken Word night
Thursday 6 October, 7pm
Minet Library, SE5 9QY

For tickets:
www.sanmeigallery.co.uk



OGONI: The Struggle for Justice with Simeon B. Kpoturu
Monday 10 October, 6.30pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

[Eventbrite](#) **Book here**



Join us on National Poetry Day for an evening of spoken word and poetry, part of Lambeth's Black History Month Celebrations. We invite Black poets in a celebration of their work around themes of the environment, home and public space.

This event is organised in conjunction with NOIRES, the current exhibition by Roxane Mbanga at San Mei Gallery. NOIRES is an immersive multimedia installation imagined as an itinerant installation of the artist's home, which adapts to the spaces that

host it, transforming for each place it inhabits. This exhibition and accompanying public programme is supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England and Fluxus Arts Projects.

To express interest in performing, please contact Zoey Dixon at ZCDixon@lambeth.gov.uk.

This is the story of Ogoni, an indigenous people at the brink of annihilation.

The exploration and exploitation of oil in Ogoniland by Shell devastated the once lush land.

The Ogoni people cried out for redress, spearheaded by the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) and were met with repression, murder, rape and human rights abuses – many were forced to flee as refugees.

This book provides a first-hand account of Shell's oil activities in Ogoniland, including the run-up and aftermath, and explains the reasons for the Ogoni peoples' struggle and demand for justice.

Simeon B. Kpoturu is an Environmentalist, Human Rights Advocate, and an Author. He was an international campaigner of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) – UK in the 1990s. He was a former treasurer of MOSOP-UK.



African History with Robin Walker
Tuesday 11 October, 3pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Eventbrite [Book here](#)



Robin Walker, will give an informative and inspiring talk on the latest discoveries in the field of African History. Shedding light on the wonders of African Cultural achievements and contributions, as well as exposing the staggering breadth and depth of African Civilisations, not commonly discussed. This talk will take you on a journey of intriguing history from the Ancient period right through to the modern era. An enlightening talk bound to transform the way you see

and think of Black History. Robin Walker is a Historian considered to be the UK's most pre-eminent African scholar. Robin has been teaching & lecturing in African World Studies, Egyptology and Black History for nearly 3 decades. He is also a best-selling author with over 16 books to his name. Including the critically acclaimed work *When We Ruled*.

www.theblacksecret.co.uk



Photo: Mark Rusher

Novelists Marie-Claire Amuah and Onyi Nwabineli in conversation
Tuesday 11 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

Eventbrite [Book here](#)



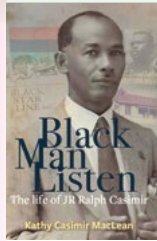
Photo: Precious Mayomiz



Introducing new novels set in London from two young writers.

Ghanian-British barrister Marie-Claire Amuah's 'brave, unforgettable' *One for Sorrow, Two for Joy* (August, Oneworld) offers a sensitive portrayal of the ripple effects of domestic violence, and a defiant story of friendship and resilience in the story of Stella, an utterly unique heroine who you'll find yourself rooting for from page one.

Nigerian-British writer Onyi Nwabineli has written a wise, funny novel about a young woman's experience of grief and recovery in *Someday, Maybe* (October, Magpie) an unconventional love story, bursting with rage and unexpected joy. Join them both at Brixton Library for a night discussing their novels, the path to publication and much more.

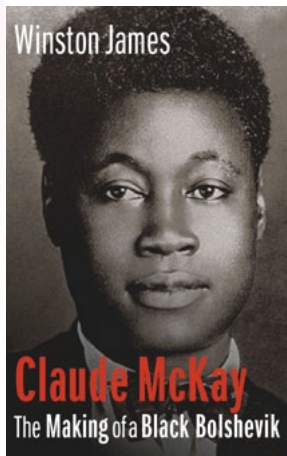


Black Man Listen: The Life of JR Ralph Casimir
Wednesday 12 October, 6.30pm
Streatham Library, SW16 1PN

[Eventbrite](#) [Book here](#)

A pioneering Pan Africanist, Garveyite and poet from the Caribbean Island of Dominica, JR Ralph Casimir (1898-1996) played an important role as agent and organiser in the eastern Caribbean for Marcus Garvey's Universal Negro Improvement Association and the Black Star Line. For more than half a

century, he fearlessly confronted not just colonial rule but his island's elites. This talk, based on her lovingly written biography, by his granddaughter Kathy Casimir MacLean, explores Casimir's political and personal life, and sheds much light on little known aspects of Dominica's march to independence.



Claude McKay: The Making of a Black Bolshevik
Thursday 13 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

[Eventbrite](#) [Book here](#)



Join author and Claude McKay specialist Winston James, currently on a speaking tour from the US, to discuss his latest book: *Claude McKay: The Making of a Black Bolshevik*.

London, where he spent over a year (1919–1921) in radical, socialist and anti-imperialist circles. Dedicated to confronting both racism and capitalist exploitation, he was a critical observer of the Black condition throughout the African diaspora and became a committed Bolshevik.

One of the foremost Black writers and intellectuals of his era, Claude McKay was a central figure in Caribbean literature, the Harlem Renaissance, and the Black radical tradition. McKay's life and writing were defined and shaped by his experiences growing up in colonial Jamaica as well as his early experience in the US and

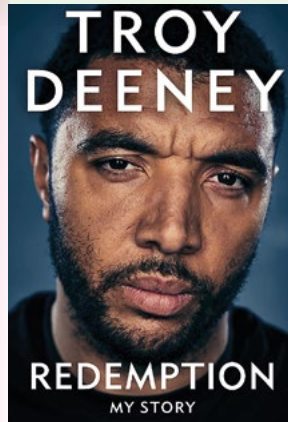
Drawing on a wide variety of sources we will discuss McKay's rich life, political evolution, and the historical and intellectual contexts that shaped him. An absolute highlight for this year's Black History month!



Inspire: Black Health and Wellbeing Event
Saturday 15 October,
11am to 4pm
St Marks Church (opposite Oval Station), Kennington, SE11 4PP

Join us for free food, music and support to stay healthy. Alongside delicious food, meet with local NHS professionals, GPs and community groups to get advice on everything

from blood pressure and weight management to spotting the signs of cancer. All ages and families are welcome, activities for kids too!



Troy Deeney: Redemption
Sunday 16 October, 2pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

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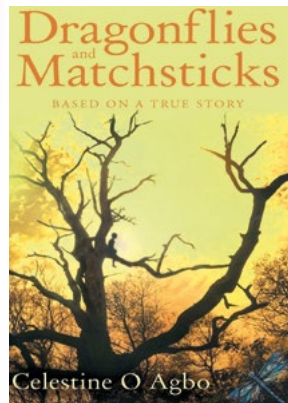


Footballer Troy Deeney is best known as Watford FC's former captain. But behind the successful and gritty football persona is a remarkable story of resilience.

From his memoir, Troy shares what it was like to grow up with his mum working three jobs and his father, a notorious drug dealer. As a result he was often self-sabotaging – not turning up, playing while drunk and being imprisoned for affray at the height of his career. But he never gave up, even when it meant playing professional football with an ankle

tag. He went on to become the Club Captain, an FA Cup finalist, promotion winner and Watford's record scorer. He is now a sought-after voice on football and footballers today.

Join Troy as he discusses his life, and how he came to terms with his past, and his passion for kids to have access to a more inclusive curriculum than he ever did at school.



Dragonflies and Matchsticks with Celestine Obiora Agbo
Monday 17 October, 7pm
Durning Library, SE11 4HF

[Eventbrite](#) [Book here](#)



Celestine Obiora Agbo started life in the compounds of Enugu State, Nigeria.

The Biafran Civil War fast hurtled his family into the raw reality of starvation and mortality. He sat down to share his story during the late summer of 2007 and this novel is the product of that exploration.

Set in Nigeria in 1967, the Biafran war arrives one night for young Obi and his two sisters when they find themselves alone, separated from

relatives and evacuated headlong into war and starvation.

Meanwhile in London, against the warnings of the Foreign Office, their mother plans an audacious rescue mission to the front line, embarking on a deadly journey amid the bombings and desperation, to find and bring her children to England and safety.

Event organised by the Friends of Durning Library.



African Architecture with Robin Walker

Tuesday 18 October, 7pm
Streatham Library, SW16 1PN

[Eventbrite](#) [Book here](#)



Robin Walker, will give a talk on fascinating new discoveries in African architecture and building design. Robin will discuss and showcase the latest evidence of grand state, religious and municipal buildings as well as sophisticated personal residences throughout West, Central, East and Southern Africa in Ancient and Mediaeval times. A real eye opener that will change the way you view and think of African

architecture. Robin Walker is a Historian considered to be the UK's most pre-eminent African scholar. Robin has been teaching and lecturing in African World Studies, Egyptology and Black History for nearly 3 decades. He is also a best-selling author with over 16 books to his name. Including the critically acclaimed work *When We Ruled*.

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492 Korna Klub's Windrush Playback Theatre Performance

Tuesday 18 October, 6pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

[Eventbrite](#) [492 Korna Klub](#)

www.492kornaklub.com present their free live Windrush Playback Theatre Performance. This community engagement event showcases Windrush Elders & their Kin creating spontaneous,

improvised theatre performances through a unique collaboration between you the audience member and our group of Windrush performers.



Mapping Brixton through Song

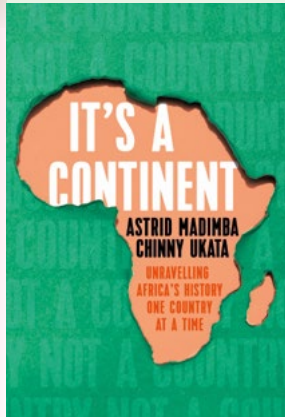
Wednesday 19 October,
10am to 2pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

[Eventbrite](#) [Mapping Brixton through Song](#)

For more information contact Tony Cealy from 81 Acts of Exuberant Defiance on [07956 877358](tel:07956877358).

Indigenous Australian musician Jessie Lloyd has been researching and reviving old mission songs through consultation with senior Indigenous songmen and songwomen since 2016. The huge success of her Mission Songs Project has led to an invitation to London from Border Crossings' ORIGINS Festival, where she will apply her Indigenous methodology of working with communities in an international context, to a creative music context with elders and youth in the Black community around

Brixton. Jessie's grandfather Albie Geia was a leader in the 1957 Palm Island Strike, which, like the events in Brixton, was labelled a 'riot', leading to his imprisonment. We will explore the commonalities of experience between Indigenous Australians and Black Britons, using music to commemorate a specific heritage and emphasise its place within global histories of racism and emerging processes of reconciliation. Join Jessie to jam or listen – bring an instrument and enjoy!



It's A Continent: Unravelling Africa's History One Country At A Time with Chinny Ukata and Astrid Madimba
Wednesday 19 October, 7pm
South Lambeth Library, SW8 1QP

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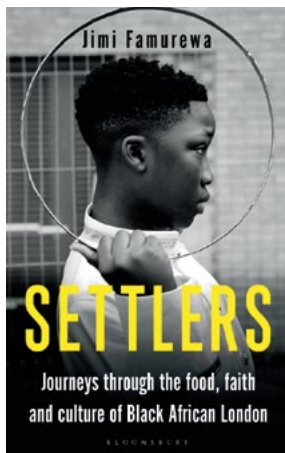


There are (hi)stories you were never taught in school. *It's A Continent* delves into these stories and reveals an Africa as you've never read it before. Breaking down this vast, beautiful, and complex continent and exploring each nation's unique history and culture, *It's A Continent* highlights the key historical moments that have shaped each nation and contributed to its modern global position.

This book aims to highlight the consequences of colonialism and how this legacy reverberates

today, as well as how many African countries continue to re-build in its wake. It is a bold and colourful corrective to the perception of Africa as a monolith. It reveals the fascinating, often overlooked, histories of its 54 nation states, too often misrepresented, its inhabitants and its place in the world, which is too often neglected.

Join Podcasters and Authors Chinny Ukata and Astrid Madimba on a whistlestop tour of the African nations and their book that unveils them so wonderfully.



Settlers: Journeys Through the Food, Faith and Culture of Black African London with Jimi Famurewa
Thursday 20 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

[Eventbrite](#) [Book here](#)



This is a story that begins with post-1960s arrivals from African countries like Nigeria, Ghana, Zimbabwe and Somalia.

Some came from former British colonies in the wake of newfound independence; others arrived seeking prosperity and an English education for their children.

Now, in the 2020s, their descendants have unleashed a tidal wave of creativity and cultural production stretching from Lambeth to Lagos, Islington to the Ivory Coast. Everywhere you look, across the fields of sport, business, fashion,

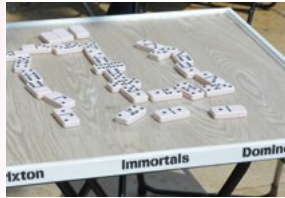
the arts and beyond, there are the descendants of Black African families that were governed by many of the same immutable, shared traditions.

In his book Jimi Famurewa, a British-Nigerian journalist, journeys into the hidden yet vibrant world of African London seeking to understand the ties that bind. He visits places of worship, markets and restaurants and traditional ceremonies, listening to their stories to find the connections.



Spoken Word Poetry Open Mic
Saturday 22 October, 1.30pm to 4.30pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

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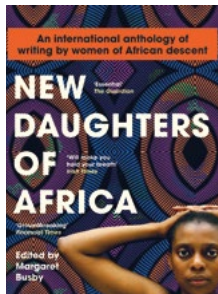
The Brixton Immortals Domino Club Celebration
Saturday 22 October, from 6pm
Clapham Library, SW4 7DB

[Eventbrite](#) [Book here](#)



Jamaica 60
Monday 24 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

[Eventbrite](#) [Book here](#)



New Daughters of Africa
Tuesday 25 October, 7pm
Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ

[Eventbrite](#) [Book here](#)

The mic will be open to all ages. Register by email: tonybhappydrums@gmail.com

First 19 booked will perform 1–3 poems each. As children will be present, please keep the language PG

Join the famous, award-winning Brixton Immortals for their annual community celebration event for Black History Month. Enjoy this showcase of Black culture and talent – and the sweet sound of the shuffle of dominoes. Not to be missed!

2022 marks the anniversary of 60 years of Jamaican independence. Join us at Brixton library for a very special celebration evening. Through literature, comedy, poetry and song we will host an evening to tell the story of Jamaica, and in particular of those that came to Britain. Performances on the night

will include Comedians Donna Spence, Felicity Ethnic and Paulette Harris-German (as Miss Florence); poet Shaniqua Benjamin and writer and curator Tony Fairweather... plus more special guests to be announced. Don't miss this extravaganza!

New Daughters of Africa is a glorious portrayal of the richness, range and diversity of African women's voices. This major international collection brings together their achievements across a wealth of genres: autobiography, memoir, letters, short stories, novels, poetry, drama, humour, journalism, essays and speeches. From Antigua to

Zimbabwe and Angola to the USA, overlooked artists of the past join key figures, popular contemporaries and emerging writers in paying tribute to the heritage that unites them, the strong links that endure from generation to generation, and their common obstacles around issues of race, gender and class.



Black Sexual Health Day
Wednesday 26 October,
1pm to 5pm
Clapham Library, SW4 7DB



Two and a Half Questions (45min
PG): Film showing and Q&A
Friday 28 October, 6pm
West Norwood Library, SE27 9JX

[Eventbrite](#) [Book here](#)



There is no need for an appointment, just drop in to speak to staff from Brook about The Come Correct (or CCard) scheme, which provides access to free condoms in a variety of locations (called Outlets) across London. Once registered you can collect condoms or get advice from any Outlet displaying the Come Correct logo.

At our stall we will be offering young people aged 13-24 the opportunity to access the scheme including the opportunity to take condoms as well as a chance to discuss any sexual health related questions.

How has your race shaped your life and dreams?

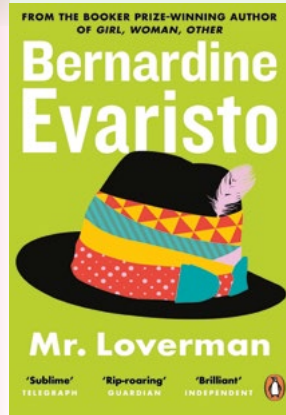
Working with a group of young people, the filmmaker captured interviews with people of Caribbean and African heritage from all walks of life, from lawyers and dancers to politicians, social workers and entrepreneurs.

Speaking to people aged 14 to 87 years old, the film uncovers attitudes and issues within education, employment, religion and the wider society to create a fascinating portrait of the range of experiences that has shaped the black community in London over the past 70 years.

Join the director and a panel to discuss the project.

www.twoandahalfquestions.com





Mr Loverman – Lambeth LGBTQ+ book group special
Friday 28 October, 7pm
Online event

[Eventbrite](#) [Book here](#)

Join the Lambeth LGBTQ+ book group to discuss *Mr Loverman* by Bernardine Evaristo.

Barrington Jedidiah Walker is seventy-four and leads a double life. Born and bred in Antigua, he's lived in Hackney since the sixties. A flamboyant, wise-cracking local character with a dapper taste in retro suits and a fondness for quoting Shakespeare, Barrington is a husband, father and grandfather –

but he is also secretly homosexual. *Mr Loverman* is a ground-breaking exploration of Britain's older Caribbean community, which explodes cultural myths and fallacies and shows the extent of what can happen when people fear the consequences of being true to themselves.

To borrow a copy of the book please contact the library on **020 7926 0705**.



Pegasus Opera Company present Legacy and Hope Concert 2022
Saturday 29 October, 7pm
Clapham Library, SW4 7DB

[Eventbrite](#) [Pegasus Opera](#)

Bookings £8 (£5 concs)

Let us take you on a joyful musical journey as Pegasus Opera Company celebrates Black History Month 2022. For more than 30 years Pegasus Opera Company has fearlessly paved the way for diverse talent in Opera. Pegasus Opera Company supports artists from African, Caribbean and Asian heritage based in the UK to hone their skills and create sustainable

careers in opera. Come and join Pegasus Opera Company for our Legacy and Hope concert featuring top classical singers and our community choir performing songs from composers of African, Caribbean and Asian heritage, gospel, spirituals, opera, musical theatre and songs inspired by the black diaspora.



Film Club – Black History Month Special
Tuesday 1 November, 6.30pm
Tate South Lambeth Library, SW8 1QP
Contact Tate South Lambeth Library for film details
Tel: 020 7926 0710 or email southlambethlibrary@lambeth.gov.uk

Join the Tate South Lambeth Film Club for a free evening screening of a classic from Black Cinema and for a lively, after-film discussion.



PROGRAMME EVENTS

BRIXTON STORYTRAIL – WINIFRED ATWELL During October

Story Trails
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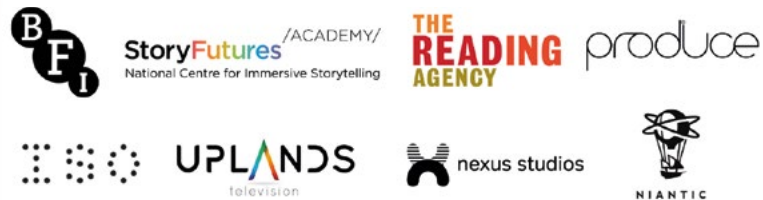
WINNIE'S HONKY TONK WALK

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STORYTRAILS During November

We were delighted that during September historian David Olusoga visited Brixton Library to discuss the project and his docufilm *StoryTrails* (Uplands Television) which will be available on BBC iPlayer from November 2022.

Be joined by the late Winifred Atwell in a fantastic augmented reality (AR) trip through her life in Brixton. Pick up an AR device at Brixton Library or download the StoryTrails App on your phone and trace her life in Brixton from long gone concert halls to her famous beauty salon on Railton Road – all accompanied by BBC and BFI archive footage and previously unseen archive materials.

Una Winifred Atwell (1910 to 1983) was a Trinidadian pianist who enjoyed great popularity in Britain and Australia from the 1950s with a series of boogie-woogie and ragtime hits, selling over 20 million records. She was the first black person to have a number-one hit in the UK

Singles Chart and is still the only female instrumentalist to do so!

Winifred wasn't only Britain's first Black pop star, in 1956 she also set up and opened Brixton's first beauty and Black hair salon at 82d Railton Road.

Take Winnie's Honky Tonk Walk in Brixton during October!

As the UK's largest immersive storytelling project, StoryTrails aims to change the way we tell stories about ourselves and inspire a conversation about who we are and where we are going.



BLACK WRITERS CHALLENGE



How many books by Black writers or illustrators have you read this year?

Lambeth Libraries challenge you to read as many as you can by the end of 2022. For some book inspiration visit listchallenges.com/black-writers-challenge-2022.

You can tell us what you're reading using:

 [#BlackWritersChallenge @BHMLambeth](https://twitter.com/BHMLambeth)

 [#BlackWritersChallenge @BHMLambeth on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BHMLambeth)

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EXHIBITION

Olayanju Dada: 'Omi Dúdú – Black Water'
 Tuesday 4 October to 31 October
 Brixton Library, SW2 1JQ



An exhibition to stimulate the eyes through the mind. History is 'Omi Dúdú, or Black Water, daunting to navigate. We need storytellers and to a greater extent, poets who can visualise for and show us what lies beneath its still and dark surface. Also, mystics and sages, who can conjure up paths that lead us deep down, into our un-lived futures. And new, iridescent masquerades who can show and teach us the sacred, fiery footwork, movement and language necessary to navigate this virgin mindscape. Black history is magical waters.

Olayanju was born in Nigeria and is a practicing studio artist. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Obafemi Awolowo University Nigeria and a Master's degree in Contemporary Fine Art practice from Leeds Beckett University. He lives and works in Germany. Entry is free and the Tate Library is open every day.



Indus Uterque Serviet Uni – Out of Many, One People

is the motto of Jamaica, and it celebrates the rich diversity of the country. This year we celebrate 60 years of Jamaican Independence.



Drumming Workshop

Wednesday 5 October, 4pm
Minet Library

Saturday 8 October, 2pm
Carnegie Library

Saturday 15 October, 2.30pm
Brixton Library



Black Books for Kids
Saturday 8 October, 11am
Online Event

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The children and young people library services will celebrate the contribution and achievements of people of Jamaican heritage through a range of storytelling, talks, quizzes and arts and crafts events and activities.

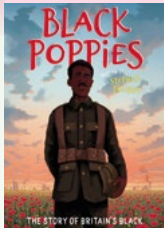
We look at the significance of the Windrush Generation, the

contribution of soldiers who fought in the world wars, of nurses to the NHS and the influence of Jamaican music. A reading list of recommended reads will also be available for children and young people and our weekly under 5 Wriggle and Rhyme sessions will celebrate Black History Month through stories and rhymes.



There have been a lot of fantastic books by and for Black kids and teens published in the last year, and Zoey of Lambeth Libraries, along with Liz Chapman from Sheffield Libraries,

are back once again to tell you about their favourites. Join them online and why not share some of your favourites in the chat too.



Black Poppies for Young Readers: An Illustrated Talk
Saturday 15 October, 11am
Carnegie Library

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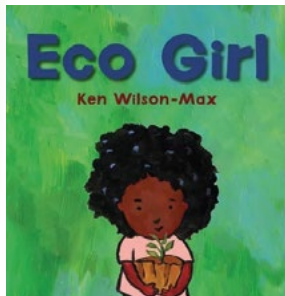


Historian and author Stephen Bourne presents an illustrated talk about his latest book *Black Poppies* which is aimed at 8 to 12 year olds. In the book, Stephen explores the many extraordinary ways in which Black people helped Britain fight the Great War of 1914-1918, on the battlefield and at home.

Chapters include the wartime childhood of Stephen's adopted

Aunty Esther, Walter Tull, the British West Indies Regiment, the music hall entertainer Mabel Mercer, and community leader Dr Harold Moody.

Readers will also hear for the first time about a police constable who joined the Welsh Guards and an African American who made his home in Britain and worked as a coal miner until he joined the army in 1915.



Author and Illustrator Ken Wilson-Max visits Brixton Library
Tuesday 25 October, 10.30am
Brixton Library

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Eve loves all the trees in the forest near her home. She feels their magic, but her favourite is the Baobab tree. If only she could talk to the trees! Then, on a birthday visit to Grandma, deep in the forest, Eve gets a magical surprise. What could it be? It's something that Eve must take care of, something that will connect her for ever with the forest she loves. Happy birthday, Eco Girl!

Ken Wilson-Max was born in Zimbabwe. He came to the UK to study design and ended up working in children's publishing. His first book was published in 1993 and since then there have been over 70, with a string of national and international awards. Meet the author after the story-time.



Jamaica 60 – Carnival Headdress making workshop
Tuesday 25 October, 2pm to 6pm
Brixton Library

Eventbrite [Book here](#)

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Come along to Brixton Library to celebrate Jamaica and 60 years of Independence. We will be making carnival headdresses. Fun for all the family.

Spaces are limited so do book early.



Badge Making (Half term events)

Tuesday 25 October, 2.30pm
Upper Norwood Library

Wednesday 26 October, 2.30pm
Waterloo Library

Thursday 27 October, 2.30pm
Carnegie Library

Friday 28 October, 2.30pm
Minet Library

Design your own badge to wear with pride. Will it feature an inspirational figure from Black History, empowering quotes or your own unique design?



Photo: Dujonna Gift-Simms

Mia and the Lightcasters
Wednesday 26 October, 2.30pm
West Norwood Library

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Join up-and-coming debut author Janelle McCurdy as she introduces the first novel in her brand-new middle-grade fantasy series, *Mia and the Lightcasters*. Discover how Janelle's love of video games and martial arts led her to writing this epic and cinematic tale, plus pick up some tips on how to get inspiration for your very own stories! Book available to purchase.



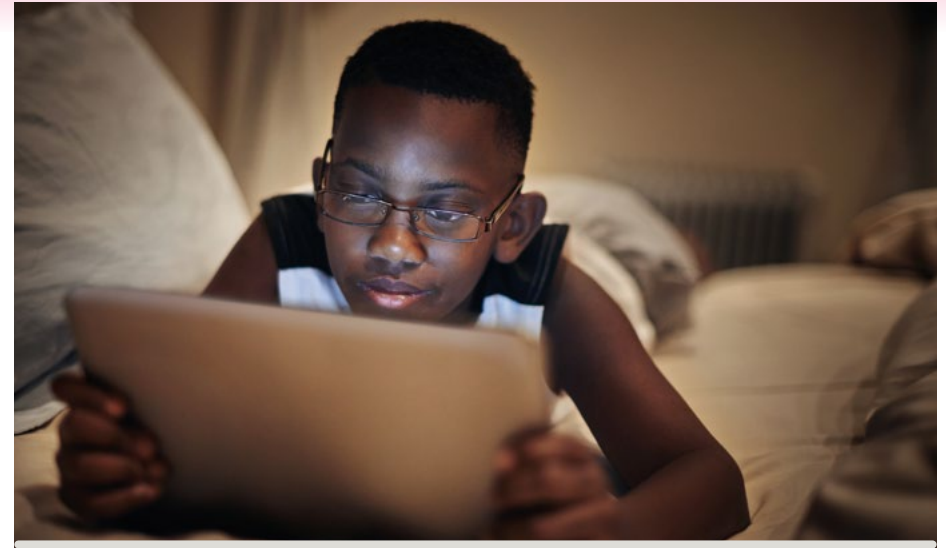


Chatterbooks Online Quiz – Black History Month
Wednesday 26 October, 4pm
Online event

Eventbrite [Book here](#)

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As we celebrate Black History Month, this month's quiz will focus on Jamaican Culture and Heritage.



Creative Writing Workshop
Saturday 29 October, 2.30pm
Brixton Library

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In October your local libraries and Explore Learning are celebrating Black History Month!

In this workshop, we'll find out more about famous people from the local community, the UK and worldwide.

We'll also work on our speaking and presentation skills; choose, draw and describe our own famous person and present him/her to the group.



Library visits

Contact Sandra at Sdavidson@lambeth.gov.uk to book your visit

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Schools can enjoy visits to their local library throughout the month of October listening to traditional stories and folklore including the ever trickster Anancy for nursery to Year 2 children. Bring your classes in for a quiz celebrating 60 years of Jamaican Independence.



Onisere and the Ballet Queen
Tuesday 4 October, 10.30am
West Norwood Library

Contact Maria for bookings at
MKwofie@lambeth.gov.uk

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Photo: Dujonna Gift-Simms

Getting into writing and developing your career choices with Author Janelle McCurdy
Monday 10 October, 10.30am
Clapham Library

Contact Sandra for bookings at
Sdavidson@lambeth.gov.uk

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'So what you're saying is that there have been loads of black ballet dancers...' Onisere wants to be a ballet dancer but there's just one problem: she's black and she's never seen any other ballet dancers who look like her. Enter, the ballet queen, Sandie Mae, who takes Onisere, and her annoying, football mad little

brother Tayo, on a fantastical journey through the history of Black British ballet. A journey that begins in 1940s London, and takes in Glasgow, New York, Paris, Los Angeles and Johannesburg before landing back in the UK. Join the authors of this fantastic new book.

Are you a budding writer or thinking of a career become a children's author? Join author Janelle McCurdy, the young debut author of *Mia and the Lightcasters*. Janelle will talk about her journey as a young author.

She will offer tips and advice and treat you to a reading from her book which is based on Janelle's own love of video games and martial arts.





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Creative Writing Celebrating Black History
Wednesday 12 October, 10.30am
Brixton Library

Contact Sandra for bookings at
Sdavidson@lambeth.gov.uk

In this workshop, we'll find out more about famous people from the local community, the UK and worldwide. We'll also work on our speaking and presentation skills; choose, draw and describe our own famous person and present him/her to the group.



Award winning children's illustrator Dapo Adeola
Monday 17 October, 10.30am
Brixton Library

Contact Caroline for bookings at
CGraham@lambeth.gov.uk

Dapo Adeola is an illustrator, author and character designer who was awarded Illustrator of the Year at The British Book Awards in 2022. Dapo rocketed into the picture book world with his greatly acclaimed illustrator debut, *Look Up!* written by Nathan Bryon, which won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Dapo illustrated and collaborated with Malorie Blackman on their picture book *We're Going to Find the Monster!*

Dapo's latest project is a story collection featuring over 40 Black writers and artists from all over the world, *Joyful, Joyful: Stories Celebrating Black Voices*, which features Malorie Blackman, Patrice Lawrence, Ken Wilson-Max and Dorcas Magbadelo.

Come and meet Dapo at Brixton Library at what will be a children's highlight of the month!



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Dream To Change The World: The Story Of John La Rose
Thursday 20 October, 10.30am
Clapham Library

Contact Liz for bookings at
LBuchanan@lambeth.gov.uk

Written and illustrated by Ken Wilson-Max and for children aged 5 to 8 years old, this book is the story of the childhood of John La Rose, the late Trinidadian-born activist, trade unionist and writer committed to the struggle for racial equality and social justice in Britain and beyond.

co-founded, Ken Wilson-Max has created a magical and engrossing book. Young readers will love the story and can also learn about John's life through a fascinating timeline at the end of the book.

Join Ken for a reading and chat with the children about being their best self!



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Inspired by the archives of John La Rose – which are held at the George Padmore Institute, the archive he



Street Names, Statues and Memorials in Lambeth: Local history sessions for Black History Month

For more information and booking enquiries please email archives@lambeth.gov.uk

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**Kwame Alexander
Monday 14 November, 11am
Brixton Library**

For more information and booking enquiries please email Zoey at ZCDixon@lambeth.gov.uk

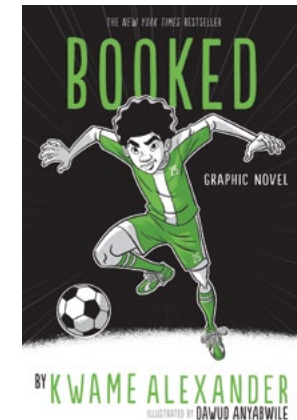
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The Black Lives Matter protests during 2020 revived long-standing concerns about street names, statues and memorials with associations with the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. As part of Lambeth's public consultation process on the implications for this within the borough, Lambeth Archives carried out detailed research on the subject. Now, through October as part of

Black History Month, Lambeth Archives are offering an illustrated version of this presentation. It considers the early Black population in Lambeth in the 18th century, the iniquitous presence of the slave trade, the role of local anti-slavery campaigners, and what these legacies mean for us today in terms of the streets we walk down and the memorials we pass by.

Celebrate the release of Kwame Alexander's new graphic novel adaption of his acclaimed verse novel *Booked* with illustrations by Dawud Anyabwile.

Kwame Alexander is a poet, educator, and the New York Times bestselling author of 28+ books, including *The Undeclared*, *Booked* and *Rebound*, the follow-up to his Newbery Medal-winning middle grade novel, *The Crossover*. He's also the Founding Editor of Versify.



LAMBETH LIBRARIES

Brixton Library

Brixton Oval
SW2 1JQ
Tel: 020 7926 1058

Carnegie Library

192 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

Minet Library

52 Knatchbull Road
SE5 9QY
Tel: 0207 926 6073

Streatham Library

63 Streatham High Road
SW16 1PN
Tel: 020 7926 6768

Tate South Lambeth Library

180 South Lambeth Road
SW8 1QP
Tel: 020 7926 0710

Upper Norwood Library

39-41 Westow Hill
SE19 1TJ
Tel: 020 7926 1063

Waterloo Library

The Oasis Centre
1 Kennington Road
SE1 7QP
Tel: 0207 926 8751

West Norwood Library

1-5 Norwood High Street
SE27 9JX
Tel: 020 7926 8092

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For more information
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