

Southwark Festival of

WORDS

8 to 14 June 2019

FREE events for all ages in
Southwark's libraries

Author talks Short-film screening **Bedtime stories**
How to write a zine with the Feminist Library Rap therapy **Theatre performance**
Poetry workshop **READINGS** **COOKERY TALK WITH TASTER**
Creative writing Hear from an Oscar-nominated scriptwriter
Storytelling Writing competition...

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Welcome to this year's literary festival taking place in Southwark libraries. Our libraries continue to celebrate culture and arts and this year's programme includes a range of diverse events including creative writers, spoken word artists, storytellers and more. As part of the festival we are delighted to support a number of emerging Southwark based writers and performers on their journey to wider success. We regard them as Southwark Pioneers and we are sure you will enjoy their work.

The programme contains events for adults and children, all events are free and the festival also includes a writing competition for all ages. There is something for everyone at this year's festival and we do hope you will join us in experiencing an innovative and inspiring mix of cultural delights.

Councillor Rebecca Lury
Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Equalities, and Communities

Monday 13 May to Monday 3 June 2019

Festival of Words Competition 2019: The Park

To mark 150 years of Southwark Park, we would like you to write a story, on the theme of The Park.

Each age range has three winners, Gold, Silver and Bronze. All winners will be published in an e-Book to be available on Borrowbox throughout Southwark Libraries.

For age groups:

- 6 to 11 years; 300 to 500 words
- 12 to 15 years; 300 to 500 words
- 16 years and above; 300 to 1,500 words

To enter, write your story, and hand in to a member of staff at any Southwark Library. You can also email entries to southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

The winners will be announced on Friday 14 June 2019. Ensure your full name, age and telephone number is on your entry. Without this we cannot judge your story.

Saturday 8 June



Feminism is real!

12pm to 5pm

Peckham Library, 122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Chiara Maraji Biasi - cultural events coordinator, Sina Schwache - creative learning facilitator and Eva Megias - zine workshop facilitator, curators of the Feminist Library, are inviting you to join a mixed-arts workshop. As a participant, you will explore that feminism is real, through creative writing and zine-making practice. We will encourage you to find your own voice within feminism. As individuals, you will produce a piece of writing during the first part of the workshop, while in the second part you will make a zine together with the group. At the end, you will take home the self-made zine containing your own writing.

Suitable for all women, BAME and non-binary, aged 18 to 25 years.

The Crumble Lady

1pm to 2pm

Dulwich Library, 368 Lordship Lane, SE22 8NB

Lorraine Bowen (David Walliams' golden buzzer on Britain's Got Talent) performs sections from her new children's book called The Crumble Lady. Her performance includes readings, songs and an audience dance with Lorraine. This promises to be a fab, fun event, for all the family. Lorraine will sign her book (with a chat and a selfie) after the show.

Suitable for ages 5 to 11 and all the family.

Kids Zine Workshop

2pm to 3pm

Peckham Library, 122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Come and learn how to make your very own mini magazine with illustrator Linnéa Haviland. Work together to draw, write poems, and learn how to make copies of your magazine using the library.

Suitable for ages 6 to 12 years.

Dr Martin Patrick MA: Defining Cultural Identity in Narrative Fiction

2pm to 3.30pm

John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street, SE1 1JA

Dr Martin Patrick will discuss how to tell stories about the things we know and don't know. He will then flag up the research that goes into writing a novel and the examination of the Self. This will lead to an explanation of the value of comparative study and finding the author's creative facts and fiction. Dr Patrick will close out his talk focusing on how to structure a novel and what it should deliver.

Suitable for adults.



Poetry Pop-in Parlour

2pm to 4pm

Canada Water Library,
21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR



Words, words, words. Bring a poem of your own to read to the group, or write one on the day with guidance from John Lyons, a poet and teacher, with over forty years of experience helping others to unlock

their creative talent. On offer will be encouragement and advice on how to trim or expand whatever you've written or want to write on the day. Or if you simply want to listen to readings, of some of the finest short poems ever written, just pop along. You never know where it might lead!

Suitable for ages 16 years and above.

Meet Author Pippa Kelly

3pm to 4pm

Dulwich Library, 368 Lordship Lane, SE22 8NB

Pippa Kelly is an author, award-winning blogger, journalist, campaigner and public speaker on elderly care and dementia. She will be talking about her debut novel *Invisible Ink* and its dementia thread, based on her late mother, who lived with the condition for the last decade of her life. You can follow her on Twitter @piponthecommons, or on LinkedIn and Facebook.

Suitable for adults.

Monday 10 June

Sleepy Stories

5pm to 6.15pm

Dulwich Library, 368 Lordship Lane, SE22 8NB

Bring your baby's cuddly toy, join us and enjoy relaxing stories and songs for under-fives, parents and carers.

Suitable for under-fives, parents and carers.



Archive Artists: In Response to Pat Brown

5.30pm to 7pm

John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street

Celebrate International Archives Day (9 June) by using art and Southwark's past to explore your present and future. Archives are a way to tie together a community's past, present, and future. Pat Brown, a Peckham native, used poetry, prose, and photography to connect herself to nature, react to her changing community, and explore the timeless forces that bind us all. Pat's work is in Southwark Archives. Helen Savage, library assistant and archival enthusiast, based at John Harvard Library, invites you to meet Pat through her work.

Suitable for adults.

Poetry Workshop: Making Words Count

6.30pm to 8pm

Peckham Library, 122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

This is just to say. . . in this practical creative writing workshop, John Lyons, poet, teacher and professional translator,

will show you a number of ways in which to unleash the incredible power of poetry. Through a series of simple tasks, with a few do's and don'ts from John, you'll discover how to write poetry of which you can be proud, using transferable techniques that will sharpen your language skills, whether you write for leisure, for pleasure or as part of your job.

Suitable for adults.

Tuesday 11 June

Meet author Lina Saad

2pm to 3pm

Dulwich Library, 368 Lordship Lane, SE22 8NB

Lina Saad spent her childhood between Sierra Leone, West Africa where she was born, and Bierut. She came to London for her further studies and graduated from Westminster College with a BA (Hons) in Hotel Management, and established Alicia Restaurant in Warren Street, London.

Lina will be talking about her two cookbooks *The Land of White*, and *Ramadan Express*, and will be providing samples of delicious Lebanese cooking.

Suitable for adults.



Rap Therapy

6pm to 7pm

Peckham Library, 122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Are you aged between 13 and 25? Why not try something different? Rap Therapy is a unique way to help tackle everyday challenges you may face. Bishma Asare, rapper, shows how to effectively express yourself through rap.

Suitable for ages 13 to 25 years.

Writing Group Showcase

6.30pm to 8pm

Canada Water Library, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

Canada Water Library's creative writing group meets every four weeks to share inspiration, opportunities, and support with all kinds of creative and life writing. At this special event, group members will be reading some of their best work aloud. There will be stories, memories, poetry and more! A limited number of open mic slots are also available. Email wes.white@southwark.gov.uk in advance for details.

Suitable for adults.

Camberwell Book Group welcomes Luke Harding

6.45pm to 7.45pm

Camberwell Library, 48 Camberwell Green, SE5 7AL

We are all guilty of taking our personal lives a bit too seriously at times. And who can blame us. So how can taking things less seriously benefit us? Luke will guide you towards a new perspective. One that allows you to look upon your personal life, and the wider world around you, with a less serious lens. By doing so, you can take a step back and laugh, at that which before would have completely consumed you with stress, and ruined your day.

Suitable for adults.

Wednesday 12 June

Bardic Walk of Rotherhithe

3pm to 5pm

Canada Water Library, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

Join Elder Bard of Glastonbury, Wes White, for a walk around the local area, stopping to hear some carefully chosen literature read aloud along the way. Meet at Canada Water Library at 3pm.

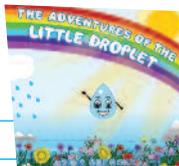
Suitable for adults.

The Adventures of The Little Droplet

4pm to 5pm

Canada Water Library, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

Lanna Grigoryan, children's author talks to children about her book, introduces scientific concepts of the water cycle and



states of matter, in a child friendly and entertaining way to encourage children's curiosity.

4 to 11 years and the family.

Graphic Novel Show and Tell

6pm to 7.30pm

Canada Water Library, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

Do you have a favourite graphic novel you'd love to tell other readers about? Or are you looking for some heartfelt recommendations? At this gathering we'll be sharing our enthusiasm for this medium and discussing what makes graphic novels so special. Bring your own, or pick one from the library shelves, and share your thoughts about it with the group.

For adults and young people over the age of 15

The Art of Storytelling Workshop

6.30pm to 7.45pm

Peckham Library, 122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

How do you tell a story and keep the audience focussed on you? Norman Bailey is a storyteller who works with all age groups. Norman comes from a film and theatre background. He has directed productions at the Hackney Empire, Richmix, and the Birmingham Rep. He is currently making Readers of the Lost Art, a documentary about ancient African writing. His latest storytelling project, Telling Tales, was previewed at Tate Modern, in preparation for the Land of Fibs Festival at Canada Water Theatre.

Suitable for adults.



Author talk: Anisa Chowdhury

6.45pm to 7.45pm

Camberwell Library, 48 Camberwell Green, SE5 7AL

Anisa writes short stories and extracts that dip into science-fiction and horror. She is currently working on her second novel. Her first novel, Lithium, focuses on a fictional working on what life could be like for people still residing in Pripyat (Chernobyl), which focuses on themes such as isolation and abandonment. However, it comes with a twist as the characters living in Pripyat aren't so alone as they think they are. In fact, they were never alone, as a certain past comes to light.

Suitable for adults.

Meet author Jack Thompson

6.45pm to 7.45pm

Canada Water Library, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

Jack Thompson turned 80 in July 2018. After spells as a teacher, bus conductor, industrial spy and pianist in working men's clubs, he joined the BBC in 1967, and eventually landed the job of foreign correspondent for the World Service. He reported from all over the world. Jack will talk about his third thriller, Spain, Guard My Bones, in which journalist, Charlie Barrow (who featured in his first two books) discovers a plot to stage a coup d'état and stop the exhumation of the remains of victims of the Spanish Civil War.

Suitable for adults.

Thursday 13 June

Meet Screen Writer Nick Vivian

2pm to 3.30pm

Canada Water Library, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR

Nick Vivian we be showing his Oscar nominated short film, Syrup. He has written many TV films; Dancing Queen, Hunting Venus, Alice Through the Looking Glass, Gracie! and series episodes including Doc Martin, and Murder Most Horrid. He is currently developing a feature film with Sid Gentle Films (Killing Eve, The Durrells), a TV series with Genial Productions, and co-creating, with Jane Horrocks and composer Matthew Herbert, a site-specific piece for Manchester International Festival 2021.

Suitable for adults.

The Unmarried

7pm to 8.30pm

Peckham Library, 122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

A theatre performance with beatboxing on the themes of identity, patriarchy, LGBT, and creating cross-genre performance pieces that span comedy, theatre, poetry and music.

Suitable for adults.

Friday 14 June

Story Night

6pm to 8.30pm

John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street, SE1 1JA

Vanessa Woolf is back with an array of talent. Last year was a huge success. Warm your heart, chill your bones, and let your imagination take flight!

London Dreamtime with Southwark Libraries are delighted to present a showcase of brilliant London storytellers for an exciting evening of stories for an adult audience. Performers include Jumana Moon, Deqa Abdi, Kate Portal, Grethe Mangala Jensen and Christina Wheatley.

Suitable for adults.

To book please email
vanessa@londondreamtime.com

Truth versus Fiction - writing real history into novels

6.45pm to 8pm

Grove Vale Library, 18-22 Grove Vale, East Dulwich, SE22 8EF

HB Lyle was born, and still lives in South London. After a career in feature film development, he studied creative writing at UEA which led to the creation of *The Irregular*, published in 2017. It was a Daily Telegraph Thriller of the Year, and Lyle was nominated for best debut novel at the Barry Awards in the US. The sequel, *The Red Ribbon – a Financial Times Thriller of the Year* – was published in 2018. He is currently working on the third in the series, due for release in 2020. Copies of the book will be on sale.

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