

Black History Month

October 2011



Booking

Events and workshops have limited places so booking is essential. You can book by emailing blackhistorymonth@lambeth.gov.uk or telephoning 020 7926 1075



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Events

Black History Month

Welcome to this year's Black History Month celebrations in Lambeth, managed by Lambeth Libraries and Archives services.

Black History Month is one of the most popular and exciting events in the council's calendar and we are sure that this year's programme will live up to your

expectations. We have a mixture of inspirational and thought provoking events celebrating Black History.

Come and join us at some of the events throughout October and while you are here, if you are not already a member, why not join the library to take

advantage of the many services we provide?

While most events are free, some may have a charge. Please book for all events, see back cover for details.

Film showing Burning an Illusion



Director: Menelik Shabazz (UK 1981)
Shabazz's pioneering first feature filmed the Notting Hill and Ladbrooke Grove communities and has remained a landmark in British cinema. A film about transformation and identity, it is the first British film

to give a central voice to a black woman, charting her journey to emotional maturity, emancipation and political awakening. Tony Warner of Black History Walks will welcome guests and chair the discussion after the screening.

Saturday 1 October, 2pm

National Film Theatre NFT1
Southbank, SE1 8XT

Admission: £5



Richard Reddie presents Martin Luther King Jnr

Martin Luther King's public life lasted only 13 years – yet in that time, he changed the USA's attitude to civil rights forever.

Richard Reddie, in his new book, provides a lively, highly informative, thought-provoking reappraisal of this famous man, showing how King was not a 'moderate' but a radical

individual whose ideas on peace, poverty, social justice and equality were well ahead of his time and still relevant today.

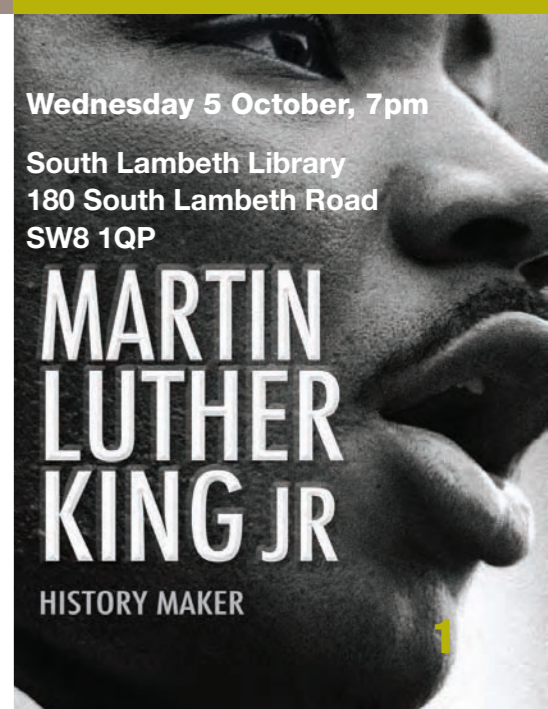
Richard Reddie was Project Director for the Churches Together, Education Policy Officer for Race on the Agenda and author of Black Muslims in Britain.

Wednesday 5 October, 7pm

South Lambeth Library
180 South Lambeth Road
SW8 1QP

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

HISTORY MAKER



Thursday 6 October, 7pm

Brixton Library, Brixton Oval
SW2 1JQ



Neil Mayers presents **Gifted at Primary, Failing by Secondary**

What distractions does your child have in their bedroom – a television, stereo, games console, mobile phone? Is this the same room where you expect them to do homework?

Neil Mayers is a former Head of Maths and Inclusion. He has helped entire classes pass GCSE maths

as early as Year 8. He is the author of Gifted at Primary, Failing by Secondary: a manual to help parents support their children through school. Neil will be delivering a free workshop and Q&A session based on his book – all are welcome.

www.giftedatprimary.com

Wednesday 12 October, 7pm

Brixton Library, Brixton Oval
SW2 1JQ

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Malika Booker and Roger Robinson present **Absolution and Shadow Boxer**

In 2001 Malika Booker and Roger Robinson were individually commissioned by Apples and Snakes

to devise solo shows. 2011 marks a decade since these landmark solo shows Shadow Boxer and Absolution were performed.

To celebrate Black History Month both artists will perform excerpts of these two shows together for a limited engagement.

"Booker is a consummate storyteller, full of charm...." Time Out

"The live equivalent of Cinema Paradiso except with Kung Fu films and playboy uncles" Time Out
London on Shadow Boxer



Anne-Marie Sandos, Black Cultural Archive presents **Ansel Wong – Trinidadian activist**

Ansel Wong came to Britain from Trinidad in the 1960s. His career ranged from the Black Arts Workshop, setting up schools in Brixton to Deputy CE of Lambeth Council. He also worked with voluntary groups whilst

writing under the name of Ade Kimathi. In 2008 Ansel's papers were donated to the Black Cultural Archives (BCA) in one large chest – come along and hear about the work of the BCA and the uncovering of one mans work.

Thursday 20 October, 7pm

Streatham Library
63 Streatham High Road
SW16 1PL



Courtia Newland, creative writing workshop **Lambeth Life through the Lens**

Using Harry Jacobs photographs of Brixtonians from the 1950s to 1990s you will do fun exercises and imagine a world gone by. Courtia Newland is

the author of six books. His latest, A Book of Blues, was nominated for the Frank O'Conner award. He also writes for the stage and screen.

Saturday 22 October
10am to 4pm

Minet Library
52 Knatchbull Road
SE5 9QY

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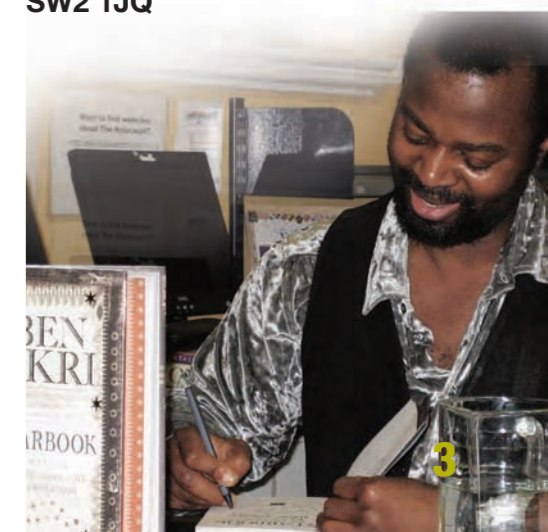
Wednesday 26 October, 7pm

Brixton Library, Brixton Oval
SW2 1JQ

Ben Okri **A Time for New Dreams**

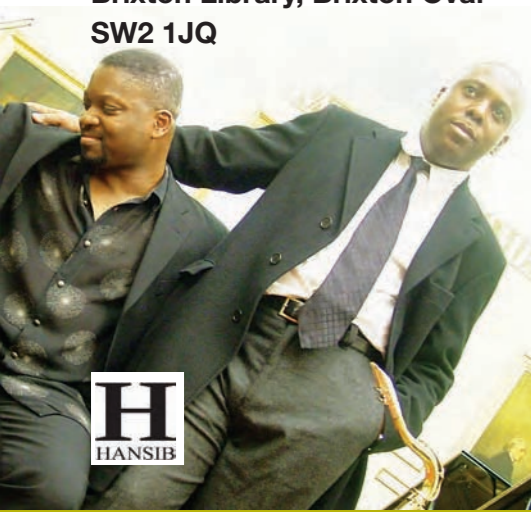
Booker-winning novelist and one of Britain's foremost poets, Ben Okri is a passionate advocate of the written word. In A Time for New Dreams he breaks new ground in a collection of linked essays which address such diverse themes as self-censorship, the role of beauty, the importance of education and the real significance of the recent economic meltdown.

Proving that 'true literature tears up the script' of how we see ourselves, A Time for New Dreams is provocative and thought-provoking whilst asking profound questions about who we are and the future that awaits us. Don't miss this – an absolute highlight of the year – booking essential.



Friday 28 October, 7pm

Brixton Library, Brixton Oval
SW2 1JQ



JA Incorporated live and direct! Fees and Disillusion

JA Incorporated, featuring Steven Gibbs (ten/sop sax and Riddim Box) and Paul Coates (keyboards and piano), are playing live and direct, presenting original Reggae/Dancehall/Jazz music.

This multi-media performance involves music, visuals and narration and takes a hard look at our society from past, present and into the future – the sus laws, the McPherson report,

the deaths of Smiley Culture and Stephen Lawrence.

HANSIB Publications, which specialises in African and Caribbean books, will be giving a short talk before the performance.

Saturday 29 October, 11am

National Film Theatre, NFT3
Southbank, SE1 8XT
Admission £5



Julian Andrews

On film Remembering Cy Grant



The National Film Theatre are showing two films in tribute to the Guyanese lawyer, actor, singer, writer, broadcaster and cultural activist and the first black actor to appear regularly on British TV.

The Encyclopaedist (UK 1961)
Produced and designed by Hal Burton and written by John Mortimer for the BBC (30minutes). A young salesman from Trinidad tries to sell a complete set of encyclopaedia

to a housewife living on the Chelsea-Fulham border in London.

Freedom Road: Songs of Negro Protest (UK 1964)

Director: Robert Fleming. Protest songs, films with photos, and prints telling the struggle for freedom and equality from the days of slavery to civil rights demonstrations.

Exhibitions

Hair Routes Exhibition

'Hair Routes' artwork is a 3D mosaic landscape of Lambeth where all the roads are made with different kinds of hair (from wigs and extensions).

Landscape has come to mean many things in the past to describe the natural environment. In the global 21st century 'landscape' can mean many things: the environment of cities, the backdrop of industry, the internalised map of a world which we carry inside

our heads and the patterns of our changing demographics.

Hair, which is such a personal part of ourselves, is synonymous with so many different cultural values and is such an identifying marker for our different peoples that it felt very appropriate to use it for our 'routes' through South London, a pathway of connections.

1 to 31 October

Carnegie Library
188 Herne Hill Road
SE24 0AG



Treasures of the Black Cultural Archives Exhibition

This exhibition will feature material from the Black Cultural Archives and offer a chance to find out more about the Black heritage centre, opening soon in Windrush Square, Brixton.

Join us to find out more about this exciting project and explore some of our fascinating exhibits.

www.brockwellpark.com

Wednesday 5 to Sunday
9 October

Brockwell Hall, Brockwell
Park, Herne Hill, SE24



George Fowokan Kelly

Children and young people



Lambeth libraries children services celebrates Black History Month by acknowledging the lives of great sportsmen and sportswomen both past and present. Why not enter our poetry competition or participate in the range of events organised for children and young people.

Monday 3 October, 5pm

Streatham Library
63 Streatham High Road
SW16 1PL
Ages 7 years plus

Poetry writing workshop

Are you a budding poet? If you are interested in writing poetry and would like to get ideas and tips come along to our poetry workshop, hosted by multi award winner and author of LoveLife6958, Christopher

Syrus, and produce your own piece of original work.

Traditional tales from Africa and the Caribbean for the under 5s

Writer and performance storyteller Sandra Agard brings to life traditional tales to celebrate Black History

Month, especially the antics of trickster Anancy.

Tuesday 18 October, 10.30am

Brixton Library
Brixton Oval, SW2 1JQ

Friday 28 October, 2.30pm

Carnegie Library
188 Herne Hill Road, SE24 0AG

Half term events

The debate: What happened? A country that hits crisis point

Recent events around the country raise many questions of what led to a national crisis and what were the causes surrounding it. This is a debate for young people and adults alike to discuss.

The evening will end with a performance by our host Christopher Syrus of his experience of being in prison.

An event not to be missed.

Friday 21 October, 7pm

Brixton Library
Brixton Oval, SW2 1JQ

African and Caribbean tales

Performance artist Winston Nzinga is an accomplished storyteller, percussionist, dancer, singer and teacher. Winston will be performing interactive storytelling sessions for children aged 5 to 11 years.

Sessions are limited to 30 places – booking is essential, see the back page for details.

Tuesday 25 October, 2.30pm

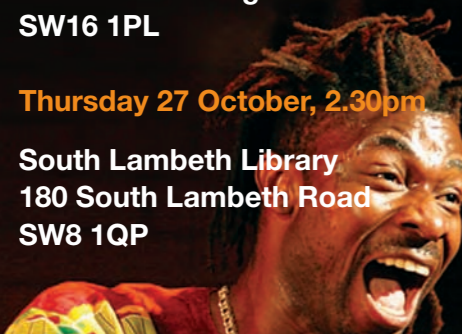
Minet Library
52 Knatchbull Road
SE5 9QY
For children aged 5 to 11 years

Wednesday 26 October, 2.30pm

Streatham Library
63 Streatham High Road
SW16 1PL

Thursday 27 October, 2.30pm

South Lambeth Library
180 South Lambeth Road
SW8 1QP



Circus skills and storytelling performance with Emmanuel the Magnificent

Ghanaian born Emmanuel the Magnificent, brings to life traditional and cultural circus skills, including hat juggling, African bowl spinning and acrobatics in this mind-blowing interactive performance.

This is a very lively, energetic and charismatic performance for both adults and children, not to be missed.

Thursday 27 October
1pm to 5pm

Brixton Library
Brixton Oval
SW2 1JQ
Ages 9 years plus,
booking is essential



Video and Film production course

Ever dreamt of becoming a successful film maker like Spike Lee? Why not take your first steps into filmmaking and learn the basic techniques of script writing, editing and filming.

The film making will loosely be based around great sporting heroes.

Course facilitated by freelance Film Director Rohan Green.

Thursday 27 October, 11am

Clapham Library
1 Northside, Clapham Common
SW4 0QW

Poetry writing workshop with Sandra Agard

Sandra Agard's poetry and short stories have been published in several books including Tales, Myths and Legends, Time for Telling and Unheard Voices. Learn how to

produce your own piece of poetry through this creative workshop.

Poetry competition

There are many great sports men and women who have contributed to sports from the modern day sprinting of Usain Bolt to the first black footballer, Arthur Wharton.

Enter our competition by writing a poem, or creative piece, on one of your sporting heroes or heroines

who have made the Black history hall of fame.

Collect an entry form from any Lambeth library or download from lambethlibrariesbhmpoetry-competition@lambeth.gov.uk

Entries will be judged in three Categories: Ages: 7 to 9, 10 to 12 years and 13 years and above. Closing date 31 October 2011. Each category will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winner. Vouchers to be won. The decision of the judges will be final.

Author talk- Alex Wheatle

Alex Wheatle popular local author of Dirty South, Brenton Brown and East of Acre Lane, amongst others,

will talk about his writing and offer tips to budding young writers.

Monday 14 November, 5pm

Streatham Library
63 Streatham High Road
SW16 1PL



Schools information

There will be activities and worksheets based around the theme of great sports men and women throughout October. If you would like to arrange a visit to the library, please contact the library closest to your school.