

# Our Camden Libraries

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

**July 2021** - Please wear a face covering, sanitize your hands and keep 2 metres distant from others when visiting Camden Libraries



## Launching 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021 Summer Reading Challenge Wild World Heroes

Get ready for **Wild World Heroes**, arriving [online](#) and in your **Camden local library** this summer so come and sign up!

Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville! It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there.

Taking part in the challenge will unlock rewards, collect stickers, and take part in events and activities throughout the summer both online and outdoors. Special summertime activities with The London Zoo and Kentish Town City Farm for our hero activists are not to be missed!

The challenge is open to all children aged 4-12 and we have a mini challenge for younger children. To complete the challenge children read six books during the summer holidays. Create a review and gain prizes when they read 2, 4 and 6 books. When you complete the challenge you are awarded a unique certificate!

So let's go! Are you ready to be a hero?



## Our July library offer

Our libraries will be phasing in our pre-Covid [opening hours](#) from the 26<sup>th</sup> July, please see our website for more details.

Camden Town Library remains closed for use as a lateral flow testing centre.

As restrictions begin to ease more we hope to start trailing some children's activities in libraries with in indoor and outdoor settings so check our website for more information.



## Our Library Books want to come home

Our library books want to come back to the library, it's been over a year for some of our books and they are homesick. Please return our library books to any of our Camden Libraries between **1<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021** and all existing fines will be waived.

**As from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**, fines on overdue books will be re-introduced including the usual 3-week loan period for our books.

All Camden Libraries are now open Monday – Thursday 11am – 6pm and Friday and Saturday 11am – 3.30pm with exception of Highgate library and Camden Town Library, please see our [library opening times](#). Come along and choose some new titles, you can spend up to 20 minutes browsing in the library or just return those library books that have overstayed their welcome in your home.

So why wait, get those books back to us now and they can bring enjoyment to someone new.

## Camden Libraries and UCL with Carnegie UK Trust invite you to join us exploring what makes a neighbourhood?

Take a stroll around your neighbourhood in Kilburn, Swiss Cottage or Pancras Square with artist Richard DeDomenici to chat about local places of personal interest and importance to you. What is the history of your local area? What are the current relevant issues for your neighbourhood? What will your neighbourhood look like in the future?

Chats will be informally filmed for a new project about local history called What Makes A Neighbourhood.

Strolls commence from July 19<sup>th</sup>, and should take no more than an hour. Bring a local friend if you like!

Contact [camden.neighbourhood@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:camden.neighbourhood@ucl.ac.uk) to express your interest by 9<sup>th</sup> July. Places are limited.

What Makes A Neighbourhood is a new project between [Camden Libraries](#), [UCL Culture](#), artist [Richard DeDomenici](#),

## Borrowbox – eAudiobooks

Enjoy listening to eAudiobooks from your favourite authors everywhere you go. Camden library members can access Borrowbox here <https://camdenuk.borrowbox.com/> or download the Borrowbox app now.

There is a wide variety of free online reading available if you have a Camden library card. If you don't have library membership, you can join today <https://bit.ly/3gzCO9a>



## What's on in Camden

To find out what's happening in your neighbourhood this summer visit [www.lovecamden.org/events](http://www.lovecamden.org/events)

## Live exhibition Wedding Fair

Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 Pancras Square in Kings Cross and free of charge. Please book on line via [Love Camden](http://LoveCamden). All enquiries [events@camden.gov.uk](mailto:events@camden.gov.uk) or 020 7974 5633



## Library Updates

### Zoom Sessions - excluding Bank Holidays

- [Poetry Group](#) Mondays 4-4.45pm
- [Knitting Group](#) Tuesdays 4-5pm
- [Story Time with Amina](#) Wednesdays 11am
- [Rhyme time with Bianca](#) Thursdays 10.30am
- [Camden Libraries Book Lovers](#) please see website for more information

### YouTube Videos

Our [YouTube videos](#) are aimed at all ages including book reviews and story times.

### Covid Safety in libraries

We are keeping our existing safety measures to keep everyone safe so please wear a face covering, sanitize hands and keep 2 metres distant from others when visiting our Libraries

[Join Camden libraries for free](#). Our system gives a temporary membership ID you can use it to borrow from our [Digital library](#), using the PIN you created.

To use our computers or borrow physical items, bring your temporary ID, photo ID and proof of your address to your nearest library.

Our other services such as [bookable study space](#), [Home Library Service](#), [reservations](#), [Local Studies appointments and virtual events](#), [YouTube videos](#), [Zoom sessions for adults and children](#), and computer access are available.

## 24th July, 12.30pm - 1.30pm Maths on Toast 'Stay-in' Family Session – Meet the Maths Mates

For children aged 4 - 12 and their families  
Maths Mates assemble!

They're back this summer for another mission - helping to clean up our oceans. But before the mission begins, the Maths Mates have challenged you to figure them out - from birthdays to shoe size, numbers are a part of us! Get to know the Maths Mates, then create your own profiles using the numbers that make up you!

Book your free tickets via this [Eventbrite link](#). After more creative maths fun? Find fun, hands-on resources [here](#)





## Camden Together - a season celebrating Camden's reopening through arts and culture

Cultural Camden is thrilled to announce Camden Together an ambitious borough wide season of events championing our neighbourhoods, our dynamic communities, and our stories. The collaborative programme will amplify voices and create a legacy to inspire positive change. From venues to streateries and parks to high streets, thousands of people will participate from the beginning of July through to the end of October, celebrating Camden's rich and vibrant cultural landscape through music, dance, public art and more. It's time to truly relish in the joy and diversity of Camden.

Programme of events coming soon to [www.lovecamden.org](http://www.lovecamden.org)

## Swiss Cottage Gallery presents 'I am a theatre': 40 Years of Clean Break Theatre

**Company** - free exhibition, 24 June to 31 July.

Book now: [www.cleanbreak.org.uk/productions/iamatheatre/](http://www.cleanbreak.org.uk/productions/iamatheatre/)

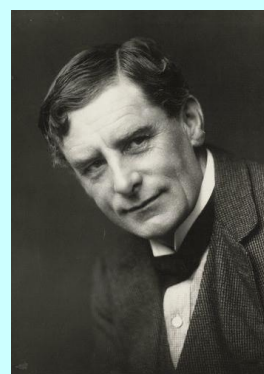
**Camden Alive presents Tensed Muscles**, a new work by Steffi Klentz, 21 May to 11 July  
[www.camdenartscentre.org](http://www.camdenartscentre.org) at the Camden Art Centre, Arkwright Road NW3.

## Post-Impressionism Artists in London: The Camden Town Group @ 6pm on Tuesday 20th July– Free event

Dr Ellie Pridgeon, Consultant Archivist and teacher of the History of Art, examines the work of the Camden Town Group of artists of the early twentieth century and its significance.

The talk lasts forty-five minutes and will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Book your place here – <https://www.camden.gov.uk/local-history-exhibitions-and-events#eenn>



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**To keep you up to date with changes to council services and support available through the Council and its partners, you'll find updates at**

**[www.camden.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.camden.gov.uk/coronavirus)** for the latest on council services and information on essential support. The webpage contains information in different languages and formats.

You can also check the rolling news feed at **[camden.gov.uk/coronavirusnews](http://camden.gov.uk/coronavirusnews)**, Twitter **@CamdenCouncil** or speak to someone at the Council directly on **020 7974 4444 (option 9)**.

## Caddy liners available in libraries

Compostable caddy liners can be collected free from our libraries. You can collect liners for neighbours and relatives that live in Camden.

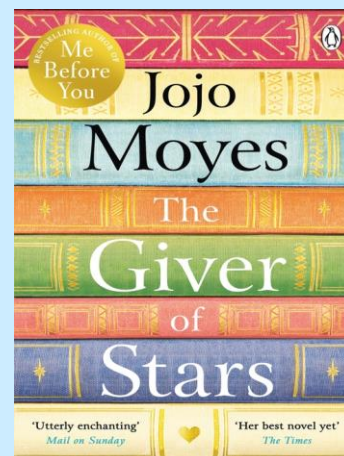
To ensure there is enough for everyone we ask you only take one roll.

If health issues prevent you from accessing Camden libraries, please call 020 3567 8105



## Our Digital Library

Use your library card to borrow from our digital library which includes e-magazines, e-graphic novels and more available on the Libby app. See our selection of trending titles such as



<https://camdenlibrary.overdrive.com>