

Highly commended 'The Bookseller'
'Library of the Year Award 2019'

PRESTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY



AUTUMN 2019

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PRESTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY SHORTLISTED FOR THE BOOKSELLER LIBRARY OF THE YEAR AWARD 2019

On July 1, the library was one of 9 British libraries shortlisted for this Award - the other 8 libraries are *fully funded and fully staffed!* PCL is the *only* volunteer library and the *only* library to be –

“Highly Commended for the tireless work of its volunteers and for its position at the heart of the community”.

This is an incredible achievement for our tiny library, and it is for all that *everyone* has done - community, volunteers, members, and the authors, publishers, agents, and other supporters who have enabled the library in the words of *The Bookseller* to do, 'a *fine job in offering a library service to its community in the absence of any alternative.*'

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Police Surgeries – to report crime or seek help and advice - continue through the year. Ask in the library for a list of dates and times. The **Safer Neighbourhood Team** meets in the library every three months, to talk about crime and related issues in the Preston Road area. The next meeting is 7pm, 22 January 2020. All local residents are welcome. For future dates and more information, see twitter @MPSPreston or email prestonwardsnt@gmail.com.

September 25: 4.30pm – Pearly Kings and Queens visit the library and talk about their work.

September 26: 6-8pm – Green New Deal Workshop – tickets from eventbrite.co.uk/e/green-new-deal-workshop-brent-tickets-72784810327

October 3: National Poetry Day

October 9: 5.30pm - a celebration for National Libraries Week and our commendation from *The Bookseller* Award – everyone welcome.

October 21: 7.30pm in The Preston pub - fundraising **quiz**

November 25: 7.30pm in The Preston pub - fundraising **quiz**

December 1: 7.30pm PCL Christmas Party in The Windermere pub

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PRESTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO STUDY, CHOOSE BOOKS, READ NEWSPAPERS, ACCESS WIFI - OR JOIN IN A CLASS OR ACTIVITY. IT'S A REAL COMMUNITY SPACE FOR ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS.

OPENING HOURS

MONDAYS ... 1pm till 7pm

WEDNESDAYS ... 1pm till 7pm

FRIDAYS ... 1pm till 7pm

SATURDAYS ... 11am till 5pm

CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

Under 5s Story & Rhyme Time: Monday 10.30-11.30.

Email priya.patel1612@gmail.com

Knitting: Mondays 1.15-3pm

Memory Lounge: Mondays 2-4pm

Book Group – monthly, usually a Monday 4-5pm. For details contact Anne on 020 89041750

English – ESOL: Wednesdays and Saturdays 2.30-5pm. Phone Suzanne 07507997955.

Art Class for adults: Wednesdays 3.15-5.15pm

Computers/IT: Wednesdays 4-6pm. Book with Ray - 07799953229

Chess Club: 1st + 3rd Wednesdays each month 4-6pm

Yoga: Wednesdays 7.30-9pm. Phone Samantha on 07801697712

Maths Fridays 3.45-4.45 [Year 5] + 5-6pm [Year 4]

Italian Class: Saturdays: beginners 11-12, conversation 12-1pm

Science and Maths surgeries for GCSE and A level students: Saturdays. Email viral.g@hotmail.com

Cinema: Saturdays 7.30pm. Films are free to our library members [join at the door], but donations are encouraged to finance future films. Drop in for a programme. **Thursday** night film season re-starts October 10, with documentary films from 1930s+ 40s



Preston Community Library & Hub

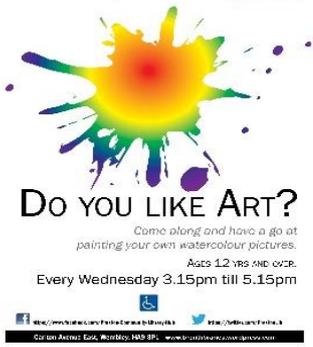


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Art Class for adults

The **Art Class for adults** continues every Wednesday 3.15-5.15. Have you ever tried painting your own pictures in watercolour? You will end up with a picture you can hang in your home for it to be admired by your friends and family. Paper, brushes and paints will be provided for you to have a go – just drop in. If you decide to come regularly, you will be advised what to buy.

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The Saman Shamsie Young Writers' Challenge



On July 14, the children's author Saman Shamsie presented certificates for the Young Writers' Challenge. The children go to local schools and five attend the Library's ESOL [English for Speakers of Other Languages] class. Among the award winners were Vaibhav Gaddi, who has just won a national short story competition, and Jaynie Shah, who has won a Pride of Brent volunteer award for helping in the ESOL and Maths classes. The Writing Challenge was organised by Suzanne, ESOL teacher at the library.



Imagery Storytelling and Film workshops

During the summer, we ran two workshops for children, introducing them to the history of cinema and including fun ways of storytelling by using mixed mediums for self-expression. By encouraging them to observe their surroundings, we helped them understand the processes behind making a story into a film. By the end of the workshops, our students had their very own short film to be proud of. You can see more about what went on in this video www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7zrMX8nde0 . To find out more about our upcoming workshops, contact **Imagery** on 07850667494.

... and in the Film Club

In July, a very full Film Club had a brilliant double event when we were visited by Rick Stroud, author of *Kidnap in Crete*. The book tells the story of the daring abduction by two British officers and the island's Resistance of the General commanding the occupying German forces. Rick introduced the 1949 film *Ill Met by Moonlight*, which made this extraordinary escapade famous. The evening was also a joyful celebration: Rick is a Trustee of the famous London Library, the largest independent library in the world which was shortlisted along with PCL in *The Bookseller* Library of the Year Award 2019.

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We need volunteers to keep the library open. If you can help, leave your contact details in the library or email us on prestoncommunitylibrary@gmail.com