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'Library of the Year Award 2019'

PRESTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY



WINTER 2021

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

It has now been ten years since we embarked on our campaign to save our local library, and we have come a long way since then. It has been a difficult and challenging year for all of us. We have been working hard to reorganise the layout of the library and set up screens and other precautions for our volunteers so that it is secure for when it is safe to reopen our doors and welcome the public back in again. In the meantime, we are organising some online events and activities [see below]. Email prestoncommunitylibrary@gmail.com for a link to join in.

We hope that you have enjoyed seeing the art -works in our sunken garden, as well as our tree - the first festive lights and Christmas Tree in Preston Road for 10 years! We wish a happy and safe New Year to all our members and supporters.

CHILDREN'S ONLINE EVENTS

January 23 : 2.30pm - Our Children's Laureate, **Saman Shamsie**, joins us from Karachi in a story-telling from her delightful illustrated books. **For ages 4-7**

February 6 : 2.30pm - We welcome the award-winning author Adam Baron with a launch of his new book ***This Wonderful Thing*** - a firm favourite with Waterstones. We may even learn something about 'Sourdough making for Kids'! **For children aged 6-9.**

February 13 : 2.30pm - **Saman Shamsie** kindly returns for the UK launch of her new book for older children, ***Where Rivers Meet*** - an exciting holiday adventure. Four young friends meet Blind Talking Dolphins, Evil Snakefish and are drawn through Magic Portals to take part in a nail-biting under-water battle and much more! Will anyone believe them? Can they save the Rivers from ecological disaster? **For ages 6-9**

FORTHCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

A Jewish childhood in Brent

by
Louise Dryden

**Thursday
28th
January
2021
2:30-3:30pm**

An Online talk - charts Louise's family history through three generations, beginning in the 1920's; against the backdrop of local landmarks familiar to many Brent residents. It is based on a series of slides/photos.

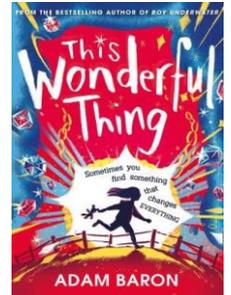
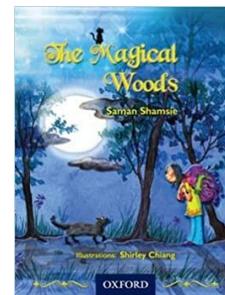
Email your request for the Zoom link to:
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January 28 : 2.30pm - A Jewish Childhood in Brent .

A fascinating illustrated talk by former resident **Louise Dryden**: we will hear about her family history and her experiences growing up as a Jewish child in Brent. This is a talk that comes highly recommended!

February 18 : 2.30pm - Book Launch for **Martha Leigh's Invisible Ink.**

From her large family archive, Martha has unearthed almost incredible facts about her parents - extraordinary people living in extraordinary times. Her father Ralph, a poor Jew from the East End, became the world-expert on Jean-Jacques Rousseau; her mother, Edith, also Jewish from Central Europe, a gifted pianist. She escaped the Nazis: he nursed a secret he took to the grave. In uncovering their stories, the author takes a journey towards understanding herself.



For school-age children at home – check-out BBC Bitesize lessons via the red button on your TV
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvryp4j



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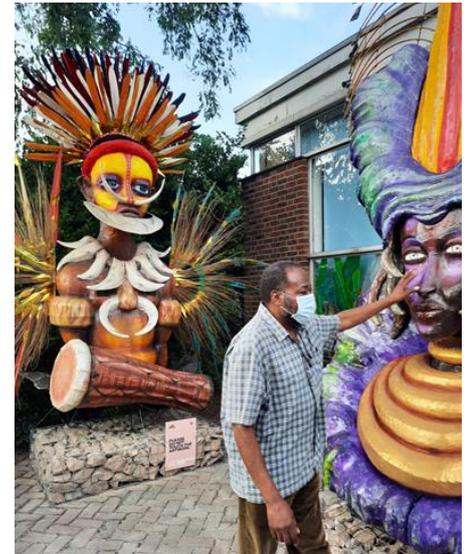
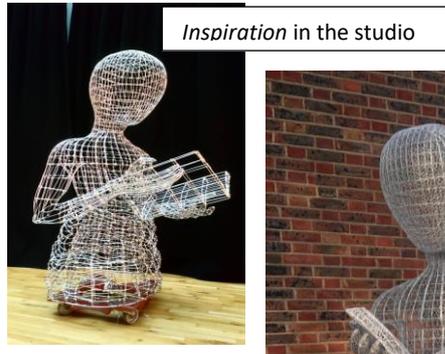


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Inspiration !



Inspiration outside the Library and Carl installing his Carnival figures.

When Brent won the title of London Borough of Culture 2020, each of the Libraries was asked to come up with an idea for an artwork to reflect the diversity of culture in the Borough. Supported by the overwhelming results of a survey of members and residents, Preston Community Library gave the go-ahead for a sculpture of a gender-neutral figure, engrossed in a book, crossing the Green near the library. The artist chosen was Carl Gabriel, an internationally recognised artist working primarily in wire-formed sculptures. His interpretation of the commission was installed in the sunken garden of the library on September 15, 2020. It will remain in place until at least the end of January 2021 when we hope it will be relocated onto the Green. Carl was amazingly generous with his time and, in addition to the commissioned *Inspiration*, lent the library two of his wonderful Carnival sculptures, which have brightened up the garden during these dark times. Carl also opened his archive to us and there will be an exhibition of his photographs later in the year - watch this space!

Kayla

PCL's English Study Group

'ESOL' sessions have not stopped during the closure of the Library. We have been open **24/7** using our Facebook Group. – link here: [Eflclassroom|FacebookGroup](#) <<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EflClassroom>> . We post activities which members can try out in their own time, with some students sending us screen-shots of their work and scores for activities. We use Messenger to chat to each other. We also use **Skype** - or we post a **Zoom link** in our Group for our sessions together. We have created **51 Study Units** to support all the levels of our members. **PLEASE REQUEST TO JOIN US** at [Eflclassroom Group | Facebook](#) .We look forward to seeing you Virtually!

Our mail: libraryhub68@gmail.com

Suzanne

Efl classroom shared a link.
Yesterday at 00:39 · 🌐

<https://wordwall.net/play/058/420/9186>

WORDWALL.NET
Materials in a kitchen
Labelled diagram - Drag and drop the pins to their correct place

Private group · 47 members

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Word and Picture Book ...

- Easter Story Cards Sequencing - Reading and pict...**
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- Question Cards for Conversation Practice.**
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- Children's English for parents and teachers.**
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We need volunteers to keep the library open. If you can help, email us on prestoncommunitylibrary@gmail.com