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BEXLEY LITERARY FESTIVAL

**BOOK
BUZZ**

10-24 FEBRUARY 2018

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WELCOME TO BOOK BUZZ



Bexley's very first Literary Festival

We have put together a packed programme of events and activities across the fortnight. There is something for everyone – adults, children, teens, families and school groups.

There will be storytellers, theatre performances, comic arts workshops, dance and drama workshops, a poetry spin, "Where's Wally?" hunts and Harry Potter activities to enjoy over half term. As well as all of this there will be visits from special guests such as The Gruffalo, Elmer and Peter Rabbit.

Best-selling authors including Ben Aaronovitch, Stephen Booth, Rosie Goodwin, Mike Gayle, Alison Weir and Simon Brett will all be coming to Bexley.

There will also be workshops on creative writing, screenplays and how to get published and much more.

I'm delighted that this fantastic fortnight of fun is happening across our brilliant borough.

We hope you enjoy our first Book Buzz – and keep in touch with Bexley Libraries on Facebook and Twitter during the festival for news and additions to the programme.

Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Environment and Leisure, Cllr Peter Craske

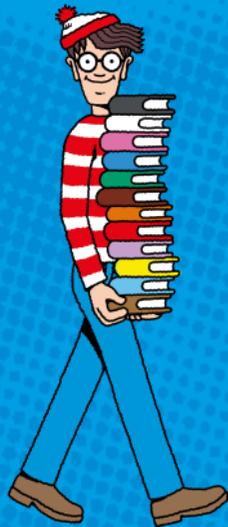
Most events are free but will need tickets in advance.

www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com
[#Bookbuzz](https://twitter.com/Bookbuzz)

LOOK OUT FOR THESE EVENTS IN LIBRARIES DURING THE FESTIVAL



WHERE'S WALLY?



WHERE'S WALLY? HUNT

Come and join in with the hunt... no need to book, just turn up!

- Bexley Village Community Library
Thursday 15 February from 10am - 12 noon
- Blackfen Community Library
Tuesday 13 February from 10.30am - 11.30am
- Bostall Community Library
Monday 12 February from 10am - 12 noon
- Central Library – Saturday 10 February from 10am - 12 noon
- Crayford Library – Saturday 10 February from 3pm - 4pm
- Erith Library – Saturday 24 February from 3pm - 4pm
- North Heath Community Library
Saturday 10 February from 10am - 12 noon
- Sidcup Library – Friday 16 February from 3pm - 4pm
- Slade Green Community Library – Tuesday 13 February from 2pm - 3pm
- Thamesmead Library – Thursday 15 February from 2pm - 3pm
- Upper Belvedere Community Library
Tuesday 20 February from 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- Welling Library – Friday 16 February from 10.30am - 11.30am

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THE WIZARDING WORLD OF HARRY POTTER

Come and join in with the magical fun, with quizzes, puzzles and activities... no need to book, just turn up!

- Bexley Village Community Library
Friday 23 February from 3.45pm - 4.45pm
- Blackfen Community Library
Thursday 15 February from 10.30am - 11.30am
- Bostall Community Library – Tuesday 20 February from 4pm - 5pm
- Central Library – Thursday 15 February from 3pm - 4pm
- Crayford Library – Saturday 24 February from 3pm - 4pm
- Erith Library – Wednesday 14 February from 3pm - 4pm
- North Heath Community Library
Saturday 10 February from 10am - 12 noon
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- Thamesmead Library – Monday 19 February from 4pm - 5pm
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- Welling Library – Tuesday 20 February from 4pm - 5pm



SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY

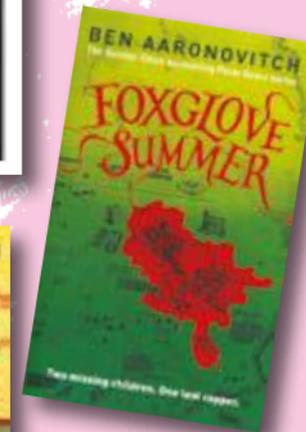
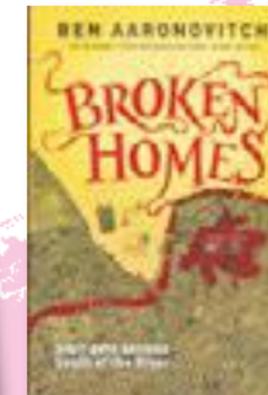
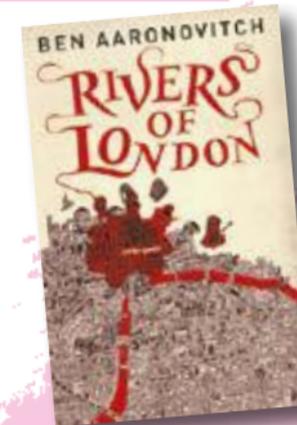
- Ben Aaronovitch
- Character Meet and Greet
- Free Face Painting
- Circus Workshop

BEN AARONOVITCH

Ben is a former Doctor Who screenwriter and the author of the bestselling and superbly entertaining “*Rivers of London*” supernatural crime series.

Central Library - 2pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



SAT 10 FEB

FREE FACE PAINTING

Come along and join in the fun at the Central Library as we launch Book Buzz and have your face painted by our professional artists – perhaps you'll choose to be your favourite book character for the day!

Central Library
10am – 3pm

No need to book – just pop in!



SAT 10 FEB

CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP

Come and learn some circus skills including juggling, diabolo and plate spinning.

Suitable for children aged 6 and over

Central Library
1pm – 4pm

No need to book – just pop in!



SAT 10 FEB

CHARACTER MEET AND GREET



Come and meet some book character favourites – the Gruffalo, Peter Rabbit and Elmer...

Look out for them in the Central Library and in Bexleyheath during the day...

SAT 10 FEB



MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY



- Storyteller – Kevin Graal
- Robotics workshops
- Rory Clements
- Drama workshop

Storyteller - Kevin Graal

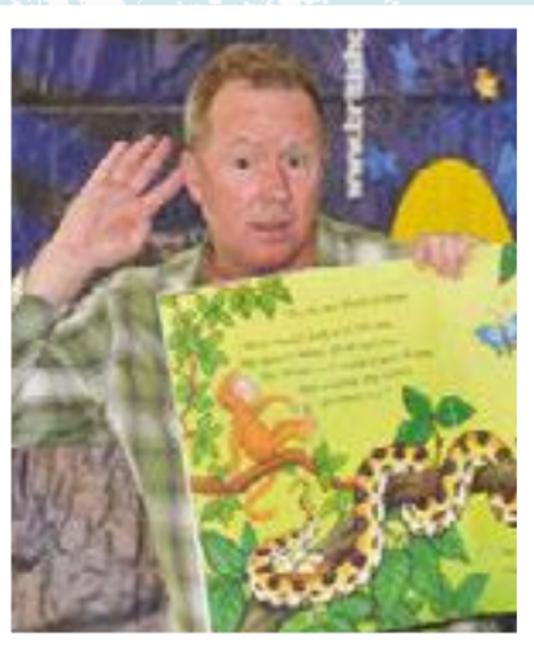
Come and join in with a fun storytelling session, for children aged 5 – 10 years.

Central Library – 11am - 12 noon

Welling Library – 2pm - 3pm

Thamesmead Library – 4pm - 5pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



MON 12 FEB

If you want to gain some experience in building a robot, why not book onto our robotics workshop?

Ages 8+

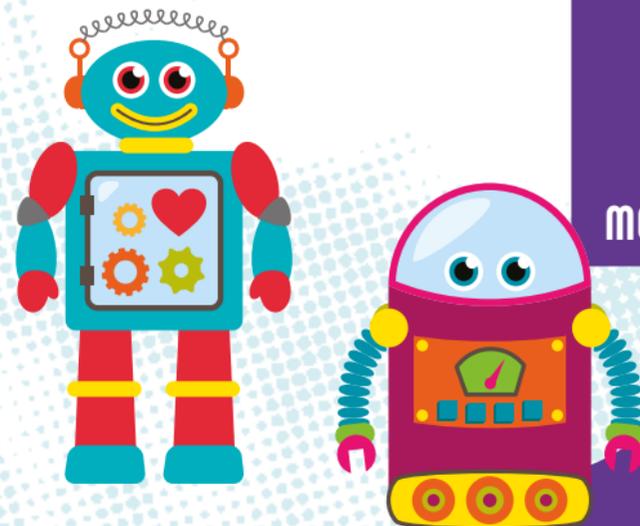
Thamesmead Library

10.30am - 12.30pm

Crayford Library

2pm - 4pm

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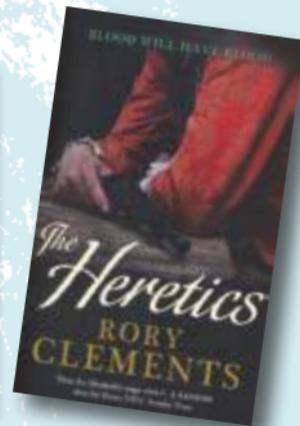
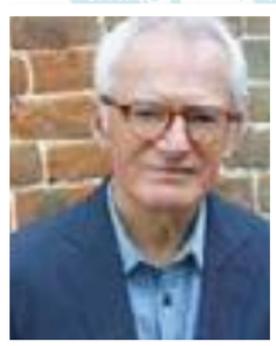


Meet the author

Meet the author of the best-selling “John Shakespeare” series of historical thrillers and winner of the CWA Historical Dagger Award

Central Library – 2.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



MON 12 FEB

With the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

An opportunity to take part in a drama class with the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, whose aim is to develop self-confidence and self-esteem through drama. Most of all, the aim is to have lots of fun!

For ages 8 - 11 years

Sidcup Library – 3pm - 4pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



MON 12 FEB



- Dance workshop
- Comic Arts workshops
- Performances of Roald Dahl's "The Twits"
- Anansi stories with the Freshwater Theatre Company
- Rosie Goodwin

DANCE WORKSHOP

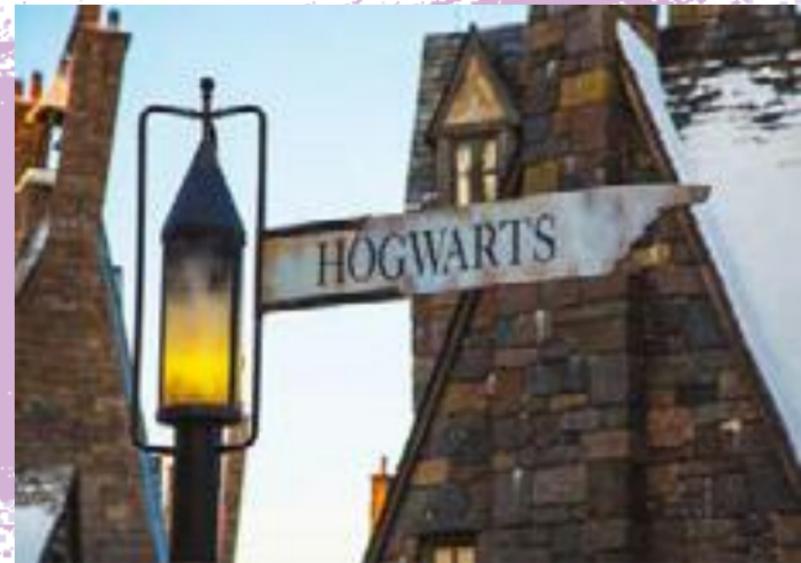


Inspired by the magic of Harry Potter

For ages 7 and up

Erith Library
10.30am - 12 noon

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at
www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



With Emily Fellah

For ages 8 and up

Thamesmead Library – 11am - 12.30pm

Welling Library – 2pm - 3.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



TUES 13 FEB

Roald Dahl's "The Twits" – with storyteller, John Kirk

Mr and Mrs Twit enjoy playing horrid tricks but when the Roly Poly Bird comes to visit their whole world will be turned upside down.

"The Twits" is presented with the kind permission of Casarotto Ramsay and the Roald Dahl estate.

For children and families age 6+

Please note, this show features sticky glue (water!)

Sidcup Library – 11am - 11.40am

Crayford Library – 2pm - 2.40pm

Erith Library – 4pm - 4.40pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



TUES 13 FEB



With the Freshwater Theatre Company

For ages 4 – 7 years

Central Library – 11am - 12 noon

Thamesmead Library – 2pm - 3pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



Rosie has written a number of bestselling classic, contemporary and historical sagas and is now rated amongst the top 100 most borrowed authors from UK public libraries.

Central Library – 2.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



- Comic Arts workshops
- Early Years Hunts with the Freshwater Theatre Company
- Speaking volumes with Gordon Griffin
- Robotics workshop
- Creative writing workshop
- Drama workshop

WED 14 FEB

With Emily Fella

For ages 8 and up

Sidcup Library
11am - 12.30pm

Crayford Library
2pm - 3.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



With the Freshwater Theatre Company

Come and join us for an action-packed, interactive sensory adventure and pick up clues to create a magical story together.

For ages 3 - 4 years

Crayford Library – 11am - 12 noon

Welling Library – 2pm - 3pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



WED 14 FEB

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With Gordon Griffin, the voice of talking books

Gordon Griffin is an actor who has recorded over 700 audio books – more than anyone else in Europe. He is also the voice of London Underground's "Mind the Gap" announcements. He will be talking about his work and how an audiobook is prepared. In November he was presented with an MBE from the Queen for his services to audiobooks.

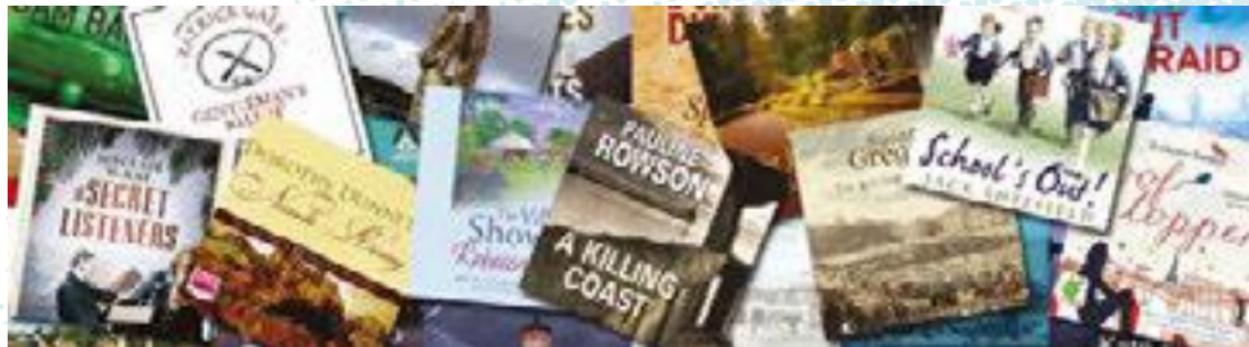
With thanks to W.F. Howes for their generous sponsorship of this event.

Central Library – 11am - 12 noon

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ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

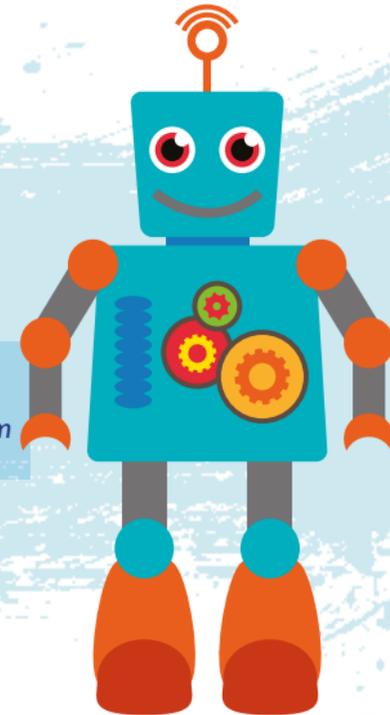


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Ages 8+

Central Library
2.30pm - 4.30pm

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WED 14 FEB

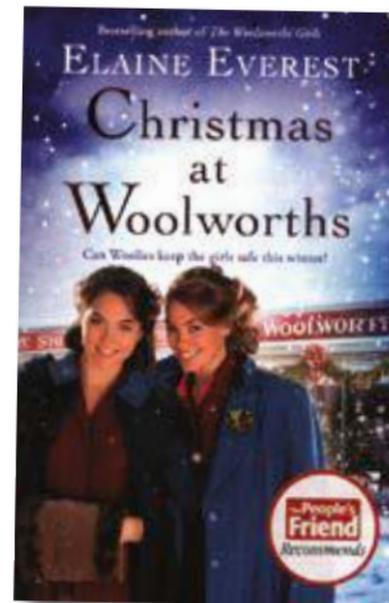
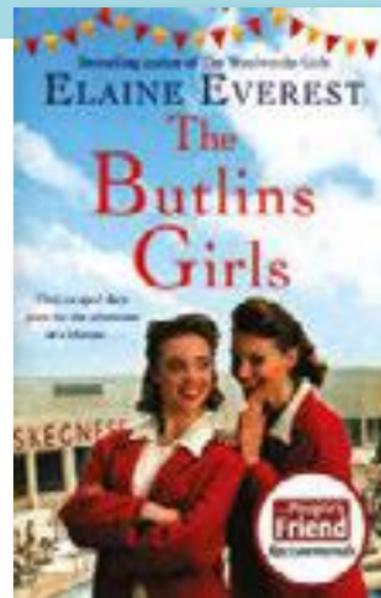
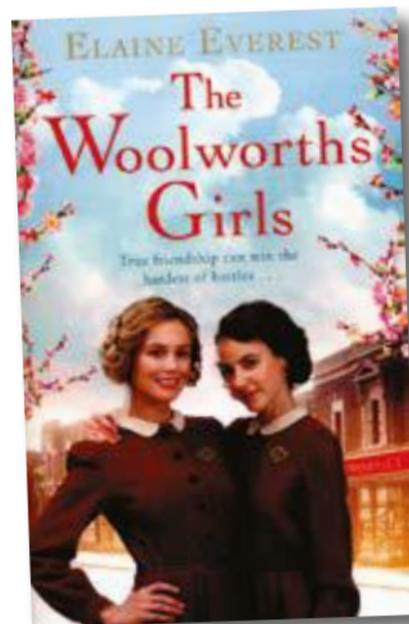
CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Author, journalist and tutor Elaine Everest will be leading a creative writing workshop

Elaine has written three novels as well as having short stories and features published in women's magazines. When she isn't writing, Elaine runs The Write Place creative writing school in Dartford and the blog for the Romantic Novelists' Association.

Sidcup Library – 2.30pm - 4.30pm

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DRAMA WORKSHOP

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For ages 8 - 11 years

Thamesmead Library
3pm - 4pm

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THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY



- Dance workshop
- Drama workshop
- Carnival of Stories with the Freshwater Theatre Company
- Geeky Greeks and Dippy Dinosaurs
- Robotics workshop
- Bag books
- Dear Diary...
- An afternoon with Simon Brett
- Apples and Snakes present SPIN
- An evening with Mike Gayle

WED 14 FEB

DANCE WORKSHOP

Inspired by the magic of Harry Potter

For ages 7 and up

Central Library
10.30am - 12 noon

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For ages 5-8 years

Welling Library
10.30am - 11.30am

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



THURS 15 FEB

With the Freshwater Theatre Company

Take your children on a sensory journey starting in England in 'Amazing Grace', then onto Kenya in 'Handa's Surprise' and finally to the Caribbean in 'Island Counting', with interactive activities based around these stories.

For ages 3 - 4 years

Erith Library – 11am - 12noon

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THURS 15 FEB



Geeky Greeks and Dippy Dinosaurs with Gillian Mead

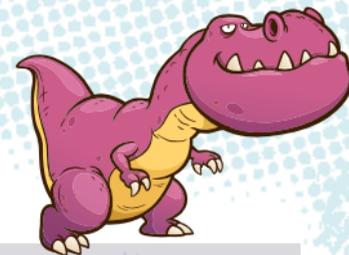
Learn to decode Ancient Greek - the language of ancient gods and heroes. Then discover why dinosaurs have such strange names - you may even be able to discover your own prehistoric monster!

For ages 8 - 12 years

Crayford Library
12 noon - 1pm

Welling Library
2.30pm - 3.30pm

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THURS 15 FEB

ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

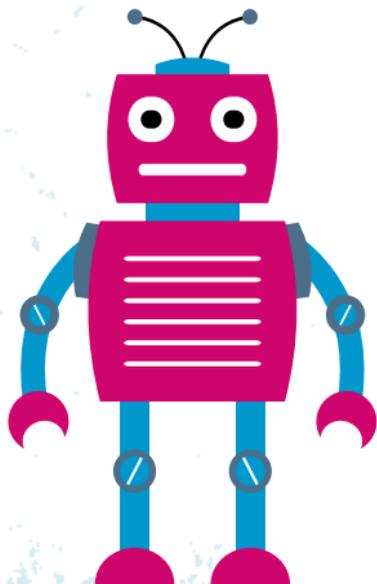
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Ages 8+

Erith Library

2pm - 4pm

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THURS 15 FEB

BAG BOOK SESSION

With
Nina Martinez

Multi-sensory stories
for people with learning
disabilities.

Sidcup Library
2pm - 3pm

No need to book -
just turn up!



THURS 15 FEB



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A look at the personal memories of local people from the Local Studies and Archive Centre's collection - with Simon McKeon.

Local Studies and Archive Centre (Central Library) – 2pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com

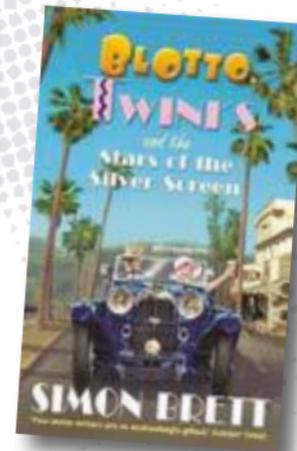


With Simon Brett

Author of the “Mrs Pargeter” and “Blotto and Twinks” series of detective novels, Simon was awarded the prestigious CWA Diamond Dagger award in 2014.

The Great Hall at Hall Place 2.30pm

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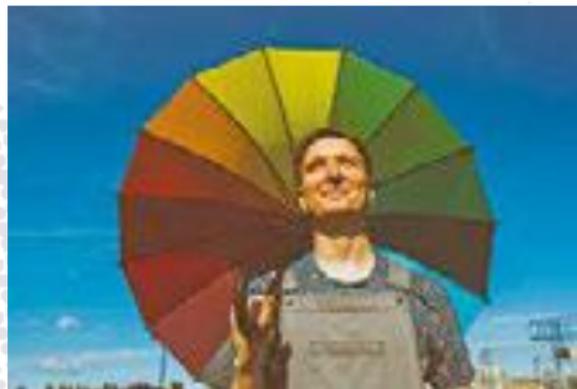
Apples and Snakes present SPIN

Apples and Snakes present word-wizards Gecko, Joseph Coelho and Adam Kammerling as they cook up wonderful ways to play with words, showing just what you can do with them. Join us for a poetry revolution!

Age 12+

Central Library – 5.30pm - 6.30pm

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Gecko

THURS 15 FEB



Joseph Coelho



Adam Kammerling

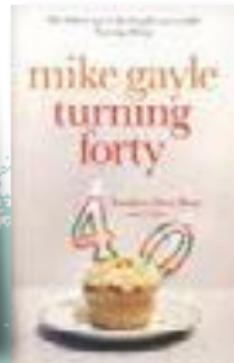
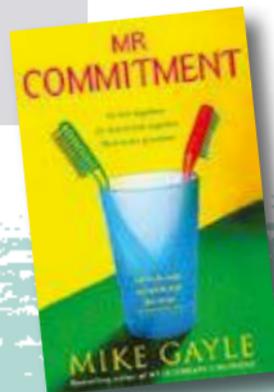
THURS 15 FEB

With Mike Gayle

Mike has written 12 funny and insightful novels giving a glimpse into the male psyche – including “My Legendary Girlfriend”, “Turning 30” and “Mr Commitment”.

Central Library – 7.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



- Comic Arts Masterclasses
- Getting yourself into print
- Family history and the media – with Nick Barratt
- The exploits of Colonel Blood – with Angus Donald
- Musical storytimes with Chitra Soundar

COMIC ARTS MASTERCLASS



With Kev F. Sutherland

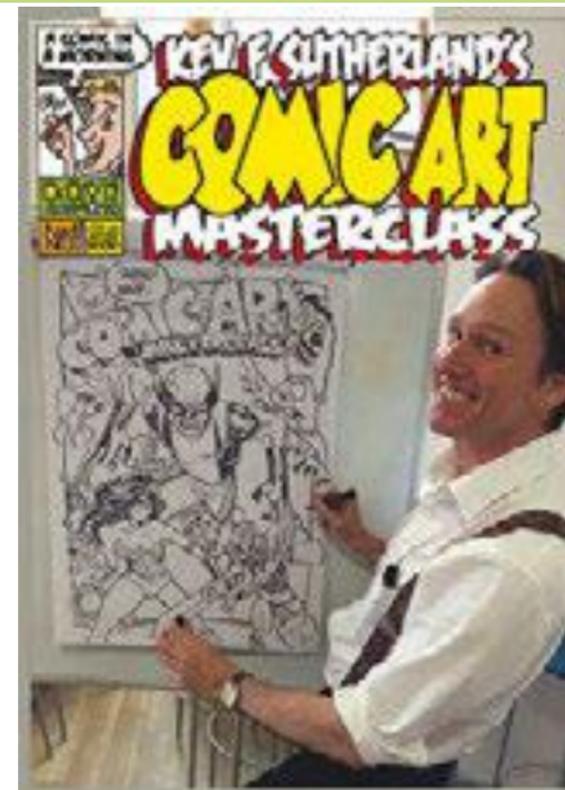
Kev draws for comics like The Beano and Doctor Who Adventures, Match and Marvel. Come along and learn all you need to know to create comic strips and manga.

Only for ages 8 and over

Central Library
10am - 12.30pm

Erith Library
2pm - 4.30pm

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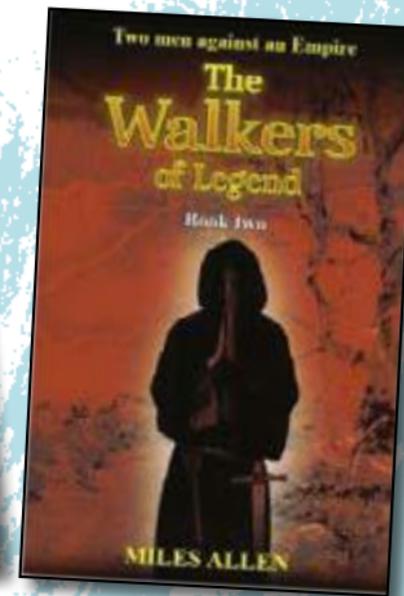
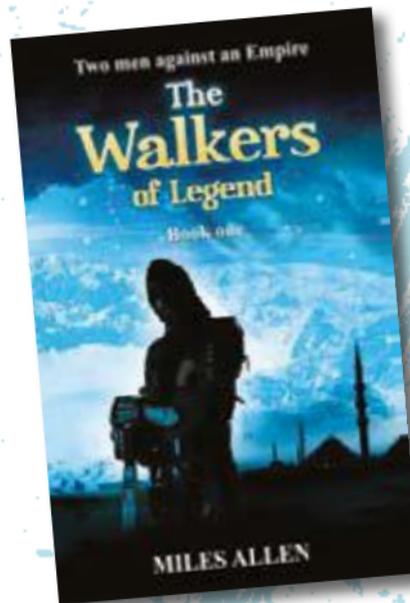
FRI 16 FEB

The revolution in self-publishing with Miles Allen

Local author Miles Allen will be talking about the new publishing environment and giving advice on getting into print.

Central Library
10.30am - 11.30am

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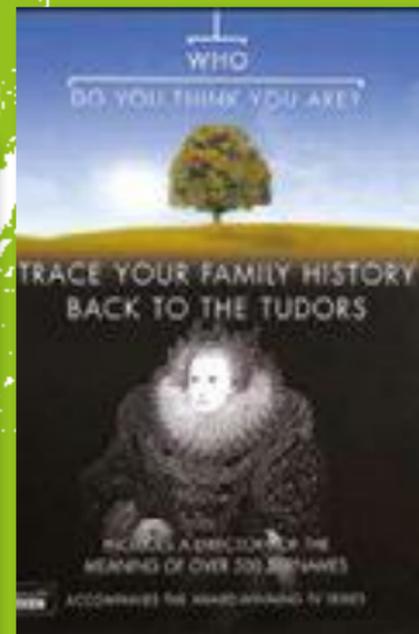
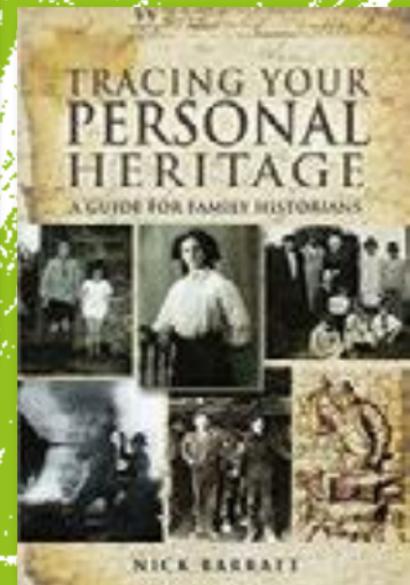
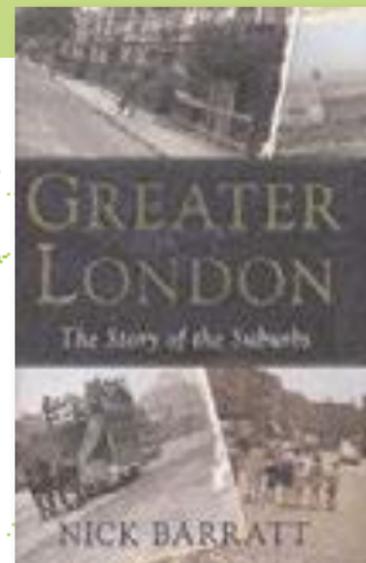
FRI 16 FEB

Behind the Scenes of “Who do you think you are?” with Nick Barratt

Author, broadcaster and historian, Nick is the genealogical consultant for the TV show and has written several books on family history.

The Great Hall at Hall Place
2.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



THE EXPLOITS OF COLONEL BLOOD

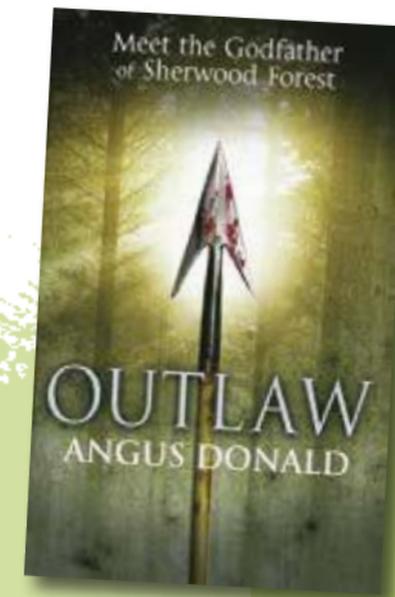
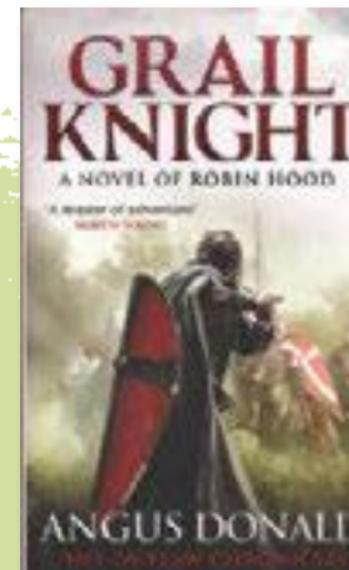
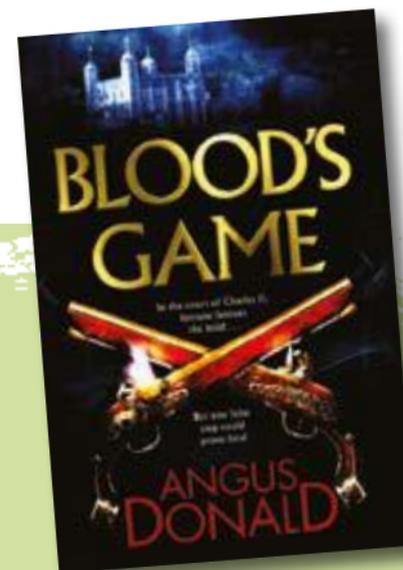


An afternoon with Angus Donald

Angus is the best-selling author of the Outlaw Chronicles series of historical thrillers - he will be talking about his distant ancestor, Colonel Blood and the infamous Crown Jewels robbery.

Central Library – 2.30pm

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FRI 16 FEB

MUSICAL STORYTIME



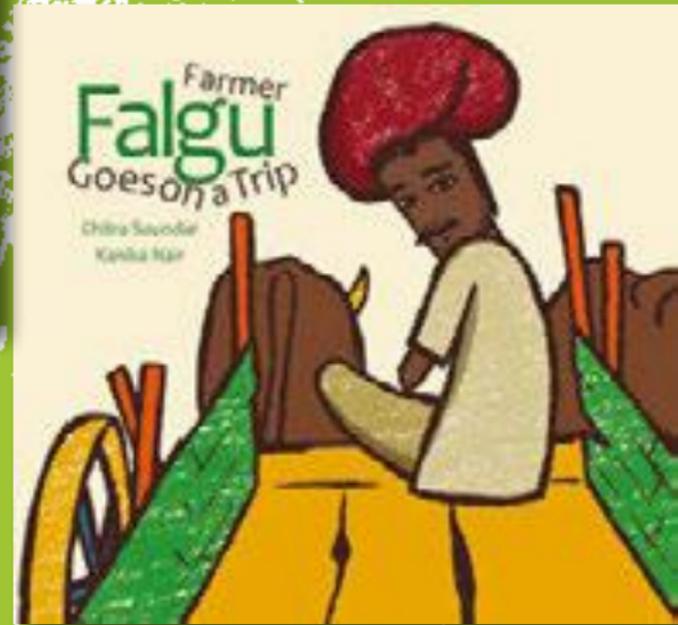
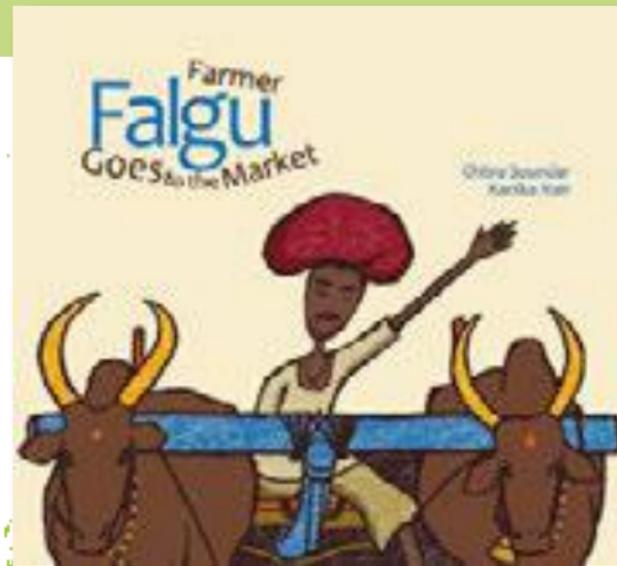
With the author Chitra Soundar

Chitra is the author of several picture books about Farmer Falgu.

For ages 4 – 7 years

Central Library
2pm - 2.45pm and 3.30pm - 4.15pm

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FRI 16 FEB

SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2018

- The Gruffalo with the Freshwater Theatre Company
- M.G. Leonard – author of Beetle Boy

THE GRUFFALO

With the Freshwater
Theatre Company

For ages 4 – 7 years

Central Library
11am - 12noon

Sidcup Library
2pm - 3pm

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SAT 17 FEB





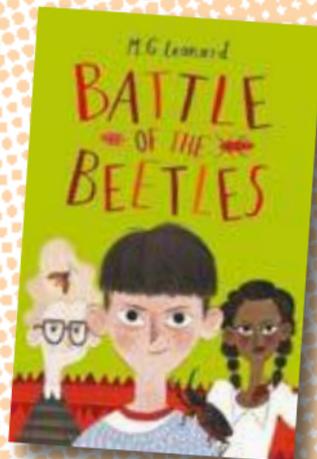
Author of Beetle Boy

Come along and meet the award winning, bestselling, super-doooper, beetle loving, children's author of "Beetle Boy", "Beetle Queen" and "Battle of the Beetles"

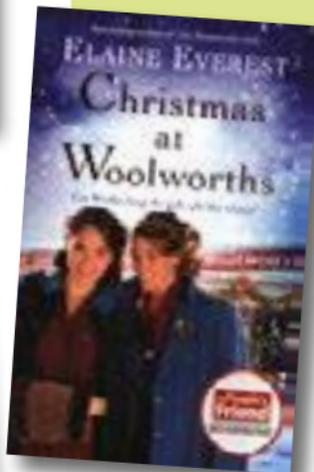
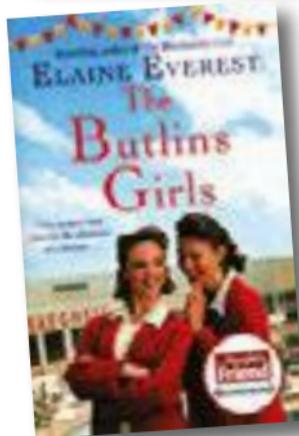
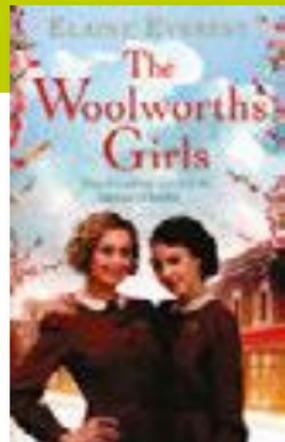
For ages 10 and up

Central Library – 2pm - 3pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



- An afternoon with Elaine Everest



MON 19 FEB

With Elaine Everest

Come along and meet local author Elaine Everest at the Central Library in Bexleyheath. Two of Elaine’s popular family stories have been set in Erith - “The Woolworth Girls” and “Christmas at Woolworths” and another of her books “The Butlin Girls” is set in a holiday camp - Hi Di Hi, Campers!

Central Library – 2.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



- Frances Kray – The Tragic Bride - a talk by Jacky Hyams
- Bexley’s bestsellers and literary links
- Publication, panicking and too much prosecco – with A. L. Michael

FRANCES KRAY - THE TRAGIC BRIDE

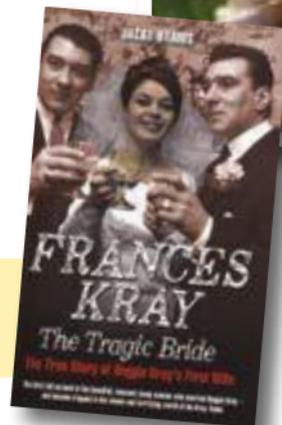
A talk by author Jacky Hyams

Jacky is a journalist and non-fiction author, who has written bestselling memoirs about London's East End, a historical perspective of the Downton Abbey era and two WW2 books detailing the courageous work of Britain's female Spitfire pilots and the 'Secret Army' of the Home Front's munitions women.

Her most popular book has been about Reggie Kray's first wife and she will be telling Frances' story.

Central Library – 2.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



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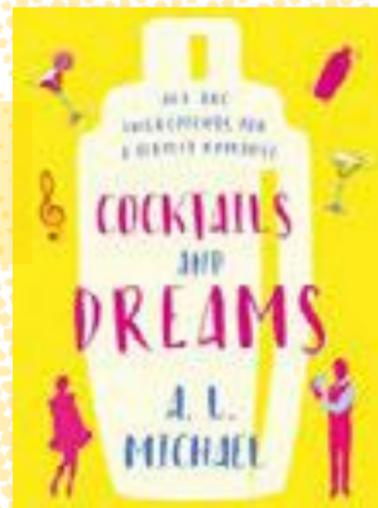
PUBLICATION, PANICKING AND TOO MUCH PROSECCO

The writing process with author A. L. Michael

Andi Michael has published eBooks with Canelo Digital Publishing and will be talking about the creative process and how she got her books published.

Welling Library – 2.30pm

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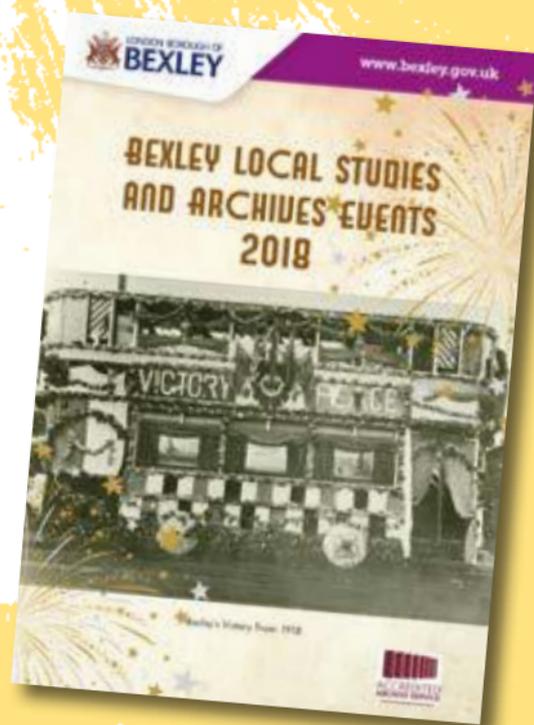


BEXLEY'S BESTSELLERS AND LITERARY LINKS

Discover Dickens, Dahl and Delia – and many more – as Librarian Will Cooban unearths some literary links with local authors down the ages... Some you'll have heard of, others maybe not.

Crayford Library – 2.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY



- Anne Boleyn - A King's Obsession - a talk by Alison Weir
- Creative writing workshop

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ANNE BOLEYN - A KING'S OBSESSION

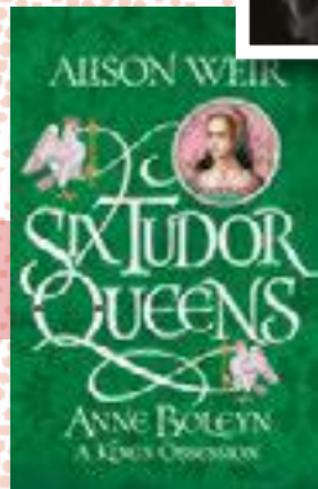
With author Alison Weir

Alison is the top-selling female historian in the United Kingdom, and has sold over 2.7 million books worldwide. She has published seventeen history books, including Elizabeth the Queen, Eleanor of Aquitaine, The Lady in the Tower and Elizabeth of York, and six historical novels.

She will be talking about Henry VIII's second wife – Anne Boleyn

The Great Hall at Hall Place – 2.30pm

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WED 21 FEB

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

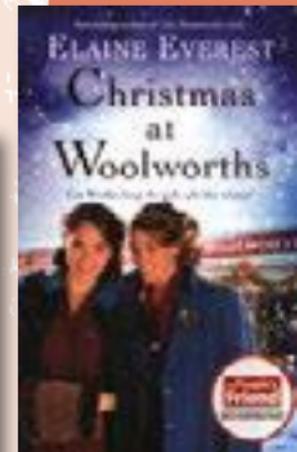
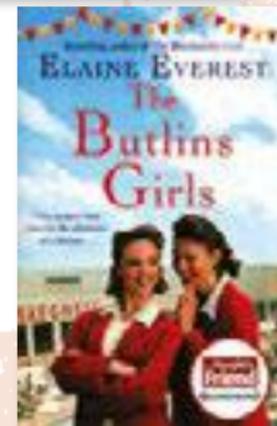
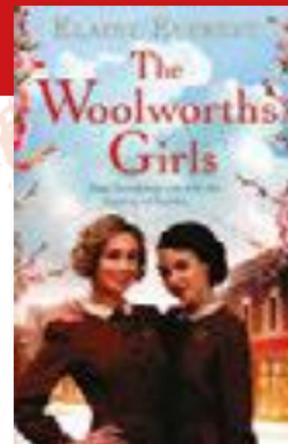
Author, journalist and qualified tutor Elaine Everest will be leading a creative writing workshop.

Elaine has written three novels as well as having short stories and features published in women's magazines. When she isn't writing, Elaine runs The Write Place creative writing school in Dartford and the blog for the Romantic Novelists' Association.

This session will be a repeat of the workshop held at Sidcup Library on 14 February.

Erith Library – 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



WED 21 FEB



- Building a screenplay with Darren Rapier
- Jane Austen and her works - a talk by Maureen Stiller
- The code-breakers of Bletchley Park - a talk by Michael Smith
- The Little Big Band

BUILDING A SCREENPLAY

A creative writing workshop with Darren Rapier

This workshop will teach you the nuts and bolts of film and TV writing - structure, formatting, story and character development, as well as tricks of the trade, what you need to sell your script. It's suitable for all levels of experience.

Darren has worked as a writer for film, TV, theatre and radio. He is currently a writer on EastEnders and Doctors.

Central Library – 2.30pm - 5pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com

THURS 22 FEB



JANE AUSTEN AND HER WORKS

A talk by Maureen Stiller, Secretary of the Jane Austen Society

Welling Library
2.30pm - 3.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



The Jane Austen Society
of the United Kingdom

THE LITTLE BIG BAND

A musical performance from the Little Big Band from Bird College

Central Library - 6.30 - 7.30pm

No need to book - just turn up and enjoy the music

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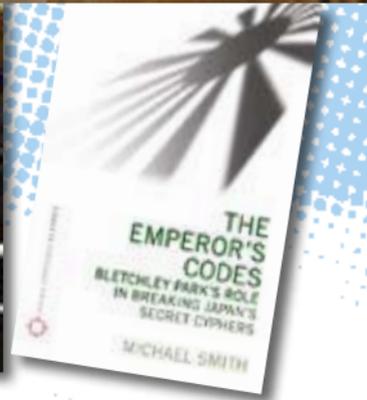
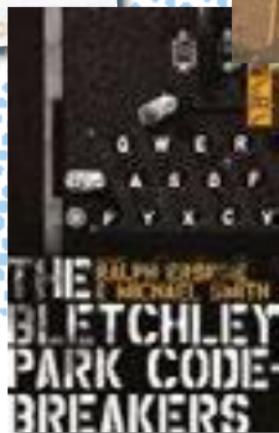
THE CODE-BREAKERS OF BLETCHLEY PARK

With Michael Smith

Michael Smith is the author of a number of histories of Bletchley Park, including “*The Secrets of Station X*”, which explains precisely how Britain’s wartime Codebreakers helped win the war and “*The Emperor’s Codes*”, the story of Bletchley Park’s important and underplayed role in breaking Japanese codes and ciphers.

Central Library – 7.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY



• An afternoon with Stephen Booth

THURS 22 FEB

With author Stephen Booth

Stephen is an award winning UK crime writer - the creator of two young Derbyshire police detectives, Ben Cooper and Diane Fry, who have appeared in seventeen novels set in England's beautiful and atmospheric Peak District.

Central Library – 2.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



FRI 23 FEB

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY



- The bewildering business of book covers - a talk by Martin Davies
- From captivity to a castle - a talk by Tom Hart Dyke
- The Little Big Band
- Dance workshop

THE LITTLE BIG BAND

A musical performance from the Little Big Band from Bird College

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THE BEWILDERING BUSINESS OF BOOK COVERS

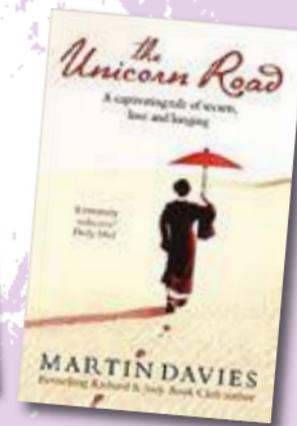
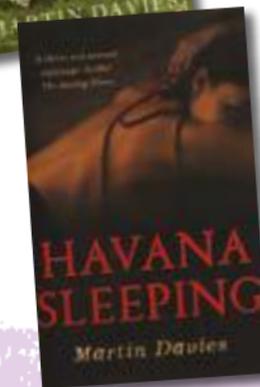


With author Martin Davies

In this fast-paced session, bestselling novelist (*The Conjuror's Bird*, *Mrs Hudson* series) Martin Davies will be talking about book covers past and present, and about his own personal experiences of cover art and what lies behind it. Funny, furious and highly visual, this session is a must for anyone who has ever judged a book by its cover.

Central Library – 11am

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



SAT 24 FEB

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DANCE WORKSHOP

Inspired by the magic of Harry Potter

For ages 7 and up

Crayford Community Centre

1pm - 2.30pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com



SAT 24 FEB

FROM CAPTIVITY TO A CASTLE

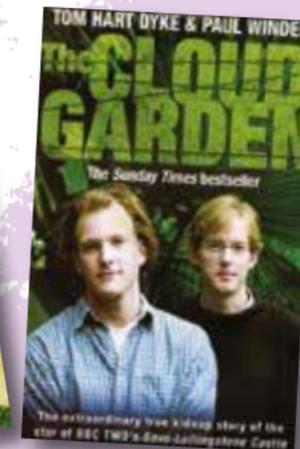
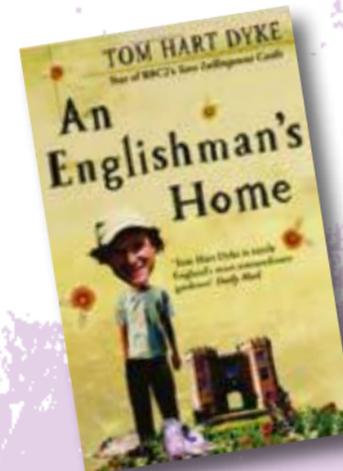
Tom Hart Dyke

The hazardous and colourful story of Tom Hart Dyke, plant hunter, horticulturalist and gardening presenter – from his kidnapping in the Colombian jungle to a world garden at his ancestral home of Lullingstone Castle, Kent.

Central Library – 2pm

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at www.bexleylibraries.eventbrite.com

SAT 24 FEB



COME AND MEET THE FESTIVAL'S POET IN RESIDENCE

Dan Simpson

Dan Simpson – poet, performer and producer – will be in residence from Wednesday 21st February to Friday 23rd February. He will be hosting visits from local schools plus open workshops for teens, families and adults. He will also be treating us to some poetry readings and performances and will produce a poem to celebrate our first ever literary festival.

Local boy Dan is renowned for his highly engaging and contemporary work which is popular, smart and funny. His subjects include science and technology, history and place, geek culture and videogames, people and poetry. He even has a poem about Bexleyheath Clock Tower in his repertoire.

The Scotsman described him as “charmingly geeky”.

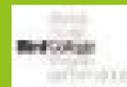
Look out for more information about Dan's workshops and performances at www.bexley.gov.uk/libraries and on Facebook and Twitter.



W.H. SMITH will be supplying books for sale at author events throughout the festival.

Keep an eye out on the Council's website for news of additional events.

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BEXLEY LITERARY FESTIVAL

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