

Enfield Libraries



Black History Month

Special events this month



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Enfield Council's Black History Month (BHM) is back with an exciting lineup of events, and our libraries are proud to be part of this cultural celebration. This year's theme, 'Celebrating Our Sisters,' pays tribute to the remarkable Black women who have left their mark on our world. Join us for various BHM-themed events with special guest authors including [Antoinette Jordan](#) (pictured) and [Lorreta Chindo-Besong](#), as well as figurative artist [Kenya Josiah](#). Check out the official BHM page for the full list of events across the borough.

**On Friday 20 October 2023 the following
community libraries will be closed
between 9am and 1:30pm due to essential
staff training:**

**Fore Street Living Room Library
Oakwood Library**

We thank you for your understanding.

BorrowBox eBooks and audiobooks



Explore the BorrowBox collection of remarkable books by black female authors. We'd like to share a staff's recommendation of Zadie Smith's *Swing Time*, which they've just finished reading via the [BorrowBox app](#).

"I was thrilled to discover that BorrowBox had one of Zadie's novels available for immediate reading. She has a reputation as a brilliant writer, and I had always wanted to dive into her work. So, I chose *Swing Time*, a captivating tale that takes you on a journey through the lives of two friends, exploring questions of identity, dreams, and the unshakeable ties to the past. Zadie's storytelling expertise and deep insights truly make *Swing Time* an unforgettable read. I wholeheartedly recommend it to anyone who enjoys perceptive observations and a compelling narrative. Don't miss the chance to explore this incredible story!"

Not sure what BorrowBox is? BorrowBox provides access to a vast digital library of eBooks and audiobooks, free of charge with your Enfield library card. It is available as

a mobile app for smartphones and tablets, making it convenient for users to access their borrowed materials anytime, anywhere.

Weekly and monthly activities



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We have lots of free regular activities on offer, some you may not already be aware of:

- **Scribeasy Club** - creative writing and book binding for 8-14 year olds
- **Knit and Natter** - an inclusive space for knitters of all levels
- **Coding Club** - get to grips with a coding language of your choice
- **Age UK Memory Meet Up** - a fun space for people with dementia and their carers.

For those who love creating, our Makerspace sessions at Ordnance Unity Centre Library are a treat. Explore workshops in sewing and music production, and photography. For a full list of our sessions, you can access our [publicly available spreadsheet](#) or stay updated via [Instagram](#).

The Booker Prize shortlist



[*If I survive you*](#) by Jonathan Escoffery

[*Study for obedience*](#) by Sarah Bernstein

[*Western Lane*](#) by Chetna Maroo

[*Prophet song*](#) by Paul Lynch

[*This other Eden*](#) by Paul Harding

[*The bee sting*](#) by Paul Murray

The shortlist is here! It showcases six books by authors who've never been shortlisted before, including two debut authors. Esi Edugyan, a two-time Booker Prize nominee, leads the 2023 judging panel. Joining her are Adjoa Andoh, Mary Jean Chan, James Shapiro, and Robert Webb. These judges are on the hunt for the finest long-form fiction in English, chosen from works published in the UK and Ireland between 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023. Stay tuned for the announcement of the £50,000 prize winner at Old Billingsgate in London on 26 November 2023.

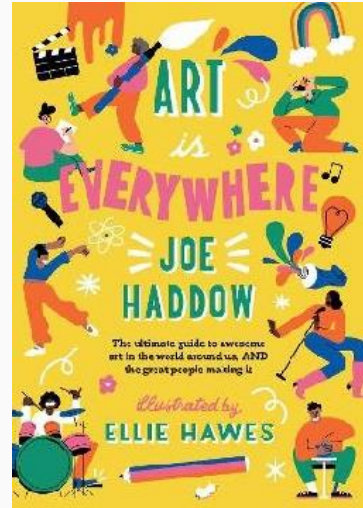
New In... for Children

[Art is everywhere by Joe Haddon](#)

Children's non-fiction

Joe Haddon, artist, and podcaster, is on a mission to show us the different ways art is created, by so many different people and in so many different places.

This book helps you explore art, why it matters, and what type of artist you might be and gives you tips on how to make your own art.

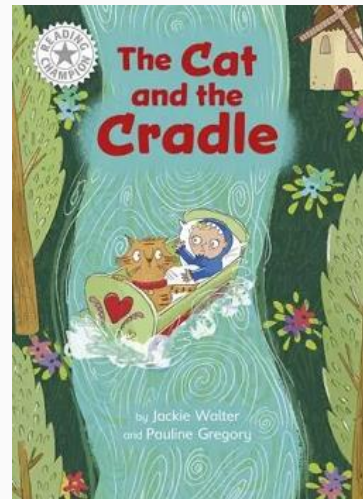


Books with these stickers encourage young readers with newly acquired reading skills.

[The cat and the cradle by Jackie Walter](#)

From the 'Reading Champion' series.

A brave cat rescues a baby washed away in a storm. An original story beautifully illustrated with a reading activity included.



New In... for YA and Adults

[The boy you always wanted by Michelle Quach](#)

Young adults (Teen+)

In this romcom, Francine's grandfather wants a male heir. Although it's an old-fashioned idea, Francine loves him and she schemes to bring him the boy he wants.

Without quite understanding how family friend Ollie becomes entangled in this plan. However, secrets and feelings come to the fore and things don't turn out as expected...



[Electric life by Rachel Delahaye](#)

Young adults (Teen+)

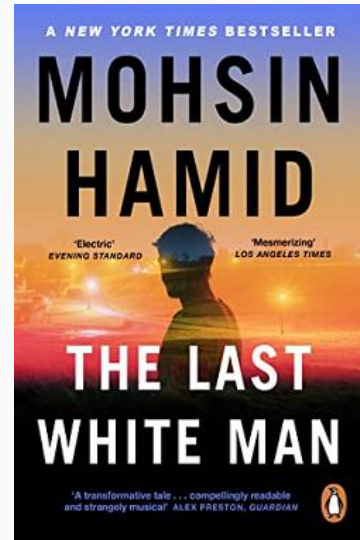
Estrella, known as the Star City, sits atop London Under, the original city. Its leaders choose Alara, a skilled gamer, for a perilous spying mission into the chaotic and real-world of London Under. Estrella is a utopia, an orderly, sanitised digital society with no dirt, pain, or disease. Alara thrust into London Under, encounters noise, dirt, and authentic food. Will she succeed in her mission? Whom can she trust? How will she return to Estrella, her family, and her worry-free life?



[The last white man by Mohsin Hamid](#)

Adult fiction

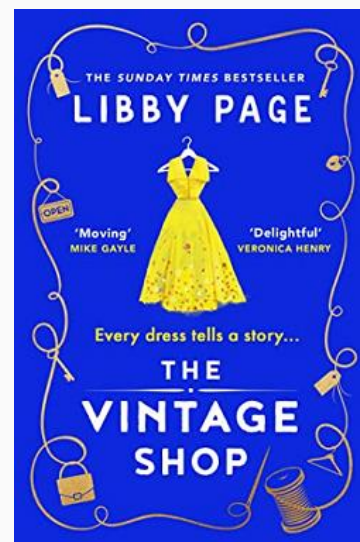
This novel explores love, race, prejudice, and nationalism as white people globally experience a sudden darkening of their skin. Anders wakes to find his skin transformed and confides in Oona, his lover. As the phenomenon spreads, some resist in fear, while others, like Anders' father and Oona's mother, grapple with loss and love. Amidst these changes, Anders and Oona's relationship evolves, leading them to rediscover themselves and each other.



[The vintage shop by Libby Page](#)

Adult fiction

A single yellow dress weaves connections among three women, each guarding their secrets. Lou, grieving in Somerset, embarks on a new journey by opening a vintage shop in Frome after her mother's passing. In upstate New York, Donna's world is shaken by family revelations, with a solitary clue: a photo of a yellow dress. Maggy, in her seventies, recently divorced and living alone, rediscovers her past through the vintage shop's enchanting dresses. The path to their next chapter lies in unraveling the yellow dress's secrets.



Adebola... in the spotlight

We spoke to **Adebola** who has been a member of Enfield Libraries for at least 20 years.

What do you use the Library for?

To borrow books, read books, and use the study spaces. For reference materials and to use the computers.

Why is the Library important to you?

For social interactions, meeting people and people-watching. For access and use of library books. The additional use of other libraries and online materials is superb.

Would you change anything about the Library?

As an older person, I find that the library is no longer a “silent” library, as opposed to what I knew libraries to be. So, having quiet corners or sections would be appreciated a lot.

What works particularly well for you in the Library service?

Ease of access and ease of use. On-hand library staff. As a visually-impaired person Ordnance Unity Centre Library, with desk-to-ceiling windows suits my needs due to its layout and brightness. The fact that the library is free to join and use, is open long hours, and has branches all over Enfield is the best bit.

The Libraries Consortium, being able to search for and get books and use their services is the best part of a day out, when one is away from Enfield.

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Council Tax Support Scheme

We need your views

Find out
more and
complete the
questionnaire
online

Council Tax Support Scheme consultation
closes on 17 December 2023



The council wants to know what local people think of proposals to change the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2024-25. To complete the survey visit www.enfield.gov.uk/consultations by 17 December 2023.