

**Friday 2 October
Lambeth Black History
Month Launch**
7pm Nettlefold Hall



Lambeth Libraries and Archive invites you to join us for the official launch of Black History Month 2009.

The evening will be a celebration of Black literature and arts, and will include performances from Lady S, a popular and well established poet, and presents on Nomad Radio. Also appearing on the night will be Churchboyz, a gospel tribute band. Seeing them perform live is to witness a slice of black British history in action because the band serves as a reminder of the great musical heritage of Black Britons.

This is an invitation only event with limited seating.

To get an invitation please email Lambeth Libraries at blackhistorymonth@lambeth.gov.uk or telephone 020 7926 1075--

**Tuesday 6 October
Lambeth's Sustainable
Transport Team presents an
evening with cycling legend
Maurice Burton.**

7pm Streatham Library



Maurice made cycling history in 1974 by becoming Britain's first black senior champion. After winning three British titles, he moved to Belgium where he raced professionally on the 6 day circuit between 1977 and 1984. He retired from competitive cycling in 1984 and took over De Ver Cycles in Streatham in 1987. Maurice will be talking about his experiences as a professional cyclist in the 70s followed by a Q & A session.

Khadambi Asalache



Kenyan born, Khadambi Asalache was an architect and fine artist. Coming to London in 1960, he published both poetry and a novel, studied the philosophy of mathematics and became a civil servant at The Treasury.

From the mid 1980s onwards he embarked on an artistic journey to create a stunning and intricate fretwork decorative scheme in his house, is inspired by African, Islamic and British art and design; together it makes a fascinating artistic statement about a multicultural UK.

Khadambi Asalache died in 2006 leaving his South London home to The National Trust. It was immediately apparent that they had been gifted an extraordinary place with a fascinating story waiting to be told. 'Khadambi's house is of international significance... His work encompasses stories of migration and immigration, exile and return, a narrative which is common to the lives millions of people from all continents'

**Elsie Owusu, Founder,
Society of Black Architects**

**Tuesday 6 October and
Tuesday 27 October
Poetry Writing Course**
7 – 9pm Khadambi Asalache's
House (address to be supplied to
confirm attendees).

Taking inspiration from Khadambi's house Lambeth Libraries and The National Trust are offering 6 new poets the chance to work in the house, creating work over two weeks that draws on experiencing Khadambi's work from the inside. As the house is not yet open to the public this is a chance to get a sneak preview of what will undoubtedly become an essential piece of London's artistic story.



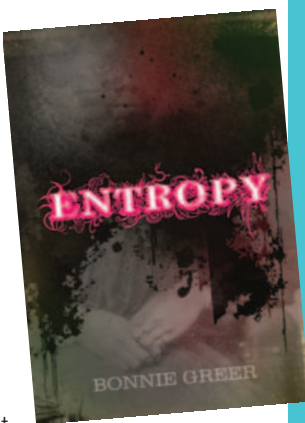
To book your place for this one-off opportunity contact blackhistorymonth@lambeth.gov.uk or phone 020 7926 1075.

THE NATIONAL TRUST

**Wednesday 7 October
Bonnie Greer – Entropy**
7pm Brixton Library



Bonnie Greer was born in Chicago where she studied with David Mamet before moving to New York to study at the Actors Studio with Elia Kazan. She has been living in Britain since the late 1980s. Bonnie regularly contributes articles to the Guardian, Telegraph, and Independent as well as appearing for comment on TV and radio. She has been a judge on many prizes including the Orange Prize for Fiction.



Join Bonnie discussing her latest book, Entropy - a book about relationship and redemption beneath a surface of big unsolved questions.

**Thursday 8 October
National poetry day 2009**
7pm Streatham Library

Lady S is a popular and well established poet in her own right seeking new, interesting opportunities to broaden her horizons. She is currently writing a book of poetry about her life, experiences and accomplishments.



Lady S is a radio host for a Somali radio show which goes by the name of Nomad Radio. But most importantly she is not only a poet and spoken word artist, she also makes up freestyle from the top of her head, she has a unique talent and now it's her time to shine.

**Monday 12 October
Dreda Say Mitchell –
Geezer Girls**
7pm West Norwood Library



Dreda Say Mitchell was born in London's East End and has worked as an education consultant and a teacher in both primary and secondary schools.



Her first novel was published in 2004 and won the Crime Writers' Association's Award for best first novel. Her latest novel Geezer Girls is equally taut with fear and thrills – crime doesn't get more exciting.

Join Dreda in conversation and reading from Geezer Girls for a night of crime.

'As good as it gets... Mitchell is English fiction's brightest new voice' (Lee Child)

**Wednesday 14 October
Steve Smith – British Black
Gospel: The Foundations of
This Vibrant UK Sound**
7.30pm South Lambeth Library

Gospel music in Britain today is a rapidly emerging genre and its effect and influence on other areas of the record industry cannot be underestimated.

Steve traces the roots of modern black gospel from 19th century black pioneers such as Thomas Rutling and the Fisk Jubilee Singers, who performed for Queen Victoria, to the contemporary sound of the London Community Gospel Choir and Tyndale Thomas who was awarded the MBE for contribution to British Gospel in November 2008. He tells his story with a wealth of anecdotes and photos.

Come along and hear Steve talking about his book and what inspired him to write about Black British Gospel.



**Saturday 17 October
Health and Wellbeing Day
for all the family**
1.30 – 6pm Nettlefold Hall

Shaka services –yoga and relaxation taster sessions, face painting and much more, come along and join in this family day

**Tuesday 20 October
An evening of poetry with
Marcia Barritt – Jamaican
Patwa language linguist**
7pm – 9pm
South Lambeth Library

Marcia hails from Jamaica and is a multi-skilled poet, author, writer, spoken word artist. Marcia specialises in bi-lingual use of the Jamaican Patwa language, to encourage and establish its creativity in literature and visual arts.

**Wednesday 21 October
Do you remember
Olive Morris?**
7pm Brixton library



Did you know Olive Morris? In 2007 Lambeth Libraries and Archives joined up with artist Ana Laura Lopez de la Torre and community activist Liz Obi to uncover the hidden history of one of Lambeth's unsung residents. Lambeth Council has one of its main buildings named after her and yet Google found little or no information on her. This has now changed and hundreds of people have contributed their memories to the Remembering Olive Morris blog.

Olive was a key figure in Lambeth's local history. She worked with the Black Panther movement; set up Brixton Black Women's Centre, was a founder member of The Organisation of Women of Asian and African Descent (OWAAD) and was central to the squatter campaigns of the 1970s. She died tragically young in 1979 at age 27.

The Remember Olive Collective (ROC) – a group of women of diverse ages and backgrounds – have worked with community members, family and friends to create a living archive of recollections on Olive. The research now comes to an end so come along and celebrate a fantastic piece of work that not only exists as an archive but continues to inspire young women.

Join Jon Newman from Lambeth Archives, ROC members Dr Kimberly Springer and Dorothea Smartt, friends and family to celebrate the life of Olive Morris.

An exhibition of the work associated with Do you remember Olive Morris project will be taking place from 25 November 2009 – 24 January 2010 at the Gasworks, 155 Vauxhall Street, London SE11 5RH

For full details and further events visit <http://rememberolivemorris.wordpress.com/>

**Friday 23 October and
Saturday 24 October
African Diaspora**
7.30pm Nettlefold Hall
£5 per person

Cross generational show suitable for all the family and don't forget to invite Grand parents too.



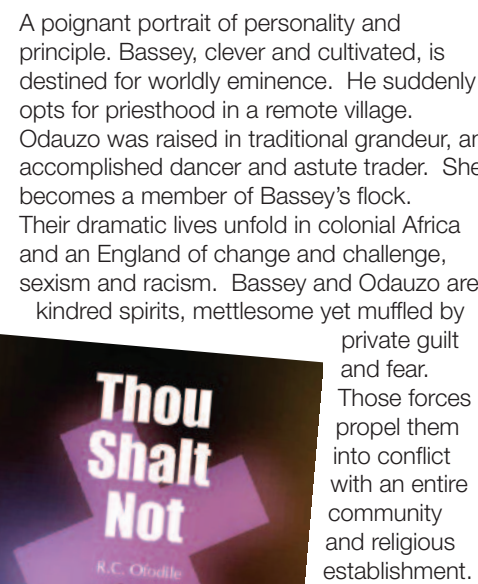
African Diaspora is a youth led theatre production, helping young people from African and Caribbean Heritage explore image, identity and community cohesion

in the 21st Century. Using time travel to explore history, and including music, dance and comedy, this show engages young people from the outset and leaves them enriched and more knowledgeable. This production is currently funded by the charity A Glimmer of Hope and is touring London secondary schools, colleges, youth groups and theatres.

To book tickets call Whippersnappers on 0207 738 66 33 or visit our website www.whippersnappers.org

**Monday 26 October
R.C. Ofodile -
THOU SHALT NOT**
7pm West Norwood Library

R.C. Ofodile will be launching and reading from his new book Thou Shalt Not



A poignant portrait of personality and principle. Bassey, clever and cultivated, is destined for worldly eminence. He suddenly opts for priesthood in a remote village. Odauzo was raised in traditional grandeur, an accomplished dancer and astute trader. She becomes a member of Bassey's flock. Their dramatic lives unfold in colonial Africa and an England of change and challenge, sexism and racism. Bassey and Odauzo are kindred spirits, mettlesome yet muffled by private guilt and fear. Those forces propel them into conflict with an entire community and religious establishment.

The author, R.C. Ofodile has had a varied legal and artistic career. He is an actor, and writes plays, poetry, long and short fiction. He has won the Warehouse Theatre International Playwriting Competition's Award, as well as the BBC African Performance and World Students' Drama Trust's Awards. His poetry collection, Intimations of Gold, was launched in 2006 to much acclaim.

**Wednesday 28 October
10th Anniversary of the
Caine Prize for African
writing with Brian Chikwava**
7pm Brixton Library

2009 marks the 10th anniversary of the leading literary prize for African fiction – the Caine prize, named after the late Sir Michael Caine, former Chairman of Booker plc.

This prestigious prize has been a springboard for success for many authors including recently Helon Habila and Segun Afolabi.



In 2004 Zimbabwean Brian Chikwava won the prize and has subsequently published the acclaimed Harare North, an arresting account of London as it is experienced by the Africa's dispossessed.

This year also sees the publication of an Anthology of writing from the Caine Prize and from the African winners of the Booker Prize. Join Brian Chikwava, and friends to discuss African writing today – a new generation emerges.

'I believe the Prize will achieve excellence and transform perceptions. Whatever helps the literature of Africa enriches the literature of the world.'

**THE CAINE PRIZE
FOR AFRICAN WRITING**
its Africa sempre aliqual novel

**Thursday 29th October
10am – 3pm.
Nettlefold Hall**

Diabetes UK are hosting a free African and Caribbean Healthy Living Day open to those with diabetes and those at risk of diabetes on.

Talks will be given on diabetes; stroke and heart disease with a healthy Caribbean cook and eat session run by Chef Barrington Palmer.

For further information please call Juliet Enever at 020 7424 1108 or email juliet.enever@diabetes.org.uk

BLACK HISTORY MONTH October 2009



Lambeth

Black History Courses

**Saturday 3 October
The Lambeth Quilt –
Our Quilt**
1 – 3pm Nettlefold Hall

Lambeth Libraries and Lambeth Arts will be hosting a series of intergenerational workshops in October to create a reminiscence quilt that reflects and records the diversity and history of Lambeth.

Sessions will take place on Saturdays through October starting Saturday 3 October, 1 – 3pm Nettlefold Lower Hall

Family Learning

Lambeth Libraries would like to undertake a family research project that involves the younger generation learning about their black cultural heritage. If you are interested in describing your experiences of coming to England, sharing your memories/artefacts and photographs, or in finding out about what life was like for Black immigrants in the past please contact Abibat Olulode at aolulode@lambeth.gov.uk or ring 020 7926 1103 and leave your details. We hope eventually to produce a booklet of new stories that can be shared by all the generations

**Booking and contact
details for Libraries**

For information or to book tickets for all events please call 020 7926 1075 or email blackhistorymonth@lambeth.gov.uk. To avoid disappointment please book for all events.

Brixton Library

Brixton Oval SW2 1JQ.
Tel: 020 7926 1056

Carnegie Library

188 Herne Hill Road SE24 0AG.
Tel: 020 7926 6050

Clapham Library

1 Northside, Clapham Common SW4 0QW.
Tel: 020 7926 0717

Durning Library

167 Kennington Lane SE11 4HF.
Tel: 020 7926 8682

Lambeth Archives and Minet Library

52 Knatchbull Road SE5 9CQ
Tel (Library): 020 7926 6073
Tel (Archives): 020 7926 6076

South Lambeth Library

180 South Lambeth Road SW8 1QP.
Tel: 020 7926 0705

Streatham Library

63 Streatham High Road SW16 1PL.
Tel: 020 7926 6768

Waterloo Library

114-118 Lower Marsh SE1 7AG.
Tel: 020 7926 8750

West Norwood Library and Nettlefold Hall

1 Norwood High Street SE27 9JX.
Tel (Library): 020 7926 8092
Tel (Nettlefold): 020 7926 8070

This information was believed to be correct at the time it was published, but may be subject to changes due to circumstances beyond the control of the organisers.

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Lambeth Black History Month

I am pleased to introduce the Black History Month programme for 2009. There will be a mixture of inspirational and thought provoking events to celebrate Black History throughout October. We hope you will enjoy this showcase of creative and artistic talent and join us in celebrating this exciting annual event.



Councillor Rachel Heywood Cabinet Member for Culture and Communities

Welcome to this year's Black History Month celebrations in Lambeth, managed by Lambeth Libraries and Archives services of Lambeth Council.

Black History Month is one of the most popular and exciting events in the council's calendar and we are sure that this year's programme will live up to your expectations.

This year Lambeth Council is proud to present a "Travelling Film" programme developed in collaboration with Camden, Lewisham and Southwark Councils.

We would like to thank our partners for helping us to provide an exciting programme of events. Please come and join us at some of the events we are hosting throughout October. And while you are there, if you are not already a member, why not join the library to take advantage of the many services that we provide?

Sandra Goodwin Head of Libraries and Archives

Please book for all events

Family Learning Festival October 2009

Why not try some of the activities below and help to celebrate how families can support each other in learning? There are activities for all age groups and lots for families to do together.

Friday 9 October
National Bookstart Day - Jactito
10.30am Clapham Library

A spectacular Puppet Show for under 5s with the magnificent Jactito Puppet Theatre presenting The Ugly Duckling.

Anika
10.30am Brixton Library

Traditional tales for under 5s.

Margaret Bateson-Hill
10.30am Streatham Library

Come along and meet the Bookstart Bear Traditional tales for under 5s.

17 – 30 October
Family Learning Festival

Sunday 18 October
David Simon
1 – 4pm Brixton Library

Family workshop

Tuesday 20 October
Anika
10.30am West Norwood

Caribbean Stories for under 5s.

Every Lambeth Home a Reading Home

Thursday 22 October
Anika
10.30am Minet Library

Caribbean Stories for under 5s.

Friday 23 October
Anika
10.30am Carnegie Library

Caribbean Stories for under 5s

Friday 23 October
Margaret Bateson-Hill
10.30am Clapham Library

Stories for under 5s.

Saturday 24 October
K'NEX
2.30pm West Norwood

Build and race your own racing car with The Great K'NEX Racing Car Challenge. A family workshop for children aged 7 – 12 and their parents

Sunday 25 October
David Simon
1 – 4pm Brixton Library

Family workshop



FAMILY LEARNING FESTIVAL



Please book for all events

Children and Young People's Programme

Lambeth Libraries children services celebrates Black History Month by acknowledging the lives of great pioneers of our time both past and present. There will be displays and worksheets available in our libraries throughout the month of October. Why not also participate in the wide and varied range of events for children and young people organised during Black History Month.

Schools

Schools are welcome to bring classes to events where we will focus on pioneers. For nursery and reception class pupils we will offer storytelling. To arrange a visit contact the library closest to your school.

Saturday 3 October
Children's theatre with Winston Nzinga

2pm Nettlefold Hall
Under 7s show

The Nettlefold proudly present Winston Nzinga, an amazing percussionist and storyteller from the Caribbean that will fill our eyes and hearts with a blend of traditional and contemporary storytelling with music, riddle, call and response and song whilst using Afro-Caribbean drumming and percussion.

Calypso Workshop
Tuesday 12 October,
4 – 5pm Brixton Central Library
Ages 7 plus
Thursday 29 October
2.30pm South Lambeth Library
Ages 5 plus

Alexander D Great is a specialist in the Caribbean Calypso tradition. Learn a little about the history of Calypso, listen to some of Alex's songs about famous people that he has been asked to write, and then join in and write some of your own! Alex is going to be helping you to write songs about pioneers (people who are the first to do something or settle somewhere) so have a think about famous inventors or explorers you know about, and tell Alex all about them!

Friday 16 October
Percussion Workshop
4.30pm West Norwood Library
Ages 12 years and over



Winston will demonstrate his skills as a percussionist to young people at West Norwood Library Teenage Reading Group. Places are limited to 20.

Steel Pan Workshops
Monday 12 October
5.30pm Streatham Library and
27 October
2.30pm Minet Library
Ages 11 years and over
Limited places, book in advance



Have you ever wanted to learn how to use the steel pans and know how to make music out of the different sounds, why not join Marlon, Director of Endurance Steel Pan Orchestra and other members to show you how steel pans really work.

Sat 24th Oct
The Leopard and The Drum
2.30pm Nettlefold Hall
£5.00 per person

"The Leopard and The Drum" - A family show suitable for nursery, reception and primary aged children.

Osebo the Leopard had the biggest and loudest drum in the whole of the rain forest. He was the envy of all the other animals but the

only problem was that he wouldn't let anyone have a go on his drum, not even Nyame the sky god.



Who will bring Nyame the Sky God Osebo's big and loud drum? Will it be the elephant, monkey, snake or tortoise?

A traditional Ashante tale brought to life through inter-active music, drama and dance.

To book tickets call Whippersnappers on 020 7738 6633 or visit our website www.whippersnappers.org

Wednesday 28 October
Storytelling:
African and Caribbean Tales
2.30pm Durning Library
Ages 5 – 11 years

Performance artist Winston Nzinga is an accomplished storyteller, percussionist, dancer, singer and teacher. Winston will be performing interactive storytelling sessions for children aged 5 – 11 years. Sessions are limited to 30 places.

Wednesday 28 October
Saleah's Journey, A Story of...
2.30pm Streatham Library

This interactive storytelling performance is based on the true life experiences of Saleah – a story of an elderly Jamaican woman now living in England. The story takes you from

Jamaica to England in the late 1940s – 1960s. It follows her life in Jamaica and her journey from Jamaica to England to join her husband, an ex service-man, for a 'better life' in England. Hubert (her husband) joined the RAF and fought in World War II and was also a 'Windrush' passenger in 1948. This is a fantastic performance not to be missed!

Nzinga Dance
African puppets/dolls workshops
Limited spaces, book in advance

Nzinga Dance is an African and Caribbean cultural arts ensemble specialising in a range of music, storytelling, and craft workshops. They offer a unique insight into traditions of both cultures.

Lambeth Libraries have organised a range of workshops during Black History Month:

Friday 30 October
2.30pm Carnegie Library

Friday 9 October
African Costume workshop
4.00pm West Norwood Library

Thursday 1 October
Africa/Caribbean Flags
4.30pm South Lambeth Library
Ages 7 plus

Monday 5 October
African Masks
4.30pm Streatham Library
Ages 7 plus

'Travelling Film' programme developed in collaboration with Camden, Lewisham and Southwark Councils

Saturday 3 October
'Crunch'
7.30pm Nettlefold Hall

Come and join us for the screening of Wayne G Saunders new film "Crunch" along with some of his shorts and a special performance.

Admission free
Licensed bar

Friday 9 October
Travelling Films: 'Groove Roots'
7pm Nettlefold Hall

Produced by the Octavia Foundation which works to support local communities in Central and West London. A film that traces the evolution of Ladbroke Grove from the 1958 race riots to the present day and includes the historical development of the Nottinghill Carnival.



'House of Sugar' - The film contemplates the opulent life-style of the slave-owning planters in Jamaica. 17th and 18th century antiques are discovered on the island provide the clues to their riches.

Admission free
Licensed bar

Saturday 10 October
Travelling Films; 'Birth of Ska'
a film by Gus Berger
2pm Minet Library

A screening of the film ' Duke Vin and the Birth of Ska' which takes a look at the beginnings of this influential music which started in the Caribbean and spread to London in the 1950s.

Admission free
Licensed bar

Saturday 10 October
Travelling Films: 'People, Signs and Resistance In Brixton from the late 50s to the present day'
7pm Nettlefold Hall

Clovis Salmon aka 'Sam the Wheels' has captured accounts of everyday life, protest and people, the struggles and joys of those times, seen without it being contaminated by a media agenda and acts as a catalyst for a community arts and heritage collaboration.

Admission free
Licensed bar

Wednesday 14 October
Filmmakers' Forum and Screening
4pm Workshops
7.30pm The Albany

Douglas Way, Deptford, SE8 4AG

A celebration of local filmmaking talent as we screen the two short films produced over the summer, along with director Q&As and lives performances. The fun starts with afternoon workshops from industry professionals advising on how to ahead in the media industry.

For further information call 020 8692 0231

Admission free



Wednesday 14 October
SAF Film and Photography network meeting
6.30 – 8.30pm Shortwave Cinema

Bermondsey Square
Bermondsey Street, Southwark,
London, SE1 3TQ

The History and Future of Black Film
The Film and Photography SAF networking event is a platform for panellists and guests to debate about the 'Past, Present and Future' of black film and of the meaning of Black History Month throughout the years and today. The event will also include showcasing of the work of local filmmakers.

This event is a way for you to share your views, increase your knowledge of black film and history and connect with others in the local community. Speakers will include various guests including Southwark filmmakers and artists

For further information call 020 725 8672

SOUTHWARK ARTS FORUM EVENT

shortwave



Friday 16 October
Travelling Films: 'Unheard Voices'
8pm Nettlefold Hall

This documentary produced by Noh Budget Films looks at four teenage fathers who give their unique views on fatherhood, sex and relationships; fathers who feel that they have, until now, been categorised as 'unheard voices'

Admission free



Saturday 17 October
Black History Series: Green History
1 – 6pm BP Lecture Theatre

British Museum, Great Russell Street
London, WC1B 3DG

Short films, documentaries and talks examine climate change and poverty in developing countries in Africa and the Caribbean; history of sustainability in African and Caribbean communities and sustainability awareness in communities in the UK.

For the full programme, visit www.britishmuseum.org or call 020 7323 8181. In partnership with the London Borough of Camden

Admission free, booking advised (one ticket required for the whole event)

Camden

Wednesday 21 October
Science and Silence (HIV event) (film)
6.30 – 9pm British Library

Panel discussion on the way HIV has impacted upon the African and Caribbean communities in the UK. Screening of the documentary "Courage and Hope", about the experience of HIV positive teachers living in Kenya.

Camden

Saturday 24 October
'Brukdown Estate'
6pm Nettlefold Hall

Explores the life experiences of young people, living in inner city London in the 21st Century.

A film made by the Whippersnapper Youth Department and filmed in the style of an urban soap opera. Funded by The Lambeth Youth Opportunity Fund.

Tickets: £2.50 to book call Whippersnappers on 0207 738 66 33



Wednesday 28 October
Travelling Films: An Imitation of Life (1934)
7.30pm Shortwave Cinema and
Cafe Bar

10 Bermondsey Square
SE1 3UN

Will the love between a mother and her daughter conquer the pervading racial discrimination of 1930s America?

Admission free
Licensed bar/cafe

shortwave



Friday 30 October
Travelling Films: 'Finding Me'
7pm London Southbank University

The Keyworth Centre Main Auditorium
Keyworth Street
London SE1 6NG

Faybien Allen begins his journey to self-discovery with the aid of his two best friends. He also plays the teacher at times to these friends as well. Faybien's father's disappointment looms over any of his achievements or progress toward self-acceptance until a stranger enters his life.

Admission free



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