



WE'RE INTO FEBRUARY AND WE'D LIKE TO SAY...

Thank you! January 2017 has been the busiest January on record for the Library and we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our many loyal visitors who return to use and enjoy our facilities time after time, and to those who may have visited us for the first time recently. Thank you – each time you buy a cup of coffee, attend one of our events, spend

a weekend away, or even set foot inside our beautiful Reading Rooms as a Friend, you are helping keep us open and running and we really would like to convey our sincere appreciation.

Now, gushing and blushing out of the way, here's what you can expect to find coming up at the Library over the next few months.

ALIBIS IN THE ARCHIVE BOOKING FAST!

Friday, 9th - Sunday, 11th June

We are now completely sold out of residential places and have just 5 non-residential tickets left for what is proving to be one of our most popular events of the year!

To celebrate the launch of a new Crime Writing Archive, we're delighted to be partnering with the team behind the hugely successful *Bodies from the Library* events at the British Library to bring you some of the UK's most well-known crime writers including Ann Cleeves, Rob Davies, Kate Charles and more!

Non-residential tickets are priced at £90. To book, please call 01244 532350.

If you would like to attend but need somewhere to stay, please contact us for information on special rates for Library visitors at St David's Park Hotel, Ewloe.

MEET OUR NEXT WRITER IN RESIDENCE: ROWAN HISAYO BUCHANAN



Rowan Hisayo Buchanan is a Japanese-British-Chinese-American author whose writing has appeared in *TriQuarterly* and the Tin House *Open Bar*. Her debut novel, *Harmless Like You*, is about the complexities of identity, art, friendships and familial bonds. Rowan will be Writer in Residence throughout April and during her stay will lead two events.

Rowan's 'Evening with...' takes place on Tuesday, 4th April at 7.30pm for 8pm and is entitled *The Power of the Sidekick*. In this hour-long event, she looks to the side of the protagonist, where the sidekick usually stands, to narrators, foils, love interests

and more to explore the power of the sidekick and how they enhance literary works.

Tickets are priced at £15 which includes a copy of *Harmless Like You*.

Rowan's masterclass takes place on Saturday, 29th April at 10am and is entitled *Illuminating Companions*. In this practical session, Rowan explores how animals in fiction can illuminate their human companions.

Tickets are priced at £35 which includes lunch and tea / coffee.

For more information or to book, please call 01244 532350.

FREE PROSECCO FOR MOTHER'S DAY!



Sunday, 26 March | 3pm - 4pm

Here at the Library we want to say thank you to mums everywhere on this special day for all the love and the care invested in us. But we also want to say thank you to all special women who have been like mothers to us, or whose help, friendship, and companionship has meant a lot.

So we're giving a free glass of Prosecco to women joining us for Afternoon Tea at the Library on Sunday, 26th March. Come as a family, come as friends, and spend the afternoon in our beautiful *Food for Thought* bistro with a glass of something tasty on us.

Afternoon Tea is served 3pm - 4pm and must be booked in advance by calling 01244 532350.



THE ANNUAL EASTER CRAFT FAIR!

Saturday, 15th April |
10.30am - 4pm

The snowdrops are just beginning to peek their heads through the unbroken earth which means that the warmer weather is on its way! It also signifies the coming of Easter and as such, our annual Easter Craft Fair, which is completely free to attend.

With stalls offering a range of beautiful handmade crafts and gifts from local craftspeople and artists, the *Gladbooks* pop-up bookstall stocking reads for adults and young people, plus a selection of tasty

homecooked meals and treats in our *Food for Thought* café, there really is something for everyone. And for the children, the Children's Easter Quiz, and a colouring competition for the little ones!

If you're looking for something fun and free to do, this is a great day out for all the family!

For more information, please call 01244 532350.

And remember, Gladstone's Library remains open on Bank Holidays so we'll be open on both Good Friday and Easter Monday!

RECOMMEND OUR MEETING ROOMS TO A FRIEND!



Here at Gladstone's Library we've a definite spring in our step. Spring is just around the corner and in the spirit of new life, we want to welcome to the building users who have never used us before, or who may have been away for a little while.

So we'd like to ask our valued regular users to refer friends or people you know to our conference facilities and meeting rooms. We know that, this way, those recommended will understand our ethos and what we're about. Upon booking, not only will the friend get a free first session, but we'll also give you 20% off your next booking! And we want to encourage you to refer as many people as you like, so we'll give you another 20% off for each new customer you

introduce!

Our venue and meeting rooms are full of character, and something a little different from other conference venues. People use us for a variety of purposes from mentoring sessions, to boardroom meetings, to yoga! Our largest room can accommodate up to 40 people and we have a variety of packages which can be tailored to suit your needs including full day, half day, and hourly rates.

If you would like to view any of our facilities, if you would like more information on this offer or to book, please get in touch on 01244 532350.

This offer is valid on bookings made between now and 31st May 2017.

REMEMBERING SLAVERY

Saturday, 29th – Sunday, 30th April

In 1834 Britain abolished slavery, a defining and celebrated moment in our national history. What has been largely forgotten is that the government compensated slave owners £17 billion for their loss of 'property' whilst emancipated slaves received nothing. Nicholas Draper reminds us of the price paid for abolition.

Nicholas Draper is Director of the new Centre for the Study of the Legacies of British Slave-Ownership at UCL. Prior to this he was Co-Director of the recent Structure and Significance of British Caribbean Slave-Ownership 1763-1833, and was a founder member of its precursor, the Legacies of British Slave-Ownership project (2009-2012).

Residential prices start from £110, non-residential from £80. Discount rates for clergy and students apply.

For more information or to book, please call 01244 532350.

MARCH JELLY DAY

Tuesday, 7th March | 10am - 4pm

Jelly Days are for freelancers or those who work from home and are a chance to work in different surroundings amongst like-minded people. The principle behind Jelly is simple - just bring your laptop or whatever you need to work, and share our space (and free Wi Fi!) with other workers.

This event will take place in *Food for Thought* and is completely free to attend. Booking is essential. To book, please call 01244 532350.

SIN, SEX & SALVATION: PERSPECTIVES ON ART AND FAITH



Friday, 31st March – Sunday, 2nd April

Images - often conflicting - of sin, sex and salvation are a rich seam running through both Christian tradition and the history of art.

This course will explore visual art from the Middle Ages to the present day from these thematic perspectives. It will open up art as a means to thinking about cultural representations of sin, about sex and bodies in art and religion, and about grace and salvation.

The weekend is led by Deborah Lewer, Senior Lecturer and Head of History of Art at the University of Glasgow.

Anyone with an interest in art and / or faith is very welcome.

Residential prices start from £215, non-residential from £150. Discount rates for clergy and students apply.

For more information or to book, please call 01244 532350.

COMING UP NEXT MONTH...

March - April

THE DAY PARLIAMENT BURNED DOWN: AN EVENING WITH POLITICAL WRITER IN RESIDENCE, CAROLINE SHENTON. 9TH MAY.

ABOVE US ONLY SKY: DISCOVERING A GOD THAT IS ALL AROUND US. 18TH - 20TH MAY.

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