

CREATIVE

COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

July - September 2025



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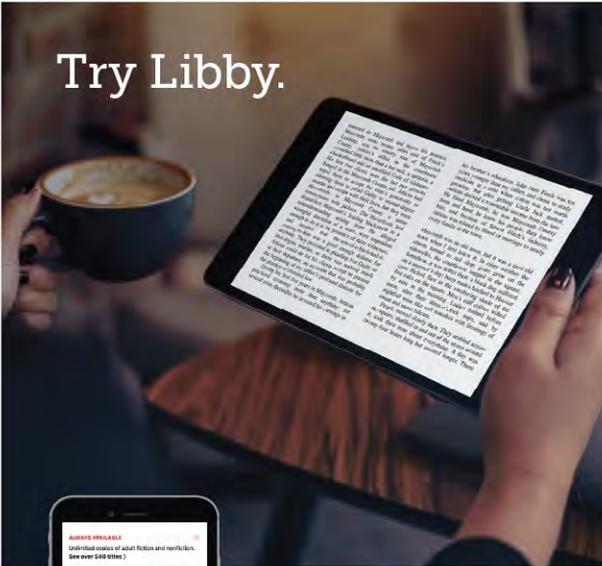
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Welcome to the special summer edition of our Creative Communities programme.

This summer, there are plenty of exciting events for all ages, including the Barnet Summer Read, the PAWsome Barnet Book Detectives! Children will join Detective Woof and his team of detectives to help solve the mystery of missing books, which are disappearing from libraries and locations around Barnet. Sign-up from Saturday 5 July. There's a fantastic programme of events throughout the school holidays to keep children entertained all summer long too.

For adults, we have a walk in Hendon, uncovering its rich history. Try jewellery making or join an art workshop featuring printmaking, feltmaking and collage.

Our Loving Life programme for the over 60s and their carers continues, with more yoga, tai chi, clock cricket and a new session of hula hooping, to help you feel good. There are a host of workshops on pastels, flower arranging, making mandalas, origami, dance, pottery and much more.

We hope you enjoy the many events taking place in our libraries this summer. Step inside and discover something new today.

Tickets and Booking

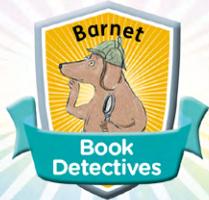
Some of our events require a small charge. This allows us to continue to provide a range of events and activities. We keep our charges as low as possible to cover our basic costs and reinvest all takings in our library services, including future events. Our free events are provided via grant funding.

You will find the QR code to book tickets on each page. Scan the code with the camera on your phone and tap on the web address when it pops up. Or you can visit <https://barnet-libraries.played.co>. Find the event you wish to book and add tickets to your cart, then follow the instructions to pay. You may need to select the library the event takes place at to find it.

Booking opens 2 to 6 weeks before events take place. For the latest news and to find out when booking opens, sign up to our e-newsletters. Visit www.barnet.gov.uk/librarynewsletters to find out more.

Cancellation Policy: we offer a full refund for tickets cancelled more than 48 hours before an event. We are unable to refund tickets cancelled within 48 hours.





Barnet Book Detectives



Something strange is happening in Barnet. Books are disappearing and a mysterious **Book Crook** is on the loose. They love to read but want all the books for themselves and won't share!

This summer, join the '**Barnet Book Detectives**' and help **Detective Woof** pick up the scent.



Children aged 4 -11 can join up at any library and **emBARK** on a reading journey, helping the detective chase the Book Crook, who has been leaving clues at libraries and locations around Barnet.

For every book they read, children will get a special pawprint stamp in their **Reading Journal** and will receive clues from library staff to help reveal the culprit!

By reading 6 library books over the summer holidays, children will solve the mystery and receive a certificate and other rewards for completing the challenge. They'll also be entered into a very special prize draw!

Children can read any books they like - from chapter books, comics or even information books. They can also read eBooks or comics on the [Libby app](#) or listen to eAudiobooks on [BorrowBox](#).

Join us this summer and help the Barnet Book Detectives unlock the mystery and discover who the Book Crook is...

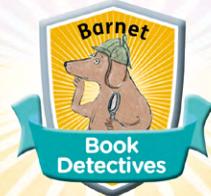
The challenge starts on Saturday 5 July.



Good luck
as you
emBARK
on your reading
journey!



Barnet Book Detectives



Help Solve Detective Woof's Mystery



Can you piece together all the clues to help Detective Woof solve the mystery of the missing passport and save the day?

Saturday 5 July

10.30am - 12pm

Finchley Church End Library

Age: 4+

Cost: Free

No booking required. Drop in.



Mysteries of the RAF



Get your magnifying glass at the ready as you play detective around the Museum discovering fun facts and cracking the RAF Museum code. Get hands on with mysterious objects from the Museum's collections and guess their links to the RAF past and present.

Saturday 5 July

12 - 2pm

Age: 5+

Cost: Free

Booking required. Scan the QR code or visit www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london and book free RAF Museum tickets to attend the event.



Detective Woof Scavenger Hunt



An interactive, mystery-themed adventure. Follow a trail of clever clues left behind by Detective Woof. Each clue will lead you to a different location, where riddles, books, and hidden messages guide you closer to solving the final mystery.

Enjoy fun extras like detective badges and journals and a prize for all who complete the hunt.

Monday 7 July

10am - 5pm

Childs Hill Library

Age: 8+

Cost: Free

No booking required. Drop in.



Solve a World War 2 Mystery! with author Helen Peters



Crack a World War 2 mystery that has never been solved. Award winning author Helen Peters introduces an (invented!) MI5 cold case! Children will work with Helen to solve clues from letter fragments, to train tickets, to coded writing with opportunities for volunteers to help Helen examine seemingly innocent objects for hidden messages...

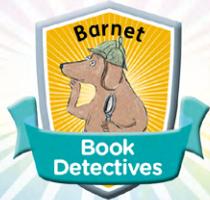
Saturday 12 July

11am - 12.30pm

Finchley Church End Library

Cost: £3.50 per person. All adults and children require a ticket. Book 3 or more tickets at the same time for a 25% discount. Scan the QR code to book.





Barnet Book Detectives



Make a Magnifying Glass!

Sign up for the Barnet Summer Read, Barnet Book Detectives and make and decorate your own magnifying glass to help solve Detective Woof's case.



Saturday 12 July

2 - 5pm

North Finchley Library

Age: 4+

Cost: Free

No booking required. Drop in throughout the afternoon.

A Swashbuckling Scavenger Hunt

Set sail on a pirate adventure! Follow the map through the library, discover hidden treasures and get crafty with your own pirate-themed creations.



Tuesday 15 July

3.30 - 4.30pm

Edgware Library

Age: 6 - 12 Years

Cost: £3 per child.

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.

Hooray for Hendon!

A thousand glorious years, from the Domesday Book to Hendon Aerodrome and beyond. On this family walk, you will discover that Hendon remained largely rural until the 1920s. We'll see the lovely unspoilt medieval church and churchyard and some splendid early 20th-century buildings along The Burroughs. We'll hear about local connections with music hall, rock and roll, Arsenal football club — and Dracula! We'll finish in a delightful park. With Paul Baker, City of London guide.



Saturday 19 July

2.30 - 4.30pm

Meeting point: Hendon Library

Cost: £5 per adult and £3.50 per child.

Book 3 or more tickets at the same time and received a 25% discount.

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.

Mystery Trail at Colindale Library

A golden book has gone missing from Colindale Library, but where did it go? Or, who took it? Follow the clues around the library and find out.

This trail will run throughout the summer holidays at Colindale Library. To collect a pack and take part, visit during staffed hours and uncover the mystery... and help us find our book!

**Wednesday 23 July -
Saturday 30 August.**

**Collect your pack on:
Tuesdays, 2pm to 8pm
Wednesdays, 2pm to 5pm
Thursdays, 9am to 12.30pm
Saturdays, 9am to 5pm
Colindale Library**

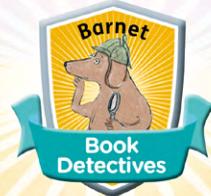
Age: 6+

Cost: Free

No booking required. Drop in.



Barnet Book Detectives



A Mystery Craft Event

Discover a secret craft activity at East Finchley Library.

Thursday 24 July

2.30 – 4.30pm

East Finchley Library

Age: 4+

Cost: £3 per child.

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.



Bags of Mystery!

Use your imagination to write and illustrate your very own mystery.

Tuesday 29 July

2.30 – 3.30pm

Golders Green Library

Age: 7+

Cost: Free

Booking required for children only. Scan the QR code to book.



Riddles & Crafts - Solve the Riddles, Craft the Answers

Ready to use your little grey cells for solving a few riddles? Then unleash your creativity to give shape to the answers.

Wednesday 30 July

2.30 – 4pm

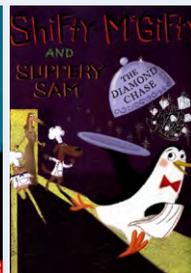
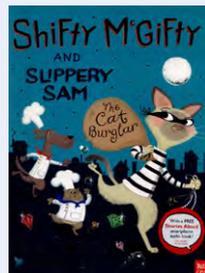
Hendon Library

Age: 6+

Cost: Free

No booking required.

Places allocated on a first come, first served basis.



“Bakery Mystery” Treasure Hunt

Join us for a fun detective adventure inspired by Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam! Shifty and Sam are bakers now, but someone has stolen their cupcakes! Help them track down the missing treats by following hidden clues.

Solve riddles and uncover the mystery to reveal a special surprise!

Thursday 31 July

3 – 4pm

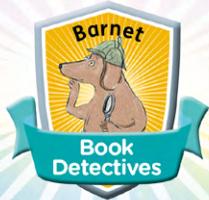
Mill Hill Library

Age: 4+

Cost: £3 per child.

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.





Barnet Book Detectives



Detective Woof's Crafting Conundrum



Detective Woof is on the case and he needs your help to identify the conniving culprits who are on the loose!

Tuesday 5 August

2.30 - 4pm

Osidge Library

Age: 4+

Cost: Free

No booking required. Drop in anytime.

The Case of the Vanishing Volume



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Detectives, we have a mystery on our hands! Make your own badge, crack the clues, and solve the mystery before the thief escapes!

Tuesday 5 August

3 - 4pm

Edgware Library

Age: 7 - 12 Years

Cost: £3 per child.

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.

Ozobot Detectives - Write a Mystery Story with Robots



Join us for a creative writing workshop with a STEM twist! Our clever little line-following robots will be playing the part of detective - as you create and illustrate your very own mystery story and use code to help our 'Ozobots' follow the narrative. Will you be able to crack the case?

Chipping Barnet Library

Friday 8 August, 10.30am - 12pm

Finchley Church End Library

Thursday 14 August, 10.30am - 12pm

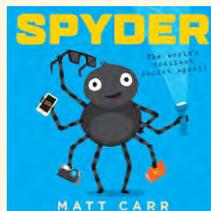
Age: 7+

Cost: Free

Booking required.
Book at barnetyouth.uk/
Positive-Activities or scan the QR code.



Read & Craft with Spy-der



Join us for a Secret Agent Spider storytime and craft activity.

Thursday 7 August

10 - 10.45am

North Finchley Library

Age: Toddlers aged 2+

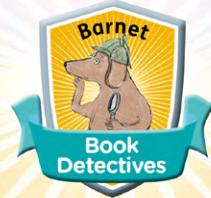
Cost: £3

Booking required.
Scan the QR code to book.

Tickets required for children only.



Barnet Book Detectives



Detective Book Hunt

Gather your 'detecting gear' to solve this mystery!

Monday 11 August

3 - 4pm

Burnt Oak Library

Age: 6+

Cost: £3 per child

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.



The Story Detectives!

Are you ready for a challenge? Love a good adventure? Fabulous at finding letters?

Join The Story Detectives as they embark on an exciting journey through the library collecting letters, solving clues and creating a unique adventure story.

Age: 3 - 8 year olds

Cost: £3.50 per person.

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.

Tickets required for all adults and children attending. Book 3 or more tickets at the same time for a 25% discount.

Tuesday 12 August

10.30 - 11.30am

Edgware Library

Tuesday 12 August

3 - 4pm

East Finchley Library

Detective Woof: The Mystery Hunt!

The game is afoot! Detective Woof needs young investigators to help him crack the code to the mystery of a lifetime! Solve the riddle and discover your reward!

Wednesday 13 August

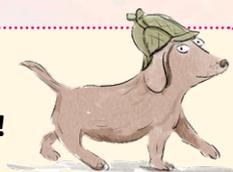
2.30 - 4pm

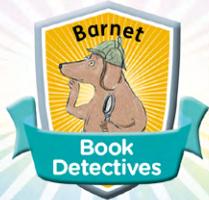
Chipping Barnet Library

Age: 6+

Cost: £3 per child

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.





Barnet Book Detectives



Origami and Paper Crafts for Children

Take part in this relaxing Japanese art form of paper folding to make animals, toys and more.

Age: 5+

Cost: £3 per child

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.

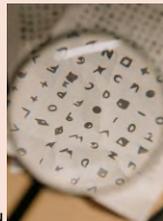
**Hendon Library,
Friday 15 August, 3 - 4pm**

**Golders Green Library,
Thursday 28 August, 4 - 5pm**



Write Your Own Mystery Novel

Have you ever wanted to be the next Sherlock Holmes? Join this session to learn how to break codes (something all good detectives need to be able to do) and get creative while planning your own mystery novel.



Saturday 16 August

2 - 3pm

Colindale Library

Age: 8+

Cost: Free

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.

Tickets required for children only.

Summer Special Lego Club

Create and build a summer themed masterpiece with Lego and Duplo.



Tuesday 19 August

3 - 4pm

North Finchley Library

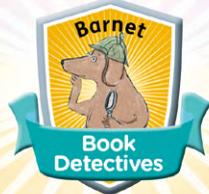
Age: 2+

Cost: Free

No booking required. Places allocated on a first come, first served basis.



Barnet Book Detectives



“Adventures of Sherlock Holmes” - Create Your Own Detective Magnifying Glass.



Inspired by Sherlock Holmes' famous investigations, in this hands-on activity, children will design and decorate their own magnifying glasses, then use them to search for hidden clues and solve a mini mystery.

Thursday 21 August

3 - 4pm

Mill Hill Library

Age: 5+

Cost: £3 per child

Booking required.

Scan the QR code to book.



Key Quest

Find keys and unlock clues to the mystery craft.

Wednesday 27 August

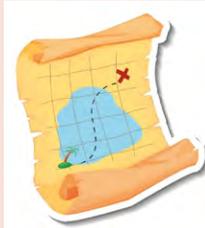
2.30 - 4.30pm

Finchley Church End Library

Age: 4+

Cost: £3 per child

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.



Detective Woof: The Case of the Missing Hat



Attention crime busters! Detective Woof has lost his hat! What is a detective without his trusted cap? Help our hat-less hero craft new gear to help put criminals behind bars!

Saturday 23 August

10.30 - 11.30am

Chipping Barnet Library

Age: 4+

Cost: £3 per child

Booking required.

Scan the QR code to book.



Puzzle Pandemonium

Create your own puzzles and games using items in the Mystery Box.

Saturday 13 September

10 - 11am

East Finchley Library

Age: 4+

Cost: £3 per child

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.



Events for Under Fives



Rhyme Time with Dad

An extra special Rhyme Time where dads are invited to join in the fun and sing along with their little ones.

Saturday 19 July

2 - 3.15pm

Colindale Library

Age: Under Fives

Cost: Free

No booking required. Places allocated on a first come, first served basis.



Zoom, Zoom, Zoom!

A space themed activity session, with rhymes, stories and sensory play for non-walkers.

Age: Babies and Non-Walkers

Cost: £3.50

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.

One ticket admits one adult and one baby or twins.

Friday 25 July

11am - 12pm

Finchley Church End Library

Monday 4 August

11am - 12pm

Edgware Library

Wednesday 6 August

11am - 12pm

Colindale Library

Thursday 28 August

10.30am - 12pm

North Finchley Library



Events for Under Fives



Dinosaur Stomp!

A Dinosaur themed storytime, followed by play and craft activities for under-fives.

Age: Under Fives

Cost: £3.50

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.

Each participating child requires a ticket. Non walking babies do not require a ticket.

Friday 8 August

10.30 - 11.30am

Finchley Church End Library

Monday 11 August

10.30 - 11.30am

Chipping Barnet Library

Tuesday 12 August

2.30 - 3.30pm

Edgware Library

Wednesday 13 August

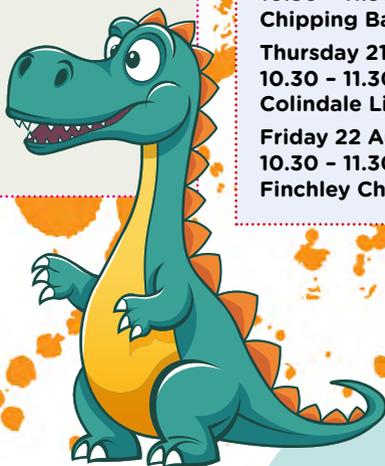
10.30 - 11.30am

Colindale Library

Thursday 14 August

10.30 - 11.30am

North Finchley Library



Explore Science

A science themed activity room for under-fives.

Age: Under Fives

Cost: £3.50

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.

Each participating child requires a ticket. Non walking babies do not require a ticket.

Monday 18 August

10.30 - 11.30am

Chipping Barnet Library

Thursday 21 August

10.30 - 11.30am

Colindale Library

Friday 22 August

10.30 - 11.30am

Finchley Church End Library



Events for Adults

Art for the Mind

Fire up your imagination and experiment with different materials and techniques such as printmaking, feltmaking and collage to create exciting artwork.

Edgware Library

2 - 3pm

The same session runs on three dates. You are welcome to attend one or more.

Thursday 3 July

Thursday 7 August

Thursday 4 September

Age: 55+

Cost: Free

Booking required.

Scan the QR code to book.



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Introduction to Yoga in Daily Life

Thinking of starting yoga? Come to our taster class to find out more about Yoga in Daily Life. This class will guide you to a safe, holistic and sustainable Yoga practice for harmony of body, mind and soul. Learn how Yoga can help you. All welcome!

Age: Adults

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.

Wednesday 6 August, 6.30 - 7.30pm
Hendon Library

Thursday 11 September, 6.30 - 7.30pm
Golders Green Library



Death Café

Join Mala at the death café. This will be a space to be open and honest about death and life. Let's talk about the one thing we all have in common. No objective, no judgement, just sharing and listening to each other.

Bring your own tea or coffee and we'll provide cake.

North Finchley Library

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.

Friday 5 September
2.30 - 4pm

Friday 12 September
2.30 - 4pm



Events for Adults

“Shell” We Make a Pendant?

Come along and make a pendant from shells collected from the Dorset Jurassic Coast.

Thursday 18 September

4 - 5pm

Golders Green Library

Age: Adults

Cost: £3.50

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.



An Evening with author Leigh Russell

Bestselling author Leigh Russell will be discussing her crime novels. Her DI Geraldine Steel detective series has sold over 2 million copies and she is also the author of Poppy Mystery Tales, a brand-new cosy crime series set in an idyllic English village.

The Geraldine Steel series, published by No Exit Press, has appeared on many bestseller lists and reached #1 on Kindle. Shortlisted for two CWA Dagger Awards, Leigh now chairs a CWA Judging panel. She is an Advisory Royal Literary Fellow and a freelance editor.

There will be a Q&A session and the chance to have your book signed after the talk.

Thursday 18 September

6 - 7pm

Mill Hill Library

Age: Adults

Cost: £3 per person

Booking required. Scan the QR code to book.





Loving Life

Loving Life is an exciting creative health project for older adults running in Chipping Barnet and Colindale Libraries throughout 2025.

The project provides a range of free creative events and activities and is designed to maintain and improve health and wellbeing and provide required social interaction.

We particularly welcome those living with dementia and their carers to our Loving Life activities. Loving Life is supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England.

Found Word-Story Postcards



In this creative session, explore the magic of “found words” by selecting words or phrases from old storybooks to spark imagination and inspire themes for personalised drawing. Participants will then create a graphic story with a series of postcards.

Whether abstract, symbolic or representational, the artwork becomes a visual response to the words, forming a unique story or message to share with others or keep as a memory.

Friday 4 July

10am - 12pm

Colindale Library

Age: 60+ and their carers only

Booking required for participants and carers. Scan the QR code or visit the library in staffed opening times to book.

Activities and events for older adults

Spring Flowers in Watercolour



In this creative workshop, you will learn the techniques of using watercolour to create your very own spring flowers artwork. Take a moment to pause, to observe and to capture the beauty within the stillness of nature.

Wednesday 2 July

10.30am - 12pm

Chipping Barnet Library

Age: 60+ and their carers only

Booking required for participants and carers. Scan the QR code or visit the library in staffed opening times to book.

Tai Chi and Qi Gong



Practice gentle, flowing movements that promote relaxation, balance and well-being. This 1-hour Tai Chi & Qi Gong session is led by Ranj. Suitable for all levels, this class will help you reduce stress and improve your mind-body connection. This is a free first come, first served drop-in event.

Colindale Library

Age: 60+ and their carers only

No booking required. Drop in.

2 - 3pm

Thursday 10 July

Thursday 17 July

Thursday 24 July

Thursday 31 July

Thursday 7 August

Thursday 14 August





Clock Cricket

Clock Cricket is a fantastic, fun-driven game that pits individuals up against the rest of the group or is played in teams. It's a really simple format, played indoors and in the comfort of your lounge chair. Using safe, soft equipment, the games use the surroundings to evolve the scoring. There is always lots of laughter and it never stops being funny when someone gets hit on the head with a sponge ball! No need to book, just drop in on the day.



Friday 11 July

11am - 12pm

Colindale Library

Age: 60+ and their carers only

No booking required. Drop in.

Origami and Paper Crafts

Take part in this relaxing Japanese art form of paper folding to make animals, flowers and more.



Friday 18 July

10am - 12pm

Colindale Library

Age: 60+ and their carers only

Booking required for participants and carers. Scan the QR code or visit the library in staffed opening times to book.



Kick Off with a Verse

Kick Off with a Verse starts with some gentle stretching and guided relaxation. This prepares the body and mind to listen to a poem which gives participants a springboard for talking together. Then, there is an invitation to write down some of your own thoughts. Not in polished writing or as a poem, but in your own unique way. Don't forget to bring a pen and something to write on!

Karin De Novellis has a background in teaching and counselling. She is interested in both the spoken and written word and how they can enhance our wellbeing.

Age: 60+ and their carers only

Booking required for participants and carers. Scan the QR code or visit the library in staffed opening times to book.

Chipping Barnet Library

**Wednesday 9 July,
10.30am - 12.30pm**

**Wednesday 16 July,
10.30am - 12.30pm**

Colindale Library

Friday 1 August, 10am - 12pm

Friday 8 August, 10am - 12pm

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♥ Loving Life

Activities and events for older adults



Loving Dance with Satish and Binal!

Satish Shah, a talented folk singer, dancer, and choreographer, will join forces with Binal from Binal's Dance Academy to conduct a dynamic dance workshop. This workshop will blend classical dance with Bollywood, Fusion, Bhangra, and various other Indian folk dances. It's open to all ages, promising a fun and engaging intergenerational experience!

Tuesday 22 July

6.30 - 7.30pm

Colindale Library

Age: 60+ and their carers, friends and families.

Booking required for all adults, carers and children attending. Scan the QR code or visit the library in staffed opening times to book.



Mandala-Rangoli Workshop

Immerse yourself in the art of painting Mandalas, symbols of self and the universe, and creating Rangolis, which are believed to bring good fortune. Ay & I Creations's therapeutic workshop, offers you over an hour of tranquillity and joy amidst the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Design your own unique piece, choosing your favourite colours and adorning it with mirrors or gold beads to enhance its beauty.

Friday 25 July

10.30am - 12pm

Colindale Library

Age: 60+ and their carers only

Booking required for participants and carers. Scan the QR code or visit the library in staffed opening times to book.





Flower Arranging

Join the Flower Bank and create a flower arrangement to take home.



The Flower Bank aim to reduce waste in the flower market by working with retailers, florists and suppliers to turn end of shelf-life flowers into beautiful arrangements.

Wednesday 16 July

10.30am - 12.30pm

Chipping Barnet Library

Age: 60+ and their carers only

Booking required for participants and their carers. Scan the QR code or visit the library in staffed opening times to book.

Embellished Tote Bags

Join Diwis Creations for an engaging workshop, where you will personalise a tote bag using a variety of dazzling rhinestones with templates provided. Participants will learn easy to follow methods that will enable them to express their creativity and leave with a unique accessory.



Age: 60+ and their carers only

Booking required for participants and their carers. Scan the QR code or visit the library in staffed opening times to book.

**Chipping Barnet Library
Wednesday 6 August,
10.30am - 12.30pm**

**Colindale Library
Friday 29 August, 10am - 12pm**

Dance for Joy

Dance for Joy holds the potential to reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation, to improve fitness and to improve feelings of wellbeing and happiness. This is an opportunity for older adults to dance to their favourite songs in a relaxed environment. There will be no routines or choreography, just freestyle dancing and socialising.



The aim is to create an authentic disco experience with music chosen by revellers.

Wednesday 30 July

2.30 - 5.30pm

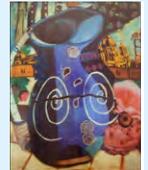
Chipping Barnet Library

Age: 60+ and their carers only

No booking required. Drop in.

A View from the Window: Real and Imagined Words

Blending observation with imagination in this mixed media session, a still life artwork will be created, inspired by a view from a window sill.



Beginning with simple arrangements of everyday objects (cups, fruit, vases, books, flowers).

Wednesday 13 August

10.30am - 12.30pm

Chipping Barnet Library

Age: 60+ and their carers only

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Still Life in a Dynamic Age

This activity focuses on appreciating the benign and overlooked items in our day to day life by creating a stage to showcase their beauty through watercolour.



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Colindale Library

Friday 15 August, 10am - 12pm

Chipping Barnet Library

Wednesday 27 August, 11am - 1pm

Hula Hoop and Exercise Class

Join Geraldine in a low-impact exercise class to help improve coordination and balance.



Hula hooping is fun, can help to make you feel happier through the release of endorphins and is accessible for people of all ages and fitness levels.

Wednesday 20 August

11am - 12pm

Chipping Barnet Library

Age: 60+ and their carers only

No booking required. Drop in.

Yoga

Our Yoga for Seniors session is tailored for those with reduced mobility. Whether seated in a chair or on the floor, this gentle practice will help enhance your flexibility, balance and strength. Each pose is seated or supported, ensuring your comfort throughout the session. This is a free first come, first served drop-in event.

Colindale Library

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No tickets required. Drop in.

Thursday 21 August, 2 - 3pm

Thursday 28 August, 2 - 3pm

Thursday 4 September, 2 - 3pm

Thursday 11 September, 2 - 3pm

Thursday 18 September, 2 - 3pm

Thursday 25 September, 2 - 3pm





Farm Animals in Oil / Soft Pastel

Learn the techniques of using oil / soft pastel and create your very own farm animal artwork. Pastels are tutor Jackie's preferred medium for painting animals; they possess a unique ability to create soft, blurry aspects in drawings. They are messy but at the same time also fun, especially the oil pastel. The creamy texture effortlessly merges colours, and deep rich colours are easy to blend. When used well, they can have a splendid luminosity.

Friday 22 August, 10am - 12pm

Colindale Library

Age: 60+ and their carers only

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Botanical Monoprinting using Lino



In this creative workshop, you will create your own monoprint using various botanicals. This session is run by Charlotte, a member of the Barnet Guild of Artists.

Wednesday 3 September

10.30am - 12.30pm

Chipping Barnet Library

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Friday 5 September

10am - 12pm

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Pottery Course

Discover the joy of pottery in a warm and welcoming atmosphere that encourages creativity and personal growth. Our classes allow students to work at their own pace, focusing on individual projects.



During this three-week course, you'll have the chance to design and craft your own pottery piece from start to finish. Once completed, your creation will be fired in Maxability's studio, and by the end of the course, you'll take home a handcrafted work of art.

Chipping Barnet Library

10:30am - 12:30pm

Booking required for participants and their carers. Scan the QR code or visit the library in staffed opening times to book.

Course Duration: Three sessions over three weeks. You will need to commit to all three sessions.

Wednesday 10 September

Wednesday 17 September

Wednesday 24 September

Beginners Clay Workshop

Learn simple clay techniques to make a unique piece that you will feel proud about! All materials and tools provided.

Friday 26 September

10am - 12pm

Colindale Library

Age: 60+ and their carers only

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Show and Tell Memory Café

The Show and Tell Memory Café is a warm and welcoming gathering designed for seniors, particularly those experiencing memory loss or cognitive challenges, along with their caregivers.



Participants are encouraged to bring objects such as photographs, heirlooms, or mementos that hold special significance to them, sharing the stories and memories behind these treasures with the group.

This engaging activity promotes conversation, stimulates memory recall and fosters connections between attendees in a supportive and inclusive environment. The café atmosphere is relaxed, providing participants the opportunity to enjoy one another's company. A light lunch will also be provided, making this a nourishing and enriching experience for all involved. The session will also include a musical performance by local artist Hidé Takemoto.

Friday 19 September

11am - 1pm

Colindale Library

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