

LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY

Leeds Central Library,
Calverley Street, Leeds, LS1 3AB

OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday, 9.00am – 7.00pm
Tuesday, 9.00am – 7.00pm
Wednesday, 9.00am – 7.00pm
Thursday, 9.00am – 6.00pm
Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday, 10.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday, 11.00am – 3.00pm

RESEARCH & ADVICE

Free workshops and drop-ins
Free access to Ancestry.com
Regular talks and events
Sessions for schools

COLLECTIONS

Local newspaper archive
Historical and modern maps
Photos (www.leodis.net)
Leeds and Yorkshire books

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COLLECTIONS BLOG

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Events Programme

Jan – Mar 2019



Local Talks & Workshops

SIGNS OF MY TIMES:

A LIFE WITH DEAF PEOPLE

Saturday 2 February, 2-4pm

The Portal, 2nd Floor

Join Martin Smith for a talk exploring his life working with the deaf community of Leeds, followed by a Question & Answer session. Signed copies of Martin's book *Signs of My Times: A Life with Deaf People* will be available on the day, plus the chance to browse relevant items from the Central Library collections.

FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents

FROM MUNITIONS TO #METOO:

WOMEN'S HISTORY WORKSHOP

Saturday 9 March, 1-4pm

The Portal, 2nd Floor

Join Tina Jackson, author of the forthcoming book *Struggle and Suffrage in Leeds* for this interactive workshop exploring the stories of women in Leeds. We will share and discuss your experiences of women's lives, how and why they need to be preserved, before helping you record them for future generations.

FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents

LEEDS JEWISH LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

Tuesday 12 March, 2-3pm

Moor Allerton Community Hub

Join Librarians from Leeds Central Library to begin exploring the rich history and heritage of the Leeds Jewish community. Our team will be on hand to showcase relevant treasures from the collections at the Central Library, as well as offering advice and assistance about your Jewish genealogical searches.

FREE, DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

THE SHEEPSCAR TRIANGLE – WITH IRISH ARTS FOUNDATION

Wednesday 13 March, 1-2pm

Sanderson Room, 3rd Floor

Lunchtime talk exploring 'The Sheepscar Triangle': dance halls and public houses around the Sheepscar and Leylands areas, historically a focal point for the Irish community in the surrounding inner-city areas of Harehills, Scott Hall, Chapeltown, Hyde Park and Woodhouse. Long-since demolished, these venues are fondly remembered within the Leeds Irish community.

FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

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Family History

Thinking about tracing your family tree but aren't sure how to start? Come along to one of our free beginner's workshops for advice. Then, once you're underway, try our drop-in sessions for assistance with those trickier questions!

FAMILY HISTORY FOR BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

An introduction to key concepts and resources for complete beginners. **All sessions take place in The Portal. FREE but booking is essential: Phone (0113) 378 6982 or email localandfamilyhistory@leeds.gov.uk**

Wed 16 Jan, 2.30-4.00pm

Wed 13 Feb, 2.30-4.00pm

Wed 20 Mar, 2.30-4.00pm

FAMILY HISTORY DROP-IN

Come and chat to our family history librarians at this informal advice session. From first steps with Ancestry.com to more involved enquiries, we're on hand to help.

All sessions take place in The Portal from 10am to 12 noon and are FREE with no booking required.

Wednesday 23 January

Wednesday 20 February

Wednesday 27 March

Special Events

TREASURES HANDLING WORKSHOP: YORKSHIRE BATTLES

Saturday 12 January, 2-4pm, The Portal, 2nd Floor

Join our team of Librarians to get up-close and personal with a curated selection of treasures from the Central Library collections, focusing on the history and heritage of battles that have taken place in Yorkshire from the 7th to the 20th-centuries.

FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED: www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents

SPEED-DATE OUR LIBRARY TREASURES IV

Wednesday 30 January, 7.30-9pm, Further North, Chapel Allerton

Lonely library books seek passionate partners for adventurous nights in! We've once-again dusted off the most unique and underrated items from the Central Library and sent them down to the pub to charm some open-minded strangers. Join us in these cosy, romantic surroundings for some serious book-lovin'...

TICKETS £3, BOOKING REQUIRED: www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents

LGBT HISTORY WIKI WORKSHOP

Wednesday 27 February, 5.30-7pm The Portal, 2nd Floor

To celebrate LGBT History Month, we're holding a friendly and practical workshop for people who want to help increase LGBTIQ+ representation within the widely-used website, Wikipedia. There will also be the chance to find out about current research projects in the field.

FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED: www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents

THE LORD OF THE RINGS QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 1 March, 7.30-10pm Local & Family History, 2nd Floor

Do you know your Mirkwood from your Lothlórien? Could you pick Aragorn's sword out of a line-up? Join us at Leeds Central Library for a special late night quiz held in our very own Middle Earth where we will be armed with questions from the Third Age (Please note: the quiz will be book-verse NOT movie-verse.)

TICKETS £3, BOOKING REQUIRED: www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents

FILM SCREENING: THE LAST TRIBE

Wednesday 6 March, 1-3pm Room 700, 1st Floor

Screening of the 2011 documentary looking at the arrival of the Jewish community in Leeds during the late 19th-century, followed by a Q&A session with the director Simon Glass. Part of the MILIM Festival, and will include a small exhibition of the Central Library's collections relating to the Jewish diaspora.

FREE, DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

Heritage Tours

HERITAGE TOURS OF LEEDS CENTRAL LIBRARY

Wednesday 30 January, 10.30am

Thursday 28 February, 2.30pm

Friday 29 March, 10.30am

Join us for an entertaining trip behind the scenes of our magnificent Grade II* listed building. Find out about the architecture, history and famous visitors, as well as visiting some secret corners! Tours last approximately 1 hour and leave from the ground floor atrium, outside the Lending department.

TICKETS £5, BOOKING REQUIRED: www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents