

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.co.uk
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

Apr - Jun 2019



Talks at the Central Library

LUNCHTIME TALK: LEEDS AND ITS JEWISH COMMUNITY

Wednesday 10 April, 1-2pm
Leodis Room, 3rd Floor

Join us for the latest in our local history Lunchtime Talk series, when Professor Derek Fraser, editor of a new book on the Leeds Jewish community, will explore its main themes.

FREE, DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

LUNCHTIME TALK: HERITAGE AT RISK – BACK-TO-BACK HOUSES

Wednesday 17 April, 1-2pm
Leodis Room, 3rd Floor

PhD. researcher Joanne Harrison will present an illustrated talk exploring the history and significance of back-to-back housing in Leeds, with a special focus on Harehills.

FREE, DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

LUNCHTIME TALK: ALAN BENNETT AND YORKSHIRE

Wednesday 15 May, 1-2pm
Sanderson Room, 3rd Floor

Dr Kara McKechnie explores the work of Alan Bennett and his relationship to Yorkshire, followed by a Q+A. Attendees will be able to share their own memories and views of Alan Bennett and his work.

FREE, DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

LUNCHTIME TALK: LEEDS CINEMAS

Wednesday 19 June, 1-2pm
Sanderson Room, 3rd Floor

Academic researcher and freelance events organiser Dr. Laura Ager will talk about her ongoing project researching the many historic cinemas of Leeds that can still be seen 'hiding in plain sight' around the city. The talk will have a special focus on the Hyde Park Picture House, which opened in 1914 and is still a working cinema today.

FREE, DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

HISTORY WORKSHOP: TRACING THE BELGIAN REFUGEES

Wednesday 24 April, 1-4pm
Leodis Room, 3rd Floor

Are you interested in the history of Belgian refugees in Yorkshire during the First World War? Have you been involved in researching them in your local area? Maybe you have family stories or objects that you'd like to share? Come along to this workshop at which you will have the opportunity to meet other people in your area who are interested in this history.

FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents

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. Some experience with PCs is advised, as this is a hands-on session.

All sessions take place in The Portal.

FREE but booking is essential:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents

Wed 10 April, 2.30-4.00pm

Wed 15 May, 2.30-4.00pm

Wed 12 Jun, 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.co.uk 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 17 April

Wednesday 22 May

Wednesday 19 June

Talks around Leeds

AS IT WAS: YORKSHIRE BATTLES

Monday 1 April, 12.30-1.30pm

Farsley Library

Yorkshire has been the battleground for some of the bloodiest, treacherous and most vicious battles ever fought. Josh Flint will discuss the importance of Yorkshire Battles from the 7th to the 20th-centuries and how they are represented in the Leeds Libraries Collection.

FREE, DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

MAKING OUR VOICES HEARD

Tuesday 14 May, 7.00-8.00pm

Chapel Allerton Library

Join Librarian Sally Hughes to discover how images of women have changed from the 1700s to the present day, through an exploration of collections held at the Central Library.

FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

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GARFORTH SOCIAL: TREASURES OF THE LIBRARY

Monday 20 May, 1.30-2.30pm

Garforth Library & One-Stop Centre

Join us for an informative talk about the most unusual and interesting items from the Local and Family History Library's collections. We'll hear all about the strange-but-true stories from Leeds' past, including a

giant archway made of bread and a mysterious scrapbook of creepy newscuttings.

FREE, DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

AS IT WAS: A BRIEF HISTORY OF LEEDS ANTIQUARIANS

Monday 3 June, 12.30-1.30pm

Farsley Library

Join Librarian Antony Ramm for an illustrated talk exploring the story and personalities of Leeds' local historians, as told using books available at the Central Library.

FREE, DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

Special Events

MISS LILY'S VICTORIAN CIRCUS GAME AND EXHIBITION

Thursday 11 April, 10.30am-4.00pm

Friday 12 April, 10.30am-4.00pm

Saturday 13 April, 10.30am-1.00pm

and 2.00-4.00pm

Leodis Room, 3rd Floor

Roll up, roll up and join Miss Lily in a replica of a beautiful Victorian Circus ring. Try circus skills, dress up and be the first to the centre of the circus ring to win a prize!

FAMILY FRIENDLY.

FREE, DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

MAP DAY

Thursday 2 May, 2.00-4.00pm

Leodis Room, 3rd Floor

Our historical maps illustrate the development of Leeds and Yorkshire

over the last five centuries and we're giving you the chance to explore them in the return of Map Day!

FREE, DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

TREASURES HANDLING WORKSHOP: 19TH-CENTURY LOCAL POLITICS

Saturday 1 June, 2.00-4.00pm

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 personalities in Leeds politics across the 19th-century.

FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

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Heritage Tours

LEEDS CENTRAL LIBRARY

Thursday 25 April, 10.30am

Friday 24 May, 2.00pm

Wednesday 26 June, 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:

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