

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 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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Events Programme

Jul - Sep 2019



Talks at the Central Library

LUNCHTIME TALK: BESIDE THE SEASIDE

Wednesday 10 July, 1-2pm
Sanderson Room, 3rd Floor

Almost all of us have happy memories of excursions and holidays spent beside the sea, including those resorts on the Yorkshire coast. This talk takes a detailed but entertaining look back at the history of these resorts over the last four hundred years. The talk is fully illustrated and guaranteed to bring back many nostalgic times.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or 0113 378 6982

'LAD, THA'S ON A MISSION': THE CULTURAL LEGACY OF THE YORKSHIRE RIPPER MURDERS

Wednesday 17 July, 6-7pm
Sanderson Room, 3rd Floor

Between 1975 and 1980 Peter Sutcliffe murdered thirteen women and attacked several more. Inquiries into the investigation by West Yorkshire Police exposed serious flaws which resulted in significant changes to police tactics - changes that are still felt today. Women's anger at the murders drove feminist protests, and northern artists have returned to the murders to examine

the society in which Sutcliffe operated. In this talk, Francesca Roe explores the legacy of the murders in the present – from police procedures to public attitudes, poetry to politics.

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LEEDS WEST INDIAN CARNIVAL: THE EARLY YEARS

Wednesday 14 August, 6-7pm
Sanderson Room, 3rd Floor

Discover the organisers, costume makers, designers, musicians and stories behind the formative years of Europe's oldest West Indian Carnival. From its birth in 1967 to its development throughout the 1970s, Danny Friar explores the early years of the Leeds West Indian Carnival in this fun and interactive presentation.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:
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PETERLOO AND YORKSHIRE

Wednesday 21 August, 6-7pm
Sanderson Room, 3rd Floor

Join Professor Malcolm Chase for a fascinating and timely local history talk, exploring the events of 1819 at 'Peterloo' and their impact in West Yorkshire.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or 0113 378 6982

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 July, 2.30-4.00pm

Wed 11 September, 2.30-4.00pm

Wed 9 October, 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 July

Wednesday 18 September

Wednesday 16 October

Heritage Open Days Events

ALAN BENNETT: UNEXPECTED ACTIVIST

**Wednesday 18 September, 6-7pm
Leodis Room, 3rd Floor**

In this illustrated talk, Dr Kara McKechnie (University of Leeds) explores local hero Alan Bennett's politics and the way they are expressed through his work. The roots of these strongly held beliefs lie in his Leeds upbringing, which shall also be a focus of the talk.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

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HERITAGE TOURS OF LEEDS CENTRAL LIBRARY

Monday 16 September, 5.30pm

Tuesday 17 September, 5.30pm

Thursday 19 September, 10.30am

Saturday 21 September, 10.30am

As part of Heritage Open Days we are putting on *free* Heritage Tours of Central Library. Tours last approximately 1 hour and leave from the ground floor atrium, outside the Lending department.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or 0113 378 6982

Special Events

CENTRAL LIBRARY MEMORIES

**Thursday 18 July, 1.00-4.00pm
Sanderson Room, 3rd Floor**

Do you have memories of working in the Municipal Building on Calverley Street, home of the Central Library? If you do, our Librarians would like to speak to you at an informal reminiscence session, as they work toward a forthcoming book detailing the building's rich history and its many stories.

DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

EXHIBITION: RADICALS OF LEEDS

**6 – 31 July, during opening hours
Local & Family History, 2nd Floor**

Explore the rich history of the radical political tradition in 19th-century Leeds, in a small exhibition showcasing books and other stock from the Central Library collections.

DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

EXHIBITION: LEEDS WEST INDIAN CARNIVAL

**1 – 31 August, during opening hours
Local & Family History, 2nd Floor**

Find out more about the nation's longest-running West Indian Carnival. On display will be items and books from the Central Library and private collections.

DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

LEEDS THEN AND NOW

**Wednesday 28 August, 1.00-2.00pm
Sanderson Room, 3rd Floor**

Join Leeds-born author Eric Musgrave as he discusses the inspiration and process of compiling his latest book *Leeds Then and Now*, a photographic celebration of the city centre, past and present. *Leeds Then and Now* will be available to buy at the talk, at the special price of £12.50 (usually £14.99). Eric will be happy to sign any copies bought on the day (cash sales only at the talk).

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

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Heritage Tours

LEEDS CENTRAL LIBRARY

Thursday 25 July, 10.30am

Friday 30 August, 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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