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# DEPTFORD LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Saturday 14 March 2020



#DeptfordLitFest



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# MORNING



## Welcome

Welcome to the first Deptford Literature Festival, celebrating the diversity and creativity of South East London through stories, words and performance. Deptford Literature Festival, run by Spread the Word in collaboration with independent producer Tom MacAndrew, takes place on Saturday 14 March 2020.

The day invites you to explore what literature means to us today in Deptford, and features workshops, talks, walks, readings, open mics and performances.

Come along and check out local literary talent and organisations; Deptford Literature Festival is for anyone who wants to give writing a go.

There's a special day of family activity run by Round Table Books for our younger festival goers.

Some events are BSL interpreted, and 14 of our events are free to attend. We want to make sure as many people of Deptford, Lewisham and beyond can access as much of the festival as possible. See you there.

## How to Book

Most festival events are free, but you need to book your tickets in advance at [spreadtheword.org.uk/deptford-literature-festival](https://spreadtheword.org.uk/deptford-literature-festival)

Please note that all events are 16+ unless otherwise stated. The family events are for ages 3+ and upwards.

All children attending the family events must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

For programme updates, please follow the festival hashtag [#DeptfordLitFest](https://twitter.com/DeptfordLitFest).

## Thanks

We are grateful to our funders Arts Council England for making the festival happen.

Thanks to the Albany, Creekside Education Trust and Deptford Lounge, festival volunteers, as well as all of the artists and organisations who are contributing to this year's programme.



## When the Tide is Out With Ella Frears

A Deptford Creek walk and poetry workshop.

Walk & workshop

10.00 - 3.00

Creekside Discovery Centre

£20



## Disassembling Nature with Jamie Hale

Explore what it means to write about nature from a body that diverges from the straight, white, cis, male, non-disabled canon.

Workshop

10.30 - 1.30

Deptford Lounge Room 1

£10



## Writing Flash Fiction: Get inspired by Deptford Market!

Write tiny stories inspired by Deptford Market in this fun, supportive flash fiction workshop with local writer Maria Thomas.

Workshop

10.30 - 12.30

Deptford Lounge Room 2

Free



## TOKEN Magazine - special edition

Sara Jafari has edited a special edition of TOKEN Magazine just for the festival, featuring writers, poets and illustrators from Deptford and Lewisham. Pick up your copy from Deptford Lounge or The Albany.

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# AFTERNOON



## Matchstick Theatre Company presents: N89

A fun, heart-warming comedy play set on the N89 bus, featuring classic South East London night bus passengers everyone will recognise, by Mark Daniels.

- 📅 Performance
- 🕒 1.30 - 2.30
- 📍 Matchstick Piehouse
- 🎟️ Free



## Writing the Past: Black Archives and Activism with Jay Bernard, Leila Howe, Tej Adeleye and Rex Obano

Behind the headlines, London is full of hidden histories that complicate and contradict the dominant narrative. How can we discover these stories, make them visible and do justice to them? Join poets, playwrights and activists from London whose work has consistently sought to give voice to untold, lesser known and often joyous black histories that go beyond tragedy, towards transformation. Produced by Speaking Volumes Live Literature Productions.

- 📅 Readings and discussion
- 🕒 2.30 - 4.00
- 📍 Deptford Lounge Main Hall
- 🎟️ £5



## Matchstick Theatre Company playwriting workshop

Playwrights Mark Daniels and Annette Brook lead a fun workshop based on N89 - create your own night bus characters.

- 📅 Workshop
- 🕒 3.30 - 4.30
- 📍 Deptford Lounge Room 5
- 🎟️ Free



## BORN :: FREE

Poetry and sound workshop for writers and storytellers of all ability, exploring themes of home & change with Malakai Sergeant and Belinda Zhawi.

- 📅 Workshop
- 🕒 4.00 - 6.30
- 📍 Deptford Lounge Room 3
- 🎟️ Free



## Dead Men in Deptford

Author Anna Sayburn Lane leads a guided walk around the waterfront at Deptford, exploring the area's rich literary history.

- 📅 Walk
- 🕒 1.30 - 3.00
- 📍 Meet at Deptford Lounge  
Finish at Surrey Quays station
- 🎟️ Free



## Poetry London x Goldsmiths

Discover routes into poetry and publishing success with editors of Poetry London and Goldsmiths lecturers. Includes a poetry reading. With Dai George, Jack Underwood, Martha Sprackland and alumni success stories from the Goldsmiths poetry programme.

- 📅 Talk and reading
- 🕒 4.30 - 6.30
- 📍 Deptford Lounge Main Hall
- 🎟️ Free



## Poetry and the Machine: Machine-Generated Poetry in Translation

Tice Cin and Khairani Barokka lead a workshop translating the poetry of machines into other languages/'codes' to explore Anglophone bias in AI. In partnership with Poetry Translation Centre.

- 📅 Workshop
- 🕒 4.00 - 5.00
- 📍 Deptford Lounge Room 7
- 🎟️ Free

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# EVENING



## Apples and Snakes: Chill-out story session with a cuppa, cake or cocktail

Featuring lively and engaging storytellers Jordan Campbell and Laura Sampson retelling folk tales, myths and legends with a London connection.

- 📅 Performance
- 🕒 5.30 - 6.30
- 📍 Albany Café
- 🆓 Free



## Poetry Translation Centre present Somewhere We Can Take Refuge

Dual language readings by two award winning poets: leading Kurdish author Bejan Matur and Jen Hadfield from the UK.

- 📅 Readings
- 🕒 5.30 - 6.30
- 📍 Villages Brewery
- 🆓 Free



## Inua Ellams' R.A.P. Party Remix

Poet and local resident Inua Ellams brings a brand-new open mic version of his R.A.P. (Rhythm and Poetry) Party to the Albany for Deptford Literature Festival. DJ chooses songs, YOU bring the poems. Come for the rhymes, come for the poems, come for the songs, or come for the vibes. Features open mic slots for poets to respond to hip-hop tracks published on a special Spotify playlist in advance of the event. Turn up before the gig to put your name in the hat to participate.

Check out the Spotify playlist at: [bit.ly/RAPRemix](https://bit.ly/RAPRemix)

- 📅 Performance/Open Mic
- 🕒 7.30 - 10.00
- 📍 The Albany Theatre
- 🆓 Free

# FAMILIES

A special programme of activities at **Deptford Lounge Children's Library** for the younger festival goers, curated by Round Table Books. All events are **free**, but booking is essential.



## Hannah Lee

Join Hannah Lee as she celebrates all the creativity that can go into finding your own unique (hair) style with readings and special activities inspired by her first picture book **My Hair. Ages 3+**

- 📅 Workshop & Reading
- 🕒 10.00 - 10.45



## Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola

Find out all about Rocket, a science-made chatterbox who is going to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller that has ever lived... Enjoy a lively event of storytelling, fun acts and top drawing tips from this exciting debut duo based on their debut picture book **Look Up! Ages 3+**

- 📅 Workshop & Reading
- 🕒 11.00 - 11.45



## Alexandra Sheppard

In this workshop, we will imagine our own set of deities designed for our lives today - god of memes, for example! - and what they say about our modern values. **Ages 9+**

- 📅 Workshop & Reading
- 🕒 1.00 - 1.45



## Mayamada

A fun and interactive comic story workshop - learn to create your own characters and stories - the perfect event for any budding artist or storyteller! **Ages 8 - 12**

- 📅 Workshop
- 🕒 2.00 - 4.00

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Round Table Books will be selling books by featured authors and more at the festival in Deptford Lounge Library throughout the day.

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For more info and to book your place please visit [spreadtheword.org.uk/deptford-literature-festival](http://spreadtheword.org.uk/deptford-literature-festival)

If the cost of Ella Frears' and Jamie Hales' workshops or Writing the Past: Black Archives and Activism is prohibitive, then a number of free places are available by application. Visit the festival website for more information.

## Map

- 1 Deptford Lounge,  
9 Giffin St, SE8 4RJ
- 2 The Albany,  
Douglas Way, SE8 4AG
- 3 Villages Brewery  
21-22 Resolution Way, SE8 4NT
- 4 Matchstick Piehouse,  
Railway Arches, 213-214  
Edward St, SE8 5HD
- 5 Creekside Discovery Centre  
14 Creekside, SE8 4SA

## How to get to Deptford

Train: Deptford / DLR: Deptford Bridge / Overground: New Cross

Buses: 47 / 53 / 177 / 188 / 199 / 224 / 453

## Access

Disassembling Nature, Writing the Past, the Chill-out Story Session and R.A.P. Party Remix will be BSL interpreted.

All events except When the Tide Is Out are wheelchair accessible, with accessible toilets.

If you require additional access in order to attend the festival, for example larger print handouts at workshops, or a scribe, or anything else you may need to ensure you can participate in the festival, please get in touch: [festival@spreadtheword.org.uk](mailto:festival@spreadtheword.org.uk) / 020 8692 0231 ext 249

