What's On

Glasgow Women's Library June to August 2012





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Glasgow Women's Library is no ordinary library...

It is unique in Scotland and a national treasure! The Library celebrates the lives and achievements of women and champions their contributions to Scotland's culture.

This vibrant information hub is open to all, and is home to a lending library and archive as well as providing an exciting range of events, activities and courses.

You can join the Library for free. Information on joining and borrowing can be found in the 'Getting Involved' section of this programme along with details of volunteering at the library and joining our learner forum.

In this programme you will find lots of events and activities on different areas of the Library's work, all of which are linked to the materials we have in the library and our archive collections.

Did you know that you can help us survive, improve & grow?

Become a Friend of the Library by donating £5 a month and help us to deliver life-changing programmes, provide a place for women's history and achievements to be recorded and keep our doors open to all. As a friend you can access all our learning programmes for free, are kept up to date with news and will be invited to special friends gatherings.

Our Women on the Shelf campaign is a chance to help us create a fit-for-purpose home for the Library's collections, staff, learners and visitors. Donate £10 to sponsor a book, £100 sponsors a shelf and for £1000 you can sponsor a section. Each can be dedicated to inspiring and memorable women.

Help with Reading, Writing and Numbers

In the Library we provide one to one support for women to improve their reading, writing and number skills. We also have a groupwork programme running alongside to support this work, including creative writing, communication skills, a young women's project and working with numbers. Please contact Dawn for more information or to arrange support.

English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) classes take place every week in the library in partnership with Langside College. If you would like more information please contact us.

For more information on any of our projects or services please contact GWL on 0141 248 9969, email info@womenslibrary.org.uk or visit our website at womenslibrary.org.uk

Why not pop in and see us at Glasgow Women's Library 15 Berkeley Street, Glasgow G3 7BW

You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter (@gwlkettle)

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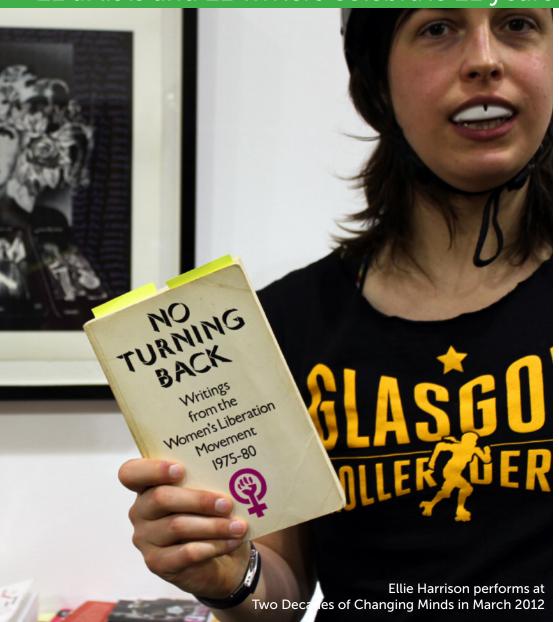


Calendar at a Glance



Two Decades of Changing Minds

21 artists and 21 writers celebrate 21 years of Glasgow Women's Library



Two Decades of Changing Minds Thursday 14th June, 5.30pm (£3.50/free)

To mark GWL's work over two decades, we have commissioned 21 of Scotland's foremost women artists and 21 women writers to create new works inspired by items in our library, archive and museum artifact collections.

This second event in our series of anniversary celebrations will showcase the latest artworks and writings to be produced, with readings from participating writers, including Vicki Feaver, Kirsty Logan and Laura Marney, and a performance by artist Ellie Harrison.

Be the first to see and hear the new batch of wonderful, exciting and fresh creations inspired by your favourite Women's Library, and meet some of the creators! Treasures from our collection that have inspired the work will also be on display. Refreshments will be provided.

This project is supported by Creative Scotland and Museums Galleries Scotland.



'National Museum of Roller Derby' - A new project by Ellie Harrison

The NMRD aims to bring a whole new, strong and revolutionary young audience to GWL by creating a home for the UK's first official archive of the new and exciting all-female, full-contact sport of Women's Flat Track Roller Derby at the Library.

This is an opportunity to hear Ellie Harrison speak about the ideas behind the project, to meet some of the Glasgow Roller Derby team, as we welcome the first of many donations of ephemera, merchandise and memorabilia which will form the foundations of the NMRD's collection at GWL. For more information please see: www.nmrd.org.uk

SAVE THE DATE! Friday 21st September Come to the CCA Glasgow and celebrate GWL's 21st birthday with the opening of our exhibition of all art works produced by the artists commissioned by GWL in our 21st year. More info in the next GWL What's On brochure, available late August.



Reading and Readers

Reading, sharing and discovering a world of women's writing



Cracking On: Picnic Poetry Wednesday 11th July, 12pm to 2pm (free but booking essential)

Join us for some picnic poetry (weather permitting) in Kelvingrove park with Joy Howard and Grey Hen Press poets from Scotland and the UK, A C Clarke, Margaret Christie, Joy Howard, Eleanor Livingstone, Helena Nelson, Sheila Templeton and Margaret Wood.

Joy Howard founded Grey Hen Press to celebrate the wit and wisdom of women, particularly older women. Since then her much-praised anthologies, including, A Twist of Malice, Cracking On and Get Me Out of Here! have won big audiences with their tough, tender, 'laugh-out-loud funny' take on modern life.

Joy herself has been widely published, and her new collection, *Refurbishment*, came out in 2011.

The readings from Joy and other Grey Hen authors will take place on the back green of An Clachan cafe in Kelvingrove Park (or we also have an indoor location as back up). Bring or buy a sandwich and enjoy a unique and inspiring lunch experience with some positive perspectives on growing older or "Cracking On"

"Seriously good poetry...the fruit of long-life experience – brave writing, full of love and subversive wit and lyricism." R V Bailey (re Cracking On)

Unwind with a Book Weekly on Thursdays from 12pm to 2pm (free)

Glasgow's first women-only Get Into Reading group started at GWL this spring in partnership with The Reader Organisation and runs every week as a drop in for the next few months. Why not bring a packed lunch along and join us to share stories, books and poems in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Whether you're a reader, a non-reader, or simply would like some time and space to relax over lunch time, all women are welcome. Read aloud if you are in the mood, or just sit back, relax and enjoy the stories.





Reading and Readers

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The GWL Book Group

Glasgow Women's Library Book Group is welcoming and inspiring, connecting women who like reading with each other and to a host of amazing and surprising new reads. The book group is one of GWL's longest running and most popular groups, meeting approximately once a month at the GWL space.

Join the Book Group

To become a Book Group member we ask you to do the following:

Contact us to let us know you want to join: our Book Group facilitator will then get in touch with the name of the next book and the date of the next meeting. (If the book group is currently full you will be placed on the waiting list).

In the meantime, if you are not already a Glasgow Women's Library borrower then sign up: there is information on how to do this is the How To Get Involved pages.

Once you are a borrower you can then sign up to the Book Group proper. The cost for a one year membership is £10/£5. Your membership fee helps cover the costs of the Book Group for which we currently do not have another source of funding.

You can attend your first meeting for free to try it out - after this membership is payable and is renewed annually.

The Book Group offers members: the loan of books apart from the occasional self-sourced book decided by the group, a welcoming environment, tea and coffee, email updates and group facilitation.

Books are distributed at each meeting to members, with spare copies left for collection in the Library. After reading, books can either be left at the Library, or returned to any Glasgow City Council public library.

This group is free to Friends of GWL.

Some books that the group will be reading over the coming year are:

The Woman Who Went to Bed for a Year by Sue Townsend

Stone Arabia by Dana Spiotta

The End of the Wasp Season by Denise Mina

Contact us on 0141 248 9969, visit womenslibrary.org.uk or email info@womenslibrary.org.uk for more info on the group or to join.

Satellite & Pop-Up Library Collections

Satellite libraries are remote collections, a "mini women's library" from our Glasgow-based collection, consisting of books, magazines, DVDs and other materials. They can be adapted in size and content to suit a wide range of interests and reading levels and can be installed anywhere in Scotland. We currently have satellite collections in Dumfries, Inverness and Cornton Vale women's prison.

We can also offer temporary 'pop up libraries' to support events or exhibitions. These are a great way to give people a flavour of what we have on offer in the library. We've run pop-up libraries at the Tramway and CCA in Glasgow, and the Generator Projects Art Gallery in Dundee.

If you're interested in having a satellite collection or pop-up library installed at a library, community centre or other venue near you, get in touch with Wendy Kirk or Morag Smith on 0141 248 9969 or email info@womenslibrary.org.uk



"I absolutely love the Women's Library, last winter I spent many hours reading novels curled up on one of your armchairs" GWL Reader

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Women Make History

Workshops & activities exploring the hidden histories of Glasgow's women

Mapping Memorials to Women in Scotland: An introduction to using the Women of Scotland website Wednesday 13th June, Glasgow Women's Library, 3pm to 4.30pm (women only session) or 5.30pm to 7pm (open to all)

Come along to GWL to find out how you can help put Scotland's women on the map.

The Women of Scotland website is an exciting new project for locating and recording memorials to women throughout Scotland. We want to build the website into a comprehensive national resource that everyone can use and enjoy, and we need your help to find and record memorials celebrating women in Scotland. The more you can discover, the more useful the map will become.

This training session will introduce the Women of Scotland website and show you how to add memorials you have found, as well as how to upload images of memorials and add biographies of the women commemorated.

More information about the Women of Scotland project can be found at womenofscotland.org.uk. You can also find us on Facebook (facebook. com/womenofscotland), or follow us on Twitter (@womenofscotland).

We will be holding these workshops in other areas in Scotland. Check our *Out and About* pages for more information.





Making and Eating an Edible Archive Saturday 16th June, 11am to 2pm (£3/free)

As part of the Scottish Council of Archives 'Edible Archive Project' we are inviting women to bring recipes to GWL that are significant to them. These can be from cookbooks, notebooks or from memory.

Along with your recipe we are looking for your memories of cooking or eating your special or favourite dish. Why not make a sample of the food to share with others either at GWL (or if the weather is good we'll go together for a picnic in Kelvingrove Park)

Examples of edible archive artefacts from our collection will be on display at GWL or come and donate your own.

Women's Heritage Walks

Our Women Make History group launched Glasgow's first Women's Heritage Walk in June 2007 as part of the West End Festival programme. Since then, we have expanded our range of guided walks for the general public to include trails in the Merchant City, Garnethill, Glasgow Necropolis and walks on specific themes and for specific groups. We will also be launching our East End walk later this year.

The walks always prove to be very popular and book up quickly, so we have other ways you can take part if you are unable to get booked on.

We can run our walks for groups of up to 20 people, so if you have a group that would be interested why not contact us for details.

We also have an audio tour of our West End Women's Heritage walk available for download, and are developing the others to be available soon.

Check out the Festivals, Launches and Screenings pages for details on forthcoming walks for the West End and Merchant City Festivals.



Festivals, Launches and Screenings

A packed programme of exciting and inspiring events

Margaret Tait: Poetry and Film Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th August at The CCA

As poet, artist and above all filmmaker Margaret Tait realised her vision of the world across many of the artificial boundaries in the arts. Join Glasgow Women's Library in a celebration of her work. This event has been made possible with support from CCA Glasgow

Margaret Tait: Film Poet Saturday 4th August, 4,30pm

Margaret Tait died April 16th 1999, aged 80. She was an intensely private person with a unique vision. firmly rooted in her native Orkney.

Glasgow Women's Library, working with filmmakers Marissa Keating and Michael Jones, went on a journey to document the story of this elusive filmmaker and poet through her friends, family, and peers. Join us for the premiere of that work.

Poems, Stories and Writings Book Launch Saturday 4th August, 7pm

Margaret Tait was a pioneering filmmaker for whom words and images made the world real. In 'documentary', she wrote, real things 'lose their reality ... and there's no poetry in that. In poetry, something else happens.' If film, for Tait, was a poetic medium, her poems are works of craft and observation that are generous and independent in their vision of the world, poems that make seeing happen.

In this book Sarah Neelv, Lecturer in Film at the University of Stirling, draws on Tait's three poetry collections, her book of short stories, her magazine articles and unpublished notebooks to make available for the first time a collection of the full range of Tait's writing.

Join us for the Glasgow launch of this collection with some familiar faces reading the work and an introduction from Sarah Neely.

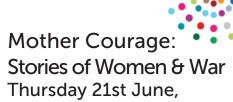


Blue Black Permanent Friday 3rd August, 7pm & Saturday 4th August, 2pm

A very rare opportunity to see Margaret Tait's debut film, Blue Black Permanent, twenty years after its release. A haunting and magical film about a daughter's attempts to come to terms with her mother's mysterious death. This is a delicate and poetic work of intense emotion.

Edinburgh International Film Festival Screening Thursday 28th June, 4.05pm Tickets available online at www.edfilmfest.org.uk

Join us at EIFF for a special screening of Blue Black Permanent with guest speakers, lead actor Gerda Stevenson and Biographer, Sarah Neely. There will be time for discussion with a reading of some of Margaret Tait's poetry.



Refino

Join Manchester writers Zoe Lambert and Michelle Green as they read from and discuss the fundamental principles behind their short story collections, *The* War Tour and Jebel Marra, and consider the many lives that are permanently distorted by war. Part of International Short Story Day and Refugee Week 2012. The event will be followed by a Q&A.



5.30pm (free)



Supported by Comma Press www.commapress.co.uk

"A clear example of, and pioneer of, the poetic tradition, the experimental tradition, the democratic tradition, in the best of risktaking Scottish cinema." Ali Smith on Margaret Tait



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Portraits from the Banana Plantations of Cameroon Wednesday 4th July, 6pm (£3/free)

Artist and filmmaker, Jan Nimmo, has been making work about banana workers since 2000. Her aim, through testimony and portrait, is to put a human face to a commodity we all take for granted. Her main focus has been Latin America, where she has made field trips to Ecuador, Costa Rica and Panama. Last year she had the opportunity to visit Cameroon, Central Africa, to film workers' testimonies and to take portraits.

This preview is a chance to see her latest film and to find out more about the banana trade.

Bookings on 0141 248 9969 or info@womenslibrary.org.uk

Take a look at the *Out and About* pages for more film screenings and other GWL events in various locations in Glasgow.







WEST END FESTIVAL

Mapping Mohuments West End Women's Heritage Walk Sunday 17th June, 2pm Tickets £7.50

Do you know of a memorial to a woman in the West End? Maybe you know about the local heroine behind a building or street name, or would like to learn?

Join Glasgow Women's Library's women's history detectives to find local monuments and landmarks, marking the lives and achievements of famous, humble or notorious women, and we'll put them on the map.

Based on our pioneering West End Women's Heritage walk this innovative, interactive tour promises to be an inspiring insight into the unsung women who made the area and an opportunity to bag memorials throughout the walk to be incorporated into a new online resource.



Women of the Merchant City Heritage Walk Sunday 29th July, 2pm

Back by popular demand...
Uncover the Merchant City's
hidden history during this walk
around Glasgow's cosmopolitan
hub. Join Glasgow Women's
Library tour guides at the Merchant
City Festival to discover the female
stars that stud the fabric of this
famous quarter.

Scandal, vice, radicalism, regeneration and revival are topics highlighted by our original tour.

This is a free event but booking is essential. To book your place contact us on 0141 248 9969 or info@womenslibrary.org.uk or online at womenslibrary.org.uk



Out & About

Bringing GWL learning to a location near you

Mapping Memorials to Women: Summer Training Sessions Various venues across Scotland from July

Who are the women who helped to build Scotland? How are they remembered?

These sessions will introduce you to the new Women of Scotland website (womenofscotland.org. uk) where you can participate in mapping online memorials and monuments to women all over Scotland. The sessions will help you find out how women in your local area have been remembered and will also get you started logging any memorials you know of in your own local area.

Coatbridge: Tuesday 31st July 10am to 12pm, Coatbridge Community Centre, St Andrew's High School Campus

Dumbarton: Friday 17th and Friday 24th August, 10am to 12pm Dumbarton Library

Clydebank: Clydebank Library (dates to be confirmed)

Edinburgh: Edinburgh Central Library (dates to be confirmed)

Sessions take place in Glasgow in June and other areas in the Autumn Programme. To book a place or find out more, get in touch.



Wigtown Women's Heritage Walk

This guided walk, created by a group of volunteers and supported by GWL, celebrates the achievements and histories of Wigtown women.

The walk runs on a regular basis throughout the year. The group are currently developing an intergenerational oral history project focusing on women's heritage in Wigtown. For dates and more information get in touch with Morag at GWL on 0141 248 9969.

Dumfries Women's Reading Circle North West Resource Centre, Dumfries, Monthly on Wednesdays, 5.30-7pm, starting June

Would you like to meet with other women and develop a supportive reading circle in your local area? Maybe you have a favourite book or poem which has inspired you or helped you through difficult times and would like to share it with others? Our Reading for Well Being women's reading circles focus on fiction and poetry by women which offers inspiration and positive support.

This summer we will be launching our new women's reading circle in Dumfries.

If you'd like to come along, or if you would like to develop a reading circle in your area contact Morag on 0141 248 9969.

We also facilitate Reading for Well Being reading circles for women in prison and women exiting prison. For more information get in touch.

Clydebank Women's History Detectives Wednesdays 1pm-3pm, Centre 81/Clydebank Library (free)

This ongoing course will develop your skills in researching women's history and is suitable for beginners and experienced alike. This summer, the Clydebank women's history detectives will be looking at memorials and monuments to women in Clydebank. There will also be archive film screenings and visits to archives in Glasgow.

For start date and more information, contact Morag or Ele at the Library on 0141 248 9969.

Our National Lifelong Learning Programme offers a rich, diverse programme of activities, events and courses across Scotland. These are just some of the activities running in different locations during summer 2012. For more information or to book any of the activities on this page contact Morag on 0141 248 9969 or info@womenslibrary.org.uk



Out & About

Bringing GWL learning to a location near you

Arts & Crafts Scrapbooking at GWL Weekly on a Tuesday*, 1pm to 3pm from 3rd July to 7th August

Use a fabulous range of creative paper, gems and embellishments to create a scrapbook to capture special moments in your life.

*Except for week beginning 16th July, when session will be on Thursday 19th July.

BME Women Only Film Screenings

Broaden your cinematic horizons with free, monthly, women only film screenings in various locations around Glasgow.

Dor (venue to be confirmed)
Wednesday 4th July, 1pm
A captivating tale of two women
who belong to different worlds.
Zeenat and Meera, as different as
they are, form an uncommon bond
of friendship and respect when
they meet. One of these women
will hold the power of life and
death in her hands. One will be

helpless at the hands of fate. One of these women has everything to fight for. One of them has nothing to lose. (Hindi with English subtitles).



A Separation Wednesday 18th July, 1pm Glasgow Women's Library

Simin wants to leave Iran with her husband Nader and daughter Termeh. Simin sues for divorce when Nader refuses to leave behind his Alzheimer-suffering father. Her request having failed, Simin goes back to her parents, but Termeh decides to stay with Nader...

Winner of the Golden Globe Award for Best Foreign Language Film 2012, and the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film 2012. (Persian with English subtitles).



Curious Learning Programme Tuesday 17th July, 10am to 3pm, at St Mungo's

In conjunction with St Mungo's Museum, we are running the exciting Curious learning programme designed to increase cultural understanding and celebrate the diverse populations of Glasgow.

Museum objects will provide a starting point to explore our own cultures, and to meet and exchange experiences with people from different cultural backgrounds.

Places on this workshop are limited so please book in advance.

The Curious learning programme is designed to increase cultural understanding and to celebrate the diverse populations of Glasgow ahead of the 2012 Olympics and 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Personal History Tours in Southside

Promoting wellbeing through walking and storytelling

Women of Castlemilk, Gorbals, Govanhill and Pollokshields have been creating guided walks based on their personal histories of living in these local areas.

During June and July we will be running a total of six walks. The dates for these are still to be set, so please contact us if you would like to be added to the mailing list for further details.

Come along to get a fascinating insight into the lives and experiences of women living in these communities.

All walks are free of charge but we do need you to book. Meeting points will be given at time of confirmed booking.





Getting Involved How you can take part and contribute

Volunteer with GWI

Volunteering can help you gain new skills and experience while meeting new people and making a difference.

Glasgow Women's Library is part of a cluster of 4 organisations (Move On, Amina the Muslim Women's Resource Centre, and Diversity Films) working together to develop exciting and innovative volunteering programmes which benefit volunteers as well as the work of these charities.

The volunteering opportunities change regularly and can include: covering reception, helping with research, befriending vulnerable people, being a mentor for a young person, providing literacy and numeracy support and much more!

Training and travel expenses are available.

Contact Gabrielle at the Library for more information on 0141 248 9969 or info@womenslibrary.org.uk



Volunteers' Week 2012 1st to 8th June. 9.30am to 4.30pm at GWL

Volunteers from Glasgow Women's Library and partner organisations Amina-the Muslim Women's Resource Centre, Diversity Films and Move On present a small exhibition of creative work inspired by what volunteering with these organisations means to them.

The exhibition will be on display at GWL between 1st and 8th June but please note due to public holidays we will be closed Saturday 2nd to Tuesday 5th inclusive.

Joining and Booking How do I book an event?

To attend an event or course we ask you to join the Library: this is really easy to do and is completely FREE! Just complete a form to receive your borrowers card and we will post this out to you. Forms can be completed online, or you can call in & see us to fill one out. Joining gives you a unique GWL number that you can then use to register on events.

Do I need to pay?

While a lot of our events are free. we do ask for a small contribution towards some of our learning events. Where you see prices listed against an event these generally fall under two categories: Full Price for people who feel that they can afford to pay a small amount to attend events and want to contribute to the library's work, and Subsidised Rates (usually free) for students, people on a low income, unemployed or in receipt of benefits. We do not ask for

proof of this, it is done on a trust basis and you self-evaluate your situation.

GWL Friends can access all our learning programmes for free.

All the money we receive helps us to keep providing events and courses, and directly supports the work of Glasgow Women's Library.

Why is it important to book first?

It is important for us to know how many people to expect at all events as this affects the spaces we use and how many staff and biscuits and teabags we need! It is also important so that we can ensure you have all the details you need about an event, especially if there are any last minute changes. It is also just as important for you to cancel a place in advance if you can't attend as we often have waiting lists. So don't let someone miss out on an event they would have loved to attend, give us a call.

"I came in here to find out about Women Make History, and now I'm getting involved in being a tour guide. This place is just fantastic." GWL Volunteer Tour Guide

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