



GLASGOW WOMEN'S LIBRARY

JUNE –
AUGUST 2016
PROGRAMME



GLASGOW WOMEN'S LIBRARY IS NO ORDINARY LIBRARY

It is unique in Scotland and a national treasure! Glasgow Women's Library (GWL) celebrates the lives and achievements of women and champions their contributions to Scotland's culture. Our vibrant information hub is open to all. An Accredited Museum and home to a lending library and archive, GWL also offers exciting events, activities and courses through its various learning programmes linked to its collections.

JOINING AND BOOKING

How do I book an event?

Join the Library: this is really easy to do and is completely FREE! Complete a form at GWL or online. Joining gives you a number that you can then use to book events. For all booking enquiries call or email us.

Do I need to pay?

Most GWL events are free. Where events do have a booking fee we have two rates: Full Price (people who feel that they can afford to attend events and want to support our work), and Subsidised (usually free) for students, people on a low income, unemployed people or

people in receipt of benefits. We do not ask for proof of this. GWL Friends also access all our events at a subsidised rate.

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, biscuits and teabags we need! We can also contact you if there are any last minute changes. It's important to cancel a place if you can't attend as we have waiting lists. If you have any questions about this or anything else you read in the programme please contact us.

GREEN WAYS TO GET TO BRIDGETON

We're taking steps to reduce our carbon emissions and want to make it as easy as possible for you to visit us by bike, on foot or by public transport.

By bike:

Hop on a Next Bike (£1 for 30 minutes) and cycle along the Clyde or through Glasgow Green. There is a Next Bike docking station just round the corner and suggested cycle routes on our website.

On foot:

We're a 30 minute walk from the city centre.

By public transport:

Jump on a Low Level train from Glasgow Central and you'll be here in 2 stops. Buses 18, 64 and 263 stop at the end of our street. Bellgrove station is only a 10 minute walk away connecting visitors from Edinburgh, Queen Street and the West.

Open: Mon – Fri 9.30am to 5pm, Thur 9.30am – 7.30pm, Sat 12pm – 4pm

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A WARM WELCOME TO SUMMER AT GWL



Credit GWL (Claire Heuchan)

We are thrilled at the packed programme we have on offer for the summer. We hope you will take the opportunity to try new things, expand your knowledge and widen your horizons in the Library's beautiful, welcoming space and at our satellite events across Scotland. We have a rich mix on offer that brings international experts on women's words to Bridgeton, the culmination of a Peace Crusaders history project we want to share with the world and a host of talks, walks, art and celebrations to mark the cataloguing of our zine collection and the wonder that is GWL Young Critics.

Our ongoing #GWLhearsme consultation is now fuelling the programme, our extended opening hours are proving popular and we are delighted to be introducing a new monthly special Warm Welcoming session on the first Saturday

of each month for visitors who can't make Programme Launches or are new to Glasgow or who want to get to grips with what we have on offer.

GWL programme launches are the best way of finding your feet, with tastings, meet the team, books sales and early bird bookings. The autumn and winter programme launch date is: **18th August 1pm to 2.30pm and 6pm to 7.30pm.**

GWL Warm Welcome drop-in days take place on the first Saturday of every month: if you are new to GWL find out about borrowing, volunteering and our programmes and get the full tour.

The Warm Welcome days this season will take place on: **Saturdays 12pm to 2pm 4th June, 2nd July, 6th August and 3rd September.**

Women-only events are labelled throughout the programme. All events are trans inclusive. All events are free unless otherwise stated. GWL is an accessible venue: please contact us if you have specific requirements. All events are located at Glasgow Women's Library unless otherwise stated and are open to all ages.

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY

A rich array of ways to discover the hidden histories of women

West End Women's Heritage Walk Sunday 19th June, 2pm to 4pm, Starting at Kelvingrove, £10/£6

Glasgow's West End – the home of rousing radicals, tireless teachers and steadfast suffragettes!

Our West End Women's Heritage Walk shares the story of remarkable, unsung women; a story of protesting, rallying activists, and of the rent strikers and 'wild women' who built this part of Glasgow – and whose contribution can still be felt today. Hear about formidable Rachel Johnston; a pipe-smoking labourer and special constable, and pay a visit to the 2016 Scottish Tree of the Year – the Suffrage Oak!

It's time to reveal the hidden history of the women of the West End...

Merchant City Women's Heritage Walk Saturday 2nd July, 2pm to 4pm, Meeting at Old Rottenrow Maternity Hospital Entrance, £10/£6

Anarchists, artists and a wealthy young woman tried for murder – walk with us as we reveal the hidden histories and unsung contributions of the women who shaped Glasgow's Merchant City.

Let us introduce you to formidable midwives, 'the Scots Scarlet Pimpernel' Jenny Patrick, and a hatchet-wielding temperance campaigner from Kentucky known as 'the bar-room smasher'. Our Merchant City Women's Heritage Walk digs deeper into the lives of the barnstormers and businesswomen, reporters and radicals who built this part of Glasgow with their determination, talent and skill.

Meet the trailblazing women who made the Merchant City!



Credit: GWL (Claire Heuchan)

The Glasgow Girls of Garnethill Heritage Walk Sunday 31st July, 2pm to 4pm, Meeting at the CCA, £10/£6

Within Garnethill's confined boundaries we spotlight the women who pioneered European art movements, designed banners for suffragette processions, created the first women's library in Scotland and made Garnethill the most exciting cultural and multicultural hotspot in Glasgow.

Join our tour guides and hear the stories of some of the most remarkable achievements of women in Glasgow's history.

East End Women's Heritage Walk Sunday 28th August, 2pm to 4pm, Meeting at Mercat Cross, £10/£6

The women of the East End have always had to be industrious and resourceful simply to survive. This walking tour focuses on some of their achievements and struggles, and the radical nature of the area which gave birth to them. Find out about the women of the Templeton factory, the suffragettes, the brazen women of Glasgow Green, Battling Betty, the woman who set up the Barras and many, many more! The tour includes a stop at Glasgow Women's library dedicated to remembering such women and their achievements.

To book on to any of our Women's Heritage Walks please visit our website at womenslibrary.org.uk, come in to see us at **23 Landressy Street**, or call us on **0141 550 2267** for more information. We cannot take payment on the day so all bookings to be made in advance.

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY



Credit: GWL

Necropolis Women's Heritage Walk Sundays 5th June and 14th August, 2pm to 4pm, Meeting at Cathedral Square, £10/£6

Experience our fantastic women's history walking tour which digs the dirt on Victorian society, unearths women's achievements and exhumes the histories of women buried in Glasgow's Necropolis. Our tour guides will tell the stories of both the notorious and forgotten women buried in these atmospheric surroundings.

Women's Heritage Bike Ride Saturday 13th August, 11am to 1pm, Meet outside GWL, £10/£6

American Suffragette Susan B. Anthony said that "bicycling [...] has done more to emancipate women than anything else in the world". We couldn't agree more and our tour guides have lots of anecdotes and knowledge to share which proves the point.

Let them guide you gently from GWL along cycle paths through Glasgow Green, beside the Clyde, and past the Velodrome, sharing stories of cycling Suffragettes, circus acts, bike mechanics, and freedom fighters.

"I REALLY ENJOYED LEARNING ABOUT LOCAL INFORMATION AND THE LEISURELY PACE"

Participant on Women's Heritage Bike Ride



Women Make History for 10 Years at GWL. Credit: GWL

Women of the Gorbals Wednesdays from 8th June to 27th July, 2pm to 4pm, Women only

Fancy yourself as a women's history detective? Want to help us highlight the achievements of women in this fine city and of the Gorbals in particular? We are looking to expand our programme of women's heritage walks with our first in the Southside and we need you to help us. These informal sessions are suitable for any women who are interested, whether you're already a keen researcher or if this is a first step into history workshops or research, a warm welcome awaits. Gain skills, friends, knowledge and confidence and help us create a new historic walk.

"LEARNED INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AREA – WHICH I AM FAMILIAR WITH BUT AM NOW MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE!"

Heritage Walk Participant

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY



Credit: WHP medallion,
design by Zenep
Arman for Govan's
Hidden Histories

Protests and Suffragettes: Strong Women of Clydeside Wikipedia Edit-a-thon Saturday 2nd July, 12pm to 3:30pm

Wikipedia has a gender problem. In 2011, the Wikimedia Foundation found that only 15% of biographies on English Wikipedia are about women, and less than 10% of contributors are female. Join us for this Wikipedia Edit-a-thon and help to correct this imbalance!

You'll learn to edit Wikipedia using the new and easy-to-use Visual Editor, and find out about the drive to get more women editing the site. We'll create and improve articles relating to Glasgow's Suffragettes, Rent Strike organisers, and other strong women of the Clydeside.

Hosted by Govan's Hidden Histories, a creative team of artists, activists and amateur historians.

Banner Tales Saturday 18th June, 12pm to 3pm

Did you march for peace in the 80's? Have you been involved with protests over the years, waving banners for the cause with other women by your side? Maybe your grandmother shared stories of the peace crusades. Banner Tales documents, discusses and appreciates the role played by women in shaping our city. This session will give you a chance to see and discuss two of Glasgow Museums' peace banners from this era. Hear about their background and share your stories. Bring along photos, banners, and your memories or just come along to hear from others. Please note that the event will be recorded.

This event is programmed with Glasgow Museums and University of Glasgow's School of Geographical and Earth Sciences.



Credit: Penny Anderson

Words of Washerwomen: Exhibition Monday 22nd to Monday 29th August, Open daily from 12pm to 5pm, Glasgow Green, Laundry Poles

Penny Anderson unveils her exhibition of the real and imagined testimonies of women doing laundry on Glasgow Green. These women witnessed tumultuous historic events: executions, the Calton Weavers' Massacre, the camp of Bonnie Prince Charlie, and Poll Tax, Suffragette gatherings and many other meetings and rallies. Silver, real and imagined will be sewn onto white cloth and displayed on the historic laundry poles on the Drying Green. Find out more at a Meet the Artist event in the library on Saturday 27th August from 1pm to 3pm.

Words of Washerwomen: Meet the Artist Saturday 27th August, 1pm to 3pm, Meet at Glasgow Women's Library

Meet Penny Anderson for a guided tour of her exhibition and an interactive artist's talk. We will explore spaces haunted by memories of experiences that were not recorded. Tell your stories of meetings or action on Glasgow Green, or come along and hear what others have to share.

**"IMAGINE WHAT THEY
SAW – IMAGINE WHAT
THEY THOUGHT."**

Penny Anderson

WOMEN MAKE HISTORY

Forward! Remembering Women Peace Crusaders: Event Saturday 23rd July, 3pm, Assemble at Peace Crusaders monument outside People's Palace, Glasgow Green for short performance and guided walk to GWL;

5pm Exhibition launch with refreshments; 6pm Screening of film, MARCH

On 23rd July 1916 the first Women's Peace Crusade marched from George Square to Glasgow Green, drawing crowds of thousands. This Crusade grew into a mass international women's peace movement. Since early 2016 a group of amateur women's history detectives have been discovering some of the remarkable women involved. 100 years later to the day they will lead a procession in the Crusaders' footsteps from Glasgow Green to GWL and will launch an exhibition that proudly places the Peace Crusaders in the wider picture. The exhibition launch will be followed by a screening of GWL and RCS's barnstorming film, MARCH.

On 21st and 22nd July, a conference will take place at Glasgow University: "Faith in the First World War". This will explore how faith helped to survive the First World War, encouraged many to support it, but inspired others to refuse to fight or to strive for peace.

Forward! Remembering Women Peace Crusaders: Exhibition Saturday 23rd July to Wednesday 31st August

This exhibition, supported by GWL's learning programme, will draw on research undertaken into some of the key figures of the Women's Peace Crusade highlighting a sample of some of their incredible achievements. From Glasgow based activists such as Helen Crawford, to national and international figures such as Rosa Manus the research, curated by Fiona Dean and developed in collaboration with staff and volunteers, has tried to uncover lost connections between the lives and activities of individuals associated with the WPC. The exhibition will include newly commissioned 'portraits' representing workshop participants with a selection of the material about the historic women they have uncovered.

"FORWARD! IS ABOUT UNCOVERING SILENT VOICES WITHIN A WOMEN'S MOVEMENT IN GLASGOW AND COMMUNICATION AMONGST WOMEN'S GROUPS PAST AND PRESENT."

Forward Group Participant



Outstanding Women of Scotland Awards Saturday 30th July, 3pm to 5pm

Our partnership with the Saltire Society continues into its second year to recognise the 2016 Outstanding Women of Scotland, as nominated by the public.

The Outstanding Women of Scotland Awards were inaugurated last year to celebrate 10 living women annually who have made remarkable contributions to Scottish life and culture. Among those honoured in last year's moving and memorable induction ceremony were Jackie Kay, Karine Polwart, Nicola Sturgeon and Anne Lorne Gillies. Who will be here this year to scoop their Award?

Join us at Glasgow Women's Library for a special reception for this year's inductees and invited guests. We will have a small number of places over and above our invited guests. Please contact us to have your name added to the reserve list.

For more information or to book onto any of these events contact the Library on **0141 550 2267**, email us at info@womenslibrary.org.uk or visit womenslibrary.org.uk

WOMEN'S WORDS

A world of women's words, written, spoken, sung and heard

Drama Queens: Play Reading For Pleasure
Thursday 16th June, 5.30pm to 7pm, Thursday 7th July 4.30pm to 6pm, Thursday 28th July, 2.30pm to 4pm, 25th August, 5.30pm to 7pm, £2/free, Women only

Our fabulous Drama Queens sessions are back for an encore! We will be exploring some of the all-women plays in our archives, from powerful suffragette plays, through wonderfully dated 1940s comedy sketches, to kitchen sink dramas and campaigning Women's Liberation plays.

No acting skills required. Just enjoy an informal play reading without the stress of learning lines or the goosebumps of performing on stage. And you don't even need to read out loud! Whether you come to just one session or to all of them, we guarantee tea, cake, dramatic fun and no stage fright.

After our Drama Queens session on Thursday 7th July, why not stay for our special event celebrating the amazing Restoration poet, playwright and spy Aphra Behn.

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Donna and Istahil. Credit: GWL

**Creative Writing For Fearties:
Find Yourself in Writing**
Saturdays 25th June, 23rd July, 20th August, 12pm to 2pm, £2/free, Women only

Is creative writing something you haven't done since you once wrote a poem about a talking starfish at school? Do you have a short story or poem inside you screaming to be let out? Or would you just like to try something different? Then why not spend Saturday lunchtime with a pen in one hand and a cup of tea in the other, letting your imagination run riot and losing yourself in writing. In our three Fearties sessions we will explore character, plot and setting and find your inner muse.

Reading Is For Everyone!
A date and time that suits you, Women only

If you haven't read a book since school, or you struggle with reading, then Glasgow Women's Library's new relaxed and fun reading group is for you. If you are interested, or if you, or any woman you know, would like support with any aspect of reading, writing or numbers, then find out more at one of our monthly drop-ins, pop in and speak to Donna or phone her on 0141 550 2267 for more information.

"IT FILLS MY HEART WITH JOY. EACH WEEK OPENS ANOTHER DOOR INTO LEARNING AND GETTING BACK SOME SORT OF LIFE!"

GWL Literacy Learner

WOMEN'S WORDS

Story Café

Every Thursday throughout June, and then alternate Thursdays from 28th July, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, £2/free, 16+, Women only

Brighten up your lunchtime at our Story Café this summer. Top up your tea, sit back and listen to stories and poems exploring love, wanderlust, landscape and all the complexities of life, by the best women writers world-wide. So far this year we've been spellbound by sea-faring adventurers in Greenland, reminded of the joys of tree-climbing and thrilled by lifelong love affairs. Our Story Café Specials are an intimate way of hearing from some of the best Scottish writers. There's always room around our Story Café table, so pull up a chair and become part of it.

Story Café Specials: Fairy Tales with Kirsty Logan Thursday 9th June

Delve into the mysterious and magical world of fairy tales with award-winning Scottish writer Kirsty Logan. A lover of folktales since childhood, Kirsty's work is very much inspired by myths and fairy tales – and as she says 'the darker and more beautiful, the better.'

Kirsty will be sharing some of her favourite tales with us, talking about the influence of writers such as Angela Carter on her own work, and reading from her latest book, *A Portable Shelter*, a collection of linked stories about loss, identity and the purpose of stories, inspired by Scottish folktales.

"I LOVE THE BLENDING OF EVERYONE'S EXPERIENCES. IT'S NOT JUST THE STORIES THAT ARE FASCINATING, IT'S THE WOMEN IN THE GROUP TOO!"

Story Café Participant



Toni Stuart Story Café Special
Credit GWL (Claire Heuchan)

Story Café Special for Young Women: Katniss & Hermione Save the Day AGAIN Thursday 28th July

What if Hermione Granger had refused to do Harry and Ron's homework? Why does Harry get all the house points when Hermione solves the mystery? What if Katniss Everdeen had refused to be the Mockingjay? Would it have been different if she wasn't a girl? And how much of this fantasy translates to real life?

In this Story Café Special, join us to discuss two favourite heroines, Katniss and Hermione: what we love about these trailblazing characters and what we loathe about their worlds. Being a geek, with likeminded women, and cake – could any lunchtime be better?

Catherine Czerkawska Thursday 11th August

Award-winning writer Catherine Czerkawska joins the Café to chat about her latest book, *The Jewel*.

A luscious historical novel, it brings to glorious life the dramatic years of Jean Armour and Robert Burns' courtship, and their tempestuous, passionate married life, against a background simmering with political intrigue and turmoil.

Jean has been largely neglected by Burns biographers and enthusiasts, but Catherine reveals her strength and character: despite Burns' infidelities, their marriage lasted against all odds. How Jean lived with – and frequently without – her famous husband is one of Scotland's legendary stories of love and endurance.



Story Café. Credit: GWL (Claire Heuchan)



Queen Victorious,
Annemarie Murland, 2015



St Margaret of the Cross,
Annemarie Murland, 2015

Stories of Origin: Migration in Practice Exhibition, Annemarie Murland Saturday 20th August to Saturday 3rd September. Meet the Artist Event, Saturday 20th August, 2pm to 3.30pm

Artist Annemarie Murland showcases her most recent work that comprises of a video installation and a series of documentary digital photographs of Glasgow's East End alongside digital portraits of her daughters taken over a twelve-year period. The portraits and streetscapes are overlaid to create hybrid images that explore notions of identity and belonging. As a collection, the works pay homage to the generations of migrant women whose identities were formed in this place and, in the process, the stories of the past become the stories of the present.

Join artist Annemarie Murland for a talk about the exhibition, Saturday 20th August, 2pm to 3.30pm.

For more information or to book onto any of these events contact the Library on **0141 550 2267**, email us at info@womenslibrary.org.uk or visit womenslibrary.org.uk

FESTIVALS AND LAUNCHES

Be there at the start of fresh new projects and enjoy a feast of festivals

Women, Finance and Austerity Workshop Saturday 14th May, 11am to 4pm, 16+, Women only

Economic policy, public finance, and government budgets can seem remote from our everyday lives. Recent changes in social security, welfare and tax reform have had a significant impact on women's lives, incomes, and financial security. The Scottish and UK Women's Budget Groups have worked to analyse these effects and to influence budget and policy processes with the Scottish and UK governments. This workshop is a chance to share your experiences of living through austerity policies, build your knowledge on budget processes and decisions on public finance, and how women can challenge these decisions with alternatives.

The Scottish Women's Budget Group: Why women need to have a say in the economy Tuesday 7th June, 10.30am to 3.30 pm

Women in Scotland are routinely disadvantaged by how public money is spent – disproportionately affected by cuts to public services, ignored in employability programmes, and disregarded in discussions over spending.

Join the Scottish Women's Budget Group, along with Engender and Close the Gap, for an afternoon of learning and discussion around women and the economy. We'll look at how these spending decisions affect the lives of women, why it's important to present an alternative narrative to mainstream economics, and how you can get involved in SWBG and 'Plan F' – a feminist plan for a caring and sustainable economy.

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Credit: Eilidh Nicolson

In Profile: GWL Volunteers Friday 3rd June to Saturday 11th June, During library opening hours

We reveal what really goes on behind the scenes through this exhibition of drawings by artist and GWL volunteer Eilidh Nicolson. Who are the badge makers, tour guides, bloggers and book sorters who make GWL's work possible? And what do they have to say about volunteering?

Part of Volunteers' Week (1st to 12th June) an annual celebration of the fantastic contribution millions of volunteers make across the UK.

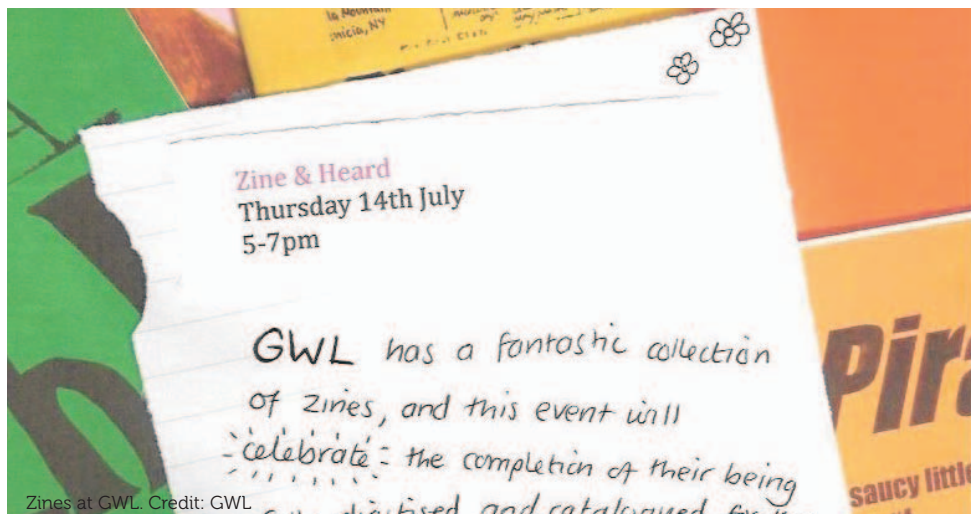
Panel Discussion: Feminism and Comics Friday 1st July, 1pm to 2pm

Join a super team of comic creators and industry professionals as they discuss feminist comics, how to be a woman in the industry and all things comics. Watch out for our mystery superheroine guests who will be announced via social media in June. This event will be run as part of Glasgow Comic Con and will feature guests and artists from the convention.

"I NEVER THOUGHT VOLUNTEERING COULD HAVE MADE ME FEEL MORE ALIVE AND WANTING TO LEARN MORE. PUSHING ME, BUT IN A GOOD WAY."

Current GWL Volunteer

FESTIVALS AND LAUNCHES



Zine & Heard **Thursday 14th July,** **5pm to 7pm, 16+**

GWL has a fantastic and diverse zine collection dating from the early 1990s to present day ranging from music fanzines, Riot Grrrl, feminist and LGBT+ zines, and even zines about zines! This event will celebrate the completion of the collection being catalogued and published online making it accessible to all. As well as having the chance to hear from a panel of zine experts, there will be live music, refreshments and the chance to pick up zines from local zine makers.

Harpies Fechtters and Quines 2016 launch event: Women Around the World in Edinburgh Monday 13th June, 2pm to 4pm, Edinburgh Central Library

This year's Harpies, Fechtters and Quines festival will run from 13th to 25th June and will celebrate multicultural women. BME and international women poets, a Story Café special featuring GWL's Commonwealth writer's collection and a second Edinburgh All Women Poetry Slam are just some of the highlights of the 2016 programme. Everyone is welcome to attend but booking is essential.

For more information on all Harpies Fechtters and Quines events see the Out and About section in this programme or contact Glasgow Women's Library on 0141 550 2267 or to book go to edinburghreads.eventbrite.co.uk



Trailblazing Women of Science Friday 17th June, 2pm to 3pm, £2/free, Women only

Catherine Booth, curator of science collections in the National Library of Scotland, has been rooting out some fascinating stories of Scottish female scientists of the past. These are pioneering women with outstanding achievements, and we aim to celebrate them all. Meet the women who: managed to keep a ship under way while under heavy enemy bombardment, discussed marine biology with the Emperor of Japan, used her sewing machine to help teach mathematics to visually impaired students and the trailblazer who is still considered the most influential women in the history of science.

Part of Glasgow Science Festival 2016.

Young Critics Exhibition Launch Friday 3rd June to Saturday 11th June. Exhibition Launch, Thursday 2nd June, 5:30pm to 7pm

GWL Young Critics project gives young women a voice! The group have been at book readings, shows, and art exhibitions, and have reviewed, blogged and filmed their views on new work by women creatives. This exhibition will showcase the work of the brilliant Young Critics project, a programme that ends in June 2016. However, if you're a woman aged 16-25 and would like to hear about future opportunities at GWL, please email kim.long@womenslibrary.org.uk.

FESTIVALS AND LAUNCHES



Photo from Aphra performance.
Directed by Alexandria Patience.

Celebrating Aphra Behn: theatre script launch Thursday 7th July, 6pm to 7.30pm

Equality for women in theatre and the arts is currently a hot topic. Aphra Behn was the first British woman to make her living from her pen. She wrote the first 'novel' – *Orinooko*; which had an anti-slavery theme. When she died, society conspired to bury more than her body. Nancy Jo Cullen, Alexandria Patience and Rose Scollard wrote *Aphra*, the playscript, to honour this pioneer of women's writing. The launch of this script by Frontenac House, Alberta will simultaneously take place in Calgary, Canada. Playwright, feminist and artist Alexandria Patience will be present at the launch.

**"ALL WOMEN TOGETHER OUGHT TO LET FLOWERS FALL
UPON THE GRAVE OF APHRA BEHN ... FOR IT WAS SHE
WHO EARNED THEM THE RIGHT TO SPEAK THEIR MINDS."**

Virginia Woolf, *A Room of One's Own*



Cultural Encounters through Reading and
Writing – Travelling Texts. Credit: TTT

Cultural Encounters through Reading and Writing: New Approaches to the History of Literary Culture Thursday 9th June, Friday 10th June & Saturday 11th June, 9.30am to 6pm (until 5pm on Saturday), £8/day, 16+

Women writers and esotericism in the Nordic countries during the fin-de siècle, networks of French and Italian women writers at the beginning of the nineteenth century, eighteenth-century British fiction by women and its readership in Spain... Discover the many astonishing ways in which women writers participated in the literary culture of their time across the whole of Europe and join the discussions about how we can rewrite literary history so that it reflects and celebrates this amazing heritage.

**"THE PROPOSAL TO EXPLORE TRANSNATIONAL
LITERARY RELATIONS, PUTTING WOMEN AT THE CENTRE
OF THOSE RELATIONS, IS AT THE CUTTING EDGE OF
CURRENT LITERARY STUDIES."**

Peer reviewer comment

OUT AND ABOUT

Bringing GWL's special ingredients to a place near you

Commonwealth Writer's Collection in Edinburgh Monday 13th to Saturday 25th June, Edinburgh Central Library opening hours, Edinburgh Central Library, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, All ages

Following the Commonwealth Games in 2014, Glasgow Women's Library gathered a unique collection of commonwealth women writers' works which will be showcased at Edinburgh Central Library for the duration of the Harpies Fechters and Quines festival. The collection will be on display and available to browse (reference only). From well-known names such as Margaret Atwood and Doris Lessing to poets and novelists from the Caribbean, Malaysia, Kenya, the Tamil Indian poet Salma and the South African performance poet Toni Stuart – these are just a few of the treasures you'll find – so drop in and discover some fascinating international voices.

"I FOUND LITTLE BIT LONG TIME A UNIQUE AND FRESH READ THAT GIVES US NOT ONLY THE INSIGHT INTO AN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO A WOMAN'S LONGING TO FIND OUT WHO SHE IS AND WHERE SHE BELONGS."

GWL User Reviewer

"IT WAS A NEW EXPERIENCE TO BE WITH A WOMEN'S GROUP DISCUSSING WOMEN'S WORK AND GETTING A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THE PAINTINGS IN THE GALLERY."

Seeing Things Participant after Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum visit.



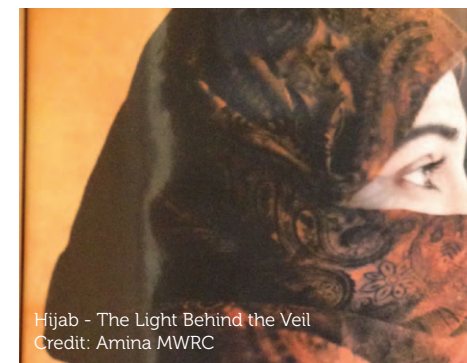
Seeing Things at the Gallery of Modern Art in February 2016.
Credit: GWL

Seeing Things
Trips vary, 16+, Women only

Seeing Things is a great way to get to know your city and see things you might not otherwise go to. We visit art exhibitions, theatre, performances and talks by women creatives in Glasgow.

Trips planned for Summer 2016 include visits to events happening during Refugee Week and Cosima von Bonin's exhibition at the Gallery of Modern Art.

For more information or to book onto any of these events contact the Library on **0141 550 2267**, email us at info@womenslibrary.org.uk or visit womenslibrary.org.uk



Hijab - The Light Behind the Veil
Credit: Amina MWRC

Hijab: The Light Behind the Veil – Film Screening
Thursday 16th June, 1pm to 3pm, George Washington Brown Room, Edinburgh Central Library, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 16+, Women only

In this topical and thought-provoking film, Scottish Muslim women themselves speak about the wearing of the Hijab, the issues they can face in relation to it and how these affect them and their communities. The film was made by Amina, a Scotland wide organisation which works to enhance understanding of the Muslim community and provides a range of services to Muslim women. After the film there will be a discussion hosted by Amina and GWL staff about the ideas raised by the film.

OUT AND ABOUT



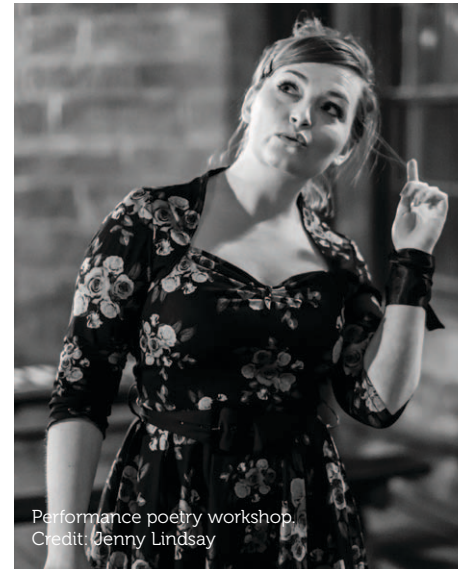
Credit: GWL

Young BME Women's Voices Friday 17th June, 2pm to 4pm, Boardroom, Edinburgh Central Library, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 16+, Women only

Are you a young woman writer interested in the voices of BME women? Or perhaps you'd like to find out more about BME women poets? This poetry reading and discussion workshop is for young women and will focus on the work of BME women writers. Edinburgh based writer Nadine Aisha will read from her own work and some of her favourite authors. This is a chance to meet others interested in writing and poetry and to explore as a group the work of writers such as Ijeoma Umebinyuo, Safia Elhillo and more. Come along, listen, and join in.

"I SEE THIS AS A SPACE FOR YOUNG BME WOMEN TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IT IS TO BE A YOUNG BME WOMAN WRITING. WHAT DO WE WRITE ABOUT? WHY? WHAT CAN'T WE WRITE ABOUT?... WHAT DO WE GET FROM WRITING?... THESE WILL BE SOME OF THE KEY QUESTIONS WE WILL BE EXPLORING."

Nadine Aisha

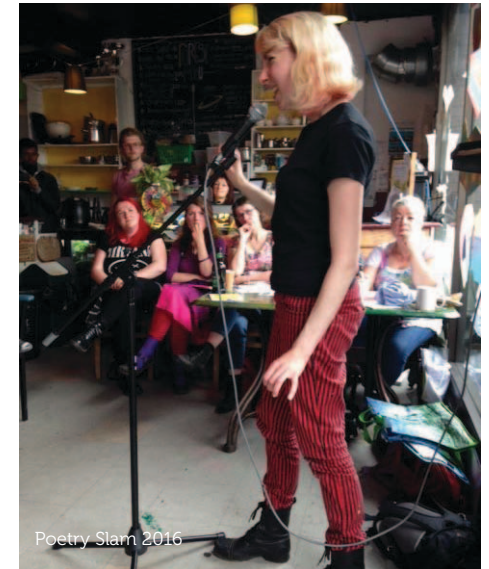


Performance poetry workshop,
Credit: Jenny Lindsay

Poetry Performance Workshop Monday 20th June, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, George Washington Brown Room, Edinburgh Central Library, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 16+, Women only

This is for all you budding performance poets out there who feel you need just a little bit of help to refine your skills and charge up your confidence. Acclaimed wordsmith and performer Jenny Lindsay will take you through your paces and give you hints and tips to help get you good and ready for your next (or first) poetry slam!

Open to women of all ages, backgrounds and skill levels.



Poetry Slam 2016

Harpies Fechtters and Quines: All Women Poetry Slam 2016 Thursday 23rd June, 6pm to 9pm, Out of the Blue Café, The Drill Hall, 36 Dalmeny St, Edinburgh, EH6 8RG, 16+, Women performers only, mixed audience

Whether you are new to poetry slams or a slam veteran this is a call out to women of all ages and experience to perform and compete for the title of Harpies Fechtters and Quines 2016 Slam Champion.

With live music from Tongue Trap and hosted by performance poet Jenny Lindsay, this is an unmissable event. Last year's slam was a sell out so make sure to book early. If you want to perform, contact Morag Smith at GWL or to be in the audience on the night call Glasgow Women's Library or go to edinburghreads.eventbrite.co.uk

OUT AND ABOUT



Untold Stories of East Dunbartonshire Women
Thursday 16th June,
6.30pm to 8.00pm, Hillhead
Community Centre, Hillhead
Rd, Kirkintilloch, 16+,
Women only

Who are the local women you remember and why? This informal event will include a short talk and hands on activities to introduce you to Glasgow Women's Library and women's heritage projects around Scotland. Try our women's history quiz and create your own local map of women whose stories deserve to be remembered. Refreshments included.

This GWL opportunity is part of East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust's Trails and Tales programme which is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Creative Scotland. To book telephone 0141 777 3092 or email: info@trailsandtales.org

Opportunities for women
around Scotland: Women
Making History Dates vary,
Around Scotland, Contact
GWL for more information,
16+, Women only

Glasgow Women's Library supports women's groups and organisations around Scotland to develop their own sustainable local projects celebrating women's history and achievements. Women in Aberdeen, West Dunbartonshire and Wigtown, to name a few, have created their own women's heritage projects with support and inspiration from Glasgow Women's library. If you'd like to start a women's history project in your town but don't know where to start get in touch with us for advice and ideas. Or get in touch with the National Lifelong Learning project to find out more about current projects that are happening near you.



Edinburgh Story Café Special Wednesday 22nd
June, 1pm to 2.30pm, Boardroom, Edinburgh
Central Library, 16+, Women only

At this Story Café special you will discover the work of powerful women writers from Glasgow Women's Library's commonwealth writers' collection. Bring along a bite of lunch and relax while you listen to readings from fiction and poetry that reflect the lives, struggles and achievements of international women.

The Story Café is suitable for women of all ages from all walks of life. It's a chance to chill out at lunchtime, discover new authors, and enjoy the company. Ideal for book lovers and those new to reading and reading groups.

"IT WAS LOVELY TO HEAR THE READINGS AND OTHER
PEOPLE'S STORIES."

Story Café Participant

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For more information or to book onto any of these events contact the Library on **0141 550 2267**, email us at info@womenslibrary.org.uk or visit womenslibrary.org.uk

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