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Entry is free to all events but by ticket only. Call reader development librarian Debby Wale on 020 8753 3812 or email debby.wale@lbhf.gov.uk

Fulham Library, Fulham Road

- David Waller, October 14, 7.30pm

ACCLAIMED biographer David Waller on Gertrude Tennant, from her upbringing in Paris through to her affair with 'randy genius' Gustave Flaubert and her life as a respectable society hostess.

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Irish Centre, Blacks Road, Hammersmith W6

Tel: 020 8563 8232

www.irishcentrehammersmith.co.uk

- I'll Tell Me Ma – book reading by Brian Keenan, October 8, 7.30pm

THIS is the story of an ordinary boy growing up in Belfast after the war; an ordinary boy who would go on to become world-famous as a hostage in Beirut and author of the extraordinary testimony of imprisonment that was *An Evil Cradling*. Free entry.

- Around the Fire Storytelling presents Jan Blake, October 9, 8pm

JAN Blake makes a welcome return.

Tickets: £5.

- Christina Noble Art Exhibition, September 29-October 24, 7.30pm

Free entry.

Riverside Studios

Crisp Road W6
Bookings/information: 020 8237 1111

www.riversidestudios.co.uk

- Handmade, until September 27

MULTI-TALENTED local artist Alessi Laurent-Marke, of Alessi's Ark, presents a series of prints of drawings from the tour van last winter.

Free entry.

- Médecins du Monde UK (MDM UK) Silent Witnesses in Focus, September 28-October 18

IN ITS 13th year, this Luis Valtuena International Humanitarian Photography Award is a tribute to four humanitarian workers who were murdered in the field.

Free entry.

Earls Court and Olympia
See www.eco.co.uk or call 020 7385 1200

- Musicmania, September 26, in Olympia Two
- THE greatest selection of CDs,

DVDs, vinyl and memorabilia – all for sale. Featuring traders from around the world. See www.vip-24.com

- Back Show, October 2-4, Brompton Hall, Earls Court
- THE UK's only event for back pain sufferers and the health professionals who treat them. See www.backshowexpo.co.uk or call 0870 272 0011.

- The National Wedding Show, October 2-4, Earls Court Two

FROM over the moon, to the honeymoon – find everything you need for your big day all under one roof. See www.nationalweddingshow.co.uk or call 0870 730 0064

- The National Home Improvement Show in Association with Real Homes, October 2-4, Earls Court One

CREATE space, add value, enhance lighting, view the latest trends and designs or simply create a fabulous home. See www.improveyourhomeshow.co.uk or call 0844 581 0802

- Mind Body & Soul, October 3-4, Olympia Two

OFFERING a vast array of therapies and products, from aromatherapy, to reiki and reflexology, meditation and yoga. Also featuring lectures, workshops and stage demonstrations. See www.mbsevents.co.uk or call 01787 224 040.

- National Work Placement Exhibition, October 8-10, Olympia Two

MEET recruiters, listen to presentations, perfect your CV and get a placement. See www.workplacement.co.uk (free to attend).

- National Graduate Recruitment Exhibition, October 8-10, Olympia Two

THOUSANDS of jobs under one roof plus tonnes of free advice. See www.gradjobs.co.uk (free to attend).

CINEMA

Cineworld
207 King Street,
Hammersmith W6
Tel: 0871 200 2000

Phone for times and listings.

Vue Cinema Shepherds Bush
West 12 Shopping & Leisure Centre,
Shepherds Bush Green W12

Tel: 08712 240 240

Phone for times and listings.

Vue Cinema Fulham
Fulham Broadway Retail Centre,
Fulham Road, Fulham,
Tel: 08712 240 240

Phone for times and listings.

Riverside Studios
Crisp Road W6
Bookings/information: 020 8237 1111

www.riversidestudios.co.uk

- September 22, double bill FROZEN River, 6.45pm, Sugar, 8.45pm.

- September 23, Recent American Independent Cinema double bill

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PREVIEW AUTHORS AT H&F LIBRARIES

Word is out about the new library

- ▶ Authors in Shepherds Bush for series of readings and talks
- ▶ Subjects range from the Battle of Britain to the Pre-Raphaelites

TOM DERBYSHIRE

AN IMPRESSIVE array of authors has been lined up to reveal their tricks of the trade at the new Shepherds Bush Library.

All the talks, readings and discussions are free but by ticket only – to book, call reader development librarian Debby Wale on 020 8753 3812 or you can email debby.wale@lbhf.gov.uk

● The TV drama *Desperate Romantics* brought Millais, Rossetti and their chums to the screen but ran into criticism for twisting the details.

For the real picture, try an event at 6.30pm on September 23 in Shepherds Bush Library: Liz-zie Siddal – the Tragedy of a Pre-Raphaelite Supermodel. **Lucinda Hawksley**, whose biography of the poet, artist, artist's model and muse was BBC Radio 4's book of the week in 2004, talks at the new library in Wood Lane.

● The Battle of Britain was one of the most important events in our history but the reality is clouded by myths.

One of the best people to examine these – and the legacy of the battle – is author **Patrick Bishop**, who is discussing the subject at 6.30pm in Shepherds Bush Library on Tuesday, September 29.

The former journalist, who lives in Brook Green, has written many books on military matters, such as *Fighter Boys*, *Bomber Boys*, and *3 Para*, and his new book on the Battle of Britain has just been published.

● It is a double act for fiction fans at Shepherds Bush on October 1 at 6.30pm.

Marika Cobbold and **Elizabeth Buchan** have written successful novels and had short stories published in magazines and broadcast on radio.

Marika is the author of *Guppies*



TITLE DEEDS: Kate Morris (left), Josa Young (top) and Amanda Lees are two of the authors holding events at Shepherds Bush Library

for *Tea* and her latest work is *Aphrodite's Workshop for Reluctant Lovers*. Elizabeth's novels include *The Revenge of the Middle Aged Woman* and *The Second Wife*.

● Poetry comes under the spotlight on October 4 from 1-2pm.

Martina Evans performs a selection of her poems at Shepherds Bush Library, with her fourth collection – *Facing the Public* – published by Anvil Press this month.

Also a novelist, her books include *Midnight Feast* and *No Drinking No Dancing No Doctors*.

● Writing for a female audience is the theme of a talk by two authors on October 8.

Kate Morris, from Shepherds Bush, discusses her latest book *The Seven Year Itch*, as featured previously in *h&f news*, while Josa Young talks about *One Apple Tasted*.

They will describe the challenge of making characters vibrant and

believable in a genre dominated by shoes, sex and shopping.

They are at Shepherds Bush Library from 6.30pm.

● The talks switch over to Fulham Library at 7.30pm on October 14 when acclaimed biographer **David Waller** will be visiting.

His colourful subject (the subject of his book) is Gertrude Tennant, from her upbringing in Paris through to her affair with 'randy genius' Gustave Flaubert and her life as a respectable society hostess.

● Another local author, **Amanda Lees**, reads from her popular Kumari series and gives some exclusive writing tips at 2.30pm on October 17.

The children's books feature a goddess-in-waiting who finds herself flung from a secret valley kingdom to battles on behalf of good over evil in New York.

Suitable for children aged eight and over.

DON'T MISS YOUR NEXT h&f news!

- See the October 6 edition of your *h&f news* for a super books special with exclusive interviews, one with best-selling military historian Patrick Bishop (right), and news of other authors from Hammersmith & Fulham

