



# **Friends of Highgate Library**

## **Events Programme**

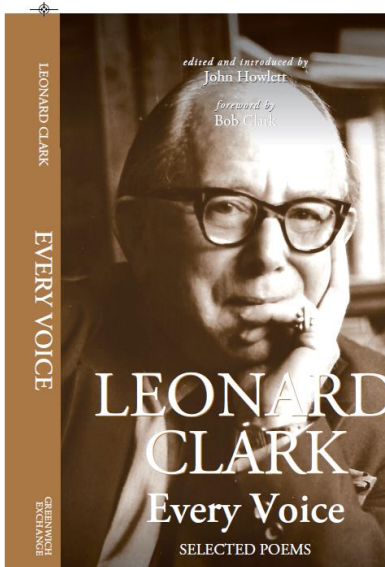
**Spring 2025**

**[www.FoHL.org.uk/events](http://www.FoHL.org.uk/events)**

The Friends of Highgate Library present  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025

7.15 for 7.30pm

## Leonard Clark Every Voice Selected Poems



Leonard Clark was one of the most popular poets of the twentieth century. Although he lived the last thirty years of his life in Highgate, much of his best work drew on his boyhood memories in Gloucestershire. The landscape inspired some of his best-loved lyrics and drew the admiration of friends such as John Betjeman, Ted Hughes, and Edmund Blunden. This book is the first selection of Clark's work for over fifty years. You will hear talks and readings from the editor Dr John Howlett (Keele University), Clark's son Bob and others.

**Highgate Library Hall**  
**in The Children's Corner, Croftdown Road, NW5 1HB**

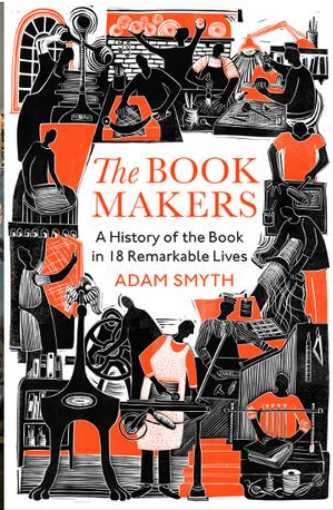
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The Friends of Highgate Library present  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025

7.15 for 7.30pm

## The Book-makers

A history of the book in 18 remarkable  
lives



The Book-Makers is a celebration of 550 years of the printed book, told through the lives of eighteen extraordinary men and women who took the book in radical new directions: printers and binders, publishers and artists, paper-makers and library founders. This is a story of skill, craft, mess, cunning, triumph, improvisation, and error. Come and hear Adam tell us about it.

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The Friends of Highgate Library present

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

7.15 for 7.30pm

The English Public Library 1850 - 1939

Susie Barson



Among the many important political and social reforms of the mid-19th century was the Public Libraries Act of 1850. While this allowed municipal boroughs to establish public libraries, few were built until Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887. Then, private philanthropy saw the construction of a vast number of libraries, and by 1914, 62 per cent of the England's population lived within a library authority area. Highgate Library which opened in 1906 was one of these.

Susie Barson is one of the authors of this Historic England guide which looks at the external architecture of the libraries built under these and later initiatives, and how they were fitted out and used.

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