

LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY

Leeds Central Library,
Calverley Street, Leeds, LS1 3AB

OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday, 9.00am – 7.00pm
Tuesday, 9.00am – 7.00pm
Wednesday, 9.00am – 7.00pm
Thursday, 9.00am – 6.00pm
Friday, 9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturday, 10.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday, 11.00am – 3.00pm

RESEARCH & ADVICE

Free access to Ancestry.co.uk
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Sessions for schools

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Photos (www.leodis.net)
Leeds and Yorkshire books

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Events Programme

Jan - Mar 2020



Talks at the Central Library

TALKING RUBBISH

Monday 27 January, 2-3pm
Sanderson Room, 3rd Floor

Do you want to learn more about Recycling in Leeds? How about listening to a “rubbish” story? Do you remember the dustmen and their carts? Join us for a visual journey down Memory Lane: discover how rubbish collection has changed through the years and the importance of recycling today.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or 0113 378 6982

THREE LEEDS ARCHITECTS: W.H. THORP, WILLIAM HILL AND PERCY ROBINSON

Tuesday 11 February, 6-7pm
Leodis Room, 3rd Floor

The distinctive atmosphere of magnificent Victorian and Edwardian Leeds was created not just by the greats such as Brodrick and Corson, but also by other less well-known architects. In this talk, Janet Douglas will explore the work of some of these key figures. *In partnership with the Victorian Society.*

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THE LEEDS OTHER PAPER AND RADICAL PRINT

Wednesday 19 February, 6-7pm
Sanderson Room, 3rd Floor

Pre internet, radical news publications like *Leeds Other Paper*, *Coventry News* and *Rochdale Alternative Press* flourished. John Boocock, a member of the Leeds Alternative Publications co-op, describes LOP in the 1980s and Leeds’ radical publishing history.

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LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH: GAY LEEDS IN THE 1950s AND 1960s

Wednesday 26 February, 6-7pm
Leodis Room, 3rd Floor

Reading from his book *Odd Men Out*, John-Pierre Joyce will talk about the pleasures, challenges and risks of being a gay man in the 1950s and 1960s, with a particular focus on the Leeds experience – including stories and information about the city’s underground scene and Leeds’ role in the law reform process.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or 0113 378 6982

Family History

Thinking about tracing your family tree but aren't sure how to start? Come along to one of our free beginner's workshops for advice. Then, once you're underway, try our drop-in sessions for assistance with those trickier questions!

FAMILY HISTORY FOR BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

An introduction to key concepts and resources for complete beginners. Some experience with PCs is advised, as this is a hands-on session.

All sessions take place in The Portal.

FREE but booking is essential:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents

Wed 22 January, 2.30-4.00pm

Wed 19 February, 2.30-4.00pm

Wed 18 March, 2.30-4.00pm

FAMILY HISTORY DROP-IN

Come and chat to our family history librarians at this informal advice session. From first steps with Ancestry.co.uk to more involved enquiries, we're on hand to help.

All sessions take place in The Portal from 10am to 12 noon and are FREE with no booking required.

Wednesday 29 January

Wednesday 26 February

Wednesday 25 March

Talks at the Central Library

RUGBY LEAGUE'S GREATEST SACRIFICE: RESEARCHING WW1 ANCESTORS

Wednesday 4 March, 1-2pm

Leodis Room, 3rd Floor

A century after the Great War, Rugby League's Roll of Honour was finally revealed. This talk investigates the stories of these sporting heroes and provides tips for researching your First World War Army ancestors.

FREE, BOOKING REQUIRED:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or **0113 378 6982**

WORKING-CLASS LEEDS IN THE EARLY 20TH-CENTURY

Wednesday 11 March, 6-7pm

Sanderson Room, 3rd Floor

Claire Martin will draw on the autobiographies of Yorkshire working-class women who lived in the early twentieth century to explore their everyday lives, and highlight the relevance of these stories to our understanding of the past.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or **0113 378 6982**

Talks in your Community

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LEEDS CEMETERIES

Monday 3 Feb, 12.30-1.30pm

Farsley Library

The latest in the popular Farsley *As it Was* series: Librarian Antony Ramm of the Central Library will offer a brief history of cemeteries in Leeds – from their roots in 19th-century Improvement Acts, to the protection of their heritage by community groups in the 20th. Most of the talk content will be based on collections held at the Central Library, including several rare books.

FREE, DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

TREASURES OF THE LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

Thursday 6 Feb, 2.30-3.30pm

Horsforth Community Hub & Library

Join Helen Skilbeck for an illustrated talk about the most unusual items from our collections. We'll hear all about the strange-but-true stories from Leeds' past, including a giant archway made of bread.

FREE, BUT BOOKING REQUIRED:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leedslibraryevents or **0113 378 1872**

Exhibitions

EXHIBITION: A BRIEF HISTORY OF RADICAL NEWS PRINTING IN LEEDS

3 - 28 February, during opening hours

Local & Family History, 2nd Floor

Coinciding with John Boocock's talk on the 19th of February, this exhibition will explore the history of Radical printing and publishing in Leeds: from early 18th-century editions of the *Leeds Mercury*, through the Chartists in the 19th, the *Leeds Other Paper* of the 1980s – and beyond to the 'zines of today.

DROP-IN, NO NEED TO BOOK

Heritage Tours

LEEDS CENTRAL LIBRARY

Thursday 16 January, 2.30pm

Wednesday 12 February, 2.30pm

Thursday 12 March, 10.30am

Join us for an entertaining trip behind the scenes of our magnificent Grade II* listed building. Find out about the architecture, history and famous visitors, as well as visiting some secret corners! Tours last approximately 1 hour and leave from the ground floor atrium, outside the Lending department.

TICKETS £5, BOOKING REQUIRED:

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