



Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives



December 2017

Saturday 16 December

Due to a councilwide IT shutdown for planned upgrade works, there will be no IT available across all Idea Stores and libraries this coming Saturday 16 December. In addition to the computers for public use, staff equipment is also affected.

We will be open as normal 9am-5pm, with the following restrictions in place:

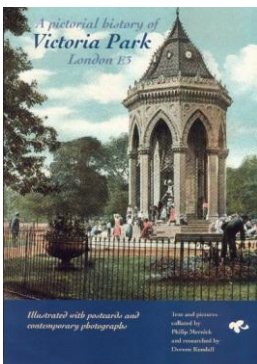
- Public PCs and wifi unavailable
- No access to archives unless requested in advance

If you are planning to visit on this date and wish to view *archives*, please email reference numbers or a description of what you wish to look at to localhistory@towerhamlets.gov.uk by 1pm on Friday 15 December. NB: the library and image collections are excluded and will be freely accessible as usual.

When looking up references on our catalogue www.THcatalogue.org.uk, please ensure you look at the field named 'Request' in each catalogue record. It must say **Yes - material orderable** for us to be able to retrieve what you are looking for. Any questions on how to obtain the correct references, please call or email us - contact details below.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Christmas gifts for sale



We have an excellent selection of publications for sale including maps, postcards, many rare local history books and a lovely organic THLHLA tote bag - they'd make great stocking fillers!

We also have a brand new arrival: hot off the press, the the Friends of the Island History Trust's 2018 calendar - packed full of historic photographs of the Isle of Dogs, it's available now at the archives for just £6!

Come and visit us to browse, or find further details on our [website](#).

5 day closure for annual stocktake

A reminder for those of you planning to visit us in the New Year, please be aware that we will be closed to the public for one week from **Monday 22 – Friday 29 January inclusive**. This is to allow staff to carry out a stocktake of our collections, and

therefore neither our reading room *nor email / phone enquiry service* will be available that week.

In the meantime, we hope the wealth of information on our [website](#) and [online catalogue](#) will be of help in your research, and remember there is free access to Ancestry across all Tower Hamlets [Idea Stores and libraries](#).

Christmas opening hours

We will be closed for Christmas from **Friday 22 December to Monday 1 January inclusive**. So, your last chance for a pre-holidays visit will be before **8pm on Thursday 21 December**.

Remember that we are open 9am-5pm on the first and third Saturdays of every month, for research in the reading room and exhibition viewing.

Our current exhibition of artwork by Basil Olton, inspired by the history of black radicalism in the 1930s East End, [A necessary fiction](#), is on show until Saturday 20 January 2018.



Opening Hours

Monday: 9am-5pm (exhibition only)

Tuesday: 10am-5pm

Wednesday: 9am-5pm

Thursday: 9am-8pm

Friday: 9am-5pm (exhibition only)

Saturday*: 9am-5pm (*first and third Saturdays of the month only)

Sunday: closed

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