



## **Musical Tea Party in the Library Garden**

**Saturday 18th July 2015**

**2pm till 5pm in the library garden**

**By popular request, George Roberts**

**is returning to play classical musical favourites during the afternoon.**

**Come and listen while enjoying our Home made cakes and tea**

**Everyone welcome.**

**Lawn games for children, book sale**

## **Hersham Library Summer Events Calendar**

organised by Surrey County Council



**Free Rhyme Time Every Tuesday morning\* : 10.45 to 11.15**

**Free craft events during the summer : 11.00 to 12.00**

**Friday 7th, 14th and 21st August \***

**Current plans and updated details in the Library  
and on Hersham Hub**

\*assisted by FHL



Summer 2015

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### What is a library?

Is it a collection of books? A warm place to read the newspaper? A quiet place to access the internet for those without a computer? A place where you can learn to use a computer? Get photocopies? Look for a job online?

The pressures on all public services are intense; because of this we need to think about the future legacies that libraries can offer us if we keep them open.

The Society of Chief Librarians ([www.goscl.com](http://www.goscl.com)) suggests there are 4 key areas of service: Digital, Reading, Information and Health. Health might seem a bit strange, but for example: there are book lists available for common mental health conditions and dementia, and a young people’s mental health list is being developed.

The Carnegie UK Trust ([carnegieuktrust.org.uk](http://carnegieuktrust.org.uk)) is another organisation that is disseminating information about the future direction of a library service. The UK Trust was set up to promote wellbeing of people in UK, and it believes that public libraries have enormous potential in 4 broad areas of public policy. It suggests seeing libraries as cultural centres, social hubs, learning hubs and economic enablers.

We think that libraries are not just about books on shelves: we need to judge a successful library by more than the number of books issued and the number of bodies entering the premises. Perhaps it is time that we started a dialogue about what we want our libraries to offer in the future, using the ideas suggested above.

Thanks to The Library Campaigner magazine ([www.librarycampaign.com](http://www.librarycampaign.com)) for information used here.

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#### Questionnaire

#### What can we do help entertain your child during the summer... and the rest of the year?

for older pre-school children(3-4yr approx):

what time slot is best? 10.45 - 11.30 F  
1.45 - 2.30 Tu W Th F  
(please circle)

what activity? story/singing  
(please circle) craft

after school (4-6yr approx)

what time slot/day 3.30 - 4.15 Tu W Th F  
(please circle)

what activity? craft  
(please circle) stories/singing  
board games/puzzles

Y/N Are you invested in other organised kid’s entertainment such as Flossie, clowns, Punch & Judy, circus skills?

other suggestions, comments:

contact details (optional)