

# FAMILY HISTORY

All sessions are free to attend but places are limited, please book on 0141 287 2999 or at Granville Street reception.



## CHURCH ARCHIVES FOR THE FAMILY HISTORIAN

Wednesday 9 May, 6-7pm  
Moir Dyer Room

A talk by Dr Irene O'Brien from City Archives on records of Presbyterians, Episcopalians and other denominations, which will help tell the story of your family history.

## ARCHIVES SOURCES FOR FAMILY HISTORY

Wednesday 11 April, Thursday 16 May, 2-4pm  
Blythswood Room, Level 5

A friendly introduction to the unique sources in the Archives for family history research by one of the City Archivists. Suitable for family history beginners.

## LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR FAMILY HISTORY

Tuesday 24 April, Wednesday 23 May, 2.30-3.45pm

Family History Centre, Special Collections, Level 5

An introduction to print and online resources for family history beginners.

## FAMILY HISTORY ADVICE

Wednesday 18 April, Tuesday 15 May, 2-4pm

Family History Centre, Special Collections, Level 5

Book a 30 minute session with one of our librarians - suitable for those with family history experience.

## IRISH FAMILY HISTORY ADVICE SESSIONS

Wednesday 18 April, Thursday 17 May, 2-4pm

Tuesday 8 May, 5.30-7.30pm

Archives Searchroom, Level 5

Need advice on researching your Irish Family History? Why not book one of the 20 minute sessions with one of our archivists?

## GETTING STARTED WITH FIND MY PAST

Thursday 10 May, 2-3.30pm

Level 3 Training Suite

Learn more about 'Find My Past' and how its amazing resources will help your family history research.



## GETTING STARTED WITH THE BRITISH NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE

Tuesday 29 May, 2-3.30pm

Level 3 Training Suite

Learn more about the British Newspaper Archive and how it can help with your family history research.



## PRIDE OF THE LIONS: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO MADE THE LISBON LIONS

Wednesday 30 May, 6-7pm

Booking only at Granville Street or on 0141 287 2999

A talk by John McGee who will tell the story of the family history of the Lisbon Lions.

# LET'S TALK



## #mitchellcurious

### #MITCHELLCURIOUS

Every Mon, Wednesday and Thursday during April and May, 12:30-12:45pm

Find out more about the #mitchellcurious programme on the Mitchell Library Facebook page, #mitchellcurious on Glasgow Libraries Twitter feed or the Let's Talk programme at events.glasgowlife.org.uk.

Each week we bring out items from our rich and varied collections which reflect world events, social conditions, technological advancements and cultural change across the globe. Join us for a 15 minute lunchtime opportunity to see and talk to staff about our fascinating collections.



## BBC CIVILISATIONS: HISTORY OF THE MITCHELL AND GLASGOW MUSEUMS

Wednesday 4, Thursday 5, Monday 9, Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 April, 12.30-12.45pm

Glasgow Museums and Libraries teams are celebrating the new BBC Civilisations Festival.

The creation of civic museums and libraries like Kelvingrove Art Gallery or The Mitchell Library could be said to represent 'civilisation' for Glasgow's citizens. BBC Civilisations Festival allows Glasgow Life to shine a light on the history of selected museums and The Mitchell Library and to take a closer look into some well-known people associated with them.

All lunchtime talks will be in the Let's Talk Space.

All events are FREE, drop in unless otherwise stated and take place in the Let's Talk Space at Granville Street.

## JANET BARROWMAN, SUFFRAGETTE

With Fiona Hayes, Curator of Social History, Glasgow Museums  
Wednesday 4 April, 12.30-12.45pm

An insight into the collection gifted to Glasgow Museums in 1955 by Glasgow Suffragette Janet Barrowman.



## THE GLASSFORD FAMILY PORTRAIT

With Dr Anthony Lewis, Curator of Scottish History, Glasgow Museums  
Thursday 5 April, 12.30-12.45pm

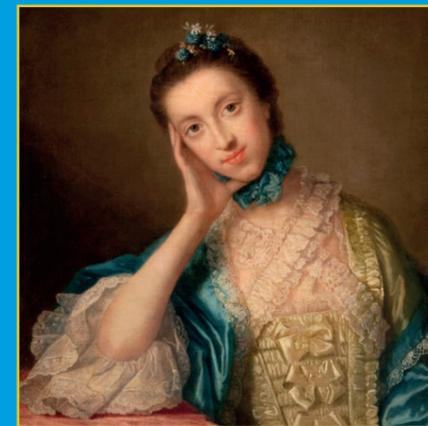
The portrait of John Glassford and family represents the rising reputation of Glasgow's wealth and taste. However, is that all it represents? This talk will examine the portrait in terms of the Glassford family's links to slavery in America and at home.

## THE MITCHELL LIBRARY – STEPHEN MITCHELL'S LEGACY

With Alison Young, Librarian, Glasgow Libraries

Monday 9, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 April, 12.30-12.45pm

Join us to hear the story of the man who founded The Mitchell Library and how his legacy has benefitted Glasgow's citizens and visitors for over 140 years.



## THE PORTRAIT OF JEAN DUFF

With Dr Anthony Lewis, Curator of Scottish History, Glasgow Museums

Thursday 12 April, 6-7pm, Moir Dyer Room

The portrait of Jean Duff, Lady Grant shows a lady in leisure. She lived in luxury. But, how did she do this? This talk will account for the Grant family's links with Jamaica and slavery.



# WHAT'S ON AT THE MITCHELL LIBRARY

# APRIL MAY

## NEW DISPLAYS:

Votes for Women  
Glasgow Style at the Mitchell  
City and Empire:  
80th Anniversary of the Empire Exhibition

## PLUS:

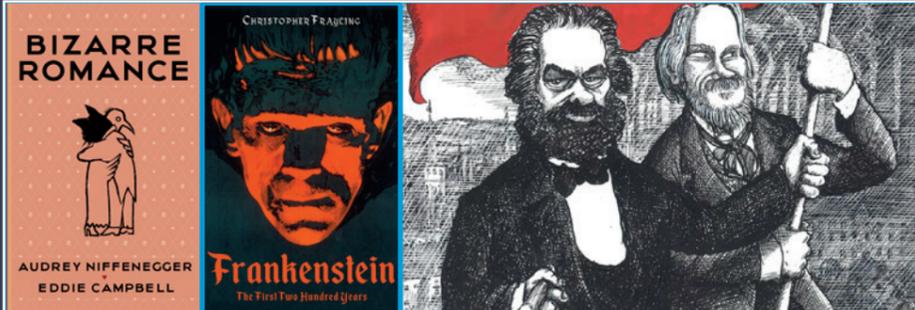
Author Talks, Coding Club and Hurricane Book Club



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# TALKS AND SCREENINGS



## LIVE SCREENINGS FROM THE BRITISH LIBRARY

As part of the Living Knowledge Network we have teamed up with the British Library to live stream these great events directly into the Mitchell. Join us for a unique experience.

### BIZARRE ROMANCE: AUDREY NIFFENEGGER AND EDDIE CAMPBELL

Tuesday 10 April, 7–8.30pm

Internationally best-selling author Audrey Niffenegger (*The Time Traveller's Wife*) and her husband, graphic artist Eddie Campbell, discuss their new collaboration *Bizarre Romance* and other recent works. Chaired by international comics expert Paul Gravett.

### FRANKENSTEIN: THE FIRST 200 YEARS

Tuesday 17 April, 7–8.30pm

It's alive! It's alive! It's alive!

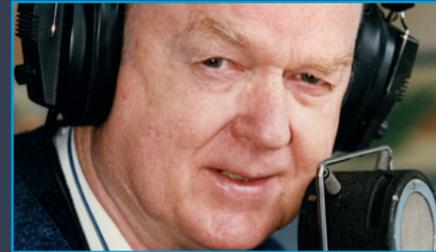
Christopher Frayling traces the journey of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* from limited edition literature to the bloodstream of contemporary culture.

### THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO: MARTIN ROWSON, NINA POWER AND MARK STEEL

Friday 4 May, 7–8.30pm

An insightful and irreverent look at Marx and Engels' *Communist Manifesto*. Comedian and broadcaster Mark Steel and political philosopher Nina Power join *The Guardian* cartoonist Martin Rowson, creator of a new graphic novel version of this seminal text.

**All take place in the Let's Talk Space. Please book at Granville St reception in person or on 0141 287 2999, or search for the events on Eventbrite.**



### ARCHIE MACPHERSON – ADVENTURES IN THE GOLDEN AGE

Thursday 26 April, 6.30–7.30pm

Book via [www.ayewrite.com](http://www.ayewrite.com) or phone 0141 353 8000

Archie was the voice of Scottish football and his book is a timely reminder of a golden era in Scottish sport.

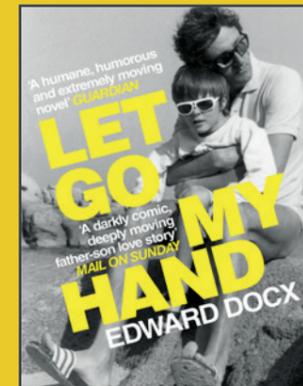
In Scotland's purple patch between 1974 and 1998, Archie Macpherson commentated on all 18 of Scotland's World Cup matches, and now his *Adventures in the Golden Age* tells the tales of what really went on both on the pitch and behind the scenes at the greatest tournament on earth.

### HURRICANE BOOK CLUB SEASON 3

Thursday 26 April, 6–7pm

Join Glasgow's only online book club – through our Twitter @GlasgowLib or Orkney's award-winning Twitter @orkneylibrary and Falkirk Community Trust Libraries @LibFalkirk, using #HurricaneBookClub.

We don't just link up online, you can also join our regular meetings. At the next one on 26 April we'll be discussing *Let Go My Hand* by Edward Docx.



### THE FREE HETHERINGTON – FROM THE SPIRIT OF REVOLT ARCHIVES DISPLAY/TALK

Monday 14 May, 12noon–2pm  
Limited places, please book on 0141 287 2999 or at Granville Street reception Blythswood Room

Show and Tell – a display of material from the student occupation at Glasgow University in 2011. The occupation quickly established itself as a hub for the university's anti-cuts movement and is believed to have been the longest running UK university occupation in history.



**All events are FREE and drop in unless otherwise stated.**

# HISTORY AND HERITAGE



### VOTES FOR WOMEN – DISPLAY

Until 30 April  
Archives Searchroom, Level 5

A display from our archives telling the story of women's journey to universal suffrage.



### GLASGOW STYLE AT THE MITCHELL – DISPLAY

9 April–27 July, Level 5 foyer

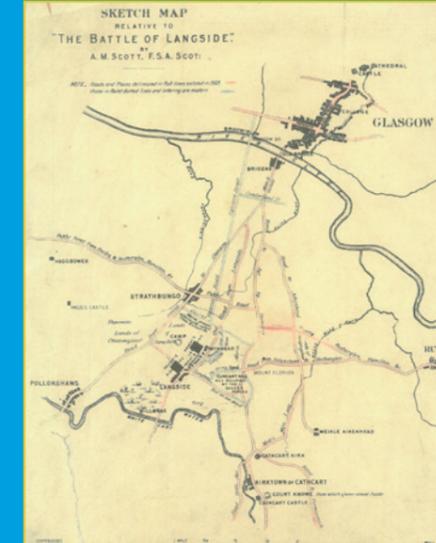
Complementing the Mackintosh exhibition at Kelvingrove Art Gallery, in this small display from Special Collections, we illustrate how the "Glasgow Style" is represented in the Mitchell Library's collections. This fascinating period of decorative and interior design marked out the city as a distinctive artistic centre, and is reflected in the books, newspapers and periodicals of the time.



### CITY & EMPIRE: THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF GLASGOW'S EMPIRE EXHIBITION 1938 – DISPLAY

4 May–20 June  
Archives Searchroom, Level 5

Explore the spectacular Empire Exhibition held in Bellahouston Park in 1938 through the wonderful collections at Glasgow City Archives. This small display also marks the 80th anniversary of the last of the Great Exhibitions of Empire.



### MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS AND THE BATTLE OF LANGSIDE 1568 – DISPLAY

12 May–2 June, Granville Street foyer

A small display from the City Archives marking the 450th anniversary of the Battle of Langside. This intriguing insight includes an original letter from Mary Queens of Scots written a few days before the battle seeking help from Sir John Maxwell of Pollok.

### EASTER STORY TIME AND CRAFT SESSION

Thursday 12 April, 2–3pm · Moir Dyer Room  
Limited places, please book at Granville Street reception or find the event on Eventbrite.

Ralfy Rabbit loves libraries! Who doesn't? Especially for children aged 4–8 to hear more about Ralfy and his book burglary and make their own rabbit themed crafts.

### CODING CLUB

Wednesdays 4 April, 2 May, 6–7.30pm  
Limited places, please book at Granville Street reception or find the event on Eventbrite

Learn all you need to become a great programmer in these sessions for 8–14 years. No coding experience required. Reguest ticket with laptop to bring your own.



# MITCHELL TOURS

## MITCHELL OPEN TOURS

Thursdays 5, 26 April, 17 May, Tuesdays 10 April, 25 May, 2:30–3:30pm

Meet at the Let's Talk Space, Granville Street Limited places, please book by phone on 0141 287 2999 or in person at Granville Street

Join one of these fascinating tours behind the scenes of the famous Mitchell Library. The tour involves stairs and walking so may not be suitable for those with certain mobility issues.

If your group would like a tailored tour please call us to discuss.

## TWILIGHT TOUR

Thursday 12 April,  
Tour 1: 5–5.30pm, Tour 2: 5.30–6pm  
Meet at the Let's Talk Space at Granville Street

Limited places, please book at Granville Street reception or search for the event on Eventbrite

A glimpse behind the scenes into our stack area – the Mitchell's secret library – where many of the items from our recent Harry Potter exhibition usually live!

This is a short insight tour, for a longer, more in-depth tour you can book one of our Mitchell Open Tours listed above.