

“every library
should be cherished
and protected”

“Libraries are the most precious resource our communities have - they provide stories, preserve history, and give extraordinary educational opportunities for children and adults. And they lighten loneliness with empathy and friendship. Every library should be cherished and protected.”



CLLR DR ROOPA FAROOKI



NIKKI MAY

“something I will
never take for granted”

“Having access to books for FREE is something I will never take for granted. I love everything about libraries – they even smell amazing. And librarians are brilliant book pushers – inherently good people!”



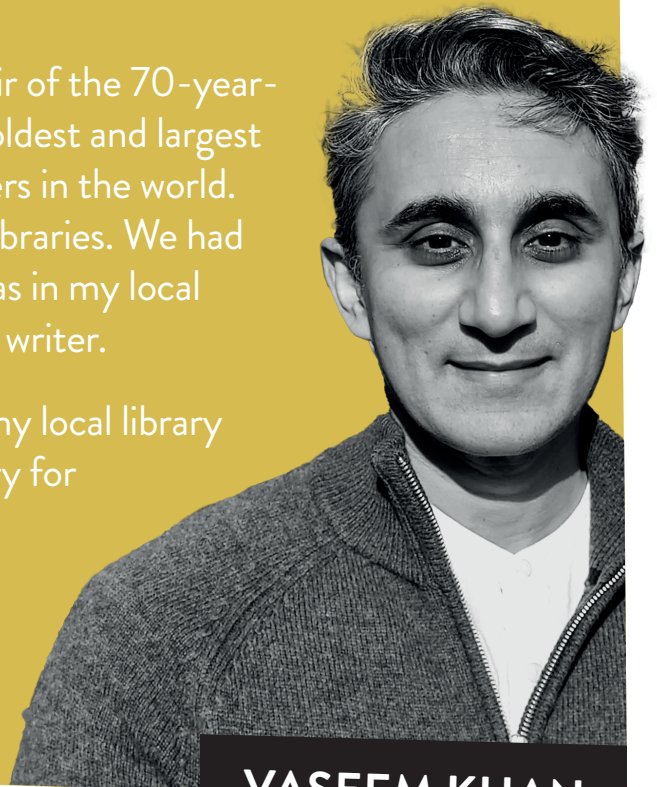
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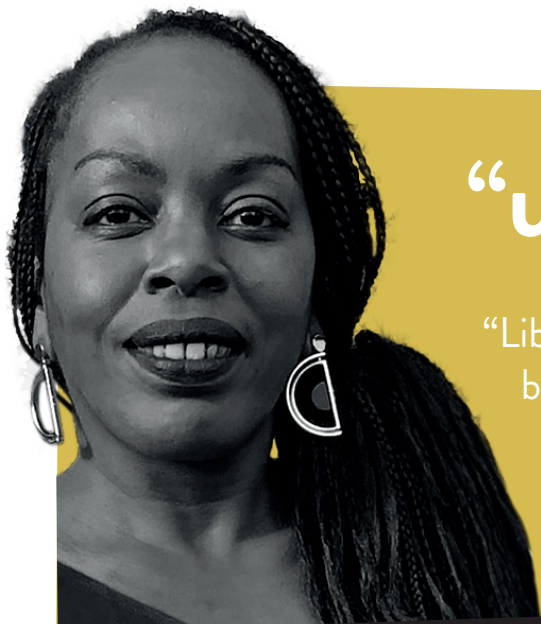
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“In 2023, I was elected the first non-white Chair of the 70-year-old UK Crime Writers Association, one of the oldest and largest associations of crime, mystery and thriller writers in the world. And that wouldn't have been possible without libraries. We had no money to buy books when I was young. It was in my local library that I found the inspiration to become a writer.

Today, with ten novels published, I still go into my local library to write. A lot of my research into Indian history for my Malabar House historical crime novels happens in the libraries. And, last but not least, it's always a thrill to see my books on library shelves!”



VASEEM KHAN



RACHEL EDWARDS

“utterly essential”

“Libraries have been fundamentally important to me becoming an author. Visits to the library were the highlight of my childhood week and now, as a writer, I am passionate about supporting these cathedrals of free learning. Utterly essential.”



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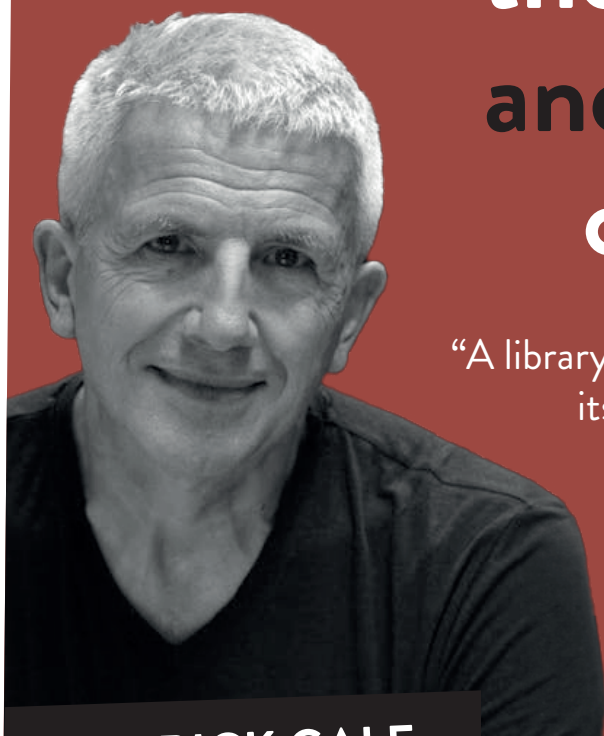
“Libraries are the heart of a community. They are a place where people can leave their own world behind and enter another’s through the power of a good book, but they are also a refuge: a space for both quiet and togetherness. They are the glue which holds a place and its people together.”



SARAH LANGFORD

“the beating cultural
and educative heart
of its community”

“A library is the beating cultural and educative heart of its community, somewhere young and old alike, local and stranger, can graze, free range and free of charge, on books, thoughts, stories and information. Its long term benefits to all make it cheap at the price.”



PATRICK GALE



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“libraries open up worlds”

“Libraries open up worlds. As a child in a single-parent family, growing up on council estate with little to no extra funds, libraries were the only place I could access books which then helped me open up my imagination to worlds outside of my world. It is without a doubt that, without libraries, I would not be a writer today.”



MAHSUDA SNAITH



WYL MENMUIR

“where knowledge and imagination is shared freely”

“For me, it’s simple - libraries are a statement about the way we value books, knowledge, and the imagination. And more than that, they’re a place where that knowledge and imagination is shared freely.”



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