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| 1               | 6a          | Pam Edwards | <p>My question is about community space in Barnet's libraries. In particular that available for the collection and display of historical material of which the Borough has a great deal but little actually on display.</p> <p>I think there is a lack of this type of space in libraries in general and as detailed in the recent report by Arts Council England. I would like to see Barnet give more prominence to the arts in community spaces such as our libraries.</p> <p>Has the Council planned to make provisions for storing and presenting historical materials?</p> | <p>The Local Studies Centre is based in Hendon Library and a range of materials from the collection are on open access for public use including historical rate books, electoral registers and historical newspapers. The full range of local history resources is available by appointment from Wednesdays to Fridays.</p> <p>A comprehensive range of local history materials can also be accessed online at <a href="https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/libraries/local-studies-and-archives.html">https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/libraries/local-studies-and-archives.html</a>. The archivist is currently implementing a digitisation programme to increase the range of resources available in this way.</p> <p>Libraries throughout the borough are also used to promote arts and local history including including art and photographic displays and a variety of cultural events. The library service recently hosted a two week cultural festival across the borough.</p> |