




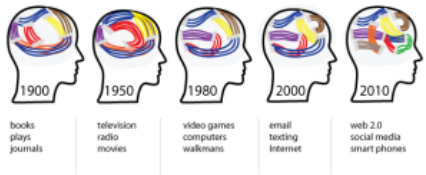





The British Club of The Hague

What you can look forward to in the months of DECEMBER 2021 and JANUARY 2022

<p>DECEMBER Friday 3</p>	<p>10.30 10.45 12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.30.</i></p> <p>Marlene B will introduce us to Influences of the Dutch language in Scottish, English, and American. Her attention was drawn by the author Bill Bryson to how external influences can change a language. He claims that the expression 'nitwit', meaning a silly or stupid person, stems from early Dutch settlers in the USA who could not understand English and repeatedly said "niet weet" (don't know) which, in turn, became the word to describe someone slow-witted. This Dutch connection with 'nitwit' prompted Marlene to look for other Dutch influences on the languages she is familiar with.</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John M</p>	
<p>Friday 10</p>	<p>10.30 12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.30.</i></p> <p>A relaxed and relaxing Open Morning for all Members: an opportunity to meet up for coffee and a chat before the end of the year. Come and share your stories!</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John M</p>	
<p>Friday 17</p>	<p>10.30 11.30 for 12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until <u>11.30</u>.</i></p> <p>The BCH Christmas Lunch will begin with a sparkling aperitif in the Bar area, followed by a festive three-course traditional lunch, with wine, in the Atrium. The deadline for registration is 3 December, for you and up to two guests. This will be a joyful conclusion to a challenging year, and remember: there will be a Raffle with great prizes!</p>	
		<p><i>The Club will be closed from 18 December until 6 January inclusive. Seasonal good wishes to Members and their families for Christmas and New Year!</i></p>	
<p>JANUARY Friday 7</p>	<p>10.30 10.45</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.30.</i></p> <p>In the third instalment of her series of talks about films and film-going in The Netherlands, Georgina J will be looking at the challenges faced by the cinema industry in this country during the years of political tension in Europe in the 1930's, and the period of the German occupation from 1940 to 1945. If you have not heard the first two parts of this talk, don't worry!</p>	

	12.00	<i>This instalment is very much a stand-alone section, for which knowledge of previous periods is not necessary.</i>	
Friday 14	10.30 10.45 12.00	<i>The Library will be open until 12.30.</i> <i>The General Discussion Group issues a challenge: Is the Internet Making Us Stupid? There is no question that the internet has enriched our lives in numerous ways, contributed to the availability of vast areas of knowledge, and eased communication. However, in recent years, authors like Nicholas Carr (<i>The Shallows, and Is Google Making us Stupid?</i>) have begun to explore how the internet has negatively impacted our ability to concentrate; to read with attention; and to write and think clearly. This discussion, led by Nina K, will enquire whether participants have become aware of the negative impact of the Web on themselves and their families and what, if anything, can be done to address these issues.</i>	 
Friday 21	10.30 10.45 12.00	<i>The Library will be open until 12.30.</i> <i>Lockdown showed us how interesting and comforting it can be to do something practical. Our Art & Crafts Morning offers a relaxing and humorous 90-minute session to continue a project, learn a practical skill, or gain advice - from Tina K, well-known local artist, or from experienced crafters Kathleen V and Judy S. You can bring your own project or materials, but there will also be basic materials to try.</i>	 
Friday 28	10.30 10.45 12.00	<i>The Library will be open until 12.30</i> <i>Like many girls from poor families, Margaret Powell left school early to begin a life 'in service'. As a kitchen maid in the 1920s she entered an entirely new world - one of stoves to be blacked, vegetables to be scrubbed, and mistresses to be appeased. Once married and with three intelligent sons who spoke of subjects she knew nothing about, she realised her own ambitions and in her fifties, gained O and A Levels . For January's Readers' Discussion Group, Aileen F will introduce Below Stairs, a book that has captivated her since she first read it in the 1970s.</i>	