

# Course for playwrights at McDonald Road Library

The McDonald Road Library in Leith is offering budding Edinburgh playwrights an opportunity to grab a place at its free 'How to be a Playwright' event. The course was a sell-out event at this year's Edinburgh International Book Festival and will again be presented by Edinburgh author and playwright Caroline Dunford. The library is collaborating with Edinburgh theatre production company Siege Perilous in its forthcoming Playwright Development Programme, and will host mentoring sessions and workshops from the programme.

Katie Swann, Team Leader at the library said:- "Libraries are very much at the heart of its community and McDonald Road like many others is a hub for a wider range of local activities beyond book hire. The range of activities at McDonald Road is extremely diverse covering children's groups, belly-dancing and the Leith Business Hub as well as hosting politicians and celebrities alike. There is a natural symmetry in our participation with a programme aimed at developing new writers and we are very pleased to be involved with it".

Leith-based author of novel 'Hunting Jack' and blogger Colin Galbraith attended Caroline's Creative Writing course at this year's Book Festival and following his experience blogged this

advice to other writers “get yourself onto a Caroline Dunford creative writing course, and do it sharpish.”

The event, to be held on Monday 5th September 2011, 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. is free but it is essential to book as places are limited to 20.

To reserve a place call the library direct on 0131 529 5636, email [mcdonaldroad.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:mcdonaldroad.library@edinburgh.gov.uk) or call in person 2 McDonald Road EH7 4LU.