**South Dublin Libraries**

**Online services**

All online services such as eBook, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, Tumblebooks for kids and eNewspapers continue to be available 24/7 with your library card and an email address.

You can also learn and language or upskill with our online courses in your own time, in the comfort of your home. Anyone wishing to join the library to avail of these services can do so online via the website.

**Libraries reopening**, as the country moves to level 3 libraries are now opened for limited browsing and computer use. Stewarts hospital is still operating a call and collect service.

**Housebound service,** this service is continuing and the number of people requesting the service has increased significantly since level 5 came into force. The service is for cocooners and others who have difficulty accessing our services. U**nder the Lid**, is a DAF funded project that aims to further supplement and highlight this element of the service, borrowers give library staff their preferences and staff choose items that meet these and an Under the Lid box of various books, audio books and other materials is delivered for the borrower to keep. This service is also designed to support carers.

**Online events**

South Dublin Libraries have a full programme of online events and workshops for all ages. Many of the workshops and events are delivered via Zoom these include: Sign language for children, English, Irish, French, and Spanish classes, coding classes, adult digital fabrication, and steam workshop.

**Some of our online highlights include:**

**Paint Poolbeg Strolls Online Painting class for the over 55’s** this was part of Creative Ireland project. Participants took part in a live zoom events and finished the workshop with their completed piece of art. All materials were provided. There were 4 sessions with 15 places on each.

More are planned as demand was so great with sessions taking place on 15 December – painting winter sunshine booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite

**Literacy events**

Writing and publishing workshop for children, facilitated by Emma Jane Leeson from John Magory Books. This 6 week course sees a child write, illustrate and develop their own story which will then be published as a physical book that each child will receive by Christmas, participants will be given a link to print ore copies if they wish. This course has fully booked with as second group also being facilitated. (ongoing)

**Ourselvesopedia** – a 6-week creative writing and illustration course with author Juliette Samunde and illustrator Margaret Ann Suggs. This is course starts on 5 of December with 2 sessions in 2 local schools in the Clondalkin area.

**The Dubliners** a series of talks organised by Stewarts Hospital taking place on Wednesday evenings, the next talk “The Dead” is on the 9th of December at 7pm Booking via the library at Stewarts.

**Keeping Well and Healthy Ireland**

South Dublin Libraries continues to provide health-based evets and workshops as part of our core programme. Recent events include: Menopause talks, mindfulness, healthy eating and cookery, yoga, and chair yoga, bouncing baby club, cyber safety for children, setting healthy boundaries.

Libraries are hosting their first **Library Singalongs** at local nursing homes, the first sessions with take place at Kiltipper Woods Care Home on 16th December. Song sheets will be sent out to the care homes ahead of the singsong to encourage residents to practice before hand and help recognition of the songs.

**David Coleman 24th November 7pm live webinar followed by Q&A**

Over 2800 people viewed this live stream, library staff moderated questions and David did a live Q & A. Participants expressed gratitude to the libraries for organising the event and more were requested.

**Decade of Centenaries**

This lecture series continues as part of our Decade of Centenaries programme, supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. The lectures took place online via Zoom every Thursday evening at 7:00pm in November.

**History**

An art history talk, examining the symbols and signs of Christmas will take place on 8th December at 7pm, booking via Lucan library Eventbrite.

Family history course is in its 6th week with genealogist Fiona Fitzsimmons from Eneclann. This course is attended by approximately 100 people every week.

**Work Matters**

Brian Mahon, journalism with the Irish Times will give a talk on the nuts and bolts of journalism, sharing stories about this career. This talk would be very useful for young people thinking about a career in this area.

The LGMA ask libraries to host events that support Families during December

**“Family time at your library”** is a full programme of events happening across the library network.

**The programme includes:**

**Intergenerational Christmas Card Making**, **December 5th, 2pm**

A card making workshop for children and their grownups. Packs will be available for pick up from Lucan library. booking via Eventbrite

**Christmas Wreath Making, December 9th, 7pm**

Booking via Ballyroan Eventbrite

**The South Dublin Libraries Big Christmas Quiz with Alison Spittle, December 10th 8pm**

A seasonal quiz, just for fun. Booking via Lucan library Eventbrite

**Christmas Arts and Crafts sessions will take place 12th, 16th and 19th December** Booking details can be found on the South Dublin Libraries Facebook page

**Christmas Treasure Hunts**

The libraries are working with the parks to create a live event for children in the local parks:

**Santa’s Treasure Hunt – Sean Walshe Park** – 5th December 10.30am , booking essential via Tallaght library Eventbrite

**Christmas Treasure Hunt –** Griffeen Park – 5th December 10.30am, booking via Lucan library Eventbrite.

**Elf on the Shelf Christmas treasure hunt** – Rathfarnham Park, 12th December 10am, booking via Ballyroan Library Eventbrite.

**Find the Elves Christmas treasure hunt** – Collinstown Park, 19th December 10.15am, booking via North Clondalkin library Eventbrite.

There are many other Christmas themed events/workshops taking place on line during December and these can be viewed on the South Dublin Libraries website and Facebook.