**South Dublin Libraries Report**

As the country has moved to level 5 restrictions and libraries are now closed to the public, our online services and events remain the tangible link between libraries and the citizens of South Dublin. We are still offering online registration for membership, which provides access to all our online resources, which includes Borrowbox (eBooks, eAudio) online courses etc.

In 2020 we had 2,300 events across the library network, just over 1,400 of these were online. The online programme was available to all South Dublin citizens and was not library or location specific, therefore a wider audience was reached.

In support of the governments Healthy Ireland and Keeping Well campaigns, we had various wellbeing and health events and workshops, one of the most successful was the talk by child psychologist **David Coleman,** which was live streamed and moderated questions were answered, this event had just over 2,800 attendees. To close off 2020, we continued our online events/workshops, but also, we provided some live events for children, with the Christmas scavenger hunts in the local parks.

**First Fortnight and Keep Well Campaign**

In support of the First Fortnight festival and the Keeping Well campaign various events have been organised, including:

**Mindful Chair Yoga** 3-week course to brighten your January with light, gentle exercises, mindful stretching, breath-work, and relaxation.

**Winter Wellness and Mindfulness.** A life-enhancing workshop by Holistic Therapist and Health and Wellbeing Facilitator Grainne Nolan.

**Wellbeing Workshop for Adults with Carmel Wynne**. Wellbeing: 3 Easy Steps to Feeling Calmer, Happier and More Energetic.

**6 Week Creative Writing Course with David Butler.** Kick start your prose writing with this six-week took kit designed for the beginner, but equally useful for the improver.

**Basketry Workshop**. As part of First Fortnight we are holding a fun, interactive basketry workshop via zoom to brighten your January. All materials will be provided, and the workshop is suitable for all skill levels.

**Enda O’Doherty: My Journey from chronic addiction to bestselling author.** Author and motivational speaker Enda O’Doherty will give a webinar talking about his journey from chronic addiction to bestselling author. Enda recently had a book published, called “I’m Fine”.

**Paintclub: Bluebell Woods**. This interactive live painting class takes place via Zoom. All materials required are provided in a handy starter kit. There are a number of these workshops happening through January and into February.

**4 Week Poetry Writing and Appreciation** Course with Nell Regan.

**American History Lectures: Abraham Lincoln with Cecelia Hartsell.** The first lecture from our American Lecture Series will be on the 19th January to mark Joe Biden's inauguration. Join us for this insightful look at the presidency of Abraham Lincoln and how the office was shaped by the crisis.

**The Irish Rebellion of 1641** – an online talk by Dr Jarlath Killeen, Trinity College Dublin.

**Language classes** in Irish, Spanish, and French are ongoing and in great demand

**Children’s events include:**

**Music Generation: Early Years Programme, 18 months – 4 years.** In this 6-week online class creativity and expression are nurtured through singing, musical games, movement, listening and the use of percussion instruments.

**Baby Sign Class for Parents.** Clever Little Handies is a baby sign class for parents with babies from new-born up.

**Saturday STEAM Club.** Join Anyone 4 Science for this fun weekly online STEAM Workshop via Zoom

**Art Workshop for Children with Kim Jenkinson**. This children's art workshop where we will be creating our own little worry dolls, using fabric, wool and other embellishments supplied in an art pack from the library.

**Reflexology with Relaxation Room Leixlip.** A 4-week course of Reflexology for babies and toddlers aged up to 4 years.

**Pre-Instrumental Class with Rock Jam.** An online creative music experience with Filipa Quintino, professional musician and pre-instrumental specialist. In these lessons we will focus on pop, rock, and funk rhythms. It is a great introduction to music, with games and sounds from around the world.