**South Dublin Libraries Report**

**BETWEEN THE RED LINES FESTIVAL** 22nd – 28th February 2020.

The 2020 Red Line Book Festival was delivered online and we were surprised and delighted at how well it was received. **Between the Redlines Festival** is a special offering to engage with our citizens during this difficult time and to increase awareness of the upcoming RLBF in October 2021. The festival also promotes **Ireland Reads** a government initiative to promote reading across Ireland, culminating on the 25 February 2021. Details are on <https://irelandreads.ie>

**Pure Gold – A short interview with author John Patrick McHugh**, 22 Feb 7pm -7.15pm

**The Camino and Dublin with historian Cathy Scuffi,** Tuesday 23 Feb 7pm

**Becoming a Journalist with reporter Brian Mahon,** Tuesday 23 Feb 8pm

**Ireland Reads Book Quiz, Feb 23rd 7pm**

Calling all book clubs and readers across the County – take part in our fun Book Quiz celebrating Ireland Reads.

**Drawing Inspiration from Irish Language Poets and Translators**, Wednesday 24 Feb,6pm - 8pm – live online workshop

**Online Author Visit: Brian Gallagher**, Thurs 25 Feb 4pm – live online talk

**Emotion in Poetry, a talk with Anne Tannam,** Thurs 25 Feb 7pm– live online webinar

**Author Carmel Uí Cheallaigh, Fri 26 Feb 4pm** – live bilingual online talk

**Workshop: Writing Ireland with Manchán Magan,** Fri 26 Feb 6pm - live online workshop

**Author Marita Conlon-McKenna in conversation with Tanya Farrelly,** Sat 27 Feb, 7pm - live online webinar

**Bright Burning Things** – a short interview with author Lisa Harding 7pm [to 7.15pm] – pre-recorded video

**‘Wooden Heart’ is a remote engagement creative project and competition for ages 7-10 & 11-14.**

Join Children’s Writer & Theatre Artist Margaret Callan Bergin from Garbo Productions on a creative journey to write a new Shadow Puppet Theatre play.  Using ‘Pinocchio’ as an inspiration Margaret will explore the idea of the wood that the Puppet Boy was carved from and create characters with you that live in a special Magical Tree. Each participant who signs up will receive two fun demonstration videos from Margaret where she will tell you the start of the story, help you create ideas for your character , create your own Shadow Theatre Box and Shadow Puppet. Sign up, and Videos will be forwarded Feb 8th & 15th.

**Other events and activities include:**

**10th February 7pm – Managing a Healthy Vegan diet**

**17th Feb 11.30am - Relax Kids workshop** via Zoom (10 families kids age 5-9) Encourage children to relax while developing their creativity and imagination. support children's mental and emotional well-being and give them tools to manage stress and anxiety. Activities include Warm up and movement, fun drama games, mindfulness games, breathing exercises and more.

**25th Feb 10.00 am - Rediscovery Centre sustainability workshop** - secondary School event via Zoom (Can be delivered if students are learning remotely.

**Circus 250 8th March (International Women’s Day) 2pm**

**Strong Women in Science Circus Show Online**

StrongWomen Science is a circus science show for children and families starring two women scientists turned circus performers. Aoife Raleigh is an engineer, Maria Corcoran an environmental scientist.

Ever wanted to know how you balance a chair on your chin, if you can juggle liquid, or how circus performers eat fire? StrongWomen Aoife and Maria reveal the scientific secrets behind their astounding tricks. In a fun, lively and fast-paced family circus performance, find out how jugglers, acrobats and hula hoop artists use science to create their amazing acts.

StrongWomen Science does not only illustrate scientific facts. It seeks to promote enquiry, inventiveness, and accessibility in science, making it open to all, young women, and girls. In addition to demonstrating scientific principles in fun and accessible ways, it looks at the worth of failure and the power of teamwork, both shared by science and circus.

**9th March 7pm** - **Women and Creativity: Staying focused in times of Covid**

Writer and filmmaker, Caroline Farrell chats to authors Lisa Harding, Lindsay J. Sedgwick and Fiona Scarlett on their creative experience and staying focused during these challenging times.

**Local Entreprise Week – Library events in conjunction with LEO**

**Monday March 1st 11am:** Starting your own Business-Advice from a successful Entrepreneur with Lisa Cunningham (With reference to issues faced during Covid Times)

**Tuesday 2nd March 3pm:** Interview with Local Entrepreneurs including: Custom Wood Designs, Sensory Room Company and Bia Bella beauty products.

**Wednesday 3rd March, 11am:** How to succeed at Online Interviews for Graduates

**Friday 5th March 12pm** Social Media for Your Business with Felicity McCarthy

**Thursday 4th March 12.30pm T**aking the Stress Out of Working from Home: Avoid Pitfalls, Tips & Good Practice.

**Language Classes**

Beginners Irish, Improvers Irish, beginners English, beginners French continue to be fully attended, new courses are in planning.

**Knitting for Beginners with Margaret Goulding:**

4-week course Begins 8th February @ 11am -12pm

All materials provided.

**Genealogy Course for Beginners:**

6 Week introduction course Begins on Thursday 18th February. This course in collaboration with Eneclann has proved very popular in the past with over 100 attending the sessions, as demand is so great, we are running the course again.

**Green shoots at the gardens with the National Botanical Gardens; Thurs 11th Feb 11.00 am**

Join Mark O Callaghan from the National Botanical Gardens for a wonderful walk through Spring. As days lengthen and the living world wakes up from winter, join us online at the National Botanic Gardens, the jewel of Glasnevin, for tales of the Gardens and the first signs of Spring.

**STEAM events remain very popular and library staff have upskilled to deliver staff led sessions, including STEAM Saturdays,** with a different project every week.

**SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE EVENTS**

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| **Date & Time** | **Event** | **Description** | **Booking** | **Audience** |
| 1st-5th March | Irish for Beginners | Online beginners Irish Course. | [www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com) from 28th Feb 10.00am | Adult |
| 6th March 12.00pm | Celtic themed sign painting with Tech Create | Join TechCreate for this online Sign painting session incorporating Gaelic script and Celtic design. For this workshop we will supply all participants with sign  kits by post. These contain materials to make the sign including glue, paint, back board and sign elements. During the Zoom workshop our instructor will guide participants in the creation of their own bespoke Celtic themed sign. The workshop is suitable for 8 -12-year olds. | [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com) | 8-12-year olds  20 Max |
| 6th March 11.00am | Let’s Explore Music Irish Workshop | The Mobile Music School will be offering music workshop through the medium of Irish.  The workshops will consist of fun activities and musical games that are based on the primary school music curriculum. | www.clondlalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com | 7-11 |
| 8th March 10.00am | Author visit from Sadhbh Devlin | Geansaí Ottó:  Ottó has style and he loves fashionable clothes. Unfortunately, his Mamó doesn't understand anything about fashion and when another ugly jumper arrives in the post from her Ottó has to do something... Join Sadhbh for a reading of her brand-new book and a chance to design some jumpers of your own! | 01 4620073  Tallaght | Suit 1st – 3rd class |
| 8th March Time TBC | LED Light up St. Patrick’s Day Card | Make a fun LED light up St. Patrick’s Day card with the staff of the Palmerstown Digital Hub. | https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/palmerstown-library-digital-hub-29712818925 | 7-12 |
| 9th March 9.30 & 11.00am | Let’s Explore Music Irish Workshop | The Mobile Music School will be offering music workshops through the medium of Irish.  The workshops will consist of fun activities and musical games that are based on the primary school music curriculum. | 01 4593315  Clondalkin | 1st-4th class |
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| 9th March 3.30-4.30pm | Let’s Explore Music Irish Workshop | The Mobile Music School will be offering music workshop through the medium of Irish.  The workshops will consist of fun activities and musical games that are based on the primary school music curriculum. | [www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com](http://www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com) | 7-11 |
| 10th March 10.00am | Author visit from Sadhbh Devlin | Geansaí Ottó:  Ottó has style and he loves fashionable clothes. Unfortunately, his Mamó doesn't understand anything about fashion and when another ugly jumper arrives in the post from her Ottó has to do something... Join Sadhbh for a reading of her brand-new book and a chance to design some jumpers of your own! | 01 4593315  Clondalkin | 1st-3rd class |
| 11th March 1.00am | Author visit from Sadhbh Devlin | Geansaí Ottó:  Ottó has style and he loves fashionable clothes. Unfortunately, his Mamó doesn't understand anything about fashion and when another ugly jumper arrives in the post from her Ottó has to do something... Join Sadhbh for a reading of her brand-new book and a chance to design some jumpers of your own! | 01 4941900  Ballyroan | 1st – 3rd |
| 12th March 10.00am | Author visit from Sadhbh Devlin | Geansaí Ottó:  Ottó has style and he loves fashionable clothes. Unfortunately, his Mamó doesn't understand anything about fashion and when another ugly jumper arrives in the post from her Ottó has to do something... Join Sadhbh for a reading of her brand-new book and a chance to design some jumpers of your own! | 01 4149269  NCL | 1st-3rd class |
| 13th March 12.00pm | Celtic Themed Laser Cut Model Workshop with TechCreate | For this workshop we will post model kits to participants. The model will have a Celtic design motif. Each kit contains parts cut from 3mm plywood or mdf.  During the workshop attendees will then build the models with guidance from our instructor via Zoom. This gives attendees a chance to be hands on. There is a great feeling of accomplishment at the end of the session when everyone has successfully built their models. The workshop is suitable for 8 to 12-year olds | [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com) | 8-12 year olds  Max 12 |
| 15th March 7.00pm | JFK in the Summer of 1963: Civil Rights, Cold War Politics and an Irish Homecoming" with Cecelia Hartsell | During the summer of 1963, President John F. Kennedy was faced with a number of major civil rights issues in America, which took place against the backdrop of the global Cold War. This talk will examine the way President Kennedy addressed those issues and will include a discussion of his joyful homecoming to Ireland at the end of that summer. | [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com) | Adult |
| 16th March 7.00pm | Shamrocks & Shillelaghs at the National Botanical Gardens | To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge and Lá Fhéile Phádraig, join the National Botanic Gardens for an exploration of some of the best-known Irish plants, their habitats, uses and folklore. | [www.talib.eventbrite.com](http://www.talib.eventbrite.com) | Adult |
| 22nd March 10.00 & 11.45am | Irish Dancing Fitness Class with School Fitness Ireland. | A bilingual, interactive and fun Irish Dancing Fitness Session that will keep you on toes. | 01 4620073  Tallaght | Suit 2nd-6th class |
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| 24th March 10.00 & 11.45am | Irish Dancing Fitness Class with School Fitness Ireland. | A bilingual, interactive and fun Irish Dancing Fitness Session that will keep you on toes. | 01 6216422  Lucan | 2nd-6th Class |
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| 26th March 10.00 & 11.45am | Irish Dancing Fitness Class with School Fitness Ireland. | A bilingual, interactive and fun Irish Dancing Fitness Session that will keep you on toes. | 01 494900  Ballyroan | 2nd-6th class |
| 1st – 31st March | Comórtas Ealaín agus Scríbhneoireachta Drawing and Writing Competition | Comórtas Ealaín agus Scríbhneoireachta Drawing and Writing Competition  Three Categories:  Naíonáin age 4-6  Sóisearach age 7-9  Sinsearach age 10-12  **Naíonáin** - Colouring competition, using Rathfarnham colouring book  **Sóisearach**  Make a picture on the theme  "Outside my Window" "Os Comhair mo Fuinneog"  Use any medium - paint, chalk, pencil etc  Write a description of the view as Gaeilge  **Sinsearach**  Make a picture on the theme  "Outside my Window" "Os Comhair mo Fuinneog"  Use any medium - paint, chalk, pencil etc  Write a description of the view OR a poem about the area as Gaeilge |  | 4-12 years olds |
|  | Online Conversation Circle | Join us online for some conversation and fun as Gaeilge. | [www.northclondlakinlibrary.eventbrite.com](http://www.northclondlakinlibrary.eventbrite.com) | Adult |