South Dublin Libraries Report Sept/Oct 2021

Our libraries are open for borrowing, returning, and printing services. All Covid 19 guidelines are being observed and libraries are operating as normally as possible within this framework.

Limited public computer access and study space is now available (since 20th September) depending on branch capacities. These must be booked ahead of time at your local library.

As of Monday 4th October newspapers are once again available in branches for browsing.

**September/October Highlights Across the South Dublin Libraries Network**

**Official launch of Castletymon Library and Mobile Libraries.**

Castletymon Library and our two new Mobile Libraries were officially launched by Mayor Peter Kavanagh on 16th September. The Mobile Libraries are back out on the road since the 20th September with a new timetable.

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**Children’s Book Festival 2021**

The Children’s Book Festival 2021 finally saw the return of in person events in library branches and schools. We had twenty-four events in person. A lively interactive session with award-winning author Patricia Forde. Author and illustrator Alan Nolan showed children how to draw some cool animals. Tom Palmer is a children’s author from the UK who spoke about his history books including how he researches them, plans them, writes them and edits them. We also had five online events on offer in schools with picture book maker Carol Ann Treacy.

**Red Line Book Festival 2021**

The Red Line Book Festival celebrates its 10th anniversary this year with a varied programme of over 84 events on the theme of The Roaring 20s. It will take place from 11th – 17th October in venues around South Dublin County. This year’s festival is a hybrid one with events both in person and online.

**For more information or to book events please see** [**www.redlinebookfestival.ie**](http://www.redlinebookfestival.ie)

Highlights include:

**Monday 11th October**

**The Self-Love Habit with Fiona Brennan – Ballyroan Library**

**The Buddenbrooks Book Club with Colm Tóibín – Civic Theatre**

**Tuesday 12th October**

**Daring Debuts: Eimear Ryan, Louise Nealon, Luke Cassidy, Sarah Gilmartin in conversation with Claire Hennessy – Civic Theatre**

**Rosaleen McDonagh in conversation with Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan – County Library**

**Wednesday 13th October**

**How to Tell Depression to Piss Off with James Withey – County Library**

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Description automatically generated**Join us for a special talk by best-selling mental health author James Withey of *How To Tell Depression To Piss Off: 40 Ways To Get Your Life Back* (Little, Brown) as he discusses his experience living with depression and how to manage it.

**1920s Bookclub: Rick O’Shea in conversation with Emily Hourican & Selina Guinness – Civic Theatre**

As part of this year’s Roaring Twenties strand we are delighted to be hosting a 1920s Book Club hosted by RTÉ radio broadcaster Rick O’Shea with special guests Emily Hourican and Selina Guinness. Book Clubs from around South Dublin and beyond are invited to join this in person event where Rick O’Shea and guests discuss how books have shaped our view of what the 1920s was like using books from our 1920s reading list as examples. The event will include a Q&A session and will be live-streamed to book clubs around the country.

**Thursday 14th October**

**Detransition, Baby: Torrey Peters in conversation with Shon Faye - Online**

Torrey Peters’ *Detransition, Baby*has taken the world by storm. It was the first novel by a trans author to be published by a big five publishing house and went on to be longlisted for The Women’s Prize and honoured as a New York Times Editors Choice.

**Look, It’s a Woman Writer: Moya Cannon, Catherine Dunne & Mary Dorcey in conversation with Éilís Ní Dhuibhne - Civic Theatre**

Why have women been treated differently, and discriminated against, in the literary world? Why has gender been a ‘problem’ in the writing, publishing, funding and reviewing scene? And why does it matter?

**Friday 15th October**

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Description automatically generated with low confidenceBridgerton: Julia Quinn in conversation with Sheila O’Flanagan - Online**

The No. 1 New York Times bestselling author of more than two dozen novels, Julia Quinn is one of only sixteen authors ever to be inducted in the Romance Writers of America Hall of Fame. The Bridgertons, her popular series of historical romance, has been produced by Shondaland as a Netflix original series. Julia Quinn will be joined by Sheila O’Flanagan for this special online event at the Red Line Book Festival.

**Mind Full: Dermot Whelan in conversation with Fiona Brennan – Civic Theatre**

Telling Dermot's own story and offering useful everyday tips and techniques, Mind Full is his funny and accessible guide to meditation.

**Saturday 16th October**

**COVID19: Update on Therapeutics & Vaccines Luke O'Neill in conversation with Dr. Shubhangi Karmakar – Civic Theatre**

Join Professor Luke O’Neill of TCD in conversation with Dr.Shubhangi Karmakar as they talk about the latest developments in vaccines and therapies in the fight against Covid 19.

**Gatsby Night with The Cotton Club Quartet – Civic Theatre**

In continuation of our Roaring Twenties theme of this year’s festival we invite you for a special Gatsby Night with the Cotton Club Quartet. Enjoy an evening of music and dancing from the Era of Prohibition, Great Gatsby and the Pre-War Parisian Cafes.

**Sunday 17th October**

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Description automatically generatedBetween Two Hells: The Irish Civil War - Diarmaid Ferriter in conversation with Richard Crowley - WAITING LIST ONLY - Casement Aerodrome**

Join Ireland’s best-known historian Diarmaid Ferriter for a special in conversation with broadcaster Richard Crowley.

**Pure Magic: Colm Tóibín in conversation with Kevin Power – Civic Theatre**

Colm Tóibín’s magnificent new novel opens in a provincial German city at the turn of the twentieth century, where the boy, Thomas Mann, grows up with a conservative father, bound by propriety, and a Brazilian mother, alluring and unpredictable.In a stunning marriage of research and imagination, Tóibín explores the heart and mind of a writer whose gift is unparalleled. *The Magician* is an intimate, astonishingly complex portrait of Mann. Join award-winning author Colm Tóibín in conversation with author of *White City* Kevin Power.

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Description automatically generated**Decade of Centenaries Update**

The lecture series continues in October:

Thursday 7th October at 7:00pm (online event)

**Seán Keating: Art, Politics and Building the Irish Nation**

Join us for this talk with art historian Eimear O'Connor which will explore the life and works of Rathfarnham-based artist Seán Keating during the period 1915-24, including his iconic depictions of the revolutionary period.

Thursday 14th October at 7:00pm (online event)

**Sisters of the Revolutionaries: The Story of Margaret and Mary Brigid Pearse with Teresa and Mary Louise O'Donnell**

An evening of history and music as we learn about the lives of the Pearse sisters and their formidable contribution to Irish educational, political and cultural life in the years following the execution of their brothers. This lecture will be interspersed with harp music and song.

Thursday 21st October at 7:00pm (online event)

**The War on Newspapers 1919-1921**

Join historian Ian Kenneally to discover how newspapers influenced and were in turn influenced by the events of 1921-3.

Thursday 28th October at 7:00pm (online event)

**The Bureau of Military History: origins and overview of the collection**

Join us for a talk by Commandant Daniel Ayiotis, Officer-in-Charge, the Military Archives, for an exploration of the origins and significance of the witness testimonies, providing first-hand accounts of the events of 1916-23, collected by the Bureau of Military History.

**Historian in Residence:**

Decade of Centenaries Historian in Residence Liz Gillis is continuing her research into the revolutionary period in South Dublin and will deliver a series of talks in library branches in November and December 2021.

* Tuesday 2nd November – North Clondalkin Library – What did the Women do anyway? Women and the Irish Revolution
* Thursday 11th November – online - Margaret Pearse and Revolutionary Women
* Thursday 18th November – Castletymon Library – The Irish War of Independence in Tallaght and Greenhills 1919-21
* Thursday 25th November – County Library, Tallaght – Love and Loss in the Irish Revolution
* Thursday 2nd December – Lucan Library - When will it ever end? 1921 a Year in Review (focus on Lucan area)
* Tuesday 7th December – Clondalkin Library – The Revolution and Civil War in Clondalkin
* Thursday 9th December – Ballyroan Library – WT Cosgrave

She is also working with schools, delivering talks and workshops on the revolution in South Dublin, and her work as a historian.

**Artist in Residence:**

Eva Kelly has been appointed as the Decade of Centenaries Artist in Residence for South Dublin County. Eva is a Dublin based artist and illustrator represented by Lemonade Illustration Agency and a member of Illustrators Guild of Ireland.

The idea of illustration as a visual essay is the focus of Eva’s work and through the residency she will document aspects of South Dublin life and culture, revealing aspects of and offering a new perspective in a visual form. In particular, her focus will be on the following themes.

* The Foundation of the State (1922)
* The experiences of women from South Dublin County during the revolutionary period and their changing role in society.
* An examination of specific personalities, (including local civic leaders), events and themes from this period of significance to the history and culture of South Dublin County.

Taking inspiration from the above themes she will showcase the unique story of the history and characters of South Dublin County. Her work will be exhibited across the South Dublin Libraries branch network in early 2022. You can follow Eva’s work on her website www.evakellyillustration.com and on Instagram @evakellyillustrations

**September/October Highlights - Ballyroan Library**

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Description automatically generated with medium confidence**Hidden Heritage of Rathfarnham Guided Walk - 14th September**

This walk with Tony Duffy and Rathfarnham Historical Society was a great success, with over 100 people attending on the night. The walk began at The Church of the Annunciation and ended at St. Enda’s Park, taking in some of the lesser-known heritage sites in Rathfarnham, including the penal church, Willbrook Street and Riversdale House.

**Culture Night – 17th September**

On 17th September, Ballyroan library hosted two events for Culture Night, based around Malaysian Folklore.

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Description automatically generated*Muhibbah, an exhibition by Ariyana Ahmad* Muhibbah is a Malay word meaning a feeling of friendship, camaraderie, tolerance, and understanding. Ariyana’s work focuses on Malaysian folklore but with a mix of folklores from other countries.

*Tales from the Shadows Puppetry Show* Shadow puppetry is a traditional art form of Malaysia and Indonesia and Ballyroan Library is delighted to present this show by Tales from the Shadows, based on a Malaysian fairy tale. 5 shows took place throughout the evening, with over 25 families attending.

**Hellfire and Yonder: Oral History and Folklore Course with Michael Fortune**

Wednesday 13th October at 10:00am and every Wednesday for six weeks (online events)

This online workshop series will be delivered by renowned folklorist Michael Fortune. Michael has helped people of all ages all over the country to record the past and tell their stories.

Oral history allows us to record the stories of the past in the words of those that lived it. Oral history can also be the medium through which stories pass down through generations. Michael will teach participants how to collect and record oral history and folklore over the course of these six workshops.

*Supported by the Creative Ireland Programme South Dublin*

**Children’s Events**

Saturday 9th October at 10:00am (in person event)

**Chess Club**

Our weekly Saturday morning chess club with Fred is back!! Suitable for 7-12 year olds.

Wednesday 13th October at 3:00pm (online event)

**Dog Care Workshop Week 1: Behaviour**

Join us for a series of three weekly dog care workshops with Animal Welfare Specialist Hannah Flew. These workshops are suitable for 7-16 year olds and are particularly aimed at children who have a new dog or puppy in their home. The workshops will cover the basics of dog care, to ensure a happy dog and happy owners! All workshops will take place on Zoom.

Wednesday 20th October at 3:00pm (online event)

**Dog Care Workshop Week 2: Dog Health**

Wednesday 27th October at 3:00pm (online event)

**Dog Care Workshop Week 3: Dog Handling and Animal Laws**

Monday 18th October at 3:30pm (in person event)

**Philosophy Club**

Philosophy Club returns this month as we look at whether our reality is just a simulation, and how can we tell? Philosophy Club is a fun, activity based club for children aged 10-12. Anyone can come along, whether its their first club or their fiftieth!

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**Halloween Events**

**Ballyroan Library Two Sentence Horror Story Competition**

"Don't look behind you. It doesn't like to be seen." Want to give us a fright this Halloween?!  Tell us a scary story with just two sentences and be in with a chance to win a book voucher.  Winning entries will be exhibited in the library!

Entries can be emailed to ballyroan@sdublincoco.ie before 27th October with name, contact number and age included.

Tuesday 26th October at 11:30am (in person event)

**Scary STEM Studio**

A special Halloween edition of our regular science workshop! Suitable for 7-12 year olds.

Tuesday 26th October at 3:30pm (in person event)

**Slightly Spooky Storytime**

Suitable for 3-6 year olds. Come along in your Halloween costume for some scary, but not*too* scary, stories!!

*All welcome*

Tuesday 26th October at 7:00pm (in person event)

**The Ghosts of Rathfarnham**

As we near 31st October, it’s time to spook ourselves a little! In this talk, local historian Tony Duffy will regale us with ghoulish stories and chilling tales from Rathfarnham. Suitable for adults only.

Wednesday 27th at 10.30am and 11.15am (in person event)

**Baby Boo Music Workshop**

Join us for some spooky little songs with Music Generation South Dublin!

0-18mths from 10.30-11.00

18mths-4yrs from 11.15-11.45

Wednesday 27th October 6:00-8:00pm (in person event)

**Creepy Coderdojo**

A chilling coding workshop especially for Halloween! Suitable for 7-17 year olds.

Thursday 28th October at 11:00am (in person event)

**Wooden Heart Shadow Puppet Show with Garbo Productions**

Join us for this spell-binding show! Suitable for 6-12 year olds.

Thursday 28th October at 3:00pm  (in person event)

**Halloween magic and mayhem**

We invite you to wear your fancy dress costume and join us as we celebrate the spooky season with a monster magic show, a horrid haunted house and plenty of evil entertainment!

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**Christmas Craft Fair**

Ballyroan Library is holding a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 27th November. Local crafters and food sellers can email the library to register their interest.

**Junior Library Makeover**

The Junior Library had a facelift over the summer, with a new circus themed scheme installed, making the space more colourful and inviting for children and families.

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