**Clondalkin Library**

**October Events**

The Red Line Book Festival took place from the 11th to 17th October.

Clondalkin hosted 2 events in the library.

Tuesday 12th October - A Different Eden: Ecopoetry from Ireland and Galicia

Saturday 16th October- Jack Wise Magic & Mayhem Show

Clondalkin author Colm Keegan completed the EPIC programme, which was showcased at the festival. Staff from Clondalkin supported the festival by promoting events and working with the team in the Civic and library venues. Other highlights included:

**Red Line Book Festival**

Red Line Book Festival 2021 – The Roaring Twenties – the years after the Spanish flu.

This year was the 10th Anniversary of the Red Line Book Festival, the theme of this year’s festival was the roaring twenties. Reading groups across the county took part in the run up to festival by reading books penned or set in that period and this culminated in a discussion which took place in the Civic Theatre with broadcaster Rick O’Shea, Emily Hourican and Selina Guinness, the discussion was live streamed to book clubs across the county.

In total 69 in person and 15 online events took place across South Dublin County, venues included the Civic Theatre, Rua Red, Casement Aerodrome and all of the South Dublin Library network.

Highlights included:

**Pure Magic -** author Colin Tóibin in conversation with Kevin Power. (Civic Theatre) It was a great coup for the festival to secure one of Ireland’s top authors Colin Tóbin who generously agreed to take part in 2 events in the Civic Theatre.

**Howdie Skelp –** One of the worlds most renowned poets Paul Muldoon, based in Princeton University, closed the festival with an online reading from his new works projected onto the stage in the Civic theatre.

**Between Two Hells, The Irish Civil War** – author Diarmuid Ferriter in conversation with Richard Crowley. (Casement Aerodrome) A very interesting discussion on the research that Diarmuid completed for his latest book. This event was booked out and it was the festivals first visit to casement.

**Professor Luke O’Neill in conversation with Dr Shubhangi Karmaker –** Update on vaccines and therapies for COVID-19 (Civic Theatre). Luke O’Neill became a household name during the ongoing pandemic and this event featured a Q and A which allowed the audience to ask questions of the man himself.

**Mind full** – author and broadcaster Dermot Whelan in conversation with Fiona Brennan. **Gatsby Night** –a night of jazz with Cotton Club Quartet and singer Truly Divine. The audience were encouraged to dress for the occasion and many

The Mid Term break events have proven very popular.

26th & 27th October - There was a Literacy Development Workshop with Barbara Coughlan that took place over 2 days in the library.

Barbara Coughlan is an innovative, creative educator, librarian and storyteller, having worked across Ireland and internationally.

Feedback was hugely positive from the attendees.

27th October - 2 Halloween themed story times took place online for different age groups.

19th October - Halloween themed Arts & Crafts with Kim Jenkinson

**Looking forward to November**

Mindfulness and Meditation Workshop with Grainne Nolan – 18 of Nov at 6.30pm

Online Baby and Toddler Reflexology Classes – 4 week course starting Friday 26 at 10.00am