**RTFB ACM March 2022**

**Libraries Report | Ballyroan Library | March 2022**

As mentioned at the February meeting, following the lifting of restrictions, our library branches have resumed normal services, and in person events are returning. In the month of January, across the county, there were 36,552 library visitors in person with 82,593 Items issued. Ballyroan Library had 10,217 visits in January.

**Event Highlights**

**Exhibition**

4th March – 15th April

***Local Legacies Remembered: A Decade of Centenaries Exhibition***.

South Dublin County Council’s Decade of Centenaries Artist-in-Residence Eva Kelly was launched at Ballyroan Library on Thursday 3rd March. The exhibition functions as a visual essay on the events and personalities of the revolutionary period and offers a unique perspective on, among other themes, the experience of local women in the period 1921-3.

The exhibition will move to Tallaght Library in April, and will travel around libraries and other venues throughout the county in 2022.

**Lifelong Learning Events**

Wednesday 2 March at 7pm

**Criminology and the Psychology of Criminal Behaviour (online event)**

Why do people commit crime? This talk with criminal psychologist John Deane-O’Keeffe discusses the economic, social, cultural and intellectual circumstances that create the modern criminal. An ideal lecture for those with an interest in the fascinating area surrounding criminal behaviours and how both nature and nature can interact to create criminal chaos.



Thursday 3rd March at 6.30pm and every Thursday thereafter

**Stitched Together Craft Club (in person)**

Join us every Thursday for our weekly craft club. Bring your crafts or learn from others. Enjoy a chat and tea/coffee while indulging your favourite hobby!

Monday 7th March at 7:00pm

**International Women’s Day: Petticoat Pilots (in person)**

From gentle flights by balloon to high-speed, adrenaline packed air races, Irish women in aviation have done it all, grabbing newspaper headlines when they completed long-distance solo endurance flights and breaking world records in other aviation spheres. Join us for this talk, with Michael Traynor, author of Petticoat Pilots to learn more about these ground-breaking Irish aviators.

Wednesday 9th March at 11:00am

**Local Enterprise Week: How to get your Business Idea off the Ground (online event)**

Join us for our Local Enterprise Week talk on how to get your brilliant idea up and running with Ruth Larkin of Lark Bridal and LEO mentor.



Wednesday 30th March at 10.30am

**Golden Moments Social Club (in person)**

Our first monthly social club for older people promises to be something special! We will have a live band (The Cotton Club) followed by refreshments. Bring a friend, enjoy the music and find out what else is planned for our monthly get-together for older people.

Thursday 31st March at 7pm

**Classic Book Club (in person)**

Join us for a discussion of William Faulkner’s 1929 family epic *The Sound and the Fury*. Once you have registered for a place, a copy of the book is available for collection in Ballyroan Library.

**Children’s Events**

Every Tuesday at 3.30pm

**Storytime (in person event)**

Our weekly storytime is back! Suitable for 3-6 year olds and their grown-ups.

Wednesday evenings fortnightly

**Coderdojo Rathfarnham (in person event)**

We're back live and in person with CoderDojo Rathfarnham at Ballyroan Library! Coders of all abilities are welcome! Whether an absolute beginner or a more experienced coder, we'll cover something to interest everyone. Suitable for 7-17 year olds.

Every Saturday at 10:00am

**Chess Club (in person event)**

Suitable for children aged 7-12, come along and try your chess skills against other enthusiasts! Our Chess Master Fred is on hand with tips and tricks.

Monday 14 March at 3.30pm

**Design your own Sensory Bottle (in person event)**

Join us for this Saint Patrick’s Day themed children’s workshop. Sensory bottles are containers full of fun materials designed to provide a child with non-messy, sensory play and stimulation. We will be designing Irish-themed bottles to take home for play.

Monday 21 March

**Philosophy Club (in person)**

Philosophy Club is a fun, activity based club for children in 4th - 6th class. Anyone can come along and no experience in philosophy is needed. All we need are curious minds!

Thursday 31 March at 4pm

**Junior book club (in person)**

Join our monthly junior book club meetings where we have lots of fun and games while chatting about our chosen book for the month. This month’s book is the *London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd. This book club is recommended for children aged 9-12. Once you have registered your child for a place, a copy of the book is available for collection in Ballyroan Library.

**Seachtain na Gaeilge**

**Schools events:**

Wednesday 9 March, Friday 11 March, Monday 14 March.

**Learn to sing ‘Na Blathanna’: Primary school workshops with Aideen Lambert for 2nd to 5th class (online events)**

For Seachtain na nGaeilge we are delighted to offer schools the opportunity to engage in a 45 min online workshop with traditional singer Aileen Lambert. Aileen’s workshop will focus on sharing the song ‘Na Blathanna’, which is in both the Irish and English language and introduces the Irish names for our native wildflowers; an noinín (daisy), caisearbhán deas (dandelion), plúiriní sneachta (snowdrop) and more. Aileen will also introduce the tradition of lilting or jigging – nonsense vocables used to sing a tune. Aileen has many years of experience delivering workshops in Primary Schools and has recently produced ‘The Frog and the Mouse’ a songbook of Irish traditional songs for children.

Monday 21st March

**Irish Dance Fitness with School Fitness Ireland (2x online workshops)**

A bilingual, interactive and fun Irish Dancing Fitness Session that will keep you on toes.

Thursday 24th March

**Eolaíocht as Gaeilge le Anyone4Science (2x in person workshops)**

Bilingual science workshops.

Tuesday 15th March at 3:30pm

**Am Scéalaíochta (in person)**

A special bilingual storytime for Seachtain na Gaeilge on Tuesday 15th March. Beidh fáilte romhaibh go léir! All welcome!

**Libraries Report | Mobile Libraries | March 2022**

Mobile libraries have reviewed all the current stops and will operate a new timetable from 7th March. Stops which are very close to our two newest libraries, Castletymon and North Clondalkin will be taken off the schedule and replaced with stops where there is less access to a library. There are also a few stops where interest has significantly declined and our statistics will support these decisions. We also want to attract new families in new areas in the County. The new timetable will run for 6 months and will be reviewed according to public interest and attendance at each stop.



New stops are

* Silken Park Avenue, Kingswood Cross
* Johnsbridge Avenue, Griffeen
* Shackleton Drive, Dodsborough
* Parklands Parade, Citywest
* Citywest village
* Greydon Terrace, Newcastle
* Rathfarnham Castle
* The Priory, Grange road
* Templeroan Lawn, Knocklyon

Schools service has resumed almost fully now to the 16 schools we serve and added to this we also support the delivery of classroom book club sets to 25 Primary schools (Feb stats) from our book club services in HQ. The Library @Home still continues as a much appreciated and valued service to our 111 library customers as are the book drop off deliveries to creches (15 in Feb).

Mobile libraries got involved in the Squeeze in a Read events for Library Reads by bringing our vans out to two Early Learning centres in Jobstown and Firhouse. We also visited Bloom Field Health services on 23rd Feb for the residents to select some reading material. We hope to rollout a service to similar hospitals in the County on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

We look forward to some new stops and some new readers in March!