**RTFB ACM May 2022**

**Libraries Report | Ballyroan Library | May 2022**

In the month of March, across the county, there were 32,434 library visitors in person with 55,864 Items issued. Ballyroan Library had 12,553 visitors in March, and 14,224 in April.

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**Exhibition**

Environs is an exhibition of paintings by artist Vidya Vivek.

Vidya Vivek is an artist from India, now residing in Dublin.

Her works are a reflection of the people, surroundings and the vibrant cultures of which she has been a part.

**Lifelong Learning/Bealtaine Events**

Every Monday 11:00am – 12:30pm (except Monday 2nd May)

Every Thursday 6:30pm – 8:00pm

**Stitched Together Craft Group**

Twice-weekly craft skills share sessions.

Monday 9th May at 7:00pm (online event)

**4th Battalion Dublin Brigade and the Anglo-Irish Treaty**

Join historian Liz Gillis for a discussion of the impact of and reaction to the Anglo-Irish Treaty on the branch of the IRA operational in South Dublin county.

Tuesday 10th May at 11:00am

**Crafts with Kim**

Learn a new craft with artist Kim Jenkinson.

*Saturday 14th May 10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:30pm*

**Live History Show: Behind Glass**

This exciting show has escape room, theatre, and murder mystery elements. Expect to work with all your fellow audience members and the actors as you try to discover which historical figure has been causing chaos at the library!

*Wednesday 18 May 10am*

**Digital Folklore and Storytelling Course**

Calling all those with an interest in history and folklore. Join Michael Fortune for the start of this eight-week online which will teach you how to capture and share these stories with easy-to-use technology (e.g. smart phones, tablets and pcs). This course is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme South Dublin County Council.

Wednesday 18th May at 1:00pm

**Poetry at Lunchtime**

As part of our Bealtaine events, join us for a reading with local poet Daragh Bradish and you’ll also get a chance to step up to the mic to read your own poetry, your favourite poem or reminisce about poems you learned at school.

*All welcome!*

Wednesday 25th May at 10:30am

**Golden Moments Social Club Big Quiz**

Test your general knowledge with our fun quiz. Bring a friend or just come along yourself. You might even win a prize!

*All welcome!*

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**Cruinniú na nÓg Children’s Craft Course**

To celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg, South Dublin County Libraries are running a craft course for children aged 10-12yrs The course will take place one afternoon a week for four weeks in May/June which will be followed by a Craft Fair in Ballyroan and Tallaght Libraries on 11 June 2022. This is a fun creative course where children will be taught to make hand crafted products to sell at one of our fairs. Children will work in teams of 4 and each team will learn to produce a different craft. We will be using a wide variety of new and recycled materials. Children will work together, be taught to use craft tools, learn new skills and focus on their creativity while having fun producing

products for sale.

**Regular events:**

Every Tuesday at 3.30pm

**Spring into Storytime**

Our weekly storytime suitable for 3-6 year olds and their grown-ups.

Thursday 5th May at 4:00pm

**Junior Book Club**

Monthly meeting of our children’s book club.

Tuesday 10th May at 10:00am

**Baby Book Club**

Monthly club aimed at encouraging a love of reading in your little ones!

Wednesday evenings fortnightly

**Coderdojo Rathfarnham**

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.

Fridays at 10:00am

**Toddler Time**

Songs, stories and play time for wobblers and toddlers.

Every Saturday at 10:00am

**Chess Club**

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 16th May at 3:30pm

**Philosophy Club** 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!

**County-Wide Library Initiatives**

**Decade of Centenaries Lecture Series 2022Graphical user interface, application, Word

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The Decade of Centenaries Lecture Series for 2022 will explore and reflect on the impact of the pivotal events of a century ago at both a national and local level. The series will run from April to December and will feature historians including Dr. Michael Kennedy, Dr. David McCullagh, Michael Fewer, Cathy Scuffil and Ian Kennelly, as well as our historian in residence Liz Gillis.

Part of the series this year is an online Summer School with Liz Gillis which is a four-week course in July looking at the causes and legacy of the Irish Civil War.

In September and October, genealogist Fiona Fitzsimons will facilitate a six-week course in family history research.

The full list of talks and workshops can be found at [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie)

**Think Big Space**

On 7th April Libraries in partnership with Amazon Web Services launched the **Think Big Space** in Tallaght.

The AWS Think Big Space is a new educational lab located beside the Tallaght Luas stop, which aims to inspire an interest in science, technology, engineering, arts, and maths. It provides a dedicated space for students, educators, and communities to explore innovative and imaginative ideas through interactive hands-on technical education. AWS has opened AWS Think Big Spaces across the world; however, this is the first AWS Think Big Space to launch in Europe. An innovative programme of events in Think Big Space will be planned for the rest of the year. Events will take place every month and feature Lego robotics and virtual reality workshops.

Students and teachers will be encouraged to “Think Big” by using their creativity and imaginations as they explore the technologies on offer. The programme will support interactive hands-on learning and appeal to a range of ages. All May workshops in Think Big Space are now fully booked and there is a waiting list for June.

**Membership Drive**

On Monday April 25th South Dublin Libraries launched our membership drive **“Here for you in 2022 and Beyond”.**

We want to let all the citizens living, working, or studying in the South Dublin County Council area, know **who we are and what we do!** The **membership drive** will continue over the summer months and aims to boost active membership with a medium-term ambition of 30% being achieved by 2027. In terms of current active membership, 72% is shared between Ballyroan, Lucan and Tallaght. Library staff have manned pop-up libraries at various locations over the past two months. Outreach included City West Jobs Fair and a pop-up library at Palmerstown Shopping Centre. The mobile libraries signed up 500 secondary students in Adamstown last week and plan to visit more secondary schools in the coming weeks. Future pop-up libraries will be held in the parks, Clondalkin Round Tower and community centres around South Dublin.

**My Little Library Book Bag**

All children starting school in September 2022 can get a free Book Bag at their local library.

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As part of the initiative, a ‘My Little Library Book Bag’ is available free for every child starting school in 2022 to help them to prepare for this big step. Children and their parents or guardians can collect the bags at any library throughout South Dublin County.

Each My Little Library Book Bag contains:

• Three books on starting school, making friends and being comfortable to be yourself

• A story card on going to the library

• A postcard the child can write or draw on and send to their new teacher, or bring to give to the teacher on their first day at school

• Their very own library card and special ‘My Little Library’ cardholder

Book bags are available in both Irish and English.

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They have been named!

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Molly and Billy were officially named on Good Friday. The inspiration for the names came from our recent prize winner of “names the vans” competition at the Rossmore Road stop, Aisha Culligan.

We have plans to respray another of our older vans in the SDCC colours and run another naming competition.

Since introducing the new stops in March, we have had a steady increase in our visitor numbers most notably at Shackleton Drive, Rathfarnham Castle and Cuil Duin. All of our school visits and class set deliveries are at full capacity. The Library@Home continues to be a valued service as many of our patrons have contacted to thank us around Easter time. We hope to continue this over the Summer months as demand is strong. The creche deliveries will ease as Summer holidays draw near and we will have time to focus on some outreach activities in our parks. The collaboration with Ballyroan’s Peter Rabbit event points to other such collaborations in the County. We are currently exploring options.

We have added Peamount hospital to our hospital visits in May.

See visitor stats cart below for all stops Jan to end of April 2022