**RTFB ACM June 2022**

**Libraries Report | Ballyroan Library | June 2022**

In the month of April, across the county, there were 41,880 library visits in person with 64,952 Items issued. Ballyroan Library had 14,224 visitors in April, and visitor numbers for May jumped to 21, 521.

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**Exhibition**

Our current exhibition by the Castle Art Group, a collective of local artist, will run until 10th June.

**Cruinniú na nÓg**

Cruinniú na nÓg, the national day of creativity for young people, takes place on 11th June. There are lots of events happening locally in celebration.

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Description automatically generated10:00am – 1:00pm **Mega Doodle** at Ballyroan Library

This is a hands-on Illustration workshop introducing young people to the world of image making and collage with Illustrator Eva Kelly. The young people will make drawings about their world and the finished work will take the form of a Mega Doodle giant drawing to exhibit in the library.

11:00am **Early Starters Music Workshops** with Music Generation, for children aged 4 and under, in Castletymon Library and Tallaght Library.

12:00 – 2:00pm **Cruinniú na nÓg Craft Fair** at Ballyroan Library and Tallaght Library. For the month of May, children have been attending creative workshops across South Dublin Libraries, producing hand crafted products which will be sold at the Cruinniú na nÓg Craft Fair. Supported by Creative Ireland and LEO South Dublin.

2:00pm **Classical Kids Concert** at Ballyroan Library

Join classicalkids.ie for a fun interactive kid's concert for the whole family. Meet the instruments, play games, sing, dance and learn about the music. Get your groove on and have fun!

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For the month of June, library staff will be visiting schools and organising class visits to our libraries to promote Summer Stars. Summer Stars is the public library national summer reading programme for children that runs from the 13th of June until the end of August. All children throughout the country are invited to join the adventure and to enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading and writing over the summer. Summer Stars is non-competitive and every child who reads even one book/ ebook is regarded as having completed the programme – and it’s all completely free! As part of the programme, Ballyroan Library will host a range of events for children over the summer, including a mobile planetarium, film making workshops, treasure hunts, science workshops, story times, a silent disco, and much more.

**Pride Events**

**Pin Your Pride (month of June)**

The Pin Your Pride campaign will run across South Dublin Libraries for the month of June. This initiative celebrates the principles of diversity, inclusion and representation which are at the heart of the public library services. We’re encouraging everyone to drop into their local branch to collect each of the four specially designed Pin Your Pride badges.

Tuesday 21st June 6:00pm

**Film Screening: Handsome Devil**

In celebration of Pride, Ballyroan Library will be screening this Irish coming of age comedy drama. All welcome!

**Decade of Centenaries**

Thursday 9th June 2:00pm (Tallaght Library)

**WM Letts Symposium and Exhibition**

Winfred Mabel Letts was a poet, playwright and children’s author. Her children’s books including *The Story-Spinner* (1907) were very popular and were regularly adapted for Children’s Hour, the BBC Radio show. She was the second woman, after Lady Gregory, to have her plays dramatised by the Abbey Theatre. She worked as a nurse and a masseuse during the First World War and the publication of her war poetry including Hallow-e'en and Poems of War (1916) and The Spires of Oxford and Other Poems (1917) predate those of Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen. She is buried in the Verschoyle family (to which she married into) plot in Rathcoole cemetery. On the 50th anniversary of her death, South Dublin Libraries will host a symposium exploring her life and works.

Tuesday 14th June 7pm (online event)

**The History of Tallaght Aerodrome**

Join David Power of our Local Studies staff for this talk on the history of Tallaght Aerodrome and its role in Irish aviation.

Tuesday 21st June 7pm (online event)

**The Battle of the Four Courts**

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**Covid Memories Project**

South Dublin Libraries are working with primary schools all across the county on the Covid Memories Project which involves the Decade of Centenaries Historian-in-Residence, Liz Gillis and the Artist-in-Residence, Eva Kelly. Workshops have been held recently in Tallaght, Castletymon and Ballyroan Libraries where the students learned about primary sources, why they are important in telling stories from the past, and how art has been used to interpret historical events. The students will be asked to draw or paint an image of what living through the pandemic was like for them. The drawings will then be placed in the South Dublin Libraries Archive, where they will be stored safely for future generations to discover. Most importantly, this project ensures that the voices/memories of the children who lived during this momentous event will be seen and heard.

**Regular Adult/Lifelong Learning Events**

Every Monday 11:00am – 12:30pm

Every Thursday 6:30pm – 8:00pm

**Stitched Together Craft Group** Twice-weekly craft skills share sessions.

Every Wednesday 6:00pm from 15th June

**English for Beginners** 6 week course

(Drop In English classes also take place in Tallaght Library on Mondays-Thursdays from 11:30am-1:30pm)

Every Wednesday 7:00pm from 15th June

**Ukrainian Meet Up** A new weekly event aimed at providing a supportive meeting space for Ukrainians in the area.

Tuesday 21st June 11:00am

**Floral Wreath Craft**

with artist Kim Jenkinson.

Every Thursday 10:30am-12:30pm

**Age Action Computer Classes**

Wednesday 29th June 10:30am

**Golden Moments Social Club: Chair Yoga**

**Regular Children’s Events**

Every Tuesday at 3.30pm

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

Thursday 16th June 4:00pm

**Junior Book Club** Monthly meeting of our children’s book club.

Tuesday 21st June 10:00am

**Baby Book Club** Monthly club aimed at encouraging a love of reading in your little ones!

Wednesday evenings fortnightly

**Coderdojo Rathfarnham** 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 10:00am

**Toddler Time** Songs, stories and play time for wobblers and toddlers.

Saturdays 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 27th June 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!

**Libraries Report | Mobile Libraries | May/June 2022**

During May we had 2652 visitors to our mobile stops averaging at 17.4 people per stop (36 stops).

Of the 9 new stops that were introduced in March, 8 of those are now in the top 50% for footfall in all our stops i.e. **Shackleton drive, Rathfarnham Castle, Cuil Duin Avenue, Silken Park Avenue, Citywest Village, Templeroan Lawn, Greydon Terrace and The Priory Grange Road**.

A new schedule for the Summer will include three new stops i.e. **Parkland Green, City west, Moy Glass Wood in Lucan and Whitechurch Community Centre.** After careful consideration we withdrew three stops that had very poor engagement over a long time i.e. Sruleen, Homelawn and Brittas. They consistently had zero and up to 4 visitors every week and these stops either have a library within 3kms or alternative stop with 3kms. The Britta’s stop is very close to a Wicklow library and despite heavy promotion, it often had no visitors. The new areas we are going to have expressed an interest in having a mobile library service. Again, we can review this in September.

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The Summer timetable takes effect on 7th June and will be reviewed in September.

The Library@Home will continue over the Summer as an essential service to people who cannot use a library, usually because of mobility issues. We visited Bloomfield Healthcare and due to its success we have now added Peamount Hospital to our visits. Creche drops continue to be popular and the demand for creche visits is high. We have some family fun days planned for July and August in Tymon, Corcagh and Griffeen parks. We will also have a presence at the Saturday Dublin Markets and Urban Picnics in Tymon and Corcagh with our library trucks and family entertainment.

The School service moves into the last month before we take break for the Summer. We have 16 Deis schools on our books that are visited every 3 weeks consistently over the school terms. There are a few Summer Camps at these schools that we have promised to visit as part of their literacy programmes. There also some bookings for creche visits and autism units over the Summer.