**ACM June Highlights: Lucan, North Clondalkin, Palmerstown**

There were 158 Mobiles outreach events in May with an attendance of 2160 covering Library@Home, school visits, hospitals, nursing homes, creche visit and drops and details of these are included in the ACM event spreadsheets

Including mobiles there were 613 events in May with an attendance of 8382.

There were 606 in-person events with an attendance of 8244.

There were 7 online events with an attendance of 138.

There were 152 public mobile stops with an attendance of 2652

There are 501 events planned for June, 495 are scheduled as in-person with only 6 scheduled as online.

**Lucan Library June ACM Highlights**

Ruaille Buaille Children’s Music Festival Lucan

Ruaille Buaille Children’s Music Festival returned in full swing after the pandemic years with an 11-day programme of music performances for all ages and across all genres. As always Lucan Library was delighted to take part in this unique festival. We held an art workshop for children to create bunting for the Festival Tent, led by tutor Kim Jenkinson. Performers Malachy and Anita visited the library to give two live performances for babies and toddlers. Staff from Lucan Library attended the main Festival event in Griffeen Valley Park on Saturday 11th June to meet local families and promote the services of the library. As always Ruaille Buaille is a musical treat for the community and we look forward to next year already.

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History Talk – The Vikings in 800s Ireland by Mark Louth from Dublinia Viking Museum

This talk took place on the 2nd of June and proved very popular. Mark is an excellent speaker who brought to life this period of Irish history. He spoke about how the Vikings were perceived by the Irish, how they mixed with Irish kings and the Church, what was deemed acceptable or unacceptable behaviour. A fascinating talk that went over time with lots of questions from the audience.

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Covid Memories – Creating an Archive – workshop for local primary school group, 13th June

A class from Lucan CNS will work with Historian in Residence Liz Gillis and Artist in Residence Eva Kelly to create an archive of drawings / paintings of what it was like for the children living through the pandemic. They will learn about primary sources and why they are important in telling stories. The artwork will be placed in the South Dublin Libraries archive, ensuring that the voices/memories of children who lived through this momentous time in our lives will be preserved.

**North Clondalkin Library Highlights:**

**NCL & Blooms Festival-Connecting nature & Literacy:**

NCL worked with St Marys NS on a sensory Community Garden - the idea was selected by Blooms Festival 2022 and a postcard garden was created.

The sensory garden, which was inspired by a Creative Schools Project, explored the possibility of connecting nature and literacy in a meaningful way. The resultant postcard garden is based on a popular children's picture book “Rumble in the Jungle”. This book has been developed into a braille format -as part of our continuing engagement with NCBI and South Dublin Public Libraries.

Local children produced material for the garden during craft sessions in the library. A local men’s shed group assisted in the set-up of the garden.

The project served to further develop relationships between NCL, local schools and local community groups in the area.

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The garden was on show from June 2nd - 6th 2022. It successfully won “Best in Show” for Blooms Festival Postcard gardens 2022.

**Cruinniú na nÓg: March to a Different Beat.**

As part of our CNN celebrations, North Clondalkin Library held two African Drumming Workshops in the library on Saturday 11th June.



Thomas took parents and children on culture specific rhythms on djembe and dun duns. A maximum crowd of 50 attended the sessions which were enjoyed by all.

**Celebration of Pride: A close-up of a flag

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**Gymboree - Play & Music. Rainbow Storytime**: Pride Bingo-Family Event

Date: Wednesday 8th June at 2pm Celebrate your inner colour!

Age: 3 – 6 years Date: Wednesday 8th June at 2pm Saturday 18th June 2pm

Age: 3 – 6 years

**Palmerstown Hub Highlights :**

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| Saturday 11th June | **10am** Baby Rhyme Time for ages 0-3 years | 2pm-3.30pmDr. Brain [Fun-Believable Science](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbrilliantevents.ie%2Fcontact-us%2F&data=04%7C01%7Crhand%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C950590946f1c4d99451208da1bd243e0%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637852887175374527%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=9HmQCoe8w0qZWZOfZkBG5e%2Bp0o7xhPjoI2Y%2FfP6oN1c%3D&reserved=0) Show |
| Saturday 18th June | **10am** Arts and Crafts for ages 6-10 years | **3pm** Storytime for ages 3-5 years |
| Saturday 25th June | **11am-12.30pm**  National Reptile Zoo Visit | **3pm** Baby Rhyme Time for ages 0-3 years |

**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.