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**Libraries Report | Ballyroan Library | October 2022**

Ballyroan Library had 16,764 visitors in September, who borrowed 15,348 items. 667 new members were registered.

A total of 68 events were hosted by the library throughout the month, with 1,623 people attending.

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**September Highlights**

**Culture Night Céilí**

As part of county-wide Culture Night events, Ballyroan Library hosted a Céilí Mór on Friday 23rd September, with entertainment by the Brian Boru Céilí Band, and dance instruction by the Gaffney School of Dance. Over 80 people of all ages attended.

**Film Project | A New Friend**

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The Dormant Accounts Fund provides funding for projects to target groups within our community at risk of social or cultural exclusion. A secondary objective of the workshop series was to promote library use among adults with additional needs within our community. The short film and behind the scenes ‘making of the movie’ footage can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/756417398>

**October Event Highlights**

**Red Line Festival**

The Red Line Festival takes place from October 13th – 16th and features over 40 events in performance spaces across the County. This is our 11th year and we are delighted to again bring you the best in Irish and International talent across six different strands: Literary, Sport & Wellbeing, Music & Performance, Crime & Horror, Family and As Gaeilge. Local events include:

**Bookstagram: The Literary Lifestyle |** Thursday 13th October at 7:00pm**| Ballyroan Library**

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Description automatically generatedJoin social media influencers Chloe Cowman (@nursefancypants) and Sinéad Cuddihy (@tiredmammybookclub) as they discuss the influence of social media, online book clubs, and the effect of the book reading/reviewing Instagram community on reading habits. Chloe and Sinéad will look at the uptake in reading since the pandemic started and how the library services can be of use to the reader and book clubs.

**Marking 100 Years of Ulysses with readings by actor Barry McGovern** **|** Thursday 13th October at 7:30pm **|** **Rathfarnham Castle**

James Joyce's masterpiece Ulysses was published 100 years ago in 1922. To mark this centenary celebration South Dublin Libraries and the Red Line Festival present readings of Ulysses by acclaimed actor Barry McGovern. Barry McGovern will be in conversation with Roslyn Hickey on all things Joyce including references to his relationship with Samuel Beckett.

For your entertainment enjoy musical stylings from classical soprano, Ruby Boland.

**The Freedom of Writing with Dave Lordan** | Saturday 15th October at 12:00pm | **Ballyroan Library**

A high energy, participative workshop exploring the theme of freedom in relation to creative writing, both in terms of freedom of expression, and the freedom of the imagination to allow us to roam through time and space and become what we will. Tried and tested in over 200 primary and secondary schools around Ireland. Dave Lordan is a poet, memoirist, and educator with many years of experience working with creative young people.

**Shadow Puppet Workshops** | Sunday 16th October | **Pearse Museum**

Learn to design and make your shadow puppets in a tradition which is over 2000 years old.

Perform with other young people when you have made your puppets, and see Shadow puppets from Julie-Rose McCormick’s collection of Shadows from around the world, meeting dragons and princesses and more.

**Children’s Book Festival**

The festival offers children a chance to meet some of the very best authors and illustrators who write and draw for children and young people in Ireland today. Meeting a writer is a fantastic way to connect with books and reading. Events in Ballyroan Library include:

Wednesday 5th October | **Endangered Irish animals: A Drawing Team Project with author and illustrator Aga Grandowicz.**

Join Aga Grandowicz and draw one of Ireland’s endangered animals. Each drawing will be cut out, attached to a large background, and displayed in the library Aga Grandowicz is a Multi-award winning art director, graphic designer and wildlife Artist.

Monday 10th October | **Alan Nolan’s Darlin’ Dublin**

How well do you think you know Dublin? Join author and illustrator Alan Nolan as he brings you on a whirlwind trip around Dublin’s lost landmarks and creepiest crypts – as featured in his new children’s historical novel, Molly Malone and Bram Stoker in The Sackville Street Caper – meet the ‘real-life’ Molly and Bram and learn how to draw the deadliest Dubliner of all ... Dracula! Alan Nolan is the author and illustrator of Fintan’s Fifteen, Conor’s Caveman and the Sam Hannigan series, and he is the illustrator of the popular Gordon’s Game books written by Gordon D’Arcy and Paul Howard.

Wednesday 19th October | **Meet Padraig Kenny**

Pádraig Kenny is a children’s author from Newbridge in County Kildare. He has published four

novels. His two most recent novels, The Monsters of Rookhaven and its sequel The Shadows of Rookhaven, have both won the KPMG Children’s Books Ireland Honour Award for Fiction.

**Decade of Centenaries Programme**

Thursday 6th October at 7:00pm**|The Red Cow Murders and the Civil War in South Dublin**

On the centenary of these events, Historian in Residence Liz Gillis discusses one of the most shocking episodes in the Civil War in South Dublin County. *Hybrid event.*

Tuesday 18th October at 7:00pm |**The Old and New Symbols of the Irish Free State**

Painting post boxes and printing stamps were just some of the ways the Irish Free State sought to project sovereignty at home and abroad. Join Cathy Scuffil for an exploration of symbolism in the new Irish Free State. *Online event.*

**Schools Stamp Design Workshops**

100 years ago, in 1922, the first Irish stamp was designed to mark the creation of the Irish Free State. Before this, Irish people sent letters with stamps that were decorated with images of British kings and queens. The first Irish stamp was deep green and decorated with a map of Ireland, shamrocks and Gaelic symbols and included the word ‘Éire’, the Irish for Ireland.

In these workshops with Decade of Centenaries Artist in Residence Eva Kelly, students will look at the history of the Irish stamp, and design a new stamp for 2022. Schools workshops will take place in libraries county-wide between October and December.

**Halloween Events**

Tuesday 1st November at 6:45pm|**Spooky South Dublin and other Irish Ghost Stories**

The legends surrounding the Hell Fire Club are probably South Dublin’s most famous chilling tales, but there are plenty of other local ghoulish stories. Come along to hear all about it, with local historian Tony Duffy.

Every Tuesday at 3.30pm|**Scary Story Time**

Our weekly story time suitable for 3-6 year olds and their grown-ups. Special spooky stories take place during October!

Wednesday 26th October at 3:30pm|**Halloween Craft Class for Kids**

Witchy Wreath Workshop for 5-10 year olds.

Thursday 3rd November at 10:30am|**Baby Boo Music Workshops**

A fun music class for 0-4 year olds with some spooky little songs! Facilitated by Music Generation South Dublin, these workshops are designed to nurture musical creativity and expression through singing, musical games, listening and performing.

**Adult/Lifelong Learning Events**

Monday 3rd October at 2:00pm |**Ballyroan Film Club**

A matinée screening of classics and musicals, this is a new monthly event aimed at adults with additional needs. Takes place on the first Monday of the month.

Every Monday 11:00am – 12:30pm

Every Thursday 6:30pm – 8:00pm| **Stitched Together Craft Group**

Twice-weekly craft skills share sessions.

Tuesday 25th October at 11:00am| **Adult Craft Class**

Learn a new craft with artist Christine Carey.

Wednesday 26th October at 11:00am| **Golden Moments Social Club**

Join physiotherapist Colette O’Flynn for a talk on staying well over the winter months, with advice on exercise, eating well, keeping warm, good posture and sleep. Supported by the Healthy Ireland programme. *All welcome*.

Thursday mornings at 10:30am|**Age Action computer/smart phone classes continue.**

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Description automatically generated**Tuesday 18th October at 2:30 and 3:30pm| **Irish Language Classes**

Six week Irish course for adults catering for beginners and improvers.

Wednesday 12th October at 7:00pm|**Parenting Talk: Embrace the Awkward**

How to talk to kids about sex and sexuality. This presentation equips parents and guardians to raise young adults to have healthy, supportive relationships. Part of the ‘Sorry I’m Late, I’ve got kids!’ series of parenting talks, supported by the Dormant Accounts Fund.

**Regular Children’s Events**

Thursday 27th October at 4:00pm|**Junior Book Club**

Monthly meeting of our children’s book club.

Wednesday 5th and 19th October 6:00 -8:00pm|**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.

Saturday 1st, 8th and 15th October 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 24th October 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!

Tuesday 11th October at 10:00am|**Baby Book Club**

Instil a love of reading and books in your little ones!

**Libraries Report | Mobile Libraries | October 2022**

The Mobile Library’s visitor numbers are still increasing, and September was our busiest month to date at our public stops.  We resumed our schools service and visited 12 primary school in September.  We had our second Ukrainian Outreach event at the Citywest Hotel on 22nd September.  Our Library@Home Service continues to serve isolated members of the community with 111 home deliveries made in September.  Please see below for full list of stops planned for October.

