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**Libraries Report | Ballyroan Library | December 2022**

A total of 75 events were hosted by the library throughout the month of November, with 2,628 people attending. 602 people joined the library during November, and 16,887 books were issued.

**Ballyroan Library November Highlights**

**Christmas Craft Fair**

****Our annual Christmas Craft Fair took place on 26th November, with handmade gifts from local crafters, cakes and bakes, and live music from Rathfarnham Ukelele Group.

**Season of Science**

Our month-long programme of science events for schools. Workshops at Ballyroan included Make Mini Rockets with MakerMeet, The Eccentric Energy Show with Dr. How’s Science Wows and Colourful Science with Anyone4Science.

**December Highlights – adults**

Monday 5th December at 2:00pm

**First Monday Film Club: Elf**

Festive edition of our monthly film club aimed at adults with additional needs. *All welcome.*

Every Monday at 11am and Thursday at 6:30pm

**Stitched Together**

Friendly crafty meet up – come along and share skills with others or get inspiration for your next craft project! *All welcome.*

Tuesday 6th December at 7:00pm

**Rebel Statesman: the Life and Times of WT Cosgrave**

Join historians Liz Gillis and Cathy Scuffil for a discussion of the Civil War experience of WT Cosgrave, first president of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State, including his local connections to Rathfarnham. This Decade of Centenaries talk is a hybrid event that will take place in the library and will be streamed live on Zoom. Arrive early for festive refreshments!

****Monday 12th December at 7:00pm |**Dickens in Dublin**

A one-man theatre show written and performed by Laurence Foster

Charles Dickens was born on February 7th 1812 in a shabby suburb of Portsmouth. Shortly afterwards the family moved to London. Literally self-taught, at the age of 19, Charles became a reporter, recording the parliamentary speeches of Daniel O’Connell, the Irish Liberator, retaining a lifelong mutual admiration.

He also became a devotee of the works of Thomas Moore. In August 1858, the first of three lengthy visits to Dublin, he was hailed with delight everywhere he went. He found it difficult to make his way from Morrison’s Hotel (Nassau St.) through the crowds who were queuing to see his performance in the Rotunda Concert Room. Dickens in Dublin is a recreation of that dramatic evening in Ireland’s capital city.

Tuesday 13th of December at 11am | **Scandinavian wreath-making workshop for adults**

Get in the festive spirit with this fun and easy wreath making session suitable for beginner and advanced crafters!  *Booking essential.*

Wednesday 14th of December at 11am |**The Dublin Village: Rathfarnham**

Screening of this 1988 RTE film about Rathfarnham, presented by Shay Healy and Ingrid Miley.

*Booking advised.*

Thursday 15th December at 6:30pm |**Adult Makerspace Workshop: Design and Print a Custom Mug**

Try out our brand new makerspace equipment, and learn how to design and print a custom mug. *Booking essential.*



Monday 19th December at 1pm| **The Secrets in Dublin Pub Names**

An alternative 12 Pubs of Christmas! Join Cathy Scuffil as she takes us through the history of some of Dublin's most fascinating pub names. Part of our Golden Moments series of events.

*Booking advised but not essential*

Tuesday 20th December at 6:30pm| **Live Music with No Direction**

Join us for a festive singalong with local band No Direction (aka Ballyroan Men’s Shed)

*All welcome!*

**December Highlights – Children**

Thursday 8th December at 3.30pm|**Christmas Crafts For Kids**

Add some extra fun to your Christmas by making your own decoration to celebrate the magic of the season.

Saturday 10th December at 10:30am |**Family Time at Your Library: Magic Show with Captain Hoho**

Family Time at Your Library is a national initiative to encourage families to check out everything that membership of their local library has to offer.

**Christmas Storytime Events**

Winter Storytime with actress and storyteller Róisín Murphy on 13th December, and a Very Special Christmas Storytime with library staff on 20th December. Our annual Christmas Pyjama Storytime takes place on 19th December at 6pm – a fun evening of stories before bed, full of festive cheer!

Fridays at 10:00am|**Christmas Toddler Time**

Songs, stories and play time for wobblers and toddlers. Special Christmas edition with Sarah Sparkles on Friday 16th December. *All welcome.*

Monday 12th December at 3pm | **Family Christmas Movie – Muppet Christmas Carol**

A fun family friendly screening at the library! *All welcome.*

**Libraries Report | Castletymon Library | December 2022**

A total of 81 events were hosted by the library throughout the month of November, with 1,100 people attending. 169 people joined the library during November, and 8,213 books were issued.

**December Highlights**

**Creative Aging: Tymon Music Sessions**

**Wednesday, 30th Nov & Wednesday 14th December @ 6.30pm**

Join us for our last two music sessions of the year. If you’ve never been down to the famous Tymon sessions, now’s the time! Audience participation is encouraged but not mandatory, so whether you want to bring your instrument, sing a song or just listen to the music, come down and enjoy!

***Suitable for older adults. No booking necessary***

**Christmas Craft Fair** 

This year, we held our inaugural Christmas Craft Fair in the library on **Saturday, 3rd December from 11am - 4pm**

We got into the spirit of the season with the best arts and crafts South Dublin has to offer! Borrowers found the perfect gift and supported local artists at the same time.

**Captain Ho – Ho performed a magic show for children @ 11am**

There was something for everyone at the Castletymon Library Christmas Craft Fair!

**Christmas At Castletymon Library: Connect Café**

**Monday, 5th Dec @ 11am**

Come to the cosy space of the library for games, hot beverages and chats! Come with friends or strike up conversation with someone new!

***Suitable for older adults. No booking necessary.***

**Christmas At Castletymon Library: Children’s Arts and Crafts**

**Monday, 5th Dec @ 3.30pm**

A fun Christmas themed arts and crafts session for children. Adult participation required.

*Suitable for ages 5+ years*

***Booking from Monday 28th Nov @ 10am, contact the library or book via*** [***castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.ie***](https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/castletymon-library-32465225843)

**Borrowbox Workshop**

**Tuesday, 6th Dec @ 11am**

Did you know you can download ebooks and audiobooks onto your tablet, phone or device? Its simple and free!

Join John for a straightforward guide to downloading the app and how to use it.

***Booking from Tuesday 22nd Nov @ 10am***, ***contact the library***

**Christmas At Castletymon Library: Make Your Own Christmas Decorations**

**Monday, 12th December @ 3.30pm**

Children can make their own lovely Christmas decorations to bring home!

*Suitable for ages 5+, adult participation required.*

 **Christmas At Castletymon Library: Christmas Pyjama Storytime**

**Thursday 15th December @ 6.30pm**

Dress up in your PJs, bring your favourite teddy and join us for a very special Christmas story time by torchlight.

*Suitable for ages 2+ and their adults.*

***Booking essential from Monday, 5th Dec @ 10am via*** [***castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.ie***](https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/castletymon-library-32465225843)

**Sensory Time**

**Friday 16th Dec @ 10am**

**Tuesday 20th Dec @ 6pm**

Sensory times for children and families with additional needs. Lights will be dimmed and sensory toys will be available for use in the library.

**Regular Events**

**Toddler And Parent Group**

**Every Wednesday @ 10.30am**

Come along and enjoy songs, nursery rhymes and toys in Castletymon Library.
No booking necessary, all welcome

**Rob’s Radical Readers: Children’s Book Club**
**Takes place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 3.30pm**

Rob hosts our new children's book club in a relaxed, fun environment. Kids discuss what book to read and are encouraged to think critically and review honestly!
Suitable for ages 9-11.
***For more details, contact the library***

**Weekly Storytime**

**Every Wednesday @ 3.30pm**

Come along and enjoy a gentle story time for young children.

**Knitting And Crochet Club**

**Every Thursday, 10am - 12pm**

Our knitting group has started just in time for winter! Bring your needles and wool and come to the library for tea, chats and knits!

***No booking required. Please note you must bring your own materials, this is not a taught class.***

Nollaig Shona Daoibh ó

Leabharlann Chaisleán Thigh Motháin!

**Mobiles Report – November/December 2022**

Our Mobile libraries had a very busy month in November with 2,041 patrons using the public stops. We had a full schools and crèche programme and 108 home deliveries. We also continued our service to City West refugee centre. On December 14th we are bringing some Christmas cheer to Bloomfield Residential Home – with the Christmas Crooners live performance as well as our usual mobile service.

