**Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin ACM | Libraries Report**

**Lucan Library January Highlights**

**Wednesday 11th January 7pm (online)**

**Art of Reading Book Club Event with Laureate for Irish Fiction Colm Toibin and author Eimear McBride. (Online Event)**

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Description automatically generatedLucan Library is delighted to host the January session of The Art of Reading Book Club led by Laureate for Irish Fiction Colm Toibin. Colm will be talking to author Eimear McBride; about her award-winning book A Girl is a Half-Formed Thing. Members of Lucan Library Book Clubs and others will listen to & join in the Q&A session afterwards. This event will be recorded by the Arts Council of Ireland and be made available as a podcast.

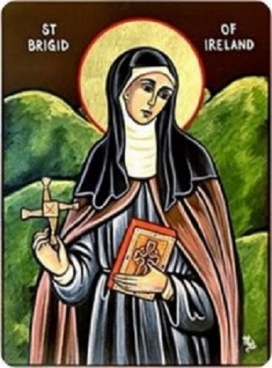
**Monday 30th January 2.30pm – 4pm**

**Smartphone Help Sessions**

Need help with your smartphone? The Staff at Lucan Library are on hand to help! Book a 20-minute session which will help get people get started with their smartphones and gain confidence using them more fully.

**Highlighted Events for Children:**

**Thursday 26th January at 12noon – school event**

**St Brigid’s Day Traditions and Customs with Mick Fortune.** A timely event as we approach the first Bank Holiday celebrating St Brigid!

Award winning folklorist and film maker, Michael Fortune grew up in a family immersed in story, superstition and folk belief. His ability to explore and celebrate the nuances of identity, place, ritual and story have been well demonstrated in his folklore collections located around Ireland, Europe and the US. Michael will enthral local schoolchildren with stories of the traditions and customs associated with St Brigid’s Day.

Our regular story time slot for under 6’s on Wednesdays at 3pm has resumed, Toddler Time with Sarah Tully resumes on Thursday 26th January (booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite)

On Tuesday 24th January at 3.30pm, Aoife Munn returns to Lucan Library with her Origami workshop for those aged 8+ years.

**NORTH CLONDALKIN LIBRARY: January ACM highlights**

A group of people watching a presentation

Description automatically generated with medium confidence**SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAMME**:

January events aimed at Teens & Secondary schools include **STEAM session** with **MakerMeet** for TY students Tuesday 10/1/2023; **Stree**t **Art for Teens** with Jess Toibin Tuesday 17th January; **Study skills sessions with Student Enrichment Company** for Senior Cycle students x 2 Tuesday 24th January & **Comic Drawing** **workshop** with Comic Artist **Shota Kotake** Saturday 28th January.

**A group of people playing guitars

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Adult events in January include **Knitters Club** (Monday & Friday mornings); **Computer classes** Commencing Thursday 12th January; **Shared Reading Programme** (Every second Tuesday @ 3.30pm); **Music sessions** Every second Thursday @ 10am; **English language Class** commencing Tuesday 17th January & **Help with Reading, Writing & Spelling** commencing Wednesday 25th January.

**VOICES FROM UKRAINE:**

**Voices from Ukraine: The launch of Voices from Ukraine will take place in NCL on Monday 30th January.** Recording of stories & portraits took place in NCL (in association with Peter Varga-from The Humans of Dublin). The portrait and stories will also form part of the HOD online exhibition and platform. The event will be attended by the Mayor of South Dublin County Council.

**Libraries Report | Mobile Library Service**

The Mobile Library service completed a busy year’s work on Thursday 22nd December. We made 106 local stops in neighbourhoods across the county in December. We visited nine primary schools to complete an uninterrupted school visits programme for the term. Our Library@Home service made 109 home deliveries to people who have difficulty leaving their houses. On 14th December we took part in a Musical Christmas event at Bloomfield Health Care Centre to wrap up our programme of “outreach” events for the year.

