**Clondalkin ACM**

**Libraries Report | Clondalkin Library | February 2023**

Throughout February Clondalkin Library issued 4092 items and our current membership is 14,084.

A total of 69 events were hosted by the library throughout the month, with 1004 people attending.

**Events for February**

**St Brigid’s Day Celebrations**

As part of the Lá Fhéile Bríde festival we celebrated St Brigids Day with a St Brigids cross making workhsop with a school, an adult and junior craft class and a talk on St Brigid for aduls by Michael Fortune. All events where very well attended. We will also exhibit some of the art entries from the art competition and host a magic show before the prize giving ceremony on Wednesday 15th February.

As part of our literacy programme, we are started a new 7-week book club for adults with author and poet Brian Kirk on 14th February. This programme will incorporate both reading and writing short stories with a view to establishing a second book club. We have also recommenced our computer classes for adults and our weekly ukulele class is gaining a lot of traction with over 15 members.

*Schools and Outreach programme*

We have over 150 school children through our doors every week. Each class visit is customised to suit the age group i.e., we incorporate storytelling for younger children or a craft activity for the older classes. We are also actively engaging with schools to create projects that can take place in the library. We also continue to do outreach visits to schools and creches in the local area as part of our outreach programme.

**Events for March**

As part of **Fairtrade Fortnight** which runs from 27th February to 12th March 2023, we will host a talk on Fairtrade and Climate Justice by Paula Galvin on Wednesday 1st March.

We will host a new 3-week workshop in conjunction with Mother Tongues called Language Explorers. The workshops will have a strong focus on language development, parent-child communication, and literacy. The course will run on Sat 4th, 11th, and 25th March at 2pm.

As part of **Seachtain na Gaeilge** we will host the following events:

An evening of songs in Irish and English by candlelight with the Villager Choir on 15th March at 7pm, a talk for adults by author Manchan Magan 7th March, a talk on the A History of the Gaelic League and the role of various women in the movement as a nod to international women’s day 8th March and a LED Shamrock workshop for children on 15th March.

**Astronomy week**

This is a new addition to our annual programme for Clondalkin Library. The week will run from 20th – 25th March and will include talks for adults/ children and primary schools throughout the week. We will also have a new addition of a 3D solar system added to the junior library.

**Libraries Report | Mobile Library Service**

The Mobile Library returned on 3rd January 2023 visiting all their regular stops across the County. They made 144 public stops this month. Their school service resumed on 9th January and they visited 14 primary schools in the month. Their Library@Home service continues to deliver books to vulnerable people in the community and they made 107 home deliveries in January. On 26th January they returned to Citywest Hotel for our fifth Ukrainian Outreach event.

