**Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM | Libraries Report | February 2023**

**NORTH CLONDALKIN LIBRARY**

 **Music** **PROGRAMME**:

Our Music Programme continued throughout the month of February. Fortnightly ***Thursday Trad Sessions*** ran on 9th/23rd February. A highlight for was Musician in Residence **Luke Clerkin** performing songs from his upcoming EP at the session on 9th February. This EP was recorded in our creative studio in NCL.

 The **NCL Intergenerational community choir** continues to meet on a weekly basis with choir master Noel Collins and is working towards a performance which will from part of our Bealtaine Programme in May. (50)

 **Irelands Reads: Squeeze in a Read**

To celebrate Ireland Reads we have several ***Reading events*** taking place in NCL during the month of February. Each Friday in February everyone in the library will be asked to take part in **DEAR** (Drop Everything and Read) at 3.30pm. Our **SHARED READING** programme will be launched on Friday 25th February. This is a new initiative to libraries in the republic of Ireland-with NCL being the first public library to run the programme. **Arts and Crafts sessions** will be book-based focussing on designing a book cover/book bag & book marker. (Sat 26th February)



**Romancing Rowlagh: An exhibition celebrating love**

Romancing Rowlagh gives locals the opportunity to share their love story with the world. NCL are collecting stories based on a questionnaire-to be included in an exhibition which will be displayed in May. Participants will be asked to pose for a photo.

It is anticipated that the exhibition will celebrate, love, romance with a dash of social history.

**Palmerstown Library ACM Highlights:**

STEAM Sessions

 February 8th/9th: LED Valentine Workshop visit.

 February 16th: Coding workshop for children.

CHILDRENS Events:

Storytime Session: Recommences every Wednesday afternoon.

February 15th: Musical Tots

Lifelong Learning: Adult Event

February 7th: Healthy Soup with Dr. Ally Brosnan (Online Event)

**ACM Highlights - Lucan Library February 2023**

 **Ireland Reads – the national celebration of all things Reading!**

*Ireland Reads* is a campaign to get the whole country reading this month in the leadup to a national day of reading on Saturday, February 25th.

Lucan Library is delighted to get involved in this:

**For Adults:**

What are you reading in February? Share the title of your latest read along with your details and you will be entered into our Ireland Reads Draw. There will also a display in the library of the books adults are reading in Lucan this month.

On February 9th we held a *Table Quiz for Adults*, always a popular event here in the library! As usual the quiz was great fun, with lots of banter and some contentious questions!

On February 14th we once again hosted a *Connect Café*, inviting people to come along to the library for a cuppa and chat. A great way to meet new people in the community or re-connect with old friends.

On Wednesday 8th March we will host *Build a Book Club*, an information talk by library staff to help people start up their own book club. All participants will receive a resource pack to help them get started.

**For Children**

Competition: *Get Your Guess In*! Children get a token for each book they return and place it in the designated box. On Saturday 25th February, Ireland Reads Day, they are invited to guess how many tokens are in the box! The closest guess to the correct amount will win a prize.

On Saturday 25th February, Ireland Reads Day (no pre-booking required):

*10am – 11.45am Face-painting*

*2pm Dr Brain’s Fun Believable Science Show*

Our regular *Storytime* continues at 3pm each Wednesday, all welcome

**For Schools:**

On Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd February, library staff will visit two schools, St John the Evangelist NS and Lucan Community NS, to provide storytimes to their junior classes.

**Financial Well Being Talks were delivered by Lucan Credit Union, a timely topic**

Feb 1st 7pm *Protecting your family and Financial Planning with John Miller*, in-house financial adviser Lucan District Credit Union

Feb 8th 7pm *Managing your finances in difficult times and the importance of having access to credit*, with Paula Maguire, CEO Lucan District Credit Union

**Engineers Week**

Two workshops with Maker Meet creating *Geodesic Domes*, one for a school group and one an afterschool activity, open to the public but pre-booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite.

**Community Engagement**

 Lucan Library are hosting the *Lucan Community Games* activities. The seminar room has been booked for their quiz, chess and art sessions in February and March.

*Cuidiu Breastfeeding Support Group* hold their monthly meetings at the library

*South Dublin County Childcare Committee* hosted their conference at the library on Saturday 11th February

DDLETB are delivering *Basic Computer Classes* for adults, beginning mid-February. These have proven very popular and are fully booked.

**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.

