**Clondalkin ACM**

**Libraries Report | Clondalkin Library | March 2023**

Throughout March Clondalkin Library issued 4023 items and our current membership is 14,119.

A total of 65 events were hosted by the library throughout the month, with 1,150 people attending.

As part of **Fairtrade Fortnight,** we will host a prize giving ceremony for the art and poetry competition which will take place on Friday 10th March. 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 Manchán Magan on 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 20-25th**

This is a new addition to our annual programme for Clondalkin Library. The week will run from 20th – 25th March and will include 6 events for children and adults including: 3 space workshops, two talks on the birth of the solar system, a solar observation through telescope workshop, an in-house competition for children and an adult exhibition called ‘We chose to go to the moon’.

*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 April**

**Tech Week 17th-22nd April**

This is a new addition to our annual programme for Clondalkin Library. We will showcase all of our devices and hard and software during this week including 3D printer/the hublets/touch and tilt table our express PCs and all of our online resources including BorrowBox and resources for adults and children. We will also run an event programme for the week including 3D printing/stop animation and Bricks for Kids workshops as well as a 3D printing workshop and BorrowBox clinic for adults. We hope to use this week to highlight both our in-house and online resources to members of the public.

We will also run an Easter break programme for children to include Captain Splash on 5th April, Gymboree music workshops for our baby and toddler groups on Tues 4th & Sat 15th, 3 Irish History Live events for children on 12th April and Waffles the Wonderful puppet show on 13th April.

Our Joe Williams annual lecture will take place on 12th April at 6.30pm and will highlight a talk on Slí Mór by Sean Cullen. We will also have talk by holistic gardener and author Fiann O'Nuallain on 13th April as part of our Grow It Yourself group.

**Libraries Report | Mobile Library Service**

The Mobile Library continued to visit 36 public stops each week during February. We introduced one new regular public stop at the new housing development at Kilcarbery Grange, Clondalkin. This promises to attract lots of new families into the library who may not have visited us before. We visited 12 primary school in February. Our Libary@Home service continues to deliver books to vulnerable people in the community and we made 107 home deliveries in February. We held a further five outreach events in February, including our regular monthly visit to Ukrainian refugees at Citywest Hotel.

