**Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin ACM | March 2023 | Libraries Report**

**NORTH CLONDALKIN LIBRARY: March ACM highlights**

March was a very busy month in North Clondalkin Library. In total **120 library-organised events** took place. Demand for room bookings by individuals and organisations continues to increase with **115** requests satisfied throughout the month. **Groups engaged with include**: ETB, SDCP, Clondalkin Women’s Travellers Group, HSE, CAP, Maynooth University, LEO and others. Some of our events highlights for the month included:

**Local Enterprise Week: (LEO)** Tuesday 7th March ***- “In Conversation with…..”***

On Tuesday 7th March 2 local entrepreneurs Febee Forager (Forager skincare) & Sophie Ecclestone (Once upon a Fairytale) were interviewed by Staff member Sean Rafferty as part of LEW.  
This informative & engaging interview was attended by 30 T/ Y students from Collinstown Park Community College. There was great feedback from attending students & teachers.

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**International Womens Day** : **Wednesday 8th March**

As part of our celebrations for International Women’s Day on 8th March, NCL organised several events:   
These included:  
Exhibition of Quotes from Famous females  
Display of Crafts from our wonderful craft groups (All females) Tea/coffee/roses coffee morning  
Music from Niamh Keane  
Author visit from Sarah Webb (Friday 10th March) was attended by a local Primary school.



**Seachtain na Gaeilge: 1st -17th March.**

To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge NCL held several events throughout the two weeks.  
Events organised included:   
Author visits, Storytime sessions, Lego workshops as gaeilge, Shared Reading session as gaeilge , arts and crafts sessions.  
The highlight of the two weeks was “Trad Thursday” took place on 16th March. Over 100 people attended the session, which saw dancing from a local primary school alongside our wonderful musicians.

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**Lucan Library| ACM Highlights March 2023**

**66 events** took place at Lucan Library in March 2023

**Seachtain na Gaeilge**

Lucan Library hosted **12 events** for SnaG, here are highlights:

*Tráth na gCeist* for local primary school children. Organised by a staff member and delivered on the day with help from TY students from Colaiste Cois Life

*History of the Irish Language* – a talk by Patricia Fogarty, who teaches Irish classes in our libraries

*Irish History Live* – Mike Moylan brought St Patrick to life for local children with his stories and artefacts.

*Medieval Esker Hiding in Plain Sight* – a talk by Helen Farrell, Society for Old Lucan, Wed 22nd March. Booking via Eventbrite.

**Irish Astronomy Week – 20th – 25th March**

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**Adult Education Week – 6th – 10th March**

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**Palmerstown Library March Highlights:**  **Wednesday 15th March – Visit from Stewart’s clients**.

The clients had a lovely time having an Irish legend read to them, decorating some shamrock shapes and having a go at a little picture quiz as Gaeilge.

**Wednesday 15th March – cuairt den Naonraí Baile Phamar**

Bhí an leabharlann lán le páistí, scéalta as Gaeilge agus ceardaíocht. (photo attached)

**Wednesday 15th March – Biongó as Gaeilge**

Bhain na paistí an-taithneamh as an cluiche seo and pioc siad suas  cúpla focal nua freisin.

**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.

