

May Highlights NCL

May is a very busy month in North Clondalkin Library. In total **115 library-organised events** are taking place.

Demand for room bookings by individuals and organisations continues to increase with **100** requests satisfied throughout the month.

Groups engaged with include: ETB, SDCP, Clondalkin Women's Travellers Group, HSE, CAP, Maynooth University, LEO and others.

Bealtaine Festival at NCL

18 Events were held during the month of May to celebrate the Bealtaine Festival - Celebrating Creativity in older people. Events included: Adult movie, Computers, Crafts sessions, yoga, Shared Reading and much more.

The Highlight of the Bealtaine festival was our summer concert by NCL Community Choir- which took place on Thursday 18th May at 6.30pm. The event was attended by The Mayor Cllr Emma Murphy. Over 100 booked to see the event and it was covered by The Echo.





NCL Engagement with Outside Organisations

Over the month of May, North Clondalkin library engaged with Clondalkin Health Project and Rowlagh Community Centre to offer weekly sessions of both baby massage and baby yoga sessions. (x4)

Both events were booked out (12 per session). We envisage running similar events in the Autumn and continue to engage with community partners on a regular basis.

NCL History and Heritage Events

Throughout the month of May, we ran several History & Heritage events.

These included: Adult Event: An Introduction to Genealogy talk took place on 10th May. 20 booked in for this event.

School Event: Talk by historian Liz Gillis on 15th May (x2) The talk covered the Irish Civil war and was attended by 6th class groups from 2 local primary schools.

Lucan Library Highlights

Lucan Library will host 47 events in May

Bealtaine Festival 2023 - Celebrating creativity in older age

- Table Quiz. This popular event, run by library staff, was once again fully booked up and great fun had by all.
- Introduction to Crochet Workshop with facilitator Scheider Gwei. Great response to this.
- Collage Art Workshop with Christine Carey

Regular activities: Classic Film Club, Scrabble Club, Knitters Group, Creative Writing Group, Book Clubs.

Exhibition: Lucan Community College Adult Education Drawing and Painting Class, led by Marysia Harasimovicz will display their artwork in Lucan Library for the month of May. We hosted an exhibition launch here on Tuesday 9th May and were delighted to welcome Deputy Mayor Joanna Tuffy and other local elected representatives to the event.

Events for School Groups

- Friday 19th May to promote National Drawing Day (Sat 20th May). The Wildly Wonderful World of Animals, a drawing workshop with artist Aga Grandowicz for a class from St Thomas' JNS.
- Decade of Centenaries Liz Gillis gave a talk for two school groups Scoil Aine and Lucan East Educate together, on 11th May.





Palmerstown Digital Hub Highlights - April

- Thursday 13th April Easter Lego with Briks4Kids. Lots of creative construction featuring Easter-themed animals such as chicks, rabbits, lambs etc.
- Wednesday 26th April Craft and Storytime for Pre-schoolers.

We had a lovely time with parents, grandparents and children making pictures with coloured shapes, followed by some lively stories read by Catherine.

Thursday 27th April – Spring Crafts for Adults.

Kim Jenkinson showed this enthusiastic group how to make pretty flowers and feathers out of paper in a relaxing workshop for adults.

Mobile Libraries Highlights

- The Mobile Library visited 132 public stops in April where we welcomed 2277 visitors. We made eight visits to primary schools in April either side of the schools Easter holidays.
- Our Library@Home service continues to deliver books to vulnerable people in the community and we made 108 home deliveries in April. We held a further nine outreach events in April, including our regular monthly visit to Ukrainian refugees at Citywest Hotel, and a visit to the Easter camp at Balgaddy Community Centre. For May, we also introduced a new regular outreach visit to the transit hub at Citywest Convention Centre.

