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Libraries Report | September 2023



July/August Highlights

Ballyroan Library had 38,366 visitors in July and August. 42,451 items were issued and 1,179 new members joined the library.

Castletymon Library had 11,799 visitors over the two month period. 8,001 items were issued and 345 new members.

Event highlights included the Summer Stars events for children, Heritage Week events, and our Sustainability events: book swap and clothes swap.



History and Heritage Programme

The History and Heritage events programme is ongoing, with most events having taken place during national Heritage Week. This programme included 46 events across the county, including exhibitions, guided walks in our villages, mountains and waterways, history talks in our libraries and interactive workshops for children. Highlights locally included:

- Guided walks at Massy's Wood and the Hell Fire Club with local historian Frank Tracy.
- Traditional Music and Song evening at Ballyroan Library
- Guided walk of the Whitechurch area with local historian Tomás Maher
- Ciorcal Cainte: Informal Irish Language Conversation Session
- Guided walk in Templeogue with local historian Tomás Maher
- Irish Myths and Legends storytelling for children

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Healthy Ireland @ Your Library

Libraries are currently delivering the nationwide Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme that aims to establish libraries as a valuable source within the community for health information, complementing Healthy Ireland's whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach to improving health and wellbeing and the quality of people's lives. As part of these activities, a programme of events will be held across branch libraries in August and September. Events at Ballyroan and Castletymon Libraries:

Ballyroan:

Heart Health Checks with the Irish Heart Foundation 29th August

Back to School Healthy Smoothies with the Smoothie Bike 1st September

Managing Anxiety for Teenagers 5th September

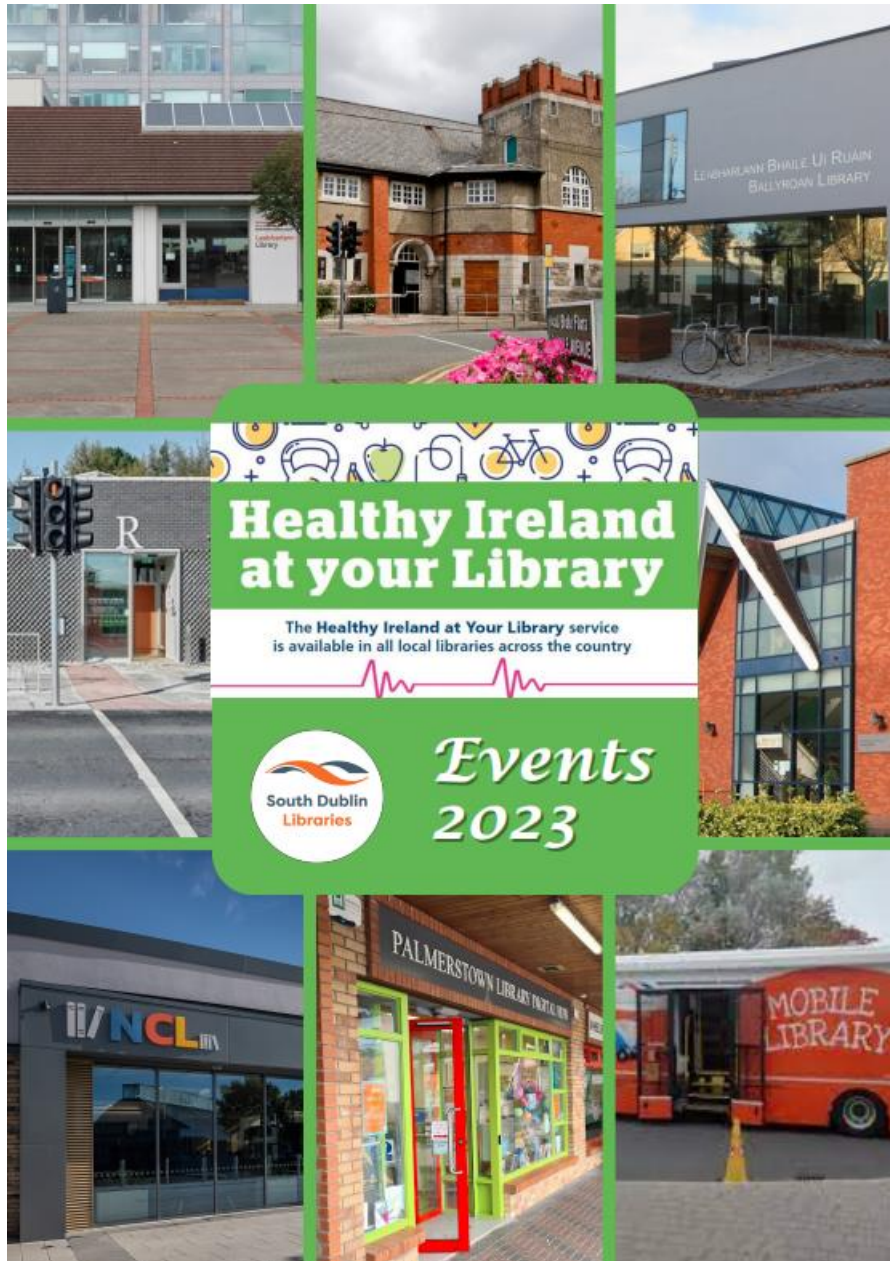
Castletymon:

Collage Journalling Workshop 30th August

Yoga and Storytime 2nd September

Mindfulness and Relaxation Workshop 5th September

Heart Health Checks with the Irish Heart Foundation 1st September



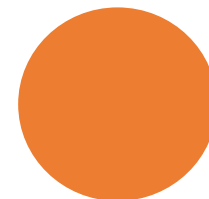
Culture Night 2023

South Dublin Libraries will be opening their doors late on Friday 22nd September in celebration of Culture Night! This all-Ireland event is now in its 18th year and is bigger than ever.

An initiative of The Arts Council, in partnership with local authorities and cultural organisations throughout the island of Ireland, Culture Night invites everyone, everywhere, on one joyful night to discover and celebrate all that our culture is today. Venues of all shapes and sizes, from independent studios to national cultural institutions, extend their opening hours to allow increased access for the public.



CULTURE NIGHT



Events at Ballyroan Library:

- ‘Scattered’ Exhibition from local artist Emma Higgins.
- Jack Flash Magic Show

A celebration of Summer Stars and Culture Night. Enjoy a fantastic magic show suitable for all the family.

- Music with Niamh Keane and guest

South Dublin singer-songwriter Niamh Keane will be performing a selection of favourites along with her own compositions on the night.

Castletymon Library September Highlights

- Friday 22nd September (Culture Night Event) Palette, Stave, Spire and Verse - The Art of Tallaght in Broad Strokes - a talk with local historian Albert Perris.
- Tuesday 26th September – 6 week Beginners Irish Course commences
- Wednesday 27th – The Tymon Sessions music evening
- Tuesday 12th – 6 week Healthy Food Made Easy Course commences

Details of all events at castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.com



Mobile Libraries Highlights

As well as the usual public stops, the Mobile Library Service ran a full programme of family days in Tymon, Griffeen, Collinstown, Corkagh and Rathfarnham Castle Parks in July and August, as well as participating in the Community Day at the Square and the International Picnics in Corkagh and Tymon Parks. These events drew attendances of 100+ at the weekday morning park events, and 500+ at the weekend events.

Since the beginning of September, the usual morning service to schools has resumed.

