



Rathfarnham/ Templeogue/ Firhouse/ Bohernabreena ACM

Libraries Report | December 2023

November Statistics

- Ballyroan Library had 26,063 visitors in November. We hosted 97 events with a total of 2856 attendees. 17,438 items were issued and 451 new members joined the library.
- Castletymon had 5202 visitors, borrowing almost 3444 items and added 106 new members.

SATURDAY 25TH
NOVEMBER

9.45AM -
3.30 PM

**BALLYROAN
LIBRARY**
CHRISTMAS
CRAFT FAIR

@BALLYROAN LIBRARY AND RUAH PASTORAL CENTRE

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GIFT IDEAS

COFFEE AND BAKED
GOODS

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AND MUCH MORE!!

Ballyroan Library Rathfarnham, D14 VY33

November Highlights Ballyroan – children and teens

Christmas Craft Fair Saturday, 25th November. We had a great turn out for our annual Christmas Craft Fair. There were over 50 crafters with stalls in the library and parish centre. Entertainment was provided by RUGs.

Volcanoes: Natural Wonders and Civilization Destroyers. Saturday 11th November. What are volcanoes? How do they work? Why do people live so close to them? In this workshop we answer these questions and more, take a closer look at what happened to the Roman city of Pompeii, and make our own erupting volcanoes! As part of Season of Science we hosted 2 of these children's workshops.

Comic Fest: In Conversation with Stephen Mooney and Declan Shalvey. Thursday 9th November. Declan Shalvey and Stephen Mooney are two of the most prolific and successful Irish comic creators currently working. Declan has worked extensively for major American publishers such as Marvel, DC, Image and Dark Horse drawing titles such as Venom, Moon Knight, Thunderbolts, Dark Avengers, Winter Soldier, Deadpool, All-Star Batman, Conan The Barbarian and much more. He is currently writing and drawing Alien for Marvel comics. He has also written two crime graphic novels set in Ireland, Savage Town, illustrated by Philip Barrett, and Bog Bodies, illustrated by Gavin Fullerton, both published by Image Comics. Stephen Mooney is the New York Times best-selling author of HALF PAST DANGER from IDW. He has illustrated numerous comics for Marvel, such as Carnage, Star Wars and Black Widow. He has also worked for DC, Image, Valiant, Dark Horse, Dynamite and many other major US publishers. Stephen has also written for series such as STAR TREK, THE PHANTOM, BETTIE PAGE and SHEENA: QUEEN OF THE JUNGLE.



December Event Highlights Ballyroan

FAMILY TIME AT YOUR LIBRARY Saturday, 2nd December. We started the day with Winter Storytelling for all the family with Roisin Murphy. The Rathfarnham Gospel Choir performed Christmas Carols between 1 and 2pm. The ever-popular Sticker Swop finished up a great day of family activities.

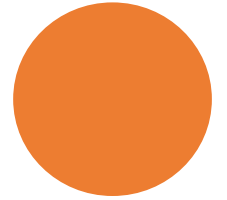
CHRISTMAS PJ STORYTIME Monday 18th December at 6pm. Wear your best Christmas PJs or Christmas jumper and join us for a relaxing evening of bedtime stories, full of festive cheer. For ages 2-5 years.

ELF ON THE SHELF SCAVENGER HUNT 18th to 22nd December. During Christmas week, pick up a clue sheet at the desk. Solve the clues to find all the naughty elves hiding in the children's library. Figure out the word the elves are spelling out and collect a little Christmas surprise at the desk!

CHANCERS, CADGERS AND CHRISTMAS – WORKING ON SHIFT WITH GUINNESS. Monday 11th December at 6.30pm. Local history talk with Tony Corcoran. Booking Essential.

NO DIRECTION LIVE! Tuesday 12th December at 6.30pm. The very popular Men's Shed music group will be performing Christmas themed songs. All welcome.

CHARLES DICKENS AND THE STORIES OF CHRISTMAS PAST. Thursday 14th December at 7pm. A Golden Moments event. This talk from librarian Emma Edwards will explore the Christmas tales of Charles Dickens and his impact in popularising many Christmas customs and traditions. Booking Essential.



Join us for

Christmas Events

at

South Dublin Libraries!

Craft Fairs, Christmas Carols, Craft
Workshops, Pyjama Storytime and
more!

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December Highlights – Castletymon Library

PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP Thursday, 7th December @ 3.30pm & Saturday, 9th December @ 2.30pm. Join us for a two-part Christmas themed workshop for children aged 7-12 to unleash their inner artist and get creating with puppets to make and keep forever!

GLOW GROUP CHRISTMAS STEAM SESSION Saturday, 9th December, Session 1: 11am, Session 2: 1.30pm A lovely Christmas themed STEAM session with Glow Group! Book into one of these sessions to do some festive Minecraft coding! Booking essential.

BEGINNER WATERCOLOURS: CREATE A CHRISTMAS SCENE Monday, 11th Dec @ 12pm & Wed, 13th Dec @ 12pm. Create a winter wonderland watercolour landscape in this 2 part beginner's workshop. No previous experience necessary. Suitable for Adults. Booking essential.

FAMILY TIME AT YOUR LIBRARY: PYJAMA STORYTIME BY TORCHLIGHT Thurs, 14th Dec @ 6pm. Wear your PJs, bring your favourite teddy or toy!

FAMILY TIME AT YOUR LIBRARY: FAMILY LEGO. Tuesday 19th December - 6pm Take a break from the Christmas madness and come to the library to have fun with Lego!

THE TYMON SESSIONS Wednesday 20th December - 6:30pm. Join us for the final trad and tunes session of the year with Mick and Co! Bring your instrument, singalong or just come down and have a listen as we sing some festive favourites! All welcome, no booking required.

Mobile Libraries Highlights

- In November, 2,029 people availed of the Mobile Library Service.
- 101 home deliveries were made to housebound patrons.
- As part of Accessibility Week, we visited Rays of Sunshine preschool in Firhouse on 28th November. It was the perfect place to launch our new range of sensory toys.
- School visits, class set deliveries and creche visits continued as usual.

