

A group of people, mostly older adults, are gathered in a library for a Christmas celebration. They are wearing festive hats like Santa hats and reindeer antlers, and playing ukuleles. The room is decorated with colorful balloons and children's artwork on the walls. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

# Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM

Libraries Report | December 2023



# November at NCL and Lucan Libraries

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- December was another very busy month in North Clondalkin Library. In total **106 library-organised events** took place. Demand for room bookings has started to increase again with individuals and organisations seeking use of our spaces. **Groups engaged with include** ETB, SDCP, Clondalkin Women's Travellers Group, HSE, CAPs, HSE and others. Some of our events highlights for the month included: Christmas events, Neurodiverse South,







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## Christmas Events at North Clondalkin Library

- 5 Christmas/Festive events will be held in NCL during the month of December – with the Christmas Family Fun Day taking place on 25th November.
- Events in NCL included:
  - Christmas Wreath making for adults.  
Festive Family Bingo.  
Music, Mistletoe and Magic (Christmas Night at NCL).
  - Christmas Cookery for kids
  - Design a Festive Tote Bag. (STEAM event)



# Neurodiverse South at North Clondalkin Library

- To highlight services/facilities and resources in this area we had a number of events running throughout December:
- SENSORY CUBBIE: This was made available to class groups on a daily basis to highlight its potential. A booking system has been set up to allow bookings by groups/individuals.
- Lámh module 1
- Neurodiverse Toy Road show: A session for staff and members of the public-which highlights new toys purchased and their use.





# Community Partnerships at NCL

We continue to work with organisations to provide a broad range of events and embed ourselves in the community. Highlights from December include

- **Jumpstart Boxing Academy:** In association with South Dublin Sports Partnership.
- **The Night Belongs to us:** Djing sessions (NOISE Music)
- **NOISE music & IMLI workshop.** (Part of National Accessibility Week Programme)





## Palmerstown Library New Opening Hours

South Dublin Libraries is delighted to announce new and extended hours of operation, aimed at providing greater accessibility and convenience for our patrons.

The new hours of operation are as follows:

- Wednesday: 9:45am-5:00pm
- Thursday: 1:00pm-8:00pm
- Friday: 9:45am-4:30pm
- Saturday: 9:45am-4:30pm

The new hours were launched at an event in the library on 1<sup>st</sup> December



# Lucan Library

## December Highlights

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Lucan Library will host 36 activities in December. Highlights this month include Thank You Thursday / Winter Craft Fair / Poet's Perch: new poetry circle / Lucan Gospel Choir

- Lucan Library were delighted to once again present **"Thank You Thursday"** on 7th December. This celebration is the library's opportunity to thank all its patrons for their support throughout the year. Events on the day included a Table Quiz for Adults; Seasonal Storytime; Christmas Decorations Workshop for Children; and wonderful traditional Irish music with Stephen Fagan and Claire Sherry. A great day was had by all!
- The **Winter Craft Fair** will take place on Saturday 16th December from 10am to 4pm. This year we have even more stalls than last year. A brilliant opportunity to support local crafts people while picking up those last-minute gifts! Entertainment on the day includes Face Painting; Captain Ho Ho Magic Show; Live Festive Music and a very special visitor to the children...Ho!Ho!Ho!
- Tuesday 5th December saw the first **Poetry Circle for Adults** – Poet's Perch. Led by poetry enthusiast Natalie Ryan, this poetry circle will take place monthly. We are sure it will bring together all the budding poets and poetry fans in the Lucan area!
- Bringing the events calendar to a close for 2023, we're delighted to welcome the **Lucan Gospel Choir** on Tuesday 19th December at 7.15pm. A musical treat for everyone!







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## 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.