

Clondalkin Library

ACM Report | December 2023



November Statistics

Clondalkin Library had 5,212 visitors in
November

3,873 items were issued and 157 new
members joined the library.



Season of Science

is our annual celebration of all things STEAM in South Dublin Libraries. The theme this year was Being Human.

Clondalkin Library hosted two events;

A fun introduction to machine learning and AI for kids

The Eccentric Energy Show with Dr. How's Science Wows



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Neurodiverse South

In November South Dublin Libraries hosted a series of talks celebrating Neurodiversity with speakers from As I Am – Ireland's Autism Charity.

In Clondalkin Library we were delighted to welcome Zarah Doyle for a talk entitled '**Autism and Understanding**' on 22nd November.

Talks in other libraries included;

- Balancing sibling needs
- Neuro-affirming language and advocacy
- Supporting Dyslexia at Home
- Autism and girls
- Autism and teens



Neurodiverse South

Launch of New Specialist toy lending collection

This new and updated toy collection caters for neurodiverse children, teens and adults and those with more significant needs.

Each branch will stock basic developmental items. More specialised toys will be housed in our 3 larger libraries, Tallaght, Ballyroan and North Clondalkin Library (covering areas such as language, communication, fine motor, gross motor, play & life etc)

This specialised collection has been funded through the Community Recognition Fund.



National Initiatives

We are currently promoting two national initiatives across South Dublin Libraries

Little library at Bedtime

This exciting initiative aims to engage all parents of young children to read stories with them at bedtime. Free bedtime story books and library card wallets are available at the library for all children of 4 years and under, to pick up and keep.



Family Time at your Library

Family events and activities take place in all libraries during the month of December to support the involvement of the whole family in children's reading. Events in Clondalkin Library this December include

- Weekly Storytime
- Teddy Bear Sleepover
- Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles



Christmas at Clondalkin Library

- For Adults
 - Christmas crafts workshop – 8th December 11.00am
 - Christmas with the Local Vocals choir - 18th December 6.15pm
- For Children and Teens
 - Christmas Arts and Crafts with Kim Jenkinson – 12th December 3.30pm
 - Storytime with visit from Santa – 19th December 3.30pm
- For Schools
 - Eco Christmas crafts workshop with Rediscovery Centre – 14th December
 - Winter stories from around the world with Roisin Murphy – 18th December





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.