# Clondalkin Library

ACM Report | December 2023

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# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

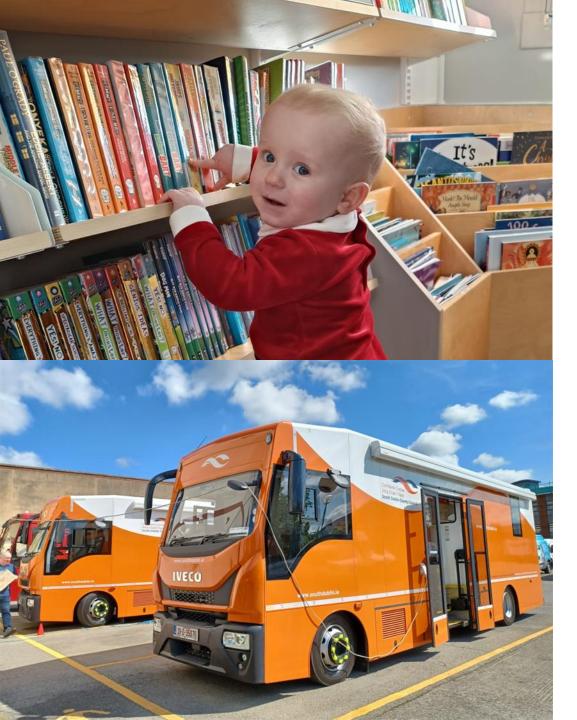


LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED ON THE EVENING.



## Christmas at Clondalkin Library

- For Adults
- Christmas crafts workshop 8<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am
- Christmas with the Local Vocals choir  $18^{th}$  December 6.15pm
- For Children and Teens
- Christmas Arts and Crafts with Kim Jenkinson 12<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm
- Storytime with visit from Santa 19<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm
- For Schools
- Eco Christmas crafts workshop with Rediscovery Centre 14<sup>th</sup> December
- Winter stories from around the world with Roisin Murphy  $18^{\mbox{th}}$  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.