



# Rathfarnham/ Templeogue/ Firhouse/ Bohernabreena ACM

Libraries Report | January 2024

# December Statistics

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- Ballyroan Library had 12,444 visitors in September. We hosted 56 events with a total of 697 attendees. 9,600 items were issued and 250 new members joined the library.
- Ballyroan Library had 244,625 visitors, 182,411 items issued, and 6,091 new members registered in 2023.
- Castletymon had 3,575 visitors, borrowing almost 2,160 items and added 67 new members.



# January Event Highlights Ballyroan

## **Exhibition**

### **Pendulum Project exhibition and launch**

Participants who took part in the Pendulum Project reminiscence and memory workshops will display their creations during the month of January. The exhibition will be launched on Thursday 11th January at 7pm by the Mayor Cllr Alan Edge.

### **New DDLETB Courses for January**

We are delighted to be working with the DDLETB again this year and will begin three diverse new courses in January. Each course is 6 weeks long and participants must complete a registration form in order to participate. Booking essential via Eventbrite.

Beekeeping

Starts Tuesday 16th January at 2pm.

Mindfulness

Starts Wednesday 17th January at 2pm.

Creative Writing

Starts Thursday 18th January at 2pm.





## January Highlights Ballyroan continued...

### **Celebrating St Brigid! Make your own Brat Bhríde**

Wednesday 17th January at 6pm

The Brat Bhríde (St Brigid's Cloak) is an Irish tradition of decorating scarfs which bring blessings and protection to the wearer. Find out more about this wonderful St Brigid tradition which is being revived by Rita O'Loughlin. Rita will demonstrate how to make a Brat Bríde and you will also have the chance to make your own. Please bring one of your own scarfs which you will decorate yourself.

### **Golden Moments - Quiz Time!**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 2pm

Test your general knowledge with our ultimate quiz! Bring a friend along for some trivia fun! There'll be prizes too! This is part of our Golden Moments programme for older adults. There will be tea/coffee and refreshments available during the quiz. All welcome - adults only.

### **Classic Book Club**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm

Join our classic book club for a discussion of Sylvia Plath's 1963 novel *The Bell Jar*. Book your place on Eventbrite and drop into the library to collect your copy of the novel in advance of the session.

### **Book Swap**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm

Calling all bookworms. This is a fantastic opportunity to discover new tomes, clear some of your unwanted titles and expand your personal library.



# January Highlights Ballyroan – children and teens

## **Toddler Time**

Toddler Time resumes on Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am and continues every Tuesday.

## **Exam Prep and Revision Seminar for 6th Years**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 6pm

For 6th year students who want to improve their organisational skills , build confidence and improve their study methods. Come along to this motivating seminar and get practical advice and ideas to help you succeed in your exams. Get revision tips, advice on exam techniques and learn to set realistic goals. Booking via Eventbrite.

## **Game Zone: Pokémon Battle Deck Tournament and card swap**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm

Essential for all Pokémon Battle Deck fans. This is your chance to shine. We will also have our regular card swap event with Premier League, Match Attax and Pokémon tables. Booking through Eventbrite.



# Castletymon Library January Highlights

## **FIRST FORTNIGHT: WATERCOLOURS AND RELAXATION WORKSHOP**

Mon, 8th Jan @ 12pm & Wed, 10th Jan @ 12pm

A 2-part beginner's workshop. Paint with light, create a dreamy watercolour landscape and a unique postcard combined with relaxation exercises.

***Booking on Eventbrite Tues, 2nd Jan @ 10am***

## **EARLY YEARS MUSIC CLASSES**

Monday 8th January - 6 weeks

0-18mths: 10.30 - 11.00am

18 mths - 4 years: 11.15 - 11.45am

A 6-week course of music and fun for young children and toddlers.

***Booking on Eventbrite Tues, 2nd January @ 10am***

## **MEDITATIVE COLOURING WORKSHOP**

Mon, 15th Jan @ 12pm

Learn about the colour wheel, colour mixing, tones and composition. Alongside relaxing breathing techniques, create a unique colouring sheet.

Suitable for adults.

***Booking on Eventbrite Tues, 2nd Jan @ 10am or contact the library***



# Castletymon Library January Highlights

## **6 WEEK SMARTPHONE CLASSES**

Tuesday 16th January @ 10am

Are you struggling to use your smartphone? To learn the basics of using your device, sign up for our smartphone class facilitated by the ETB.

***Booking from Tues, 2nd Jan @ 10am, contact the library***

## **BUILD A COLLISION CAR**

Wed, 17th Jan @ 6pm

Build a functioning car using Engino kits.

Observe the effects of momentum on the passengers! Demonstrating the importance of car safety.

Suitable for ages 8-12 years

***Booking from Tues, 2nd Jan @ 10am: [www.castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.ie](http://www.castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.ie)***

## **"A RAMBLE ABOUT TALLAGHT" WITH ALBERT PERRIS**

Wed, 31st Jan @ 6.30pm

Albert Perris discusses his recently published book, A Ramble about Tallaght

***Booking on Eventbrite Tues, 2nd Jan @ 10am or contact the library directly.***



# Mobile Libraries Highlights

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In December, 889 people availed of the Mobile Library Service.

98 home deliveries were made to housebound patrons.

The main highlight of December was the visit to the DSPCA at Mount Venus Road for their Christmas fundraiser with Santa on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December. The mobile van attended for both days and welcomed many families and their pets to services at South Dublin Libraries. Another highlight was The Christmas Crooners at Bloomfield Health services. A huge group in the service attended this very special event. The Mobiles visit Bloomfield on a monthly basis, and were delighted to bring this lovely event to them.

