



Rathfarnham/ Templeogue/ Firhouse/ Bohernabreena ACM

Libraries Report | February 2024

January Statistics

- Ballyroan Library had 23,590 visitors in January. We hosted 66 events with a total of 1215 attendees. 16,799 items were issued and 493 new members joined the library.
- Castletymon had 5,711 visitors, borrowing almost 3,494 items and added 133 new members.



February Event Highlights Ballyroan

Exhibition

- The Morgan Gibbs Art Group is running until February 16th after which Maureen Burke will be exhibiting.

Ireland Reads

- Ireland Reads is a campaign to get the whole country reading throughout February in the lead up to a national day of reading on Saturday, February 24th. We have a number of events organised to support this including the Shared Reading group (22nd), Storytime every Monday and a Blind Date with a Book Display (19th-24th).



February Adult Highlights Ballyroan

Ciorcal Cainte

Tuesday 13th February at 6.30pm

Ciorcal Cainte is an informal Irish language conversation group where all levels of Irish are catered for, and everyone is given a chance to speak. Irish speakers of all abilities are welcome - #bantrialsas.

Empowering Safer Children Online

Tuesday 20th February at 6.30pm

For parents of children aged 8-13 year olds. *CyberSafe Kids* will deliver a talk to raise awareness of the main factors to consider around children's use of social media, gaming and the web and to offer parents practical advice and resources to help navigate the online world.

Adult Clothes Swap

Tuesday 27th February at 6.00pm-7.30pm

Bring up to 3 items of clean adult clothing, in good condition and swap them for the same number of items. Drop off clothes on Monday 26th between 6.00pm and 8.00pm or Tuesday 27th between 11.00am and 4.00pm and collect swap tokens. We will recycle any clothes that are not swapped.

History Hub

Thursday 29th February at 1.30pm-3.00pm

Join us every two weeks to watch an episode from the landmark documentary series *The Rise of the Nazis* and stay afterwards to discuss the content over tea and coffee. All welcome. No booking required.



Design your own tote bag

Teen Workshop

Ballyroan Library
Monday 12 February at



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MakerSpace Teen Tote Bags

Monday 12th February at 2.00pm. Get creative with our MakerSpace equipment! Create a design, which will then be transferred to your very own custom tote bag to take home. Suitable for ages 12-17 year olds.

Teen Write Club

Tuesday 13th and 27th February at 5pm. This is a new creative writing club for teenagers, ages 13-17. Our first session will be launched by author Maeve Devoy on the 13th. Meeting every two weeks. Booking on Eventbrite.

DIY Valentine's card crafts for kids

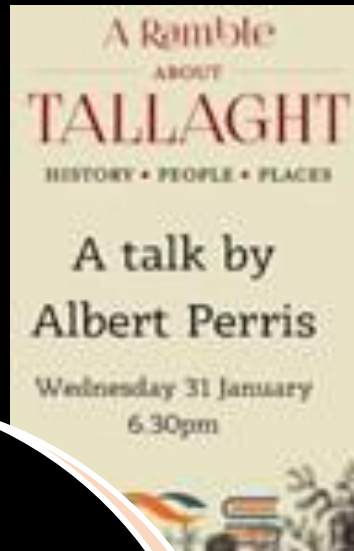
Tuesday 13th February at 3.00pm. Make your Valentine's Day cards truly one-of-a-kind using recycled materials and your imagination. Get creative, get a little messy, and feel the love! Booking on Eventbrite.

Valentine's Cooking with the Cool Food School

Wednesday 14th February at 10.00am and at 11.30am. Join Deirdre from the award winning The Cool Food School for a fun, interactive Valentine cooking class where you'll be making tasty pink treats! Ages 6+. Booking on Eventbrite.



Castletymon Library February Highlights



STEAM

Our twice-monthly programme continues with *How to Build a Collision Car* on 17th Jan & *Creative Builder* on 16th Feb as our **regular STEAM events** and *Homemade Thaumatrope* on 27th Jan and *Non-Newtonian Fluid* on 23rd Feb are our **STEAM events for those with additional needs.**

Language Classes

Our **Spanish Class** resumed in January and our **Irish for Beginners** begins mid-Feb and runs into Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Local History

We are delighted to have renowned historian **Albert Perris** talking about his new book ***A Ramble About Tallaght.***

Ireland Reads

A Library Recommends brochure full of staff recommends with an accompanying book display.

St Brigid's Day

We have a fantastic **Arts & Crafts** session to celebrate.



Castletymon Library February Highlights



Sensory Time

Starting in February, we now have a dedicated monthly Sensory Time.

Mid-Term

We have a packed Mid-Term schedule with **Valentine's Day Arts & Crafts** (and a **Blind Date with a Book** display for adults), a visit from author **Alan Nolan**, storytelling with **Sarah Sparkles**, our junior book club **Rob's Radical Readers** and a **STEAM** session.

Quarterly Gardening Workshops

Starting in February with our **Spring Gardening Workshop**, Aoife Munn will deliver quarterly workshops to get your garden ready for Spring, Summer, Autumn & Winter.

Young Adult Events

A new **Book Club** will be starting for teens in February, and we will have a **Colouring & Relaxation** workshop in late February also.

Mobile Libraries Highlights

In January, 5192 people availed of the Mobile Library Service.

97 home deliveries were made to housebound patrons.

Mobile libraries continue to serve 35 stops throughout the county. We have added two new stops recently, one in Perrystown and the other at Fettercain Community Centre and Youth Horse Project. Our schools service and our Library @ Home services continue to thrive. Several extra school visits have been arranged as once offs to allow as much engagement with the library service as we can provide. We have updated and enhanced our Junior stock to reflect the demand. On 8th February we will visit the Libermann school in Templeogue, a school that caters solely for children from 5 to 18 with autism. It is hoped to establish a regular visit eventually. Mobile Libraries are making plans to engage with the National Ireland Reads Programme on 24th Feb.

