

Libraries 2024

Capital Programme:

1. Citywest Library

- Location announced at December Council Meeting
- Citywest Shopping Centre
- Developer-led project delivering a library of over 1,600 Sq. M on the first (existing) and second floor (new build) of the shopping centre with own, ground floor entrance
- Legals are in process of agreement and planning application is being prepared by the developer
- Current estimate from developer is 23 months to handover plus fit-out and move-in time prior to opening at the earliest in June 2026

2. Adamstown Library

- The development of a library at Adamstown is core requirement of phase 6 of the SDZ. The proposed library will have a floor area of c.1,200 sqm, with the current proposal also including the provision of an Enterprise Centre, providing for an overall building footprint of 2,660 Sq. M
- Concept design for proposed library and enterprise centre developed
- Detailed costing exercise prepared, which has informed negotiation with Quintain
- Awaiting feedback from Quintain on offer of SDCC to acquire the Enterprise Centre
- Planning permission to follow

3. Clondalkin Library

- Access improvement and refurbishment works
- Build a lift-block on the west elevation, providing universal access to both floors
- Restore the first floor to full space, moving office space to ground floor
- Restore entrance and remove internal porch (added in early 70s)
- Restore/repair ground floor windows
- Part 8 will be notified to AC in February and will launch in March, before going to Council for approval in July

Service Delivery

4. My Open Library

- Currently c. 40 operating nationwide with 2 each in Dublin City and DLR and 1 in Fingal

- Additional opening hours provided through building automation with library members undergoing an induction before privileges added to their account
- Building and room access with Library Card and PIN
- Operating hours of 8am until regular opening at 09:45, and from closing to 10pm. 8am to 10pm Sundays, Bank Holidays, etc.
- Children under 16 can visit with parents, 16–17-year-olds can join with parental consent
- Procurement completed, site specific preparations underway for Lucan Library to launch before the end of the year with a more exact date to be confirmed
- Contract allows us to extend MOL to any other South Dublin branch
- Well established before Citywest and Adamstown

Events Programme

5. Neurodiverse South

- The recently launched Neurodiverse South Toy Collection is a specialised collection of resources available for free borrowing at any branch of South Dublin Libraries.
- Aiming to provide support for children and adults with neurodiverse needs, learning difficulties, disabilities, or complex needs, the collection includes resources in the categories of core developmental aids, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, language communication and social skills, play and life skills, and sensory and tactile aids.
- The Neurodiverse South project also includes an annual series of free lectures and workshops. These events offer guidance, support and networking opportunities for parents, teachers, and healthcare professionals.
- The project adds to a range of measures in our libraries to make them welcoming spaces for all, including regular sensory times, and the provision of Cubbie sensory regulation spaces.
- For up-to-date details on the Neurodiverse South project see www.southdublinlibraries.ie

6. Library Labs

- Budding scientist, tech enthusiast, or just curious about the world? Library Lab is a new year long events programme from South Dublin Libraries, bringing together the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, arts, and maths.
- This programme aims to amplify existing STEAM initiatives in our libraries, promoting digital learning resources including the award-winning Think Big Space and our state-of-the-art Maker Space facilities. These innovative spaces are not just physical locations; they are gateways to imagination, creation, and exploration.

- Library Lab envisions a collaborative learning experience, bridging the gap between classrooms and communities. The programme will feature a mix of school-centric activities and public events, offering students, educators, and the public opportunities to explore, create, and connect.
- Library Lab will cater to learners of all ages, with interactive workshops designed to create an inclusive environment for all to engage with STEAM events.
- From explosive science shows and star gazing to robotic coding workshops and biodiversity walks, Library Lab will offer a diverse range of experiences for all interests.
- The programme kicks off in March with themed events scheduled for Engineers Week and Irish Astronomy Week.
- For updates on the Library Lab programme, follow South Dublin Libraries on social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, X)

7. Mobile Libraries

- 36 public stops per week plus regular school visits to DEIS schools (with a significant waiting list)
- 55,000 visits in 2023 and over 2,000 new members
- 2 promotional initiatives from 2023 will be continued in 2024: St. Patrick's Day and Pride. Patrick's Day in Rathcoole this year with a visit to the family festival that follows
- Also looking at building our profile in Citywest and Adamstown with regular visits to the sites for new libraries