

A photograph of a library interior. The scene is dominated by tall, light-colored wooden bookshelves filled with books. A decorative paper chain in red and white hangs across the top of the shelves. Two large, leafy green plants in white pots are positioned on either side of the central text. The floor is a light grey color with a yellow circular mat visible on the left. The overall lighting is soft and even.

# Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM

Libraries Report | February 2024



# February at NCL

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February was a very busy month in North Clondalkin Library. In total 130 library-organised events took place. Demand for room bookings by individuals and organisations continues to increase with 108 requests satisfied throughout the month.

Groups engaged with include CAPS, North Clondalkin - Community for Life and CA (Addiction Support Group).





Get lost in  
a good book

[irelandreads.ie](http://irelandreads.ie) February 24<sup>th</sup>



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# Ireland Reads @ NCL

In celebration of Ireland Reads, a national initiative to encourage reading and library membership, we are running a number of events:

- Classic Crime Book club is commencing in February and will be launched on Ireland Reads Day. Readers can sign up for a book club tracing the history of the detective crime novel from Edgar Allen Poe to Nordic crime wave on the day.
- Reading Heroes Storytime
- Fighting Words Creative Writing Workshop
- The Story of Ferdinand Storytime/Craft event
- Family Poetry treasure hunt with Juliette Saumande
- Drop Everything and Read



# Children's Events at NCL

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Our Mid-Term Break events for children of all ages included:

- Storytime with our Reading Hero
- Valentines Arts & Craft.
- Story writing with Fighting Words
- STEAM events: Bottle Design Workshop.
- Toddler time with Gymboree.
- Jack Flash magic show.
- Manga Workshop with Shota Kotake





# February at Lucan Library

Lucan Library will host 47 activities in February. Highlights this month include Bewleys Exhibition and Afternoon Tea / Ireland Reads celebration / Baby ISL Course

## **Bewleys Exhibition and Afternoon Tea:**

To celebrate an exhibition on the History of Bewleys created by staff member Geraldine, we hosted Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 7th February along with an overview of the exhibition highlights. There was a terrific response to this event which particularly appealed to the older members of the community. A wonderful age-friendly event enjoyed by all.

## **Ireland Reads – Bookstagram and Teddy Bear Storytime**

Ireland Reads, the national reading celebration takes place on Saturday 24th February. Lucan Library will welcome back influencers Sinead Cuddihy and Chloe Cowman for Bookstagram on Thursday 22nd – lots of great recommendations will be shared! We also have a special Teddy Bear Storytime for under 6s on Saturday 24th February, and a display of Staff Recommends Titles. Everyone in the community is encouraged to join the library / use their library card on Ireland Reads Day, 24th February!

## **Clever Little Handies – Baby ISL course (4 weeks)**

Claire Glynn returned with her popular baby sign language course. This 4-week course gives parents a great opportunity to improve their child's pre-literacy skills.





# February at Palmerstown Library

## Create Your Own Brat Bhríde with Rita O'Loughlin

The Brat Bhríde (St. Brigid's Cloak) is an Irish tradition of decorating scarves which brings blessings and protection to the wearer. We had a lovely creative workshop beautifying scarves with thoughtful embroidery.

## Valentine Crafts for 5-8 year olds

There was some great card making in the library celebrate St. Valentine's Day. Some lucky people got these beautiful creations!

## Bookclub Introduction Coffee Morning

Friday 23rd February, 11.30am

Borrowers are invited to come along to express their interest in joining a Palmerstown Library Bookclub. An opportunity to find out what's on offer and have a cuppa too!





# 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 visited the Libermann school in Templeogue, a school that caters solely for children from 5 to 18 with autism.

Mobile Libraries engaged with the Ireland Reads initiative on 24th Feb with an event at Citywest Shopping Centre.

