

Rathfarnham/ Templeogue/ Firhouse/ Bohernabreena ACM

Libraries Report | March 2024

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February Statistics

- Ballyroan Library had 19,458 visitors in February, with 14,484 items issued, and 416 new members registered. We had 95 events with over 1600 attendees.
- Castletymon had 5,079 visitors, borrowing almost 2,981 items and added 91 new members. There was 57 events in February, with 562 people attending.



March Event Highlights Ballyroan

Exhibitions

The Meadowbrook Art Group are exhibiting from March 4th and Ballyroan Art Group from March 25th.

International Women's Day

We have two events to celebrate IWD.

March 8th: coffee morning from 10.30-11.30am.

March 12th at 6.30pm: we have a forum on The Status of Women in Independent Ireland with historians Liz Gillis and Dr. Deirdre Foley which will look at women's hopes for a new Ireland following the revolutionary period, through to the marriage bar, and the status of women as we emerged from the 1970s.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

- **Irish Myths and Legends bilingual storytime**

Monday 11th March at 3.30pm Suitable for ages 3-6 years.

- **Ciorcal Cainte**

Tuesday 12th March 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 - #bantrialas

- **Wolf-Men and Water Hounds with Manchán Magan**

Tuesday 14th March at 7pm

Join us as author and documentary-maker Manchán Magan talks about his book Wolf-Men and Water Hounds.

- **Toddler Time As Gaeilge le Sorcha Sparkles**

Tuesday 19th March at 10am

- **Trad Session**

Wednesday 13th March at 7pm

Join Martin and Mick for some songs and tunes! Bring your own instrument or join us for a song, all welcome.



March Event Highlight

Ballyroan – adults

Launch of the Rathfarnham & Ballyroan Historical Society

Tuesday 5th March at 6.30pm

For anyone interested in local history, come along, join in and get involved in the new society. All welcome.

MakerSpace Workshops

Thursday 7th and 21st March at 1pm

We are hosting workshops for Cheeverstown and St Michael's House in our MakerSpace in March where participants will create their own designs to print out onto mugs.

History Hub

Thursday 14th and 28th March at 1.30-3pm

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.

Golden Moments: a Talk on Healthy Ageing by Colette O'Flynn

Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm

Colette O'Flynn brings her expertise to this talk on healthy ageing which includes advice on balance-strengthening, nutrition, sleep and exercise. All welcome.



March Event Highlight Ballyroan – Children & Teens



Library
Labs

- **Class Bookings** - There are class booking for events during SnaG and for Engineers Week (Library Labs programme). A class from Saplings will be attending one of the events that is designed for a neurodiverse class.
- **Big Bear Planetarium** - Saturday March 9th from 10am to 12pm Family event as part of Irish Astronomy Week (Library Labs programme). *Booking essential.*
- **Card Swap with This is Me** Monday March 11th at 6.30pm. We are hosting a card swap evening for This Is Me Neurodiversity, a local support group for families. *Booking essential.*
- **Sensory Crafts for St Patrick's Day** Tuesday March 12th at 3.30pm For ages 8+. *Booking essential.*
- **Teen Write Club** Tuesday 12th and 26th March at 5pm Our newly launched creative writing club for teenagers, ages 13-17 continues twice monthly.
- **Peter Rabbit Hunt at Rathfarnham Castle** Tuesday 26th March at 2pm Join us for a fun Peter Rabbit themed treasure hunt at Rathfarnham Castle. *Booking essential.*
- **Easter Crafts For Children** Wednesday 27th March Fun Easter themed crafts. Ages 6-8. *Booking essential.*

Castletymon Library March Highlights

Library Labs: Engineer's Week:

- Four events (one primary, one transition year and two neurodiverse/for those with additional needs) taking place on the 4th & 5th March.

Library Labs: Astronomy Week:

- Michael McCreary (Irish Astronomical Society) talks to a primary school on Our Place in the Solar System on 14th March and Cecilia Hartsell will be here with her adult talk, We Choose to Go to the Moon: Politics, Progress & Apollo11 on 12th March.

World Book Day, 7th

- We will be marking World Book Day with an exciting Write Your Own Story workshop for children.

International Women's Day, 8th

- Historian Cathy Scuffil will be here on the 7th March with a talk commemorating Women voting for the first time in a General Election in Ireland.



Castletymon Library March Highlights contd.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Sarah Tully will be doing a **bilingual storytime for preschoolers** (11th) and our next series of **Irish for Beginners** classes starts on 27th

Foraging and Land-Based Skills Programme

This eight-month programme, featuring Feebee Foran and Aoife Munn, begins in March with two events for Transition Years: a **Local Area Foraging Walk** (12th) and a talk on **Finding Magic & Medicine in Your Garden** (19th)

St Patrick's Day

We will be hosting a two-part series on **Watercolours for Adults** (13th & 14th), themed around St. Patrick and all things green!

Easter

During the break, we will be hosting two events for children: a **Storytime & Crafts** (25th) and a **Bingo** (27th) and an exhibition for adults, **The John Mullen Collection**, a postal history view of the 1916 Easter Rising.



Mobile Libraries Highlights

In February, 5293 people availed of the Mobile Library Service. 95 home deliveries were made to housebound patrons.

Mobile libraries continue to serve 35 stops throughout the county. 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.

On Ireland Reads Day on 24th February, the Mobile Libraries held an event at Citywest Shopping Centre, where their new weekly stop will commence from 3rd April.

