



Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM

Libraries Report | March 2024

March at NCL

March was a very busy month in North Clondalkin Library.

In total 128 library-organised events took place. Demand for room bookings by individuals and organisations continues to increase.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

- **Movie Showings:** An Cailín Ciúin (**Adult**). Song of the Sea (**Junior**.)
- **Drop-in Irish Conversation Group.** Bí ag Caint (**Adult**) All welcome.
- **Board Games as Gaeilge. (Family event.)**
- **Cookí workshop-As Gaeilge. (Junior)**
- **Ceili** – which we delivered in association with Áras Chronain to St Bernadette's Primary school.
- **St. Patricks Arts and Crafts session. (Family)**




For Women Only!

To highlight Women in Sport week, **NCL** set up an 8-week Fitness programme in association with **South Dublin Sports Partnership**. The programme consists of taster sessions in a wide range activities. (Dance, yoga, boxercise, pound fitness, activator poles) etc. To date it has been very well attended.

International Women's Day took place on Friday 8th March. NCL celebrated by focussing on the spoken word. Members of the **Shared Reading Group** read a mixture of poems/prose written by themselves and also from their school days. Music was provided by Irish Singer **Breid Lyons**. Breid played both her own music and cover versions of songs by well-known Irish female artists. Over 40 attended the event.





Supports to Secondary School Students

Local Enterprise Week:

As part of LEW, staff member Sean Rafferty travelled to number of secondary schools throughout the county interviewing local entrepreneurs to T/Y Groups (in association with LEO). Schools engaged with included Kishogue, Sancta Maria and Moyle Park in Clondalkin. A staff member from each local library took the opportunity to chat to students about their facilities. Over 120 students attended the interviews which were very successful.

Class visits & Study Groups:

We have been working closely with out two local secondary schools in March- offering both class visits and rooms for study groups. The uptake has been very good.

Study Skills Sessions:

Two study skills session was put on in NCL on Tuesday 19th March. Over 80 students got the opportunity to attend the sessions-which were two and a half hours in length. Hopefully the skills learned were put into effect over the Easter holidays.

Library Labs

NCL Library

Library Labs is a new year-long, county-wide STEAM events programme. The aim of this programme is the promotion of our STEAM and digital learning resources, including Think Big Space and our Maker Space facilities.

The programme will largely centre around already established festivals including Engineer's Week, Biodiversity Week, Bealtaine, Tech Week, Season of Science etc and will include events aimed at schools, public, and neurodiverse groups.

March **Engineers Week**

Thursday 7th Ice Cream Engineer your own Freezer with Anyone for Science for schools and neurodiverse children.

Astronomy Week

Monday 11th Big Bear Mobile Planetarium.



March at Lucan Library

Lucan Library will host 54 activities in February. Highlights this month include Home Energy Kit Demo / Irish Astronomy Week / Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Codema Home Energy Kit Hands-On Demo, Wednesday 6th March:

As part of our efforts to promote energy efficiency, we invited Codema to provide a hands-on demonstration of how to get the most from their Home Energy Savings Kit. These kits are available to borrow from the library and give people the opportunity to look at ways to reduce their energy usage at home. This practical demonstration proved very popular with the local community.

Irish Astronomy Week 11-18 March

Michael McCreary of the Irish Astronomical Society gave a fascinating talk about the Birth of the Solar System to celebrate Irish Astronomy Week. The talk was fully booked reflecting the interest in Space and Astronomy.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Lucan Library hosted:

Threading the Tower – this beautiful lace model of the Clondalkin Round Tower is currently on display in Lucan Library. A Crochet Workshop for Adults was organised alongside this.

Display of Sean Fhocail / Old Irish Proverbs

Irish History Live – Mike Moylan returned for 3 sessions of his ever-popular History of St Patrick show for two school groups and an open public session

Film Showing – An Cailin Ciuin (the Quiet Girl) was shown for adults, along with refreshments

Dublin's Medieval Slave Trade – a talk by Prof Paul Holm will take place Thursday 21st March, 7pm.



March at Palmerstown Library

Make a St. Patrick's Day Rosette, Saturday 9th March

Some lovely creative rosettes were made in this workshop for 5-8 year olds.

A Seachtain na Gaeilge event.

Biongó as Gaeilge, Wednesday 13th March.

Stewarts clients and other members of the public had a bit of craic with pictiúr Biongó as Gaeilge. A Seachtain na Gaeilge event.

Palmerstown Library Book Club, Friday 22nd March, 11.45am

The newly inaugurated **book club** will meet to discuss their first book 'The Four Winds' by Kristin Hannah over a cuppa.

Library Labs Engineers Week

Millenium Falcon with Techcreate, Thursday 7th March, 6.30pm.

Put together and paint your very own laser cut model of the Millenium Falcon.



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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.

